

Venture Out-Lines

www.VentureOutMesa.com

5001 E. Main St., Mesa, AZ 85205

April, 2024



The Venture Out Year End Celebration
By Kimberly Storts

Upcoming Events

Event	Date	Deadline	Ticket Cost	Page
March				
VO Karaoke with Rex & Rowena	March 29	X	X	8
Friday Night Dance - Midnight Confessions	March 29	Sold Out	X	8
April				
Outrageous, Outlandish , Olympics	April 1 & 2	X	X	9
Baked Chicken Dinner	April 4	March 26	\$12.00	10
Friday Night Dance - Desert Brew Band	April 5	Canceled	Canceled	8
Solar Eclipse Viewing	April 8	X	X	10
Deluxe Cheeseburger Lunch	April 9	April 2	\$10.00	10
Mesa City Band Concert	April 10	X	\$5.00	10
Baked Cod Dinner	April 11	April 2	\$14.00	11
Taco Salad Lunch	April 16	April 9	\$10.00	11
Earth Day Donation Bingo	April 22	X	See Ad	11
French Dip Lunch	April 23	April 16	\$10.00	12
What's Going On Ice Cream Social	April 29	X	\$2.00	12
May				
Bunco	Begins May 2	X	\$1 per game	12
Wii Bowling League	Begins May 7	X	\$1 to join	12

Administration

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

ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

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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.

ACTIVITY OFFICE

(480) 832-9000
Activity.Director@
VentureOutMesa.com
8:00 am - 3:30 pm
Office Quiet Hours
3:30 - 4:30 pm
Monday - Friday
Closed Sat. & Sun.

CONTRACTOR/ VENDOR HOURS

8:00 am - 5:00 pm
Daily

PATROL

(480) 832-6080
Security
@VentureOutMesa.com
24/7 EMERGENCY
CELL
(480) 220-6875

VO POST OFFICE

1:30 - 2:30 pm
Monday - Saturday

Newsletter
Submissions Only:
Outlines
@VentureOutMesa.com

MISSION STATEMENT

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

Social Club Annual Meeting Election Results

All measures on the ballot
passed.

3yr terms

Brenda Gibbs

Ervin Habeck

Robbie Oldemar

1yr term

Pamela Egbert

President Leslie Connelly

Vice President Kathy Gumm

Treasurer Sue Lavoie

Secretary Betty Varga

OUT-LINES

The next
publication of the
Out-Lines will be
Friday, April 26.

The deadline
for submissions
is **Noon**
Wednesday,
April 10.

Submissions
may be turned in
on the Out-Lines
submission
form or emailed
to Outlines@
ventureoutmesa.
com. Articles
Limited to 150
words.



Janis Seville's 10:00 East Pool Aqua Aerobics class. Friends, fun and water exercise in the sun. What can be better than that!

Suggested Closure Checklist to ‘Summer-ize’ your Home

Here are a few suggestions on how to get your unit ready for the long hot summer months ahead. Remember, careful planning and preparation now can help you avoid costly repairs when you return next season.

- ◇ Check out at Administration Office:
 - Check for keys, and list of whom can borrow keys.
 - If you are having renters, ensure your Third-Party forms have been turned in AND paid for.
 - Update your directory information: email, phone number, summer address.

- ◇ 2. Check out at Post Office – Fill out forwarding address forms if necessary.

- ◇ 3. Avoid water damage – inspect your outside main water supply fitting for signs of leaks and/or corrosion then turn off the valve – don’t block or close your drains. This will allow water to run straight through the drains. If possible, padlock the shut off.

- ◇ 4. To keep your p-traps from drying out – pour in approximately one cup of mineral oil.

- ◇ 5. Turn off your hot water heater and run it until it is cool.

- ◇ 6. Clean your gutters so the rainwater has a place to go and does not back up under the shingles and run into your unit.

- ◇ 7. If you DO NOT have low-e window, then put in silver shades to repel the summer heat.

- ◇ If you have low-e Do NOT cover the windows with anything but pull the shades and curtains. Covering the window will cause damage to your window and glass.

- ◇ 8. Remove all fruit from your trees to avoid roof rats.

- ◇ 9. Check drainage around your unit to make sure the water drains away from the unit in case of a large monsoon rain. Maintenance has sandbags available for you to place around your ground level Arizona Rooms. Do Not leave anything of value or furniture on ground level. Put all furniture up on blocks or inside your unit. Make sure the weep holes in the block wall are free of plants and debris so water can drain.

- ◇ 10. Weed Control – maintain weed control in the summer. Also, you may want someone who stays in the park for the summer to check on your yard to see if it’s effective after summer rains. Green Committee recommends any pre-emergent weed killer that does not have 2-4-d. They recommend you read the label especially the fine print.

- ◇ 11. Golf Carts – Disconnect the batteries. If possible, see if you can find someone to either store the cart for you or charge it once a month, fill it with water and run the cart a little monthly.

- ◇ 12. Do not store wood directly on the ground, under or around your unit as it will attract termites.

- ◇ 13. Replace batteries in the smoke detectors.

- ◇ 14. Check refrigerator – it should be defrosted, be cleaned (including bottom tray) and both refrigerator and freezer doors held open with folded bath towels. An alternate – put one cup uncooked ground coffee beans in refrigerator and close doors.
- ◇ 15. Check stove and oven – clean if needed.
- ◇ 16. Dispose of all food items, except spices. Place small amount of bay leaves in food cupboards.
- ◇ 17. Check all storage areas for perishables.
- ◇ 18. Store all cooking utensils and small appliances in cupboards as space permits.
- ◇ 19. Run garbage disposal until thoroughly clean. Pour ½ cup of mineral oil, flick on and off and add another ½ cup of mineral oil. Available at Wal-Mart and most drug stores. Or spray with WD-40.
- ◇ 20. Turn off water to the toilet. Flush toilet several times to clean drain of any solids. Sponge out most of the water in stool and pour in enough mineral oil to cover water. Leave water in the tank.
- ◇ 21. Make sure all bedding, towels and laundry are dry, clean, folded and stored in cupboards.
- ◇ 22. Disconnect small electrical appliances – TV, toaster, coffee maker, etc. Remove batteries from clocks, flashlights, remote controls, etc.
- ◇ 23. Lower any window awning on trailer, if applicable.
- ◇ 24. Turn off electricity at meter. You may lock electric pedestal door.
- ◇ 25. Check skirting openings to be sure they are in place and secure.
- ◇ 26. Pour a quart of RV antifreeze in dishwasher and clothes washer. Pour ½ cup in drain standpipe behind clothes washer.
- ◇ 27. Close all propane gas cylinder valves tightly.
- ◇ 28. Cover TV, VCR, Computer, etc. with sheets or towels to prevent dust from infiltrating the working parts.
- ◇ 29. Lock up and/or store bicycles inside enclosed Arizona Room/ Residence/ or Storage.

