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Mon. – Sat. • 6 a.m. – 8 p.m. • Sunday • 8 a.m. – 8 p.m. Swipe Card Access • 8 p.m. – 11 p.m.
Children's Pool Hours (ages 4 – 17)
Outdoor Pool • Daily • 10 a.m. – 8 p.m. Indoor Pool • Daily • 12 – 3 p.m.

Lake View Fitness Center

Mon. – Sat. • 6 a.m. – 8 p.m. • Sunday • 8 a.m. – 8 p.m. **Pool** • Adults Only (age 18+)

Mon. – Sat. • 6 a.m. – 8 p.m. • Sunday • 8 a.m. – 8 p.m. Swipe Card Access • 8 p.m. – 11 p.m.

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### **Executive Update**

By Clint Atherton General Manager

Welcome to April! April is the time of year where we begin to see transition in the desert and in the community. Cooler days and evenings begin to warm and as that occurs, we see the resident snowbirds leave the community for cooler temperatures and our Canadian neighbors that must leave to stay in compliance with the law. In the Coachella Valley, we see the completion of the BNP Tennis tournament that had approximately 500,000 patrons come through the gates and brace for three weekends of concerts in April that bring almost as many people with Coachella and Stagecoach. In all, April signals one of the last big months of tourists and part timers here before they leave the valley, with us year-rounders hunkering down for our high temperatures to follow in the coming months.

On the Association side, staff is hunkered down as well with the finalizing of our budgets. Starting in December (and in some cases, even earlier) staff begins to see what we have spent in our fiscal year to date and plan projections for the balance of our fiscal year. Months of meetings with staff and vendors take place to ensure we are getting the best pricing and spending for what is needed. These departmental budgets are then reviewed with members of the accounting team and GM to get to a final number which is then submitted to the Finance Committee (Fincom) and Board. After the Fincom and Board have had ample time for review, there is a joint meeting where they and the staff review each department's budget. This is an all-day meeting and guarantees the budget is properly vetted prior to Fincom making a recommendation to the Board. This year, the joint meeting will be held April 7 and the Board will vote on the budget at the May 6 Board meeting. This process includes both the operating budget as well as the budget for reserves.

It is also worth noting that in this process, staff, Fincom and the Board are aware of the comments made by residents relating to the cost increase of dues. We hear almost daily from the residents how they are impacted by the rising costs of food (especially eggs), milk, gas, utilities, insurance, etc. The Association is not immune from these cost increases and they have the same impact on our operations. Additionally, our staff is facing like challenges with cost increases in their daily lives. In the budget process, we take these factors into consideration and through a united effort work to deliver a responsible budget that reflects what it takes to operate Sun City to keep it as the premier Active Adult Community that it is... and which is reflected in all the awards we have received, including most recently *Best in the Desert*!



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### FINANCIAL REPORT

BY ARMANN ROHDE, FINANCE DIRECTOR

THROUGH JANUARY 2025



The January 2025 financials were presented to the Finance Committee on February 28. January finished the month down (\$59K) to budget, (\$230K) actual vs. (\$171K) budget. Golf Shop revenue was down and missed budget in January by (\$39K), \$594K actual vs. \$633K budget. Golf rounds for were down (130) and (\$51K) for the month. Twilight

rounds were down (195) and (\$18K), and 18-hole rounds were down (\$35K). YTD, Golf Shop is down (\$222K) to budget.

Food & Beverage revenues were down to budget by (\$102K) for January; \$296K actual vs. \$398K budget. Daily Grind was down (\$325), Catering was down (\$21K), and Boulevards was down (\$80K). The F&B Department did manage their flow-thru of expenses in Boulevards. With revenues down (\$80K), they decreased \$31K on their Cost of Sales and \$38K on salary and wages. Year-to-date Boulevards is up \$19K to budget, (\$334K) actual vs (\$353K) budget.

Boulevards remains closed on Mondays.

HR had 10 positions on their February 24 Open Positions Report. These open positions include 4 F&B Boulevards, 3 Facilities Maintenance and 3 Golf Course Maintenance.

Twenty-five homes closed escrow in January. Reserve Replenishment Assessment (RRA) revenues were \$62,550 for January; fiscal year-to-date revenues are \$366,421.50.

Rolling forecasts were prepared this month including seven months actual and five months forecast. Currently, we are slightly under budget for the fiscal year on the Operations Statement. However, on the Consolidated Statement of Operations, which includes the Spectrum Rebate, (restricted for the Solar Project), we continue to make budget.

On a side note, the Golf Shop made budget in February. Revenues were \$706,605 actual vs. \$673,420 budget, an increase of \$33,185 over budget. This is a revenue increase of \$128,120 year-over-year for February.

Managers continue to look for opportunities to increase revenues and decrease costs.

The Association remains in a sound financial position.

	Year-to-Date thru January 31, 2025		Forecast for Year ending June 30, 2025								
Operating Revenues		Actual	 Budget		Variance	- 1	Forecast		Budget		Variance
Assessments and Other Income	s	13.615.837	\$ 13.549.455	s	66.382	s	23,242,437	s	23,205,355	s	37.082
Less: Reserve Assessments	· *	(2,737,164)	(2,737,164)		-	۰ I	(4,692,281)	ँ	(4.692,281)		
Golf Shop		2.302.949	2.524.866		(221,917)		4.578.842		4,780,496		(201.654
Food and Beverage		1.572.658	1,981,482		(408,824)		3.030.498		3,704,415		(673,917
Communications		203.083	183.000		20,083		304,083		284,000		20.083
Post Office		141,184	180,781		(39,597)		223,261		262,456		(39,195
Fitness		3,410	1,800		1,610		4,660		3,050		1,610
Gross Operating Revenues		15,101,957	15,684,220		(582,263)		26,691,500	_	27,547,491		(855,991
Direct Operating Expenses											
Golf Shop		639,899	678,768		38,869		1,196,711		1,217,218		20,507
Food and Beverage		2,077,018	2,474,344		397,326		3,897,619		4,400.013		502.394
Communications		277,002	283,204		6,202		454,873		460,233		5,360
Post Office		179,073	231,299		52,226		320,347		364,652		44,305
Fitness	_	446,438	454,602		8,164		790,507	-	787,445	_	(3,062
Total Direct Operating Expenses	_	3,619,430	4,122,217		502,787		6,660,057	_	7,229,561		569,504
Net Operating Revenues	_	11,482,527	11,562,003		(79,476)		20,031,443	<u> </u>	20,317,930	_	(286,487
Indirect Operating Expenses											
Administration		2,240,025	2,513,087		273,062		4,131,403		4,433,117		301,714
Community Patrol		924,236	947,554		23,318		1,615,030		1,608,205		(6.825
Finance		660,720	739,434		78,714		1,264,358		1,291,340		26,982
Information Systems Common Area Maintenance:		298,896	329,979		31,083		567,632		574,245		6,613
Facilities		2,277,791	2,359,649		81,858		4,049,664		4.052,243		2.571
Grounds - General Use		1,762,678	1,724.031		(38,647)		3,057,929		2,996,766		(61,163
Grounds - Golf Course		3,339,278	3,459,863		120,585		5,363,265	_	5,361,997	-	(1,268
Total Indirect Operating Expenses	_	11,503,624	12,073,597		569,973		20,049,281	_	20,317,913	_	268,632
Operating Surplus / (Deficit)		(21,097)	(511,594)		(490,497)		(17,838)		17		17.855
Cable Rebate - Designated Income		232,633	+	_	(232,633)		398,800	_		_	(398,800
Excess (Deficiency) of			 000000000		100000000000000000000000000000000000000		12.01500131				
Revenues Over Expenses	\$	211,536	\$ (511,594)		723,130	\$	380,962	\$	17	\$	380,945



### **Board of Directors' Meeting Report** · 3-4-25

SUMMARY OF BOARD ACTION ITEMS AND MOTIONS

**25-03-101** – A motion was carried 6 to 1 (Long) to authorize the execution of contract for the pavement contractor, Asphalt MD's, to convert a few golf cart parking spaces into four (4) full-size vehicle ADA compliant handicap parking spaces on the northwest side of the Lake View Recreation Center parking lot in the amount of \$85,856.00, with a 10% contingency of \$8,586.00, for a not-to-exceed amount of \$94,442.00, to be funded from the Reserves Budget.

**25-03-102** – A motion was carried unanimously to approve the proposed updated exterior Paint Schemes as presented by the Lifestyle Enhancement Committee (LEC).

The complete approved minutes of the Board of Directors' Meetings are located in the Library and on the SCPDCA website.

#### NEXT OPEN BOARD MEETING: TUESDAY, APRIL 1 · 2 PM

WE ENCOURAGE ALL SCPD RESIDENTS TO ATTEND THIS MEETING IN PERSON OR VIA ZOOM

> For Zoom technical support, contact Madison Lippert at 760-200-2264.

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Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
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27	28	29	30			

HAVING PROBLEMS LOGGING IN TO THE NEW WEBSITE?

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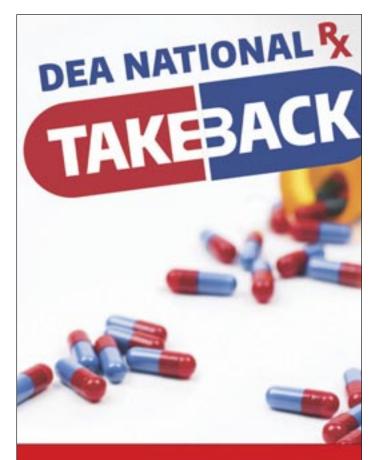
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#### SUN CITY POSTAL CENTER

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- **Private Mail Boxes:** Mailboxes available for 3, 6, and 12-month rentals. Have your mail and packages sent directly to your safe, secure private mailbox.
- Notary Services: Walk-in service available Monday Friday 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Please bring the entire document and your driver's license or Passport as identification. The cost is \$15 per signature.
- Secure Document Shredding Service: Shredding for documents, CDs, etc., at 99¢ per pound. Shredding done by Desert Arc right here on our property bi-weekly, so it is very secure.
- For Sale Board: Bring us the information and we will type up the ad. The cost is only \$6 for a 30-day ad. There is an extra fee to add a picture.
- Laminating Service: We now offer laminating services for documents up to 11" x 17" in size, ranging from .50¢
  \$2 a sheet. This includes copies of vaccine cards. Great for clubs and residents alike.
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- Fax and Scan-to-Email Service (within the U.S. and Canada): To receive a fax, the number is 760-200-2219. The cost to send/receive a fax is \$1.50 per page up to 10 pages additional pages are 75¢ each. Scan–to-email service is also available.
- **Copy Services:** We offer black & white and color copies in letter, legal and ledger size. We have a wide selection of colored paper to choose from.
- Greeting Cards and Small Gift Items: We have a large assortment of greeting cards, small gifts and must-have items like facemasks, sanitizer and so much more.
- Exterior Light Bulbs: Sun City-approved for garage and addresses.

Mountain View Clubhouse Hours: Monday – Friday · 9 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Phone: 760-200-2236 · Fax: 760-766-1599

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SATURDAY April 26<sup>™</sup> 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Turn in unneeded medication for safe disposal. Keep them safe. Clean them out. Take them back. visit DEATakeBack.com



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### Activities Update

BY JULIE POPE ACTIVITIES COORDINATOR julie.pope@scpdca.com (760) 200-2220

Acrisure Arena tickets were a huge success! A big thank you to everyone who attended the Hockey, Professional Bull Riders, and Cirque du Soleil events at Acrisure! Over 200 tickets were sold for Cirque du Soleil. Continued resident enthusiasm and high attendance will help maintain our strong relationship with the Acrisure Arena.

In April, we will visit The Huntington Library, Art Museum, and Botanical Gardens. We will also continue our Bingo games in addition to our final Trivia Night of the season.

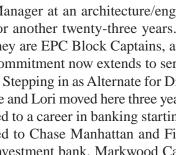
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### From the **Delegate Council**

Send your Delegate your email address!

By CHARLIE THOMPSON CHAIR, DELEGATE COUNCIL

Nearing the end of our fiscal year, we experience our annual turnover, welcoming three new members.

Our new Delegate for District #4 is a relative newcomer to Sun City, Shannon Soady. A native of Seattle, she traveled the country as an Air Force "brat." Now she and Doug anticipate traveling to more exotic locations. A BA from the University of Washington led to a twenty-year career in the foodservice industry, as a distributor and manufacturer's representative. Then a dramatic pivot to Office Manager at an architecture/engineering/interior design/planning firm in Seattle for another twenty-three years. July 2021 found them here in Sun City, where they are EPC Block Captains, and active in the Forum and Financial Clubs. That commitment now extends to serving residents in this District.