Have a Great Summer!

See you next Season!

VENTURE OUT 2024 SUMMER SCHEDULE

APRIL 8th, Monday

Administration Office Summer Hours:
Monday – Thursday 7:30 am – 4:30 pm
Friday – Sunday Closed

Recreation Office Summer Hours:
Monday - Thursday 7:30 am – 4:30 pm
Friday – Sunday Closed

Maintenance Summer Hours:
Monday – Friday 6:00 am - 2:30 pm
Contractor Hours:
Saturday – Sunday 6:00 am – 5:00 pm

Out-Lines published monthly on these
SUGGESTED dates:
March 29 April 26 May 31
June 28 July 26 August 30
September 27 October 25

APRIL 24th, Wednesday

Restrictions on parking under community center canopies suspended restrictions on most parking.
Bathhouses Open 1 and 6 and East Pool
Bathhouses Closed 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, and 8

April 24th -May 30

All recreation shops closed - official date will be determined by individual club

SUMMER

Trash and recycling pickup Tuesdays and Fridays only

MAY 13th, Monday

Maintenance Summer Hours:
Monday - Friday 5:00 am - 1:30 pm

MAY 13th, Monday

Bathhouses Open 2 and 5 and East Pool
Bathhouses Closed 1, 3, 4, 6, 7 and 8

MAY 27th, Monday

1. Memorial Day holiday observed. Regular security. All other offices closed.
2. Restrictions on children's swimming pool hours at the East Pool suspended. West Pool remains Adults Only.
3. Heat turned off at pool.

JUNE 24th, Monday

Bathhouses Open 4 and 8 and East Pool
Bathhouses Closed 1, 2, 3, 5, 6 and 7

JULY 4th, Thursday

Holiday observed. Regular security.
All other offices closed.

JULY 22nd, Monday

Bathhouses Open 3 and 7 and East Pool
Bathhouses Closed 1, 2, 4, 5, 6 and 8

SEPTEMBER 2nd, Monday

Labor Day holiday. Regular security.
All other offices closed.

SEPTEMBER 18th, Wednesday

1. Restrictions on children's swimming hours at the East Pool reinstated. The West Pool Remains Adults Only.
2. All recreation shops open for use. Exact Date Determined by individual Clubs.

SEPTEMBER 30th, Monday

1. All satellite bathhouses open.
Hot water and air conditioning turned on.
2. Heat turned on at pool.
3. Restriction on parking under community center canopies reinstated.

SEPTEMBER 30th, Monday

Administration Office Winter Hours:
Monday - Friday 8:00 am – 4:00 pm
Saturday – Sunday Closed

Recreation Office Hours:

Monday - Friday 8:00 am – 4:00 pm
Saturday & Sunday Closed

Maintenance Hours:

Monday - Friday 7:00 am - 3:30 pm
Saturday & Sunday Closed
Contractor Hours
Saturday – Sunday 8:00 am – 5:00 pm

OCTOBER 14th, Monday

Trash & recycling pick up on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.

OCTOBER 10th, Thursday

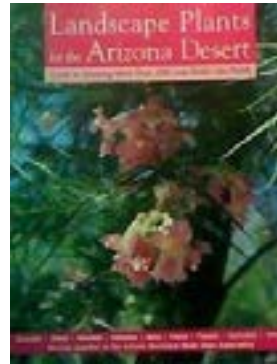
First Condo Board of Directors' meeting of 2024-2025 season, 9:00 a.m. in the Oasis.

NOVEMBER 1st, Wednesday

Winter overnight rates are in effect.

RESOURCES FOR DESERT LANDSCAPING IDEAS

The VO library has resources which can be checked out to help owners landscape their yards. There are numerous desert-adapted plants requiring little water once established.



Planting with Low Water/ Desert Adapted Shade Trees

TREES ARE LARGEST PLANTS IN MOST ANY LANDSCAPE

1. Providing Greatest Benefits
 - *Permanent Structure in Landscaping Design
 - *Creatin Ceilings and Walls to Outdoor Living Space
2. Select Trees for the Function You Want
 - *Cooling Shade; Screening for Privacy or Enhancing Views
 - *Adding Seasonal Interest (such as flowers, seed pods, or fall color)
 - *Providing Shelter for Birds and Wildlife
3. Trees Can Help Decrease Heating and Cooling Costs
 - *Locate Deciduous Trees to Shade East and West House Exposures During Summer
 - *Leafless Deciduous Trees Allow Sunlight into House During Winter
4. Select the Right Tree for the Right Place
 - *Trees Impact the Landscape Depending on Length of Time to Maturity
 - *Consider Placement where Mature Tree will Fit Safely
 - *Full Grown Trees can Interfere with Overhead Power Lines, Underground Utilities. Buildings and Pedestrians.

Great Resource for Draught Tolerant Plants from Arizona Goverment

<https://www.azwater.gov/sites/default/files/media/Pinal%20AMA%20Drought%20Tolerant%20-%20Low%20Water%20Use%20Plant%20List%20by%20Category.pdf>

WWW.Amwua.org – Arizona Municipal User Association

(This Information Provided by the Green Committee)



Recreation Update

April, 2024

Hoppy April Venture Out!

There are exciting happenings in the Activity Department, entertainment, and activities are being booked for the coming season! Once the Monday concert series is fully booked an announcement will be sent out on the procedure of how to purchase tickets for the upcoming season.