Stepping in as Alternate for District #8 is Peter Schoenlaub. Another newcomer, he and Lori moved here three years ago. An Economics BA from Whitman College led to a career in banking starting at Security Pacific in its Leverage Finance unit led to Chase Manhattan and First Chicago. In 1988, Peter Founded a boutique investment bank, Markwood Capital Alliance. Selling his interest in 2020 led to retirement a year later. Commadore of the Lake Forest Yacht Club for twenty years brought experience in club management, particularly fundraising and community events. Co-chairing a \$2M clubhouse remodeling project resulted in timely completion on budget. Active in Karaoke and Wine Tasters, Peter inaugurated his next venture as lead singer for the band, "About Time," at District #2's successful dinner dance in February. What better way to introduce himself to the District and Sun City?

No stranger to the Council, our new Delegate for District #15, Christina Campbell previously served as their Delegate, between 2005 and 2012. Following a career owning some fourteen restaurants in the LA area, she was Director of Merchandising for Anheuser-Busch, Executive Director for La Canada Community Center and the Board of Governors, Children's Hospital of LA. Moving here in 2004, Christina quickly joined our Council, as the District #15's Delegate. She was instrumental in opening its Golf Cart Gate and renovating the landscape of the Villas. Moving to Rancho Mirage for four years wound up seeing her return "home," back to District #15, where she is continuing Debi Cecconi's tradition of hosting great pool parties for the District.

It's changes in membership like this that keep the Delegate Council effective and energetic.

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### **Public Safety Committee**

By Cardriner Bowden, Member

#### Do You Know Who Resides On Your Street?

I have written an article about this before, but as I talk to many residents, I have discovered that many still do not "know their neighbors" or know only one or two of them. One of the most important things you can do is know who lives on the same street as you and what type and color of car they drive. A Sheriff's Department Officer confirmed this at their last safety presentation. What if there is a strange car parking on your street regularly and it doesn't belong to any of your neighbors? Does the owner/driver of that car have legal or illegal business on your street? Is someone casing out your street for later activities?

Yes, we live in a gated community, but you are responsible for doing things to protect yourself. Knowing your neighbors does not mean that you must call or visit them every day. But knowing their name, address, phone number, and type and color of the car they drive could be very helpful. In essence, you are watching out for each other. When you are going to be gone for a while, do you let a neighbor know you are leaving? Do you fill out the form which lets our Patrol and the Entry Gate know the dates you will be gone? Do you put your mail and newspaper on hold? Many burglaries occur during the day.

Another safety item: have you checked out the people you have coming into your home to do work for you? Anyone can place an ad on Nextdoor or other media talking about the superior work they do. Check their references carefully before hiring them. When you hire someone, put all your valuables away, don't tell or show them what you have or where it is hidden, and never leave them alone. Most people who are hired are honest, but you should still check them out. You could also ask neighbors and friends if they know anything about the possible hires.

Do you walk your property periodically to check it out? A recent news story told of a camera being hidden in someone's yard, which meant someone else was watching their activities.

My District Delegate always ends her newsletter to us with a wonderful thought, "Let's remember to continue to look out for each other. Stay safe."

VIOLATION SUMMARY · FEBRUARY 2025 CI	<b>TATIONS ISSUED</b>
Excessive Speed	
Failure to Stop at Posted Stop Sign.	
Parking on the Street Overnight.	
Vehicle Blocking the Sidewalk	
Illegal Handicap Parking	
Trash Container	
Gate Strike	
Parked Facing the Wrong Direction	
Pet Violation	
Golf Cart Taking Two Spaces	
Non-Golf Cart Parked in Golf Cart Space	
Other Parking	
RV Creating a Hazard	
Abusive Language/Behavior	1
Failure to Yield to Pedestrian	
Monthly Total	

#### Pet Rescue Info

I.D. collars should be worn by every pet. It is recommended that you also have your pet microchipped. If you lose or find a pet, notify the Main Gate (360-6026); they will contact an animal rescue volunteer.

Be sure to register your pet! To download the form from the SCPDCA website, click on Documents & Forms, then scroll down to Pet Registration Form. If you are a member of One Group at Sun City Palm Desert, you can also post a LOST/FOUND DOG/CAT notice with breed, color, size, location and phone number.

#### Trash Pick Up · Tuesdays

Trash containers may be put out no earlier than 4 p.m. the day before pick up and must be taken in by midnight the day of pick up. When a holiday falls on a Monday\* or Tuesday, service will be delayed one day. \* Memorial Day, May 26 \* Labor Day, September 1

#### **Posted Stop Signs** Posted stop signs are meant for golf carts and bicycles, too. Citations will be issued for failure to stop. Riding bicycles on the sidewalks is NOT permitted at any time!

#### Prevent Rust Stains on Driveways

One of the main reasons for rust stains on driveways is due to washing golf carts on driveways. Acid from batteries drips onto the driveway which causes unsightly rust.



### Sun City Strategic Plan: It's Relevance to our Residents

By Charlie Thompson and Scott Erickson

Over the past fifteen years, Sun City has implemented four distinct Strategic Plans: 2010, 2012, 2018, and 2024. Each plan outlined various objectives aimed at addressing both existing and emerging issues, with the goal of protecting and enhancing the well-being of our residents.

Initially, these objectives were conceptual, requesting the Board of Directors to develop plans and establish Committees to address specific areas of concern or perceived need. For instance, the 2012 Plan recommended the creation of strategies to expand facility space, develop a communitywide disaster recovery plan, formulate an external marketing plan to attract new residents, devise a plan to welcome new residents and increase their awareness of available services and amenities, and establish an Ad-Hoc Committee to identify and train potential volunteers, particularly for leadership roles. Additionally, it promoted the increased use of services by assessing satisfaction with existing services and conducted focus groups to determine the demand for new services.

The 2018 Strategic Plan adopted a more focused approach, identifying four key objectives: the development of a community disaster recovery plan; the creation of an Ad-Hoc Committee to explore cable/internet options beneficial to residents; ensure new members of the Board and the Delegate Council receive appropriate training; and identify internal sources for operational analysis.

The current Plan (2024–2028) takes a significantly different approach, categorizing objectives into seven distinct categories

with specific goals outlined within each category. Unlike previous plans, which were based on resident surveys and some interviews, the current Plan employed a more extensive method to gather input.

I have invited Scott Erickson, Chair of Strategic Planning Committee and a former member of the Board of Directors, to discuss the differences between previous strategic plans and the current one, and to explain the relevance of the Strategic Plan to the residents of Sun City.

#### **Q:** How would you compare the level of resident input in the development of prior plans to the current plan?

A: Thanks Charlie, first, let me make a brief comment about the Committee. The Strategic Planning Committee is made up of six (6) talented and driven volunteers, a strong Board Liaison and our General Manager. Each is a strong leader with a selfless desire to improve Sun City daily. Together, they simply make things happen.

Having worked on several strategic plans in the past, I can say that they were all well written with the same strong desire to improve our community. However, without critical ongoing management, they lost relevance in the years to follow and never seemed to fully connect with the community.

This Committee decided to make sure that would not happen again. So, with the benefit of decades of hindsight we all readily agreed that community-wide participation and permanent plan management would be the key to our

success. Putting words into action, the Committee listened to and documented the community's needs, ideas and opinions for many months before developing a single goal.

- **Q:** How do the goals found in earlier plans differ from those in the current plan?
- A: In fairness, I can't really say our goals and objectives sound or look all that different from those stated in prior plans. However, what I will say without hesitation is they honestly represent the priority needs of the Association as voiced by its residents and its staff. Furthermore, continuing our desire for complete transparency, our plan is now readily available to the public. Yes, the Strategic Plan is a "living" document, accessible to review and track on our new Sun City resident website.

Our achievements and Updated Strategic Plan can be seen whenever you choose to do so.

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- **Q:** Could you elaborate on how residents have received help from the recommendations of the current plan? For example, what benefits arise from expanding space in our various facilities?
- A: We're all proud to make note of the Committee's many achievements so far, and even more excited about the expanding spaces we plan to track very soon. We are also delighted to acknowledge the unwavering support of the Board and the continuous engagement of our GM and the HOA Management Staff. Without their support and timely actions nothing could have been accomplished.

That said, this plan is clearly a prioritized list of actions. Example: **Goal 1 – Technology** 

First, you cannot create a better website without first creating a plan to clean up our data, synchronize our software and finally digitize all our critical records to effectively manage it in the future. And of course, none of this can happen without knowledgeable leadership. With Brian Locke, we now have a strong foothold on critical management through digital technology. From the creation of a new internal website, to improving gate access, to cleaning up our databases, our new Technology team has already made incredible progress.

#### Another example is Goal 3 – Facilities

Space has always been a top priority here in Sun City. From the need to store club materials, to ballroom tables and chairs, to simply improving the look and feel of our clubhouses. We are constantly moving things around to hopefully find the best use of our facilities.

Using your term, 'expanding space' is the only real and permanent answer. The Plan addresses this goal by providing the Board and Management Staff with a priority list of recommendations to expand. These are long-term actions that can permanently address decades of neglect of community assets and inefficient use of space in our facilities.

The Board has recently approved funding to update the Mountain View Clubhouse, with work to begin in May. A request for a prefab storage unit at the east end of the Mountain View ramp has been identified as a top priority by the SPC, and will be presented for approval as part of the FY2025/2026 budget. These two actions will provide the Association with an opportunity to clean up many rooms bordering on inefficient and unsafe storage.

- **Q:** Finally, how do we keep residents informed about the progress and achievements of these objectives?
- A: Well, I guess I jumped the gun on this one, but I believe it's worth repeating. The Strategic Plan is a "living" document, accessible to review and track on our new Sun City resident website. Our achievements and plan updates can be seen whenever your curiosity moves you to check things out yourself.

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#### **2024-2025 COMMITTEES**

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Library Committee Mary Tapley, Chair · *mdtapl@yahoo.com* 

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**Website Committee** Elaine Magee, Chair · *ermagee@msn.com* 

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If you are interested in any Committee vacancies, please stop by the Mountain View Clubhouse and ask for Dean Lining, Resident Services Supervisor, or Irma Lopez, Events Coordinator. Call us at 760-200-2223.

Give back and be a part of this wonderful community.



#### CMAC

By Jay Lieberman, Community Marketing & Activities Committee

"The more things change, the more they stay the same." The news is that CAC has morphed into a combination of both an activity and volunteer-oriented mission as well as the marketing of SCPD. The new name is CMAC. The combined committee will continue to sponsor and support activities such as the New Resident Orientation, Movie Night, Community Expo, Speaker Night, Active Adult Living Fair, etc. In addition, the organization will support and develop programs and opportunities to publicize, support and market SCPD. This will include support for the website, real estate support, esthetic recommendations and other items that will enhance our community.

As this is a major modification of our mission, I invite all that are interested in attending our meeting on Thursday, April 17, 2 p.m. at the Lake View Recreation Center. We would welcome your interest, participation and involvement.

#### **Compliance** Committee

By Wayne Olmsted, Chair

#### The Appellate Court

As stated here numerous times, the Compliance Committee has nothing to do with the issuance of violation citations. Those are made by the Security Patrol over which the Committee has no jurisdiction. However, the Committee is assigned the task of reviewing all citations and acting as a "court of appeals" for residents who believe that the citation was a mistake or that there are extenuating circumstances that are grounds for dismissal.

The received citation provides information on how appeals can be made, either by letter or by appearing for a hearing. The citation states to whom, where and when the letter is to be sent. The same information is provided for appearances. Appeals are heard the first Thursday of each month at 1:30 p.m., usually in the Saddleback room in the Mountain View Clubhouse.

If appearing for a hearing, the resident will find a sign-in sheet outside the meeting room door and should wait to be called in, which will be on a first come first serve basis. Once inside the resident will be asked to present his or her case. If the violation is a failure to stop, a video of the incident will be shown. Committee members may have questions to ask. The resident will be informed that the decision will be mailed within two weeks. The Committee then considers



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the matter. If it finds a mistake has been made or there are relevant extenuating circumstances, the citation will be dismissed.

#### Library Committee

#### By Mary Tapley, Chair

Welcome to new volunteer Maryanne Daly.

April is National Volunteer Month and a time to thank and acknowledge our dedicated Library volunteers. Very special thanks to Sandy Amorde, Barbara Baron, Maggie Bond, Janice Bourdeau, Ligia Bromberg, Nanette Brown, Georgia Celehar, Judy Cohen, Myrna Crawford, Louise Cummings, Pat Dryan, Fred Flegal, Stephanie Franklin, Alan Gamble, Audrey Gamble, Joan Gilford, Ellie Harn, Norma Hegge, Barbara Huffman, Dan Huston, Linda Huston, Ann Kelley, Lenore Leon, Barb Levy, Mary Ann Manion, Carolyn McNary, Elke Morgan, Mike Novak, Sheila O'Neal, Lisa Oswalt, Louise Prairie, Liz Ray, Poppy Reybin, Jonathan Rich, Shannon Robinette, Ilene Rubenstein, Kathy Schroers, Wendy Silk, Jill Stone, Marilyn Townsend, Elizabeth Vendely, Marvin Vernon, Diane Von Kaenel, Carla Washburn, Vernita White and Wendy Young. Each volunteer contributes their time and energy for a minimum of two hours per week, either working a scheduled shift or serving as substitutes. Nine of the 48 volunteers also serve on the Association's Library Committee. Thanks to all of the Library volunteers, both past and present.

If you are a full-time resident who can spare two hours per week and would like to become a Library volunteer, please sign up on our waiting list in the Library or contact Diane Von Kaenel, Trainer, at 760-360-8816 or retiredvks@verizon.net.

The Library is open every day during the same hours the Sunset View Clubhouse is open, barring any unforeseen circumstances. Thanks to all who support the Library, either monetarily or with gently used materials.

#### Lifestyle Enhancement Committee

By Kathy Krier, Chair · Contact the LEC at (760) 200-2213

This month I want to highlight the LEC staff. One of the items consistently showing up in my daily gratitude journal is gratitude for the staff who support us.

There are five young enthusiastic LEC staff members who are focused on helping you, the resident. They are team players and are service-oriented. They are here to answer your questions on the LEC rules (LEC Design Guidelines). They monitor the homes District by District to ensure compliance with the Guidelines. They help the LEC volunteers with project applications. They maintain all the records of homeowner projects. They help the volunteers by taking minutes of the meetings and maintaining the LEC section of the website.

Next time you see the LEC golf cart, give them a wave! They are an integral part of the team helping us to maintain the beauty of Sun City Palm Desert.

#### Lifestyle Enhancement Committee CALL FOR APPOINTMENT 760-200-2213

#### **PROJECT SUBMITTALS AND APPROVAL PROCESS**

The LEC Committee continues to receive and review exterior projects for their Tuesday meetings. Residents may submit projects the following ways: 1) Email to LECprojects@scpdca.com; 2) First class mail to 38-180 Del Webb Blvd., Palm Desert, CA 92211; or 3) Drop off at the Mountain View Clubhouse HOA Dropbox.

A completed application submittal could take up to 15 business days for approval and processing.

Our LEC Staff is in the office Monday – Friday. They are available via phone and email to help you with any project, violation and/or resale-related questions.

#### LEC STAFF CONTACT INFORMATION

Katie Rabago, LEC Supervisor · Katie.Rabago@scpdca.com · 760-200-2276 Jessica Castillo, LEC Project Coordinator · Jessica.Castillo@scpdca.com · 760-200-2278 Jacob Hernandez, LEC Home Inspector · Jacob.Hernandez@scpdca.com · 760-200-2214 Eric Perez, LEC Home Inspector · Eric.Perez@scpdca.com · 760-200-2244 Rebecca Parker, LEC Administrative Assistant · Rebecca.Parker@scpdca.com · 760 200-2213 LEC members may enter your property Monday – Friday 7 a.m. – 4 p.m., and try hard not to disturb you.

Sun City "Snowbirds"



Pelicans swooped in to eat their fill. Photo by Luigi Leonardi.



Scratch...scratch...scratch. Photo by Ron Armour.



Pelicans taking flight in unison. Photo by Ron Armour.

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#### **Emergency Preparedness (EPC)**

**EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS DISTRICT CONTACTS** 

<b>1</b> Doug Smith 626-533-2520
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<b>3</b> Chantelle Ethier 403-804-7191
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<b>5</b> Dan McCarthy
<b>6</b> Marla Fee
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<b>10</b> Ed Purcell
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<b>13</b> Bruce Johnston
<b>14</b> Doug Smith 626-533-2520
<b>15</b> Kris Gilbert
<b>Chair</b> Robyn Mack

#### MONTHLY MEETINGS

- SUN CITY EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS | Evening Session. Tuesday, April 8, 6:30 p.m., Palm, Sunset View. A broad view of our community's preparations to assist residents in a disaster. Valuable information for everyone living in Sun City. Everyone welcome. For more information contact Marla Fee at scpdeoc@gmail.com.
- EPC DIRECTORS AND DISTRICT OPERATIONS | Wednesday, April 9, 9 a.m., San Gorgonio, Mountain View. Everyone welcome. For more information contact Robyn Mack at desertrobyn@gmail.com.
- RADIO TRAINING | Tuesday, April 22, 10 a.m. For details or contact Scott Morse at skmorse78600@gmail.com.

#### **OTHER MARCH EVENTS**

- STOP THE BLEED | Fri., April 4, 10 a.m. Contact Robyn at desertrobyn@gmail.com for reservations and location.
- CV DISASTER PREPAREDNESS NETWORK | Weds., April 7, 1:30 p.m., Big Bear, Lake View. County's recommendations.

FIRST AID DISASTER PLANS: In a disaster, EPC plans to initially open the First Aid Station at Mountain View (Bldg. D, tennis court) with possible additional First Aid Stations at Sunset View (bocce court patio) and/or Lake View (Tahoe room). Tune into AM 1620 for updates.

#### VIAL OF LIFE INFORMATION

Contact scpdeoc@gmail.com for Vial of Life and/or medical form insert. The form is also on our website: Menu, Documents & Video. Keep your information current.

#### **VISIT EPC ONLINE**

For information on EPC & how to be prepared. scan here or go to epc.scpdcaclubs.com.





#### **Emergency Preparedness Committee**



### **SURVIVING** The Big One

By Ann Floden

#### April 3, Thursday, 9 to Noon, Sierra Ballroom, MVCH

One of the biggest dangers of earthquakes may be indifference or denial. The attitude that, this cannot happen to me and therefore isn't necessary, is sad because your preparation for disasters does make a difference in survival. We won't know when earthquakes will occur but we do know they will happen in our area with no advance notice and at a significant magnitude to cause widespread damage. This is an opportunity to update your plans or find out what to do.

LECEPTU Ken Eklund's detailed presentation is on "Surviving the Big One" (and what to do to prepare) and Robyn Mack will talk about our community's response plan and how to get help in a disaster when 9-1-1 services are not available. Find out if your plans are in sync with what is going on in the community.



Discover Do you know where your District Command Post is, who your Block Captain is and the location of the emergency First Aid Stations? Learn what our special teams are able to do to assist you and our community. These are things you need to know before a disaster occurs.

**WISIT US** There are lots of handouts available to help you plan to care for your needs in a disaster as well as other subjects. For example, ideas to prevent your home from flooding, hints to deal with our summer heat, gate locations in case evacuation is called for, home fires and wildfires. There is an all-encompassing handout on Important Documents to save for disasters and also estate planning. The following two pages in this magazine are on Utility Shutoff, a good thing to know when you go on vacation as well as an emergency.

You'll want to see Ralph & Vicki Gribben, who can help with your emergency preparedness supplies, including assembling items for your Grab-N-Go Bag (ask about a 2-person, 3-day bag). They can answer your questions about solar generators for personal use.

Also consider obtaining some additional items to add to your current preparations. The Vialof-Life is available, Blue Can water can be ordered, basic First Aid kits and information will be available and you can pick up an OK/HELP sign in case if you don't have one.

Then tour the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) to see how it functions. Check with our EOC table staff for details. It's located just around the corner by the outdoor swimming pool.

By failing to prepare, you are preparing to fail. - Benjamin Franklin

# **Utilities Shutoff**

#### By Ann Floden

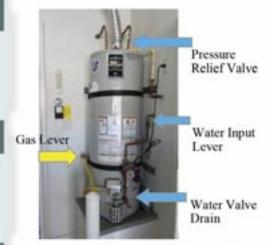
This article deals with emergencies you can learn to handle ahead of time. It is good practice to keep this information in your garage where it is easily located and reviewed periodically.

#### WATER SERVICE TO THE HOUSE:

The water service shutoff to your house is normally located on the walkway leading up to your front door. There are 2 valve handles. The upper one shuts off the service to the house. The lower one turns off the irrigation system. If the valve handle is parallel (in line) with the water pipe, then the water is on. If the valve handle is perpendicular to the water pipe, then the water is off. To turn water service to your house OFF, turn the top handle 90 degrees. After a major earthquake, it is recommended that the water to your home be turned off until it is determined the city water system has not been contaminated.



We all know how disruptive water damage can be. Our houses are between 20 and 30 years old, and some preventative measures could help minimize the risks. Replacement of valve and connections may be in order for any appliances using water. Lastly, when you leave for vacation or any extended period, it is recommended you close the water service line to your house, leaving the irrigation line in the "on" position. Having a friend walk through your house when you are gone is another good idea.



#### WATER HEATER:

Water heaters are normally located in the garage. They hold 40 to 60 gallons of fresh water. To access this water, turn OFF the gas supply to the water heater, & turn OFF the input water supply to the water heater (or outside to the house). Once the gas and water are shut off, open the pressure relief valve on the top of the tank. Now you can open the drain valve at the tank's bottom to access the water. There may be some amount of sediment in the first few gallons of water from the tank. A dishtowel or other clean cloth can be used to filter this water for use.

#### FLUME SMART HOME WATER MONITOR:

This device monitors your home's indoor and outdoor water use 24/7 and notifies you instantly if it detects a leak. Coachella Valley Water District may still offer a discount program for this product. Contact 760-398-2651 or check it out at www.cvwd.org/rebates



ELECTRIC PANEL:





Outside of Panel

Inside of Panel

#### GARAGE DOOR:

During a power outage, your garage door can be operated manually. Pull down on the *red cord*. This will disengage the automatic mechanism. You will hear a click. Once the door disengages, you can lift it up from the handle on the door's bottom left. Then to restore the door's automatic system, pull the red cord back towards the door motor. Again you will hear a click. Golf cart doors will operate in the same manner.



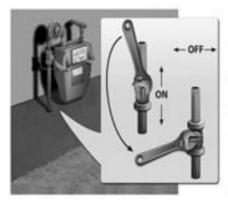
electrician to diagnose the problem.

Locate the circuit breaker box on the outside of your house. Inside the box, you will find several smaller circuit breakers marked 15, 20, 30 or 40 amp. The one you are looking for is the main circuit breaker, which has the label SERVICE DISCONNECT, 200 amps. Turn that OFF and it will shut off all power to your house. DO NOT restore the power by yourself. Seek the assistance of a licensed, professional





Door Handle



#### GAS METERS:

If you smell natural gas leaking, you may want to shutoff your gas at the gas meter located outside your home in order to prevent fire. As you face the meter, you'll see a pipe running from the ground to the meter. There is a shutoff valve running parallel with the pipe, usually about 6 to 8 inches above ground. Take a 12-inch or larger adjustable wrench and turn the valve 1/4 turn in either direction, until the valve is crosswise to the pipe. Keep this wrench next to your valve, but not on the meter or other equipment. After a few years, you may also want to have SoCal Gas come out to determine if the valve is stuck.

NEVER turn your gas back on yourself, have the gas company restore your service. For safety, a shutoff valve should be installed at every natural gas appliance and if a leak happens at one appliance, you can turn off the gas at the appliance rather than shutting off all of your natural gas service.

VIDEO: On the right is a QR code that will take you to a 7 minute video which shows all the above utility shutoff procedures or find the video on our website at epc.scpdcaclubs.com Then click on the Documents and Videos tab at the top.



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MEXICAN APPETIZER BUFFET "DANCE THE NIGHT AWAY TO CALIFORNIA DJ MICHAEL CAPITANELLI"

#### Sierra Ballroom

May 5th 6:00 - 9:00 pm

\$30 pp

#### CASH BAR

ADVANCED TICKET SALES STARTINC APRIL 8TH, 8:30-11AM - 1:30-4PM MOUNTAIN VIEW CLUBHOUSE ACTIVITIES WINDOW



### Food & Beverage News

By Alex Guilliano Food & Beverage Director

#### Hello everyone!

I want to start by expressing my sincere gratitude for your unwavering support. It truly means the world to me, and especially to the Food & Beverage team.