Communicating information is an integral part of planning, we will be keeping Venture Out residents updated with information pertaining to the Rec. Department through the VO Social Club's Facebook group and FastMail updates, if you haven't already signed up for these, we encourage you to do so before heading out for the summer.

The Activity & Admin Offices will be closed this Friday, staff have it off because of it being Good Friday.

- Summer activity/class leaders please see the Lifestyle Director to confirm what space, time, and days are needed for summer activities such as aqua aerobics or games.
- Clubs needing maintenance done over the summer please remember to submit a work request to the Activity Office before closing down for the season.
- If you have questions or feedback for the Lifestyle Director, summer is a perfect time to reach out. Feel free to email recdir@ventureoutvresort.com
- Thursday Bingo is putting together a list of substitute volunteers to help as needed for the coming season. If you are interested in being a part of the fun, please contact the Lifestyle Director or Bingo Coordinator, Jude Jensen for additional details.
- Be on the lookout for a summer newsletter in July that will announce what you will be in store for when you return to Venture Out in the fall.

Kimberly Storts

Lifestyle Director

Kimberly.Storts@ventureoutmesa.com

Friday Seminar Is Fido on “The Other Side?”

Death is the beginning of life. Or, more accurately, is death just the beginning of a richer, fuller and more fulfilling life? Is what we label death just a precursor to a life that really begins once someone makes the transition from this physical world to – what, where or even when? The what, where, when and even some of the how are answered in the pages of Dan Baldwin’s book. The Paranormal Pendulum – What the Spirits Say is a general roadmap to a journey we will all be taking. You have the ability to explore the territory in greater detail yourself. Baldwin addresses his exploration of the spirit world from the perspective of the spirits themselves. One of the goals of his book and his presentation is to encourage readers to go deeper into those topics on their own. Pendulum dowsing is just one of many tools available to converse with the spirit realm. He says, “You can easily discover what you can of the undiscovered country today. And fear not, for when you actually do get there, you’ll see - death is just the beginning of life.”

**FRIDAY • MARCH 29
1:30 PM • AUXILIARY BALLROOM**

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

VO Karaoke With Rex & Rowena!

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



TGIR - Thank God I’m Retired!

**FRIDAY • MAR 29
3:00 - 5:00 PM • BAJA BISTRO**

Friday Night Dance

March 29 - Last of the Season
Sold Out!
(Oldies Rock)

April 5 - Canceled

Advanced Tickets \$10.00
Non-resident Tickets \$12.00
\$15.00 at the Door
B.Y.O.B. & Glasses
Soda & Popcorn sold
\$1.00 each

Tickets available from the Activity Office until
2:00 pm the day of the dance or until sold out

**FRIDAYS • 7:00 - 10:00 PM
BUENA VISTA BALLROOM**

Landscaping Award for April



Landscaping a garden in the desert is something new for us...a must do. We started in 2013. The two evergreen trees are original. The rocks are hiking gemstones. Every plant was either purchased or transplanted, multiple times. Hit and miss plant selection and location every year. It prevents dry, wilted, and dead plants. The small palm tree grew by happenstance...a gift from our neighbor. Lots of thorn pricks. Never hug a cactus.

Worship Service



March 31 Speaker: Rev. Tim Hall

Offering: Sunshine Acres

April 7 Speaker: Rev. Cal Oraw

Offering: Paz de Cristo

April 14 Speaker: Ron Kaufman

Offering: Our Daily Bread

SUNDAYS

9:00 AM • BUENA VISTA BALLROOM



Outrageous, Outlandish Olympics!



The teams are **READY!!** The games are all **SET!!**

2 fun filled days of laughter and competition are a **go!**

Please join us and cheer on your favorite team as they compete for Olympic Gold.

Team Colors and Captains

Yellow: Paris White

Purple: Maryann Dahmer

Black: Shelly Alder

Blue: Rick Manshaem

Green: Donna Williams

Red: Terri Link

Come out and support your favorite team by "sporting" their color!!

**APRIL 1ST & 2ND 8:30AM
OPENING CEREMONIES -
BAJA BISTRO BOTH DAYS
CLOSING CEREMONIES (TEAMS ONLY)
APRIL 2ND 4:30PM**

Matter Of Balance

In partnership with Dignity Health East Valley

Do you have Concerns about falling?
A Matter of Balance emphasizes practical strategies to reduce the fear of falling, increase activity levels, and improve your flexibility, balance, and strength.

To register:

Sign up at the Activities Office

For more info contact:

Activities Department 480-832-9000

Sessions are 2 hours each, and meet once per week

All participants who complete the series receive:

- Certification of Completion
- "A Matter of Balance: Managing Concerns about Falls" Participant Handbook

**WEDNESDAY • FEB 28 - APR 17
9:00 AM - 11:30 AM • OASIS**

Potluck Dinner

No entertainment provided this evening... just good food & great company



Bring a dish to serve eight, beverage glass and your table service.

Beverage provided.

**WEDNESDAYS • BEGINNING APRIL 3
5:00 PM • BAJA BISTRO**

Baked Chicken Dinner

Tickets \$12.00

available from the Activity Office. Deadline:
10:00 am Tuesday, March 26



MENU

Baked Chicken Dinner, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans & Biscuit

**THURSDAY • APRIL 4
5:00 PM • BAJA BISTRO**

The Solar Eclipse

Plan on sneaking a peek between 10:00 am and 12:30 pm, with the maximum viewing around 11:20 am. The Activity Office has a limited number of solar eclipse viewers available during the solar eclipse, stop by the Activity Office to borrow a pair.

Don't miss this opportunity!



**MONDAY • APRIL 8
11:00 AM • DESERT TERRACE**

Deluxe Cheeseburger Lunch

Tickets \$10.00

available from the Activity Office. Deadline:
10:00 am Tuesday, April 2

MENU

Deluxe Cheeseburger and tater tots with a side of fruit



**TUESDAY • APRIL 9
11:30 AM • BAJA BISTRO**

Mesa City Band



The members of the Mesa City Band are dedicated to keeping the history and musical legacy of the community band in America alive and well. From Sousa marches to show tunes, the band enjoys a mixture of historic and contemporary music carefully selected to keep our audiences of all ages entertained and informed. Don't miss out on this well received performance, **tickets are available in the Activity Office, \$5.**

**WEDNESDAY • APRIL 10
7:00 PM • BUENA VISTA BALLROOM**

Baked Cod Dinner

Tickets \$14.00

available from the Activity Office. Deadline:
10:00 am Tuesday, April 2



MENU

Oven baked cod with rice pilaf, seasoned vegetables, and peach cobbler with vanilla ice cream

**THURSDAY • APRIL 11
5:00 PM • BAJA BISTRO**

Taco Salad Lunch

Tickets \$10.00

available from the Activity Office. Deadline:
10:00 am Tuesday, April 9



MENU

Taco
Salad

**TUESDAY • APRIL 16
11:30 AM • BAJA BISTRO**

Earth Day Donation Bingo



Bring 1 item (like new, regifted item is ok) worth \$10 or more for a playing card. If you want more Bingo cards, bring additional items (up to

three). Winners get to pick their prize out of the donated items.

What a blast!

**MONDAY • APRIL 22
2:00 PM • BAJA BISTRO**

French Dip Lunch

Tickets \$10.00

available from the Activity Office. Deadline:
10:00 am Tuesday, April 16



MENU

French Dip with French Fries and side of fruit

**TUESDAY • APRIL 23
11:30 AM • BAJA BISTRO**

What's Going on Ice Cream Social

Tickets \$2.00



Come for an update on upcoming activities some ice cream and more!

**MONDAY • APRIL 29
1:00 PM • BAJA BISTRO**

Bunco



Please call or stop into activities to get your name added to the player's list. We are looking for regular players

that can play once a month through Sept. or substitutes. 480.832.9000. Cost to play is \$1 per game and every game will have winners. Bunco is an easy game to pick up, no prior knowledge needed, and you don't have to be a skilled game player to win!

**1ST THURSDAYS OF THE MONTH
BEGINNING MAY 2
2:00 PM • MOJAVE ROOM**

Wii Bowling League

Mark your calendars for the Venture Out Wii Bowling League. This is a 6-wk. league Starting the first week of May through mid-June in the Baja Bistro.



Please sign -up in the activity office, individuals or teams of 4. Cost is \$1 per person for the 6-week league due at sign-up.

**TUESDAYS • BEGINNING MAY 7
2:00 PM • BAJA BISTRO**

WE NEED YOUR HELP AS A VOLUNTEER!

This tournament has been a major fundraiser for Venture Out for over two decades and again needs non-tennis members to ensure its success. If you can help in the kitchen, direct traffic, sell tickets, or just be available, please contact Pat Murphy at 563-340-6404 or any other member of the tennis club.
THANK YOU!



**OCTOBER 23 – 28
NE SPORTSPLEX**

Food Drive



Donate your non-expired, unopened, non-perishable food items to assist local food banks.

Star Volunteer

Fourteen years ago Star Volunteer Jerry Johnson designed and constructed the beautiful draping lights at the front gate which we all enjoy during the Christmas holidays. For twelve years Jerry faithfully checked the decorative lights at the front gate, swimming pool, and center, repairing the lights and timers that didn't work. Jerry, and his wife, Liz, have been VO residents for fifteen years. During this time Jerry has been a member and monitor in the Woodshop. Being a member of the Handymen, Jerry recently helped build the three new storage sheds as well as repairing bikes. One can find Jerry enjoying Wednesday's Poolroom's Men's League and helping serve hot dogs at the Club's fundraisers. When asked why he volunteers, Jerry shared that he was brought up that way . . . give back to your community. As his mother would say, "give more than you take".



**Your Safety Matters!!!
Be More Visible When Walking
or Biking in the Park!!**



The Pet Association has many safety items available for you to purchase.

Visit the Baja Bistro to see items displayed amongst the club display cases.

Contact Forrest Simmons
480-532-1813 to purchase items.

Please Register . . . **YOUR PET**

Annual pet registration is required at Venture Out. Proof of current rabies vaccination is needed for dogs. Bring appropriate fee and vaccination records to the Activity Office during normal business hours

Rules:

1. Pets are to be on leash unless in the gated pet exercise area.
2. Always pick up after your pet.
3. Use the Entrance and Exits as marked. Doing so helps control odor for nearby residents.



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**

**7:15 A.M. & 11:00
A.M. YOGA CLASS**

**Al Manter
(253) 307-8751**

We have free Yoga classes Monday thru Friday, one at 7:15 a.m. and the other at 11:00 a.m. We rotate 3 CD's. You must supply your own Yoga mat. We do have some blocks and straps for your use. Our classes are held at the Auxiliary Ballroom.

**7:30 WATER
EXERCISE**

Robbie Oldemar

We're here for you!
7:30am - Monday -
Friday. West Pool.
Gentle aerobic exercise
and stretching. It's a
great way to start your
morning! Come join us!

**ABSOLUTE
BEGINNER LINE
DANCING AND
BEGINNER LINE
DANCING**

**Deb Halver
Kay Biediger**

It's been a great season of line dancing! Thank you to the brave beginners and the seasoned dancers. Together we make a great team that enjoys music and moving while improving our balance and memories. The Absolute Beginner and Beginner Line Dance classes will continue to meet on Thursdays from 11:45 am to 2 pm in the Buena Vista Ballroom through April 18th. Hope to see you there. Kay Biediger and Deb Halver

**ABSOLUTE
BEGINNER
PRACTICE
SESSIONS**

**Deb Halver
Kay Biediger**

Due to decreased numbers in the park, we will not be teaching the Absolute Beginner Practice Sessions in April. We wish you well and hope to see you in the fall. Kay Biediger and Deb Halver

**AMATEUR RADIO
CLUB**

**Patricia Malin
513-503-9828**

CQ, CQ! This is W7EKH, Ervin. I am calling for any HAM radio operator to visit with me on the air. I may get an answer from Florida, Montana, Michigan, California, or Mexico, or Japan, or even my sister in Arizona. HAM radio opens a whole new world of friends for you. If you would like to explore HAM radio, we are located in the Electronics Building near the pickleball courts. There is no fee to join the Ham Radio Club; however, you must be a member of the Electronics Club to join. We invite you to try us out as a guest. Also, as an amateur operator, you could be essential to communicating in emergencies such as fires, floods, earthquakes, etc. HAMS have even assisted families in war-torn areas around the world to communicate with their families here in the U.S. We look forward to you joining us!