I also want to offer my deepest apologies for the challenges we've faced at Boulevards restaurant. Some of these issues stemmed from unexpected internet disruptions, which led to slow and frustrating service. Additionally, the sudden departure of our Chef de Cuisine for personal reasons, along with the loss of two cooks during our busiest season, created unforeseen difficulties. Please know that I deeply regret any inconvenience this may have caused, and I assure you that we are working diligently to resolve these matters.

Since then, we have hired a new Chef de Cuisine who is currently undergoing training, along with two new cooks who are also being trained. I understand that consistency, presentation and overall service have been impacted, and I truly appreciate your patience and understanding as we work through these transitions.



I kindly ask for your continued patience and support. Please extend kindness and professionalism to the team at Boulevards as they give their best to serve you. If you ever need to voice concerns or frustrations, I am here to listen please don't hesitate to reach out to me directly.

Upcoming Highlights:

JASON LOVE April 14 · 5 p.m. · Ventana

#### Mother's Day Brunch · May 11 Tickets go on sale on April 10

We are also working on enhancing our Happy Hour menu based on guest feedback, incorporating healthier options for those who have requested them.

Additionally, moving forward, interruption tables will now be referred to as Action Stations to better align with their purpose.

Thank you all for your understanding, patience and support. We truly appreciate you!

Mother's Day Brunch Sunday, May 11 Advance Ticket Sales will be starting on Thursday, April 10 Events Department Monday-Friday 8:30am-llam & 1:30-4pm





## Easter Brunch

Celebrate Easter with a delightful Sunday Brunch filled with seasonal Flavors and Family Fun!

#### Salads

#### Pear Salad

Mixed Greens, Blue Cheese Crumbles, Bermuda Onions, Candied Walnuts, AnJour Pears, White & Toasted Walnut Vinaigrette

Macaroni Salad Mixed Vegetable, Cilantro, Onions, Italian Dressing

Three Cheese Tortellini Salad Combination of Chef Selected Cheeses, Pesto Sauce

SeaFood Salad Chef Selection of Shrimp, Kamaboko Crab, Seasonal Diced Vegetables, Mayo Aioli

Seasonal Fresh Fruit and Berries Seasonal Melon, Pineapple, Grapes, Berries

#### Omelette Station

Egg Whites, Fresh Eggs, Ham, Sausage, Bacon, Bell Peppers, Red Onions, Tomato, Mushrooms, Spinach, Fresh Salsa, Sour Cream

### Sunday APRIL 20

\$55.00 Inclusive Per Person (Adults) \$27.00 Inclusive Per Person (Child)

Sierra Ballroom 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM Hot Food Display

Classic Eggs Benedict, Hollandaise Sauce, Applewood Smoked Bacon & Sausage Links CheF's Country Potatoes Garlic Mashed Potatoes Market Seasonal Vegetables

> Oven Baked Salmon Peach Relish, Lemon Beurre Blanc

> > Chicken Cordon Bleu Grain Mustard Cream

Applewood Smoked Ham Caramelized Pineapple, Apple Cider Glaze

> Slow Braised Leg of Lamb Peppercorn Demi

Dessert Station Chef's Assorted Sweet Table

Tickets are on sale in the Events Department Monday-Friday 8:30am-11am & 1:30-4pm

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### Healthnut

#### By George Boucher Assistant Fitness Director

SCPD offers a variety of exercise options to improve balance, coordination, stamina, strength, and reduce stress, enhancing your overall quality of life.

- Aquatics: Improve cardiovascular health, build strength and enhance flexibility with low-impact exercises that are easy on the joints.
- **Indoor Track:** Great for walking or running, helping to boost cardiovascular fitness and endurance.
- Bocce: Enhances coordination and balance.
- **Fitness Centers**: Improve overall fitness, muscle strength, heart health and flexibility.
- **Pickleball and Tennis:** Boost cardiovascular health and improve hand-eye coordination.
- Line Dance: Enhance coordination, cardiovascular health and balance.
- Love to Dance: Improve cardiovascular fitness, coordination and flexibility through various dance styles.
- Trim 'N' Tone Aerobics: Increase cardiovascular health, muscle tone, and overall fitness.
- **Self-Defense:** Build confidence, improve coordination, and learn valuable self-protection skills.
- How to Get Off the Floor: Enhance strength, flexibility and confidence in mobility.
- **Tai Chi:** Improve balance, flexibility and mental focus while reducing stress.
- **Boost Your Brain:** Stimulate cognitive function and mental clarity.
- **Meditation:** Reduce stress, improve mental clarity, enhance overall well-being.
- **Yoga and Pilates:** Increase flexibility, strength and mental focus while reducing stress.
- Ping Pong: Improve hand-eye coordination and reflexes.
- Golf: Enhance cardiovascular health and coordination.
- Putters: Improve coordination and balance.
- Water Volleyball: Boost cardiovascular health and improve coordination in a low-impact activity.
- Hula Class: Enhance coordination, balance and flexibility.
- **Ballet:** Improve strength, flexibility, balance, and posture.

Personal training is available through several independent contractors for a fee, ensuring you get the most out of your exercise experience. We also offer a complimentary Fitness Orientation by appointment for residents who have not yet received one. For more details, you can always consult the monthly Fitness Calendar or call one of the Fitness Centers:

#### Mountain View Fitness Center: 760-200-2232 Lake View Fitness Center: 760-200-2282

Please contact George Boucher at 760-345-0505 if you would like to be featured as a Healthnut of the month in an upcoming edition.



### Health & Fitness News

By GLENN SMITH FITNESS DIRECTOR glenn.smith@scpdca.com

#### Five Principles of a Healthy Diet

What's the healthiest way to eat? It depends on who you ask. Many medical and nutrition experts claim to know the "perfect" way to eat for health, yet some of these dietary advocates disagree with each other in some fundamental ways. So, who's right...and who's wrong?

While details may vary from diet to diet, all healthy eating plans have these five principles in common:

- 1. Lots of plants. Plant foods-vegetables, fruits, legumes, whole grains, nuts and seeds-offer a wealth of vitamins and minerals, as well as fiber and healthful compounds called phytochemicals (literally plant chemicals, natural substances in plants that offer humans a range of health benefits, including antioxidant, anti-inflammatory, and even anticancer activity). At the same time that many plant foods are high in nutrients, they are relatively low in calories. The combination of high nutrient content and low calories—a quality known as nutrient density means that a plant-heavy diet can be good for health and weight loss. Because people often underestimate how large their portions of fruits and vegetables should be, Harvard nutritionists devised the Harvard Healthy Eating Plate to provide a graphic representation of a healthy dinner-fully half the plate contains produce.
- 2. Adequate protein. Research shows it's important to eat enough protein, but there are many ways to get that protein, and some are more healthful than others. People who limit how much meat they eat tend to have lower risks for chronic diseases. Plant protein sources (beans, lentils, soy foods, nuts, seeds) and seafood offer the most health benefits. Getting enough protein, along with physical activity, is important for staying strong, healthy and independent.
- 3. **Minimally processed foods.** A 2019 National Institutes of Health study definitively showed eating a diet high in ultra-processed foods causes weight gain and unhealthy

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FITNESS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC IN THE TAHOE ROOM, LAKE VIEW RECREATION CENTER. CONTACT LOU ANN LIEBERMANN, CHAIR, AT TOMLU141@MAC.COM FOR MEETING TIMES.

shifts in blood sugar and blood cholesterol. For the healthiest diet, rely as much as possible on whole foods (that is, unprocessed foods, such as broccoli, apples and almonds) and minimally processed foods (such as plain yogurt, canned tuna and natural peanut butter). Processing strips away nutrients while adding extra fats, sugars and sodium, not to mention other additives and preservatives.

4. Limited saturated fats, added sugars and sodium. The U.S. Government's Dietary Guidelines for Americans recommend limiting saturated fat intake to less than 10% of daily calories. The same goes for added sugars (sugars added during processing). If you have a 2,000-calorie-a-day

diet, that means that no more than 200 calories a day should come from added sugars. As for sodium, keep it below 2,300 milligrams (mg) per day. The average American consumes more than 3,400 mg per day.

5. **Balance and variety.** To meet nutrient needs, it's important to choose a variety of nutrient-dense foods across and within all food groups. Choosing nutrient-dense foods helps you get the nutrients you need without taking in too many calories.

While everyone needs carbohydrates, fat and protein, there is no magic ratio that you should be striving for, as long as you avoid extremes.



### SUN CITY SUPPORT GROUPS

#### Alzheimer's & Dementia Support Group

We meet twice a month, on the 2nd and 4th Thursday, from 1–2:30 p.m., in the Lake View Recreation Center. From June 22 thru Sept. 28, we meet in the Big Bear Room. From Oct. 12 until June 27, we meet in the Tahoe Room. This group is only for the CAREGIVERS of ones suffering from any form of Dementia. We confidentially discuss issues related to coping with your caregiving and setting goals for self-care. Please contact Dr. Beverly Yahr at 760-200-4410.

#### Old Time AA Meeting

The AA Big Book Study Group meets from 4 - 5 p.m. on Sundays in the Palm Room, Sunset View Clubhouse, next to the library. Bring your Big Book and join us for fellowship. Any further questions please call Claudia at 760-834-8921.

#### Grief & Loss Support Group

We meet monthly on the 4th Thursday at 5 p.m. You are welcome to attend our discussions where feelings and memories are shared in a safe and supportive environment. If you are interested in joining the group, please contact me and I will add your name to the list. If you have questions in the meantime, please contact me, Sherry Joyce, Grief and Loss Facilitator, at 760-834-8495.

#### Stroke Survivors/Caregivers Support Group

Our next meeting will be Monday, May 12, at 1:30 p.m. in the Silverwood room at the Lake View Recreation Center. For question, call Jim Foudy, Stroke Survivor and Chair, at 760-345-8141 or email him at jimrfoudy@gmail.com.

Monday – Friday 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. MOUNTAIN VIEW CLUBHOUSE FRONT DESK Monday – Friday 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. SUNSET VIEW CLUBHOUSE FINANCE OFFICE Monday – Saturday 6 a.m. – 8 p.m. LAKE VIEW RECREATION CENTER FRONT DESK Sunday 8 a.m. – 8 p.m. LAKE VIEW RECREATION CENTER FRONT DESK



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#### PRACTICE RANGE HOURS Daily · 6 a.m. – Dusk

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### Golf Shop NEWS

By Joe Johnson PGA Director of Golf

At the end of this month, it is hard to believe another season has come and gone. Where does the time go? It does not go anywhere. It is always here right on its own schedule. It does not feel like going faster, it does not slow down. It certainly does not wait for anyone. What exactly does "time flies" mean? For most, perhaps it means we are just too busy with our hectic daily lives. We cram as much as we can into any given day until we realize, "Where did the time go?"

For others, "time flies" means we are getting older. But the fact of the matter is it took the same amount of time to get old as it did when we were growing up, experiencing all that life throws at us and deciding what we wanted to do with our lives, and we had all the time in the world to do it. I suppose as we get older, time is of the essence, we want to make the most, do the most we can with what father time has left for us. The moral of this brief pondering is this: make the most of every second of every minute of every day before life's game clock expires.

Speaking of game clocks, you may or may not have heard that the PGA Tour is contemplating a "shot clock" to address the inexcusable problem of slow play. What a brilliant idea! After all, there are play clocks in football, shot clocks in basketball, play clocks in baseball, serve clocks in tennis. It takes on average, four and a half to five hours for a PGA Tour player to complete a round of golf and they are the best players in the world. Logic would say it should take them a lot less time to play. This very well could be one answer as to why it takes the average golfer forever and a day to play a game that should only take four hours or less to play regardless of one's skill level.

From the time you arrive at your ball until the time you take a mighty whack at it, thirty seconds is more than enough time to play a shot. I will give the PGA Tour player an extra fifteen seconds. One of the problems I have experienced in my teachings is this: the average golfer spends way too much time standing over the ball. Let's face it, you can stand over a little white ball for as long as you want trying to figure out how to swing at it to get it to hopefully go where you want it to. Whew, that's exhausting!