AUDIO VISUAL

**Jim Larson
651-271-4131**

The Audio Visual Services Club is fun and productive. Consider giving of your volunteer time to this no dues, service club. We need to expand for the 2024/2025 season and need your help! No experience necessary as training will be provided. Contact Jim Larson 651-271-4131

**ELECTRONICS
CLUB**

**Alex Young
408-398-8143**

The Electronics Building will be open until April 30.

Everybody have a safe summer. See you next season. We are setting up classes for next year. If you have a class or topic you would like to teach or present, call Elaine Schoyen at (406) 788-9974. Check out our system for the Vision Impaired. It has a larger monitor, bigger text, and high visibility keyboard.

HAND, FOOT, & TOE

**Beverly Chaloupka
(480) 654-5357**

We play Hand, Foot & Toe every Wednesday at 12:30 p.m. in the Mojave Room.

HANDYMAN CLUB

**Kevin Shopik
587-225-0500**

For over 40 years the Handyman Club has proudly served the VO community by providing volunteer services to both the Social and Condo Boards for VO Club/Maintenance/Capital projects. All the projects the Handyman Club work on are approved by the boards and more recently are approved through the transmittal process. One only has to look around and see the numerous projects which have been completed, from the Post Office area relocation, library shelves, are only a few of the thousands of projects completed over the decades. The Handyman Club now takes the time to help residents with simple bicycle repairs, as this is the only other service which provides an opportunity to keep our members busy during the slow times. If you are a VO Club who is planning an improvement project, our hope is you consider the Handyman Club. Our projects show pride of ownership as we are all owners who

care. Stop by the club and talk to us.

**LAPIDARY (ROCK
AND GEM)**

**Steve Wood
563-468-1187**

Well, this is the year's last Rock Shop info, so it is fitting to invite all y'all to visit and maybe join us next year. We are currently pouring acrylics for canvases, coasters, cups, hot & cold, tall metal glasses and just about everything you can imagine, cutting, polishing stones from all over the world, and wire wrapping or putting them in settings or whatever, going to shows, exploring the desert and mountains faceting gemstones, making chain mail jewelry, making bears for grandchildren or fun or . . . additionally starting to make lamps, dioramas, ming tree bases or durable bases for anything. Almost lost to history are paper towel holders, any amount of boxes, jewelry, or bread or . . . So, stop by, it's an amazing place filled with friendly folks, and we get to play in the water endlessly! God bless.

LAWNBOWLING

**Mardal Flynn
Mardal@shaw.ca
431-336-1172**

Well our season is over so not much to report. If you have been thinking about trying lawn bowls, please keep it in mind for next season. We had about 25 new members this season and they have been a great asset to our club, doing lots of volunteering which every club appreciates. We had our windup and final tournament which was ladies vs men's. Always fun as it carries bragging rights for the winners and as always there is money for the winners. Hope to

see some of you next season on the "green".

LIBRARY

We've reached the time of year when many people are leaving Venture Out, living with memories of this season and looking forward to returning again. Our Librarian Appreciation Luncheon was held late February. A delicious tri salad with a dessert cream puff filled with ice cream and chocolate sauce was wonderfully catered by Chef Arthur and his crew. Summer in the library continues with the following schedule. There will be a librarian on duty Mon., Wed. and Fri. 10:00 - 12:00. Check on further summer news in the library. The February check-out of books in February was 1165 books.

MOBILE NOBLES SHRINERS

Paul Sylte
928-713-3631

The Mobile Nobel Shriners continue to collect beer & soda cans ONLY! The collection cans are located at the maintenance yard and dog walk next to the blue recycle bins where all other recycles go, and bathhouses 1, 3, 5, and 7, laundry, and both pools. All money collected goes to the Shriners Hospital for Children in Salt Lake City. All Masons and Shriners are welcome to attend monthly meetings the third Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Oasis. The Shriners thank you for your continued support.

NOT YOUR MOTHER'S BOARD GAMES

Leslie Connelly
Leslic3939@gmail.com
480-272-0850

Summertime Fun!!!
Join us on **Monday** afternoons at **1:00 pm** in the **Sonoran Room** or the **Bistro**. We could be in either place. We are a little more casual

in the summer. There will be a variety of card games and other types of games being played in the Bistro. Our group discovered "Swoop" in February. We sure had fun. We have played Ticket To Ride, Wingspan, and Cover Your Assets. Learning new games is a great way to keep your brain active. Stop by and play with us. No RSVPs or experience are needed.

PARKINSON'S / TREMBLE CLEFS

Libby D'Adamo
307-472-2953
Rocky Junk
563-451-9774

If you have Parkinson's disease or know someone who does, you are invited to come to our Music Therapy group. We meet Mondays from 3-5 pm in the Music Room, just above the Activity Office. We are directed by a professional Music Therapist and accompanied by an expert pianist. Because vocal chords can be affected by Parkinson's, we are taught facial exercises that stretch and strengthen the vocal chords. We sing old, familiar songs and we have a good time singing and supporting each other. Being a singer is not required or expected. Caregivers / spouses are encouraged to attend. We welcome anyone from Mesa, so if you know someone in this area who has Parkinson's, please help us spread the word that this group is open to anyone who has the disease. If you have any questions please call Rocky or Libby.

PET ASSOCIATION

Deb Halver
218-393-5431

Thank you to all the Pet Association Volunteers who work diligently to

make the Pet Walk a pleasant and welcoming environment. Your efforts do not go unnoticed. Thank you to everyone who supported the Pet Association by organizing, volunteering, or attending our fundraisers. We had a very successful season and look forward to an even better 24-25 season! Best wishes for a healthy summer whether you are staying in VO or going away for the summer. We look forward to seeing you and your pets when we gather again. Sincerely,
VO PA Board.

CONGRATULATIONS

Ladies Cactus League
Pool/Billiards Team
2024
Champions!
Beat 2nd place team by
41 games!
Way to go.