Apparently, time does not fly for golfers, of any skill level. Let us all try and move around the course in a timely manner so we can go home, sit around and kill a little time.





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> Contact Betty Lou Poloway at 760-200-9575 Or <u>bettylou4@me.com</u> Visit our website: SongShineforParkinsons.com

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**SECOND PLACE** *Desert in Bloom* Ilene Harris

THIRD PLACE In honor of Del Webb, Tracy & Lorie Hobday

The 2025 Photo Contest is sponsored by SCPDCA. A panel of SCPD staff were the judges. Thanks to all who participated!



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### Much Ado About Nothing

by John Annarino

When I submitted my March column to Cindy, the *News & Views* Editor, she replied, "Oh, my...what a dreadful sounding line up!"

The March column listed many TV attractions that I didn't find attractive. The constant, depressing stories on cable news, for instance, the canned laughter on *Friends* and *Seinfeld*. The column was, as Cindy said, dreadful sounding.

I replied to Cindy, "Dreadful, but true. And that ain't the half of it."

Cindy replied, "Thank goodness for books and streaming!"

To which I replied, "Next to my family, books are the most precious thing in the world. I'm well on my way to reading every book in our Sun City library."

To which Cindy replied, "When you need a new supply, try the Friends Bookstore at the La Quinta Public Library. Paperbacks are 50¢. Hardcovers are \$1. No limit."

"Sounds great, Cindy. I'll pay that bookstore a visit." And I did.

I discovered the Friends Bookstore is only one of the rooms in the big, beautiful La Quinta Public Library.

I spoke to two volunteers who were supervising the bookstore. Turned out they were a married couple, Rosie and Ron Dennis. They were friendly and helpful as they guided me through an impressive collection of hardcover and paperback books.

I ended up buying five hardcover books (fiction) for a dollar each and learned that all proceeds from sales help fund the library's many programs—such as those especially designed for children, teens and adults.

I was more than impressed by it all. The bargain books. The helpful volunteers. The excellent variety of programs. The wide selection of reading materials. The book clubs. The upcoming, special events. The comfortable seating areas.

When I told Cindy I visited the Friends Bookstore, she said, "Bravo! I'm so glad you enjoyed the Friends Bookstore. They love getting what they call gently used books. I donate all my books to them."

If you'd like to pick up a few bargains at the Friends Bookstore, here's the address: 78275 Calle Tampico, La Quinta. The phone number is 760-564-4767.

You'll find the La Quinta Public Library and our Sun City Library have something in common. They're both one for the books.

John welcomes your comments at jjannarino@icloud.com.

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- Be sure to read the two-page article in this month's magazine explaining how to shut off your utilities if it is necessary during an emergency. It will be important when and if you need it, and you will wish you had saved the article.
- The financial report mentioned that Food & Beverage and Golf Operations were behind projections for the year. F&B has compensated by reducing costs and golf is down across the board in the Coachella Valley.
- The fitness centers can expect new treadmills to arrive in April. A new misting system is being installed in the baseball dugout. The HOA has received some additional AEDs (Automated External Defibrillators).
- The Stater Brothers parking lot has become a high crime area.
  - People have the habit of leaving their keys in their car or golf cart. They also tend to leave purses and golf clubs in their golf carts.
  - By now most of us are aware of the attack on a Sun City Resident. It is important to remain vigilant when parking and returning from shopping, Many crimes occur because we are too comfortable with the security inside our gates.
    Sun City security does not patrol the Stater Bros parking lot. People have been curious about the trailer with the high blue light on it in the Stater Brothers parking lot. It has cameras monitoring that part of the lot.
- The first of the seven individual solar projects, the Golf Maintenance Building has completed all but the final IID approval. It should be turned on soon.
  - We will be digging trenches in the parking lots to lay the cables that will connect the solar panels to the clubhouses.
  - The latest anticipated date for the completion of the entire solar project is May. We are at the mercy of IID in getting approvals.
- There is concern over renters not knowing some of the basic HOA rules. It is the responsibility of the homeowner to make certain their tenants have the information. Renters are required to make a refundable \$500 deposit when acquiring an ID card. This is to cover unpaid charges made with the card.
- There will be a pet parade April 12, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., in the Mountain View parking lot near the Engineering building.
- Chef Edgar is the new chef at Boulevards. He is now on the job.
- We can expect some minor inconveniences during the summer clubhouse renovations.
  - Some meeting rooms will be closed for remodeling this summer. Please be patient as rescheduling is worked out.
    We can anticipate all clubhouse remodeling to be concluded by late September or early October.
- We lost 15 date palms due to the excess summer heat and higher soil salinity. Bids are going out for their replacement.
- The Board is aware some of our streets are sadly in need of resurfacing.
  - The original plan with CVWD was that CVWD would work on replacing the main lines throughout the complex in a sequential manner and would follow up by resurfacing the streets they worked on. However, CVWD has had to await sufficient funding each time before they restart the project.
  - It is clear we cannot wait for CVWD to begin resurfacing our streets so we will begin street repair.

- The current water main project will be in District 6 and a portion of District 7. Completion of this phase is expected by February 2026.

To watch a video of the latest HOA Board Meeting, sign in to the SCPDCA website, click on "Community Association Info," click on "Board, then click on "Videos."



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### Sam Hollenbeck: Martha's Village & Kitchen (Indio and Palm Springs)

By Delyn Meyers

Sam is the President/CEO of a great organization here, Martha's Village & Kitchen. He relocated to Sun City in 2021, worked as Vice President and took over the helm in April 2022. However, he worked for Martha's previously in 2017/18 in the finance department taking over for someone on leave.

Sam was born and raised in Baldwin Park, CA. His parents met while in the military in Japan during the Korean War. His father, who was from Iowa, was in the army and his mother, from Indiana, was a WAC. They stayed connected after the war, subsequently marrying, and moving to Baldwin Park. Both of his parents worked but at the age of 40 (they were the same age) quit their jobs and went to work together for the post office.

While in high school Sam told me he was <sup>1</sup>/4-mile from the original In & Out Burger yet he never ate there. (Note: he has subsequently partaken of their fabulous burgers). After high school he chose to go to Cal State Los Angeles, with the idea of becoming a history or math teacher, but a professor talked him into accounting classes and that was that. After graduating, he spent two years with Coopers & Lybrand in Newport Beach before moving on to other opportunities.

Prior to returning to the valley, he worked for Swift Communications, a newspaper and magazine publisher, at both their Roseburg, Oregon and Greeley, Colorado offices. He was lured back to Swift from Martha's, but his heart was here.

Sam is a huge fan of Martha's, not because of his job but because of the amazing things they do. He's very proud of the fact that during Covid they were one of the very few places that could still feed people. Usually, the public lunch is buffet style but during

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Covid the staff and volunteers packed the food in containers and handed it out at the door. They also handed out packaged food from the food pantry.

Martha's Village & Kitchen in Indio is a homeless shelter. They have 130 beds spaces, 96 for families so they can stay together, and two hospital rooms (with an RN, LVN and CNA) for recuperating after hospital discharge. People are allowed 90 days at the shelter. They are assisted with finding new housing benefits they are entitled to and finding jobs. The food pantry gives out food for three meals/three days. Once a month, they package and distribute food for the USDA. After 90 days most people have moved into permanent housing. According to the county, the success rate has been 80%. They also have a low- to no-cost 55-seat (or crib) daycare



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#### **CELEBRATE NATIONAL VOLUNTEER MONTH · APRIL 2024**

for children 0-5yrs, which will expand to 102 seats in 2025. This allows parents to afford childcare while working.

#### How can you help or volunteer at Martha's?

Monetary donations are always welcome. Martha's also has a Thrift Store on Requa & Fargo in Indio. They accept all kinds of items: furniture, electronics, clothing, sports equipment, etc., and they have a free pick-up service for larger items. They need volunteers to work in the Thrift Store, kitchen for lunches, packaging bags of food for distribution and USDA food distribution monthly. They serve everyone...homeless, seniors, low-income individuals, and families.

Sam loves his job and planning for the future growth of Martha's. I would say his title should be President/CEO/ Biggest Cheerleader.

The Coachella Valley is full of worthwhile volunteer opportunities in addition to Martha's Village, such as: Animal Samaritans, Boys and Girls Club, Coachella Valley Rescue Mission, Desert Arc, FIND Food Bank, Rite Care Childhood Language Center, The Living Desert, etc.

Please consider volunteering for one of these or other local charities.



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2025 SCPD Home Art Studio Tour

#### PHOTOS & TEXT BY BILL SANDERS

The 2025 Home Art Studio Tour was a vibrant celebration of creativity and community, embraced by enthusiastic residents. Sponsored by the Art Club, the February 8 event invited art lovers into the homes of thirteen talented artists. Each studio provided a glimpse into the artist's world, where inspiration takes shape, and stories unfold behind stunning works. More than a showcase of talent, it was an opportunity to connect with the individuals whose passion transforms blank canvases into masterpieces. Now, let's meet these remarkable artists and share in the joy of their artistic journeys.



**BILL NELSON**'s garage is a private sanctuary where he explores colors, shapes, and textures to tell stories. But the summer's heat is forcing him to move his studio to the guest bedroom while keeping the garage for woodworking and framing projects. As he says, "Art will always find a place in my home."





A dedicated artist with over 17 years of painting experience, **JOSI URREA** once asked renowned artist P.K. King how she became so skilled. Ms. King's simple yet profound advice was, "I painted and painted and painted." Josi continues to follow this guidance, constantly refining her craft and growing as an artist.

MARIANA MALDONADO-PAGAN's art is inspired by the stunning landscapes of the Coachella Valley and the deep influence of mi familia and El Corazón— Spanish for "the heart." Working primarily in oils, she embraces bold contrasts and vibrant colors, creating abstracted works that reflect her passion. Her mantra: "Paint what you love."



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JAN EPSTEIN's art is fueled by the ever-shifting light and colors of desert landscape. Her home transforms into a vibrant studio, where multiple projects unfold across every surface. A lifelong artist, she reimagines the world through diverse mediums, embracing limitless creativity and nature's beauty. As she says, "Nature's beauty is the ultimate canvas for boundless inspiration."



After retiring, **CHRIS ACOSTA** discovered a lifelong passion for painting. She is drawn to vibrant, dynamic scenes, finding joy in the creative process. "When I'm painting, the outside world disappears," she says. "It's contemplative, exciting, and joyful—all at once. Painting is all-encompassing in the best way, a meditative experience that keeps me fully immersed."



DARLA TRAPP began her artistic journey with ceramics and later embraced painting upon retirement. She is drawn to the emotional power of color—bold reds, yellows, magentas, and oranges, with splashes of turquoise and purple. "Color is alive, pulsing with energy and emotion. It is both science and poetry, ever vibrant, ever evolving."



**SANDY HALL** loves watercolors' spontaneity, embracing the surprises that come with the fluid movement of paint and water. She enjoys the challenge of bringing form out of chaos, finding joy in the process. As she says, "Finding a painting out of the initial chaos is an exciting challenge and a lot of fun."



After years as a single mom and business owner, **KRIS KNUTZEN**'s now making up for lost time in Sun City. Encouraged by art club members, she began painting with acrylics two years ago and explores various mediums like watercolor, pastels, mosaics, and oil paint. "Art lets me rediscover myself," she says.



MARILYN FROGGATT is a landscape painter whose work spans the Coachella Valley to the Pacific Northwest. Using bold, impressionistic brush strokes with oils, she captures the essence of time, space, and light. "Every painting has something new and unique to say," she says. "Each canvas holds a separate promise and endless possibilities."



**CC DURAN** discovered her passion for painting after retiring and moving to Sun City. She specializes in portraits of people and animals, believing "the eyes are the door to the soul." Currently, she's working on a series of animal portraits inspired by photographs she took in Africa, which she plans to complete this year.



"Art is my language, my passion, and my connection to the world." Drawn to watercolor and mixed media, **ALLEYN YASSKIN** explores color, texture, and light to evoke energy and emotion. As both an artist and educator, she inspires creativity, encouraging exploration and personal expression. Her goal is to create art that resonates.



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JOYCE KINGMAN is a watercolor artist who embraces spontaneity in her creative process. She finds deep emotion in the play of shadows and contrasts. Specializing in florals, landscapes, and travel scenes, Joyce enjoys capturing architecture. "Every painting tells a story." Her commissioned works of homes and city buildings are displayed across the USA and England.