PICKLEBALL CLUB

The Venture Out Pickleball Club Board would like to thank all members and volunteers for a great year. Our club membership reached 726 members this year. We hope to see you at our end-of-the-year party on March 24th, from 6:30 to 9:30 PM, in the Ballroom. Have a great summer, and Keep Dinkling.

READING SELECTIONS FOR THE 2024-2025 SEASON

Leslie Connelly
480-272-0850

Summertime Fun!!!
We will be meeting on the 2nd and 4th Friday of the month at 9:30 am in the Mojave. You are welcome even if you haven't read the book. If you would like to be on our email list, let me know at leslic3939@

gmail.com. We will be meeting all summer. We will go out to lunch after our meeting about once a month (lunch is optional).

SEWING CLUB

Linda StAndre
360-739-4409

Our generous sewers and quilters are working hard to complete quilts for AZB4K, nursing homes, and churches. We are on track to finish 100 quilts this season! Others are busy sewing pillowcase dresses for little girls in warm climates around the world. Many hands makes a huge impact. Well done all!

SING AND STRUM

Teri Whalen
605-321-7808

It's time to call it a Season--but not until we leave you with some tunes to hum...or sing...or strum. How about "Take It Easy" or "This Land is Your Land" or "Happy Trails to You"? Please join us next season in the Auxiliary Ballroom on Thursday nights, 6:30 - 8:00 pm. We're musicians of all abilities and YOU are welcome. Bring your guitar, ukulele, banjo, or other stringed instrument -- or just come by and check us out. "You've Got a Friend in Me (us)".

SOFTBALL 2025

Rick Manshaem
616 -293-6201
Dale Leir
306-536-3886

Anyone interested in playing softball next fall/winter, We are looking for you! We have teams for all abilities and ages. If you're looking to get in some outdoor activity, build some new friendships please reach out to us. Warm-up practice games will be in November and December of 2024, and the regular

season runs January - February 2025. If interested, email us at mansh1022@gmail.com or dkleir@sasktel.net.

SOLOS

Suzi Picotte
480-296-3010

Solos is a social club for single residents and renters. We gather weekly on Thursday, 4pm at the Oasis, for a happy hour and potluck dinner. Women bring a dish to pass and men bring an adult beverage to share. We will continue to meet at the Oasis through the month of April. We look forward to new members joining us for fun and friendship.

SPLASHERS

Robbie Oldemar
360-425-4670

Senior volleyball in the West Pool. Come join us. We will continue through April. 1-2:30pm - Monday, Wednesday and Friday. We are easy to find, just follow the laughter to the pool and there we are! Try it, you may like it. We still have a few Venture Out T-shirts available.

STITCH & CHAT (& CRAFT)

Leslie Connelly
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Summertime Activity! Just because it is summer doesn't mean we won't be sewing, knitting, and doing other crafts. We invite Beaders, Crafters & Stitchers! Do you bead, sew, stitch, crochet, tat, diamond paint, scrapbook, Sashiko, color, quilt, paint, watercolor, draw, make cards, or do any other craft? Stop in the **Baja Bistro** anytime between **9:00 am and noon on Thursdays**. If there is an activity in the Bistro, we may be in the Mojave. You will find us doing some or all these crafts. Last month we had knitters, crocheters, hatmakers, a digital scrapbooker, and a card maker to name a few. No dues, no RSVPs needed.

SUNSHINE CARVERS

Karen Kleinsteuber
612-812-4444

We have one more month that our shop will be open for creating. The tentative date for closing is the end of April. Days being open also relies on monitors being in the shop. Hopefully you can finish up your projects. Safe travels to you that have other homes to venture off to.

TABLE TENNIS

Al Manter
253-584-6307

We play Table Tennis at the Auxiliary Ballroom Monday, Tuesday, and Friday from 7:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. We play Thursday from 3:00 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. and Saturday from 9:00 a.m. until noon. We play Sunday from 9:00 a.m. until 4:15 p.m. Come join us for a great time.

TENNIS

Joan Withers
250-886-0824

The organized tennis season has come to an end. We have had a great year of tennis and social activities. Many members remain in the park and will be playing at the Sportsplex throughout April. Courts 7&8 are open to all residents of Venture Out. Check the notice posted at 7&8 as well as the kiosk for tennis activities that are available to all residents of the park. See our Fall Classic ad in this issue of the outlines for volunteer opportunities. We always appreciate your help. We'll see you in the fall for another great season when you can renew or purchase a membership from Doretha Gupton at gupt04@yahoo.com 720-234-1550

VENTURE OUT ON STAGE

Suzanne Schultz
313-205-9275

VO's Theater Group, aims to foster interest in the performing arts. At our recent Annual

Meeting the group voted to change our name to VENTURE OUT ON STAGE. Auditions for the 2025 show will be held at the end of March 2024. Contact Sue Johnson at 218-838-9460 or sue.johnson181@gmail.com to set up a time. If you are unable to audition in person, arrangements can be made for a phone or ZOOM audition. VOoS members meet once a month from November through March. Club members include actors, dancers, musicians, costumers, stage crew, etc. Tap dance classes will be held each Saturday in March and April 2024 at 3 pm in the Auxiliary Ballroom. For more info call Suzanne S. at 313-205-9275. Membership in our club is open to owners and renters.

WATER EXERCISE EAST POOL

9:00 Monday - Saturday
Rhonda Viney
608-642-4112
10:00 Monday - Friday
Janis Seville
780-940-5416

Come join us and start your day with fun filled water exercise. Using the natural resistance and buoyancy of water against our bodies, our pool exercises target specific muscle groups while helping to increase cardiovascular endurance, energy, stamina, strength and balance. As our season end is drawing near and our pool friends begin to head home, we wish everyone safe travels and a great summer. PLEASE NOTE: Rhonda's last day leading the 9:00 class will be March 29th. Thank you to Marion Thiessen, Sue Clark, Sharon Ellis and Vicki Lingen and Sandy Evans for volunteering to lead the class Monday-Friday until the end of April. Marsha Vink will continue leading the Saturday class. The 10:00 class will continue until late April (until Janis/Diane leave) and will resume

again in October. In the meantime, please continue to join us in the east pool each morning. Bring your bathing suit, plastic water bottle for hydration and your smile! We look forward to seeing you at the pool!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT TEXAS HOLD'EM

Don Reuter
701-226-4763
Gordan Agar
480-404-8301

Every Wednesday night. 7:00 Start time in Auxiliary Ballroom. Come out and have some fun.