**RICHARD SAXTON**, a self-taught Californian artist, blends impressionism with whimsy, capturing the essence of people and places in oils and acrylics. In his studio—where creativity flows freely—he paints whenever inspiration strikes, believing "art is an extension of this unpredictable life." His evolving style reflects pure passion—he paints what he loves and loves what he paints.



So Stinkin' Cute

by Vee Novak

## Skeezer and Sparky

Lori Dempsey, Skeezer and Sparky's fur Mom, has always loved cats. To provide a friend for Sparky, her kitty from Virginia Beach, she adopted a cat from Forever Meow, a cat rescue agency. She named her new cat Skeezer, after a cat she had as a child. A Tabby cat, Skeezer is dark brown with swirls of gold and orange. At four years old weighing seven pounds, Skeezer is lively, oftentimes antagonizing her "sister," Sparky. Her favorite after dinner activity is chasing Sparky all over the house.

Sparky, also a rescue, is black and white with big, bright green eyes. At ten years old, she weighs 13 pounds. Sparky was the mascot at the Pungo Veterinary Clinic in Virginia Beach, before Lori adopted her. Her main job was to welcome people and pets to the clinic. Perhaps due to her previous job, Sparky is laid back. She prefers napping versus running around the house with Skeezer.

Although they have been together for four years now, these kitties are not BFFs, but they respect each other. Other than the chasing game that Skeezer initiates, and Sparky refuses to participate in, they choose to spend their time independent of each other in different areas of the house. However, one day when a road runner was perched on their patio table, they both went after it with ferocity, angrily scratching the patio doors, growling and hissing at it. When threatened, these kitties will clearly work together to defend themselves and their property.

It is obvious Sparky and Skeezer share a deep love for Lori. They cuddle with her on the couch (on opposite sides of Lori, of course). "They're loving, great companions. They are my family, and they fill my life," said Lori.

Want your pet featured? Please email vee.newsandviews@yahoo.com. No guarantee of publication is implied.

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The Ashes Whisper



Winning author, Mike Emhoff. Photo by Irma Lopez.



A Menagerie of Scholars By Don Castro

Any Hippopotamus Without reading Herodotus Knows he cannot step Into the same river twice.

Any grizzly bear Without a word of Latin Knows where the snows Of yesteryear have gone.

Any falcon Without a line of Yeats Knows, "Things fall apart; The centre cannot hold."

So why should we ever ponder, Why we cannot remain unchanged.

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By Michael Emhoff

The fire roared, a beast with breath of flame, Devouring walls that bore a family name.

Memories turned to smoke, they climbed the air, Dreams once secure now scattered everywhere.

The photograph, the chair, the books, the bed, All gone to ash, a life's foundation fled.

The trees once green now stand as blacken spires, A silent witness to the raging fires.

Yet from the ash, a whisper stirs the soul: A call to rise, to mend, to make life whole.

What fire destroys, the heart begins to sow, For roots of hope through broken ground will grow.

Though flames consumed what once was firm and true, The strength to rebuild lies within you.



#### Dancing With My Daughter By BARRI FRIEDLAND

My daughter is two years old and every night before sending her off to sleep,

- I sit in the cornflower blue padded rocking chair with her on my lap, rocking us with the balls of my feet to the classical music playing softly on the radio.
- As her head grows heavy on my chest, I instruct myself, "Do not forget this feeling, the smell of her hair, the weight of her body, the little fingers intertwined with your own."
- And then I pick her up to lower her into her crib and she calls out to me in mid-air, "Mommy, Mommy, Kiss Kiss."
- After I kiss her cheeks, she wraps her arms around my neck and calls out, "Mommy, Mommy – Hug Hug!"
- I practically suffocate her, but she manages to demand, "More hugs, More hugs!"
- I hug her tightly as I start swaying with her to the music.
- I think to myself, "I'm dancing with my daughter, and her feet are gently banging against my thighs. Too soon, they'll reach my knees."

This time will never come again, and every time I lose my way - or my grip -I will think about how incredibly blessed I am to experience the pure joy of dancing with my daughter.

Thank you to all the talented writers who submitted poems to our 2025 Spring Poetry Contest. ~ The News & Views Committee



## The Bookshelf

by Marsha Reed Nall

## Devotions

(THE SELECTED POEMS OF MARY OLIVER)

#### By Mary Oliver

This collection begins with Oliver's recent work published in 2015 and rewinds to her first collection published in 1963. She won the Pulitzer in 1984 for *American Primitive* and the National Book Award in 1992 for *New and Selected Poems*.

Devotio

A *New Yorker* feature states that "Wild Geese," which offers a consoling vision of the redemption possible in ordinary life, is "a poem that has saved lives."

You do not have to be good

You do not have to walk on your knees

for a hundred miles through the desert repenting.

You only have to let the soft animal of your body love what it loves.

*Tell me about your despair, yours, and I will tell you about mine.* 

•••

Whoever you are, no matter how lonely, the world offers itself to your imagination, calls to you like the wild geese, harsh and exciting over and over announcing your place in the family of things.

Oliver's appeal may be due to her accessibility. She writes verse in a conversational style, with no typographical gimmicks.

I don't know exactly what a prayer is. I do know how to pay attention, how to fall down into the grass, how to kneel down in the grass, how to be idle and blessed, how to stroll through the fields, which is what I have been doing all day.

Oliver put together a collection of Molly Malone Cook's photographs (*Our World*) after Cook's death and included the prose poem, "The Whistler." After living with Cook for thirty years, Oliver found out Cook could whistle.

I know her so well, I think. I thought. Elbow and ankle. Mood and desire. Anguish and frolic. Anger too. And the devotions. And for all that, do we even begin to know each other? Who is this I've been living with for thirty years? This clear, dark, lovely whistler?

Are you a published author?

News & Views invites resident authors to submit one of their published books for our June Summer Reading List feature.

- Limit of one *published* book blurb per author. (*Previous submissions are not permitted.*)
- Must provide a blurb no longer than 100-words.
- Must provide a high-resolution cover image.
- Email files to newsandviews@scpdca.com.
- Submissions are due no later than April 15.



Short Story Contest

News & Views invites you to enter our 2025 Spring Short Story Contest

#### ENTRY RULES:

- Use the opening sentence:
- "I caught a leprechaun...now what?"
- 600-words (maximum)
- Limit of one (1) submission per author
- No previously published stories
- Email to: newsandviews@scpdca.com
- Submit no later than April 15, 2025

Award: \$50 Sun City Gift Card

The winning entry will be published in the June issue of *News & Views*.

Winner will be chosen by the *News & Views* Committee writers. (Committee members may not enter the contest.)



## It's Always Something

By John Annarino

I was chewing on a pork chop when the crown fell off my tooth. The good news was I hadn't swallowed it. The bad news was the dentist's endless drilling to make way for a new crown that would arrive in two weeks. Till then I'd be chewing on only one side of my mouth.

I settled down to watch television. In the middle of my movie, the TV and all the lights went out. A power failure. God knows how long I'd have to sit there alone in the dark.

The weather report said clear skies, sunny. Perfect day for golf. When I teed off on the third hole, I noticed gray clouds forming. By the time I reached the green, I was standing in the pouring rain.

I hopped into my car, tapped the ignition and nothing happened. I tried calling the Auto Club, but my phone was

as dead as my car's battery. A double whammy.

I loaded the groceries into my car. When I got home and finished unpacking the groceries, I realized there was no six-pack of beer. I knew I had definitely bought a six-pack of beer. It finally dawned on me that it's probably sitting in my shopping cart in the market parking lot.

It was a hot summer day. I bought a double-dipper ice cream cone. I took a great big lick and the top fell off, all over my shoes.

I felt certain I had parked on the third floor of the garage. I'd check my ticket, but I'd left my ticket in the car. I looked all over the third floor. No car. Maybe I'd parked on the second floor. Or the fourth floor. Where was the elevator? I couldn't find the elevator.

I couldn't take it anymore. My shotgun was in the closet. I loaded the shotgun and placed it upright under my chin and pulled the trigger. Nothing. The gun had jammed. It's always something.

The dedicated writing staff of the *News & Views* Committee is responsible for our articles every month, but are not eligible to participate in the Short Story or Poetry contests, which are designed to showcase the talent of our residents. *Our Writer's Corner* is an opportunity for these experienced writers to showcase their work in other styles. We hope you enjoy these occasional features.

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## Did You Know...

by Delyn Meyers

It's baseball season and I'm giving recognition to some of the minor league teams with *truly great names*. There are 14 Minor leagues and 206 teams across the US, Dominican Republic and Canada which are affiliated with major league teams. They are organized by five classes (from highest to lowest): Triple-A, Double-A, High-A, Single-A, and Rookie. These are a few of my favorites...

area. (At least they're big shrimp).



reference to pig iron used in the manufacturing of steel. Sugar Land Space Cowboys – Triple-A affiliate

Jacksonville Jumbo Shrimp – Triple-A minor

league team and the Triple-A affiliate of the

Miami Marlins, named for shrimp caught in the

Lehigh Valley IronPigs – Triple-A affiliate of

the Philadelphia Phillies. They are named in

of the Houston Astros Major League Baseball club.

**Binghamton Rumble Ponies** – The Double-A affiliate team of the New York Mets.

**Montgomery Biscuits** – Double-A affiliate of the Tampa Bay Rays. The team was founded in Orlando in 1973 as the Orlando Twins, an affiliate of the Minnesota Twins.

**Rocket City Trash Pandas** – Double-A affiliate of the Los Angeles Angels. Great name!



Amarillo Sod Poodles – Nicknamed the Soddies a Minor League Baseball team of the Texas League and Double-A affiliate of the Arizona Diamondbacks.

**Honorable mentions:** Modesto Nuts (I've seen them play), Albuquerque Isotopes (?), Hartford Yard Goats, Biloxi Shuckers, Wichita Wind Surge, Beloit Sky Carp.

Be the first and order your T-shirts now!

# Pass the Popcorn

by Ronnie Marshall

## Love Hurts

Starring Ke Huy Quan and Ariana DeBose

A fun "popcorn" kind of movie. Two unlikely stars (and Best Supporting Oscar winners) Quan (*Everything Everywhere All at Once*) and DeBose (Spielberg's 2021 remake of *West Side Story*) headline this mash-up of comedy, crime, mayhem and kung-fu fighting.

OVE HURT

Quan plays Marvin, a mild-mannered, upbeat real estate agent in Milwaukee, who's very happy with his life. But that's about to change. His billboards are everywhere, and he is stunned to see every one of his photos have been vandalized with a black magic marker moustache. This can only mean that Rose (DeBose), the woman he loves and mob accountant who worked for Marvin's brother (a ruthless mob boss), is back. This is not a good thing, especially since Marvin (who, in his former life, was an enforcer for his brother Alvin and actually had a moustache), was supposed to kill Rose for stealing \$2 million from Alvin. But because Marvin really cared for Rose, he just pretended to kill her, telling her to disappear and never come back. But now Rose has returned, determined to extract revenge on Alvin, and her two cohorts who betrayed her and stole the money for themselves.

This all seems very straightforward, and frankly derivative of dozens of movie plotlines. A few things make this one fun and a little different, all while being reminiscent of so many before it. There's a nod to *Pulp Fiction*'s John Travolta and Samuel Jackson, two gangster-killers who enjoy a very easygoing camaraderie, while they're beating people up. Here the guys, André Eriksen and Marshawn Lynch, who work for Alvin and are looking for Rose, spend their time discussing André's marital woes. Marvin is reluctantly pulled back into his old life, where (surprise!) he was a masterful and skilled martial arts menace. Funny how those skills just come back to you, when the bad guys come for you. Meanwhile, Marvin is still trying to sell a gorgeous home to a lovely (normal) couple.

Rose disrupts Marvin's life, and the lives of everyone else in Alvin's orbit, and there are a lot of exciting and well-done fight scenes, all very creatively done, and some with sly humor as well. Everyone gets knocked around (or worse) before the movie ends, when our star-crossed lovers unite.

## **Checklist: Closing Up Your Home**

Below is a list of items to consider when closing up your house for an extended period of time.

- Fill out "Out of Town" form at the MVCH. Tell front gate how to reach you over the summer. Take photographs of rooms in the house in case you are a victim of a burglary. This may help better identify things that are missing. Change mailing address; arrange for mail forwarding. Hold or cancel newspaper delivery. Arrange for neighbor to pick up any newspapers or mail that might be delivered after you leave and to notify you so that you can contact newspaper and/or post office that delivery wasn't stopped as ordered. Arrange special instructions to gardener, bug guy, pool guy, housekeeper. Store patio furniture in your garage. □ Store outdoor cushions inside. Remove annuals from pots. Turn off and empty water feature. openers. Check exterior vard drains to be sure they are clear for the increased watering in summer. ☐ Make sure outdoor lights are working. □ Make sure batteries in smoke detectors are fresh. Even though you won't be home, others can still hear alarm if there is smoke. Turn down hot water heater, don't forget the casita. Shut off the hot water re-circulating pump. Run water in all sinks: close sink traps. Pour water into bottom of dishwasher so seal will not dry out. Flush toilets, pour toilet cleaner into toilets, close lids.
- Turn off water to house. Turn off gas in fireplace. Turn off gas in barbecue. Turn off ice maker. Unplug electronics. Clean out the refrigerator. Adjust AC to 85, don't forget the casita. Engage locks on cabinet doors if you have them in case of earthquake. Set out large buckets of water in each room. Remove batteries from remotes and put into fridge. Put printer cartridges in ziplock and put into fridge. Put candles and cosmetics in fridge. Remove garage remotes from cars. Lock up all sets of car keys, house keys, garage door Store valuables either in a safe, safe deposit box, or take with you. **Call forward phones.** Turn down the volume on your phone so outsiders cannot hear that it just rings. Take all garbage out. Close blinds. ☐ Make sure doors and windows are locked. Secure slider doors: place piece of pipe in track and engage any additional locks that may have been installed for extra security. Set timers for lights while away.
  - Set alarm.

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## What's Cooking?

by Luigi Leonardi

This column is intended to showcase cuisines from all over the world. We invite you to submit a favorite recipe to luigi\_leonardi@hotmail.com.

**Dolce** (Dessert) – The Romans used to say *dulcis in fundo*, meaning 'sweetness at the end' and that's how the custom of eating a *dolce* at the end of the meal came about.

Not many desserts can equal the supreme sweetness of a homemade *Zabaione*. You need just two ingredients plus a touch of a sweet wine like marsala or Porto wine.

#### Zabaione (Serves Four)

#### Ingredients

3 oz (6–7) Organic egg yolks

1 oz sugar

2 oz (<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>-cup) Marsala or Porto wine. (I use Porto)

#### Directions

Place a medium-sized bowl filled with ice cubes in the freezer. Pour the wine in a small pot on the stove to warm up (do not boil it!). Place the egg yolks in another bowl. Add half of the sugar in the pot with the wine and the other half with the eggs. Whisk the eggs vigorously, then add a small portion of the warm wine. Place the egg bowl on top of a pot of gently boiling water. Add the rest of the wine and whisk CONTINUOUSLY for one minute or more until the eggs and wine become a thick cream. Transfer the bowl of cream from the pot of boiling water to the top of the bowl of ice and continue whisking for one more minute until the cream has cooled completely.

Serve in a stem bowl with ladyfingers.

Buon Appetito!



## Share your travel treasures!

The *News & Views* Committee invites residents to send us a photo of an unusual art piece you have collected from your world travels, *(limit one piece per household, please)* for a feature in the October issue of *News & Views*.

Please include a brief description of the piece, including size, where it was acquired, etc., with your photo and email to **newsandviews@scpdca.com** no later than **July 31**.

No guarantee of publication is implied.

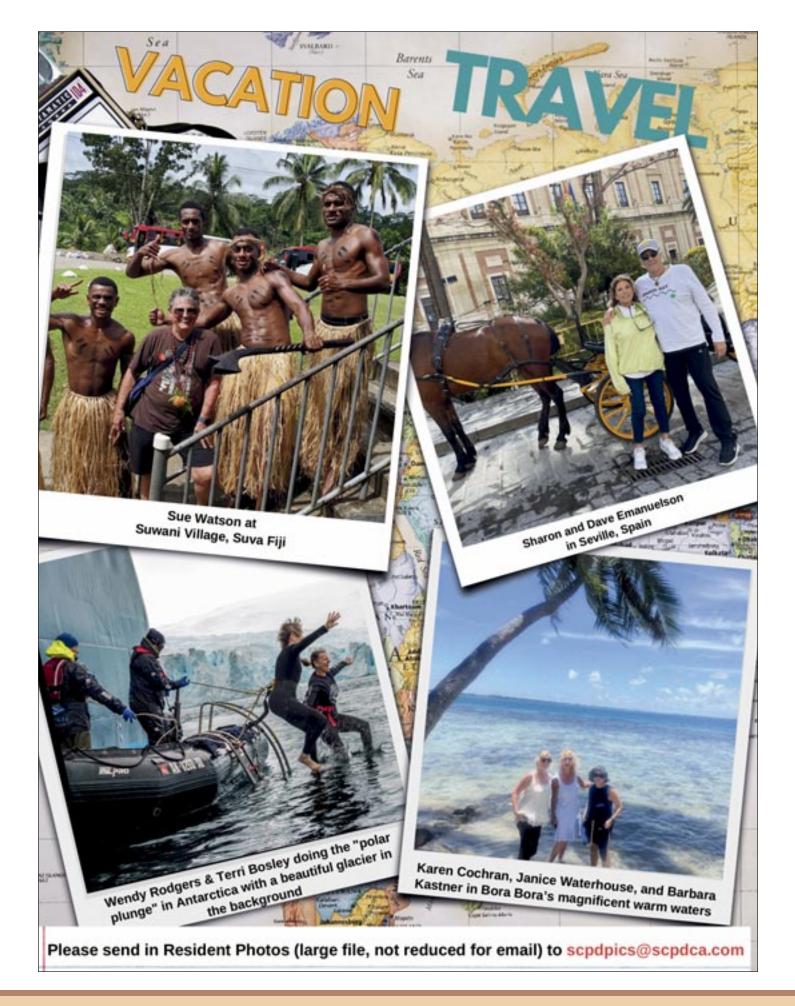
Sudoku

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Complete the grid so that every digit from 1–9 appears only once in every row, column and 3x3 box. *Solution is on page 64*.









The events listed in article headings are updated by the Events Office based on room reservations. Please call 200-2210 with any changes or corrections.

## Notice for Contributors

Chartered Club articles are **due no later than the first of each month.** Publication of articles received after that time is NOT guaranteed.

If your club article exceeds the **200-word** limit, *News & Views* staff may edit for length, clarity and grammar. To guarantee the information you deem most important in your article appears, please send articles that adhere to the word limit.

Articles should be sent directly to the Editor at newsandviews@scpdca.com.

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Club and Resident Group articles are directed to the members of the particular club or group addressed and should not be construed as either fact or as an editorial opinion piece.

> Thank you for your cooperation.

lv - Lake View Recreation Center

mv – Mountain View Clubhouse

sv – Sunset View Clubhouse

## Chartered Clubs Events & News

SCPDCA Residents having a valid SCPDCA Membership Card or valid Renter's Card are eligible to join any Club. Before joining a Club, Residents/Renters are encouraged to visit Clubs a limited number of times. Once Club hospitality has been enjoyed, and Club operations and programs have been explained and understood, Clubs may require membership for continued participation.

#### Art

#### Oils, Acrylics, Drawing, Mixed Media & Watercolor · art.scpdcaclubs.com Chris Acosta · 760-200-9469

Activities in the Art Studio unless noted Beginning Watercolor: Mondays 9 AM Mixed Media: Mon. & Weds. 1 PM Oil Painting: Tuesdays 9 AM Acrylic Painting: Wednesdays 9 AM Basic Drawing: Thursdays 10 AM Int/Adv. Watercolor: Thursdays 1 PM Int/Adv. Drawing: Fridays 9 AM Art Appreciation: Sundays 1 PM Wine & Cheese: Saturday, Apr. 1, 5 PM Board Meeting: Tuesday, Apr. 8, 4 PM *by Kris Knutzen* 

The Art Club, under the direction of CC Duran, presented a very successful exhibition for the Arts and Crafts Spring Holiday Sale. The eclectic and colorful display will be available to view in our studio until the May 3 Change of Paintings. The May 3 Wine and Cheese Reception will be held in the studio from 5 - 6:30 p.m. If you plan on attending, please bring an appetizer, and friends are welcome. We supply the wine.

Our February watercolor workshop with Connie Zane and our March colored pencil workshop with Judi Peterson were very successful. Kathleen Scoggin will be presenting "Exploring Neutrals" on April 25 and 26. This workshop can be done in Watercolor or Acrylic.

Here is a reminder to read all emails sent out by the Art Club. Lots of them contain specific and important information about upcoming events and deadlines for submissions of your work to the studio. Classes are listed on the Art Studio window.

We look forward to seeing all of you in the studio. Happy learning and expressing that wonderful artist within.

### Astronomy

#### Star Gazing · astronomy.scpdcaclubs.com

General Meeting: Wednesday, Apr. 23, 7 рм, Tahoe, LV by Stu Sitzman

Planets:

- Mercury: Morning planet, April 21 highest point above the horizon.
- Venus: Morning planet, April 23 greatest brightness of month
- Mars: Evening planet
- Jupiter: Evening planet
- Saturn: Morning planet
- April Highlights:
- April 15: Neptune, Mercury, Saturn and Venus align in the morning sky.

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*Constellation of the month—Ursa Major:* Third largest constellation. Renowned for its asterism, the *Big Dipper*. An imaginary line from the two bottom dipper stars, Dubhe and Merak (the pointers) points to Polaris, the North Star. Mizar and Alcor, in the handle, form a double star, (a basic test for good eyesight). *Ursa Major* is rich in deep-sky objects: Messier 81, one of the brightest Galaxies, Pinwheel Galaxy, etc. This month the constellation appears to be standing on its handle in the Northwest sky. It is a circumpolar constellation and never sets below the horizon.

*Meteor Shower—Lyrid meteor shower:* April 16–25, 20 meteors per hour at its peak on April 22. Produced by dust particles left behind by comet Thatcher. These meteors can sometimes produce bright dust trails that last for several seconds. Only a thin crescent moon that night, this should be a good show. Meteors will radiate from the constellation Lyra.

## Billiards

#### Social & Tournament Billiards · billiards.scpdcaclubs.com Richard Bettinson · 760-200-2696

Play & Tournaments in Billiards Room, SV Member Play: Monday – Friday, 12–5 рм Singles Tournaments: Tuesdays, 12 рм

Partners Tournaments: Thursdays, 12 PM

by Don Campbell, VP

The Billiards Club is a wonderful place for friends to socialize while playing fun and challenging games. All residents are welcome. Want to learn or improve? Check out the mentors list on our bulletin board. Don't forget to sign in by 11:30 a.m.

"People are most nearly themselves when they achieve the seriousness of a child at play." ~ HERACLITUS, PHILOSOPHER Partners 8-Ball Tournaments:

• Feb. 20 – 1st: Malcolm Gochioco/Mike Levee; 2nd: Larry Tackett and Warren Spaulding; 3rd: Larry Peckham/ Ron Kastner.

• Feb. 27 – 1st: Rich Bettinson/Ludy Smeets; Tie for 2nd: Malcolm Gochioco /Larry Peckham and Vic Sillanpaa/Randy Rogers.

Singles 8-Ball Tournaments:

• Feb.11 – 1st: Malcolm Gochioco; 2nd: Larry Tackett.

• Feb. 25 – 1st: Chuck Rinkey; 2nd: Malcolm Gochioco; 3rd: Don Campbell.

Singles 9-Ball Tournament:

• Feb. 18 – 1st: Joe Sabato; 2nd: Chuck Rinkey; 3rd: Dave Spalasso. *Annual A Tournament:* 

• 1st: Chuck Rinkey; 2nd: Larry Tackett; 3rd: Bud Bergstrom. *Annual B Tournament:* 

• 1st: Gary London; 2nd: Mike Emhoff; 3rd: Chuck Rinkey.

## Bocce

#### Social & Tournament Bocce · bocce.scpdcaclubs.com Pat Powers · 509-220-2702

Sign-up: Mon., Tue., Wed., 12 рм, *Bocce Courts, SV* Member Play: Mon., Tue., Wed., 1 рм, *Bocce Courts, SV by Marla Fee* 

Bocce courts are reserved for members Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Members can arrive any time between 12 - 12:50 p.m. to draw a court assignment and socialize or practice, with official play starting by 1 p.m. Play ends no later than 3 p.m. Mid-day play will continue until the end of April. Watch for an email with the exact date and time in May.