CARDS AND GAMES

Corn Hole

Wed • 12:30 pm • Game Zone

Hand Foot and Toe

Wed • Open at 12:00 pm
Play starts at 12:30 pm

Not Your Mother's Board Games

Mon • 1:00 pm • Sonoran

Wednesday Texas Hold'em

Wed • 7:00 pm • Aux Ballroom

EXERCISE CLASSES

Absolute Beginner Line Dancing 4-18

Thur • 11:45 am - 1:00 pm
BV Ballroom

Beginner Line Dancing 4-25

Thur • 1:00 - 2:00 pm
BV Ballroom

Early Bird Co-Ed Exercise 4-8

Mon - Fri • 7:25 - 7:55 am
BV Ballroom

Stretch & Tone 4-26

Mon - Fri • 8:00 - 8:30 am
BV Ballroom

Tai Chi 4-12

M, W, F • 9:00 - 10:00 am
Aux Ballroom

Yoga 4-26

Mon - Fri • 7:15 & 11:00 am
Aux Ballroom

WATER EXERCISE CLASSES

Water Walkers
6:15 - 7:15 am
Saguaro-West Pool

Lap Swimming Daily West Pool
7:00 - 8:30 am

Ocotillo-West Pool
11:00 am - 1:00 pm
5:30 - 6:30 pm

East Pool
6:30 - 8:30 am

Water Exercise
Mon - Fri • 7:30 - 8:30 am
West Pool

Noodles
Mon - Fri • 8:45 - 9:00 am
West Pool

Water Exercise
Mon - Fri • 9:00 - 10:00 am
West Pool

East Pool Water Exercise
Mon - Sat • 9:00 am
East Pool

Water Exercise
Mon - Fri • 10:00 - 11:00 am
Saguaro - West Pool

Water Exercise
Mon - Fri • 10:00 am
East Pool

Ocotillo - West Pool
Adult Open Swim West Pool
Mon, Wed, Fri
11:00 am - 1:00 pm
Mon, Thurs, Sat
2:30 pm on
Sun • 8:00 am on

East Pool
Open Swim All Ages
11:00 am - 7:00 pm
Splashers Volleyball
Mon, Wed, Fri
1:00 - 2:30 pm
Ocotillo - West Pool

East Pool
Adult Open Swim
7:00 pm - on
East Pool

Water Walking
5:30 - 6:00 am • Daily
East Pool

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
Rick Van Slyke Apr 6
Richard Harris Apr 21
Mary Keller Apr 21
Ron Richardson Apr 24

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY
Brian & Judy Lally
Apr 10 14 yrs

HAVE YOU HEARD?
Outlines
[@ventureoutmesa.com](https://www.ventureoutmesa.com)
or Activity Office at
480-832-9000

Steven Signor, 621 Aero, passed away February 29, 2024. Condolences may be sent to partner, Christine Shelley, 621 Aero. A Celebration of life will be held on Sunday, March 24 at the Sonoran.

Norman Silver, 916 Merlin, passed away February 1. Condolences may be sent to son, Greg Silver, 5001 E. Main At., #1015, Mesa, AZ 85205.



Sunshine Carver at Venture Out, Karen Kleinstaubler, is pictured with her Santa carving. She was awarded First Place Ribbon at the Desert Woodcarving Show in Mesa this February in the "Intermediate Carvers of Religious and Mystical Pieces" category. Congratulations, Karen.



Rhonda Viney's 9:00 EPC water exercise class. Great friends, great fun!

Venture Out's 2024 Year End Celebration!



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My Story

by Jodi Faith

From their home in Lafleche, Saskatchewan, Jodi and Bob Faith made annual trips to Phoenix where Bob fell in love with both the city and the ease of traveling around the area where he competed in high level senior baseball tournaments. They discovered Venture Out in 2005 and bought a new raised Arizona room model.

Jodi had been an award-winning vocalist as a child, but at the age of 18, she married a man who literally forbade her from singing. That marriage ended with significant domestic violence, but Jodi found solace and healing in the music played in her church. She also began intensive counseling where she was encouraged to “do something for Jodi each day!” With no self-confidence, she began to sing in the church choir where the artist and music community became important to her healing journey. Bob Faith was in that congregation and encouraged her to audition for solos with the choir. A year later he proposed, on condition she would sing at the wedding!

Since arriving at Venture Out, Jodi has been a part of the VO Worship Choir, the Glee Group, Bocce, and the Hams at Heart, a VO community theater group. She credits those many fun opportunities with helping her to grow in self-confidence. A traveling performing artist since 2005, she received many awards including through the Canadian Division of the Country Gospel Music Association of Branson, Missouri where she performed. Those awards opened doors internationally for her music, media, speaking and teaching career as a songwriter, author, and performance coach. Last summer she began an intergenerational music program for 3 – 103 years olds in Medicine Hat, Alberta, where Jodi and Bob live during the summer months. Jodi has produced 7 albums, a made-for-TV Christmas DVD and her autobiography has been published with talk of a movie.

Bob coaches the VO Sidewinders Softball team and still works as a substitute teacher at home while Jodi is happy to take on a new membership as a writer on the VO VOICES Committee.

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A Lot to Swallow

by Tami Chester



Mark Phillips moved from Chicago to Arizona in 2010. On a visit to Venture Out in 2023, he realized that he missed being a part of a community. Noting the many activities at VO, he sold his home in Scottsdale and bought in Venture Out.

Recently, Mark hosted four free and popular events where he presented humorous, non-snobby and easy to understand ways to view wine. But wine was not his first business venture. At the age of 10, he had the bright idea to take broken televisions of local neighbors to a TV repair shop, then return them repaired, charging a commission on the sets he had “fixed.” By the age of 28, he had worked at more than 100 jobs. He was fired from five jobs in a row because he refused to follow the demands of his supervisor.

He loved to interview for jobs, and often landed positions outside his scope of training or experience, but then he and a friend started a limousine service. Despite this business going broke, Mark’s hard work and determination paid off. The company went on to become the number one limo service in the greater Dallas area. Their reputation of quality, discreetness, and VIP service led to many experiences with famous and wealthy clientele, including the Saudi royal family and their servants.

Mark sold his limo business when he was 32 and at his retirement dinner, he experienced his first taste of wine. Mark had been an avid beer drinker, but that evening realized that he enjoyed wine more than beer. He also discovered that wine connoisseurs had too many rules that most people didn’t resonate with, and he wanted wine to be a fun and enjoyable experience for everyone. So, for his next venture, he started a consumer wine group which grew to become the largest in the nation. During this time, he also filmed a show on a local cable station in which he discussed wine along.

After immersing himself in the business of wine for a year, he gave talks to groups. During one of these presentations, the Vice President of PBS who was in the audience signed him to do a show for the network. This show aired for six years and is, to this day, the most watched wine show of all time. During his stint there, he wrote a book that hit number 1 on Amazon entitled “Swallow This”.

Mark told people that he retired at the age of 32, but Mark continues to create new business ideas, and over the years has been a wine sommelier, television star, author, educator, and inventor. He has traveled and taught about wine and pickleball internationally and has developed products that have gained him international recognition.

Military Story

by Keith Gustafson



Mel Cannell joined the Royal Canadian Airforce (RCAF) at age 17. He was so young his mother had to sign for him. After basic training in St. Jean's Québec, he was stationed in Clinton, Ontario for trade training to become a fighter controller. His eventual career spanned 37 years before retirement in Saskatoon, Saskatoon.

Mel met his wife, Mary, who was also in the RCAF, while stationed in St. Hubert, Quebec. During this lengthy career, spanning nearly four decades and two continents, Mel and Mary were in numerous cities in North America and Germany. Mary reported that they eventually lived in 18 different houses. Mary was reared in a German speaking home and did not learn English until she started in school. German fluency was a definite asset during the two tours in Germany. With four children, they tried to plan their transfers during the summer so they could enroll their children in yet another school. Three of their assignments were in the US including Langley Airforce base in Virginia, Larson AFB in Moses Lake Washington, and California. Two of Mel and Mary's four children are American citizens after having been born while they were stationed in the US. One of Mel's assignments was as Commanding Officer of the Canadian Airforce Station in Fulcan Bridge, Ontario.

Significant events occurred during Mel's tenure with the RCAF including the Cuban missile crises when they and the tearing down of the Berlin Wall. Mel and his crew also observed an unidentified flying object (UFO) at a radar site on the tip of Vancouver Island. It consisted of a large reddish orange orb hovering approximately 11 miles away. The incident was reported through the chain of command and two fighter jets were dispatched but the object darted away faster than the jets could move.

Mel and Mary feel at home in Venture Out. It reminds them of a military base with people living in close proximity, a gated facility with walls and security entrances, common activities, and a shared community of like-minded people.

A Pueblo in the Park

by Keith Gustafson



Sheryl Niebuhr and Jo Ford have built a home in Venture Out that is patterned after a pueblo lodge including log construction in the roof, stucco finish, tiled roof, and shuttered windows. As you enter the unit the Arizona room has a barrel ceiling with perfect curves at the ends. There is a fireplace, beautiful artwork with native American themes, and comfortable lounge chairs. The kitchen has beautiful cabinets, a huge island and a dining nook with windows overlooking the front of the unit.

At the back of the unit is an elegant study that also doubles as a bedroom with a queen-sized hide-a-bed. The roomy bedroom can accommodate a king-sized bed with ample dresser space and a state-of-the-art bathroom.

Upcoming Articles For Next Season

Do you know of an individual or family that has an interesting history that folks in Venture Out should know about? Do you have topic that would interest the residents of Venture Out? Is there a landmark that you have recently visited in the area? Is there a day trip that you have taken that might be exciting to other residents? Is there a Mesa Dog Park that you would recommend? Is there a hiking trail that you really enjoyed? Is there a great photo opportunity in the park or in the general area that you visit?

We all have something that interests us, that others might enjoy. So, we as Editorial Committee welcome your ideas for upcoming articles for next season and would love to interview you.

**Please contact any one of the Editorial Committee
with your ideas.**

April

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Outrageous, 1 Outlandish Olympics! 8:30 am Games in the Baja Bistro - 1:00 pm	Outrageous, 2 Outlandish Olympics! 8:30 am	M.O.B. 3 Class - 9:00 am Pot Luck in the Baja Bistro- 5:00 pm	Stitch & 4 Chat in the Baja Bistro - 9:00 am Baked Chicken Dinner - 5:00 pm	5	6
Worship 7 Service - 9:00 am	Solar 8 Eclipse - 11:00 am Games in the Baja Bistro - 1:00 pm	Deluxe 9 Cheeseburger Lunch - 11:30 am	M.O.B. 10 Class - 9:00 am Out-Lines Deadline - 12:00 pm Pot Luck in the Baja Bistro- 5:00 pm Mesa City Band - 7:00 pm	Stitch & 11 Chat in the Baja Bistro - 9:00 am Baked Cod Dinner - 5:00 pm	12	13
Worship 14 Service - 9:00 am	Games in the 15 Baja Bistro - 1:00 pm	Taco Salad 16 Lunch - 11:30 am	M.O.B. 17 Class Ends - 9:00 am Pot Luck in the Baja Bistro- 5:00 pm	Stitch & 18 Chat in the Baja Bistro- 9:00 am	19	20
21	Earth Day 22 Bingo - 2:00 pm Games in the Baja Bistro - 1:00 pm	French Dip 23 Lunch - 11:30 am	Pot Luck 24 in the Baja Bistro- 5:00 pm	Stitch & 25 Chat in the Baja Bistro - 9:00 am	Out-Lines 26 Published Book Club in the Baja Bistro - 9:30 am	27
28	What's 29 Going on Ice Cream Social - 1:00 pm Games in the Baja Bistro - 1:00 pm	30	May 1 Pot Luck in the Baja Bistro- 5:00 pm	Stitch & 2 Chat in the Baja Bistro - 9:00 am Bunco Tournament Begins - 2:00 pm	3	4