New and returning members may join by dropping a completed membership form and \$15 check in Box 11 at Mountain View

Clubhouse. Dues received after October 1 will be good until December 31 of the next calendar year.

SAVE THE DATE: Our annual Farewell Party/General Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, April 5, 5 p.m., Sunset View Clubhouse. Members received reservation forms via email. We promise fun, food and friends!

Monthly tournaments are played on the third Wednesday of each month. March 19 and April 16 will be the last tournaments of this year. Members will be notified to sign up starting the week prior to the tournament.

## Boomers & Friends

#### 50s & 60s Revisited · boomers.scpdcaclubs.com Terry Anne Johnson · 206-295-3240

Board Meeting: Tuesday, Apr. 1, 3 рм, Saddleback, MV Dinner/Dance: Tuesday, Apr. 8, 6 рм, Sierra Ballroom, MV by Barbara Kastner

April is here and this season we are still providing GREAT fun! Boomers has hosted so many wonderful events for its members to enjoy this season.

This month will be the "Speakeasy." Gals get your flapper on. Guys maybe get your best Gatsby together! This event is April 8 at Sierra Ballroom, Mountain View Clubhouse. Dinner, dancing and LOTS of fun! The wonderful California D. J. Will provide the music! So much time and effort, yet friendships and memories have been such a big part of this year's events. The election for the new officers will take place at this event. A short meeting is required by the Boomers' by-laws. Hopefully your new Board will be presented at this meeting.

The next especially entertaining Boomers' event will be May 11. It will be a Country Western theme. Be sure to sign up on April 9. Look for the e-blast sent out to all members!

There will not be any Boomers events in June, July, August, September or October. The reasons for this are the summer break and the Mountain View Clubhouse will be under renovation.

### **BZBs**

#### Knitting, Crocheting & Needlecrafts・bzb.scpdcaclubs.com Mardell Sunley・mardisue2@gmail.com

Member Crafting: Tuesdays, 9 AM, Saddleback, MV by Cathy Clemens

The Arts and Crafts Spring Holiday Sale is over, and our snowbirds are returning home, but we are still busy knitting and crocheting on Tuesday mornings. Drop by and join us as we continue to make blankets, scarves and hats for our community. If you supply the time we will supply the yarn. The members of our club enjoy sharing ideas with each other while we stay busy. Please stop by and join us.

## Canadian Club & Friends

#### canadian.scpdcaclubs.com Robert Maitland • 403-612-3936

by Robert Maitland

As April has now arrived, most Canadians will be leaving for home to spend the summer and dream about coming back to the desert starting next fall. We have had a good year starting with our events in the fall of 2024 (Grey Cup party, Welcome Back party and Trivia night) and then the first part of 2025 with the Whist Tournament, Bocce Blast, Golf Tournament, concert at the Gardens at El Paseo

## Chartered Clubs Events & News ... continued

and ending with our Putting Tournament and Annual meeting and Game night. In all, a very successful year of events.

The Canadian Club is already planning our events for the next 2025/2026 season with a couple of new events planned. A tentative schedule of events will be published soon when rooms are allocated by the Association. I would like to thank all the volunteers who make these events possible, and the Board of Directors of the Canadian Club for their hard work. Without volunteers, these events would not occur. If you would like to help your fellow Canadians enjoy their time in the desert, please contact the Canadian Club at their website.

## Canasta

#### *Cards* · canasta.scpdcaclubs.com Michele Landa · 310-991-4867

Member Play: Tuesdays, 12 рм, Arrowhead+, LV by Eleanore Hahn, Secretary

Our Spring Luncheon was a success as we bid farewell to the snowbirds until the fall. We thank everyone who made our Canasta Club successful this past season.

As we enter the second quarter of 2025, we continue to look forward to adding members to our leadership team and hearing new ideas. The Board needs a Web Editor and Canasta Instructor. We are also considering applicants for President. If you have an interest in participating in these activities, please contact a Board Member:

• Michele Landa, VP: 310-991-4867

• Judy Evans, Treasurer: 951-258-4845

• Eleanore Hahn, Secretary: 760-200-0631

The Canasta Club continues to play every Tuesday through the summer months from 12 - 4:30 p.m. We will have a Summer Potluck in May and members are welcome to join in the fun. Visit our website for more club information and photos of club activities.

If you would like to join the Canasta Club, please contact Michele Landa, Vice President, at her number above.

### Car

#### Car Shows, Touring, Sharing Love of Cars Tim Walker • tm.walker@comcast.net

Board Meeting: Monday, Apr. 14, 3 рм, *Tahoe, LV* General Meeting: Monday, Apr. 14, 4 рм, *Tahoe, LV* Happy Hour: Friday, Apr. 18, 4 рм, *Host Rose Stepan by Tim Walker* 

In March, the Club hosted its Spring Community Car Show, open to all, and participated in the El Paseo Cruise Nights.

In October 2002, Mike Gittleman purchased the first 2003 Infiniti G35 coupe delivered to Ventura County (*see the photo on page 53*). Mike liked the styling and appreciated the performance. It has a 3.5 litre, V6 engine that packs quite a punch. Road ability is excellent and along with the more than adequate power is a joy to drive. A healthy exhaust note just adds to the driving pleasure. The Infiniti currently has 90,000 miles. It has been a third car for a good portion of its life in Thousand Oaks and Sun City. A great car to take up and down Highway 74. It handles curves willingly; the car is really fun to drive.

## Card & Game

#### *Gin Rummy, Cribbage, Hearts, Scrabble* Jill Burt • 760-492-1107

Member Play: Tuesdays, 11 AM, Oasis+, SV by Jill Burt

The Card & Game Club invites you to join us in the Oasis room at Sunset View Clubhouse every Tuesday, 11 a.m. -4 p.m. Some of the weekly games include euchre, cribbage, hand and foot, hearts and scrabble. However, we're excited to welcome new members and discover other games.

Sherry, our incoming Vice President, has offered to teach a few members each month how to play the board game "Catan."

The new club officers would like to extend our thanks and gratitude to previous board members Ron Blauer, Jon Holmquist and Sandy Schachter for their years of hard work and dedication to the club.

## Ceramics

#### *Open Ceramics* · ceramics.scpdcaclubs.com Jim Murray · 760-782-2312

Member Crafting: Daily, 8 AM – 9 PM, *Ceramics Studio*, *MV by Stu Bailey* 

February was a busy month for the Ceramics Club! Our classes continue to be a wonderful success, well-attended, with some of our members taking guest roles as instructors. Saturday, February 8 was a highlight of our young year. Cheri Owens, stepdaughter to Debbie Sorkin, who is a long-time member of our club, gave an almost three-hour demonstration of the use of coils to make a pot. She started the class by giving us each a small lump of clay and asked us to make a 'pinch pot', just using our fingers to shape a pot. But first she asked us to close our eyes! Not so easy, but then it is for Cheri because she is blind. What a marvelous young lady. Try that in your painting or glass fusion class!

By the time you read this we will have completed our Arts and Crafts Spring Holiday Sale and headed into the summer. Please stop by and see what we're all about, get a tour of the ceramics room, maybe try your hand at a pinch pot! For more information about the club you can go to our website.

## **Couples Putters**

#### Social & Competitive Putting · couplesputters.scpdcaclubs.com Steven Klein · 760-200-8792

Sign-up: Saturdays, 7:30 & 9:30 AM, Silverwood, LV Member Play: Saturdays, 8:30 & 10:30 AM, Putting Course, LV Board Meeting: Tuesday, Apr. 8, 3 PM, Saddleback, MV Luncheon: Friday, Apr. 11, 11 AM, Sierra Ballroom, MV by June Benson

What fun the brats, beans, beer, brownie and bingo after our putting tournament was. It sold out in 5 days due to a limit of 72 couples in the tournament. Everyone had a great time.

April putting schedule is April 5, 12 and 26. There is no putting on Easter weekend, April 19.

Our last event is Friday, April 11, for the End of the Season Luncheon in the Sierra Ballroom. Be on the lookout for the event flyer. For those of you that are still here and putting, please join us in May. There will be two or three weeks of putting before it gets too hot. Keep putting and be sure to hydrate while doing all outside activities.

## Creative Arts

Paper & Decorative Arts

Karen Keinert · 760-601-7988 Member Crafting: Tuesdays, 12:30 рм, Sewing Studio, MV by Cathy Clemens

We have become a very active group on Thursday afternoons. There are people to help get you started if you are new to card making or paper crafts. There are demonstrations once a month to introduce new ideas for projects and we have secured the room for one Saturday a month so members can come in and work on their own projects. Our members are a helpful and very enthusiastic group. We have lots of supplies and equipment you can use. Join us in the Sewing Room on Tuesdays.

## Cyclists

Bicycling · cyclists.scpdcaclubs.com Kim Murray · 250-240-9689 Jim Robinette 703-229-9168

## Duplicate Bridge

#### Cards · bridge.scpdcaclubs.com

**Fred Flegal · 269-649-1539** Member Play: Fridays, 12:15 рм, *Arrowhead*+, *LV* Board Meeting: Thursday, Apr. 10, 9 AM, *Silverwood, LV* 

by Judy McMakin

Things are warming up outside and on the bridge table! Linda and Victor Sillanpaa were tops with two first place wins. Other first placers were Joyce Gannon and Carol Ann Ackerman, Fred Flegal and Todd Blum, Angela and Dodd Fiori, Jim Groves and Mark Graber, Chander and Daya Gupta, David Fearheller and Anna Lagisa, Irene Barbach and Janet Harvey and Rick Fluke and Linda Castoldi.

Placing, just not quite at the top, were Linda and Richard Stein, Marlyne and David Weiner, Mark Gruber and Ann Brick, Mark Gruber and Jim Groves, DeeAnn Young and Rick Rowan, Elizabeth and Bill Dani, Joyce Gannon and Diane Aledort, Susanne Schow and Judy McMakin, Deann Aledort and Leland Kirk, Bobbi Hoffman and Barbara Perschetz, Mark Borovitz and Harriet Rosetto, Cindy Selberg and John Nugent Patten, Fred Flegal and Todd Blum, Janet Cunningham and Leland Kirk, Ann and Tom Lund, Irene Barback and Janet Harvey, Rick Fluke and Lynne Castoldi, Linda and Victor Sillanpaa.

Need a partner? Please call Janet Beaty 760-485-6983. We welcome new members.

## Financial

#### *Financial Education* · financial.scpdcaclubs.com Rod Gale · 760-880-4638

General Meeting: Wednesday, Apr. 9, 1:30 рм, *Speakers Hall, SV by Rod Gale* 

Ever wonder what you would do if there was no one else around to help you make life and financial decisions? You will want to hear from Ann Lahey, Soul Support Fiduciary Services of La Quinta. As a Professional Fiduciary, Ann works for you when you don't have capacity to do things for yourself. Ann will also share: • Helping clients downsize with interesting stories

- How to use a successor Trustee and the roles of a Conservator as administrator, medical care and lifestyle support.
- Performing as a Representative payee including bonding and amounts.
- Acting as Agent for Healthcare and having Power of Attorney for the client
- · Conducting relationships with family and other beneficiaries
- Annual Trustee fees, extraordinary fees and hiring of outside resources

Ann Lahey has received three relevant certificates from Cal State Fullerton and a Bachelor of Science from UC Davis.

The Financial Club strives to help members better protect and grow their assets. Look for announcements via e-mail, website, bulletin boards and flyers in the clubhouse kiosks. Educational material is in the Financial Information Section of the SCPD library. 2025–26 memberships are now \$15; \$20/couple same address. Update email address with club Treasurer, Brad Bachtelle, bbachtelle@bachtelle.com; or rodney.gale@uhc.com.

## Food & Wine Connoisseurs

#### Premium Wine Education · fwcc.scpdcaclubs.com Lou Ann Liebermann · 952-210-6751

Dinner: Thursday, Apr. 3, 6 рм, *Ventana, MV* Board Meeting: Tuesday, Apr. 15, 2 рм, *Saddleback, MV by Jack Maddan* 

The Food & Wine Connoisseur Board met this past month with Executive Chef Rudy Zazueta to select premium wines to be paired with exquisitely prepared gourmet dishes that will delight your palates at the April FWCC Dinner. While dinner guests enjoy Chef Rudy's wonderful culinary creations, Amanda Cardenas, representing the wine vendor, and Lou Ann Liebermann, FWCC President, will provide an enlightening and entertaining experience for the guests. In between courses, Karen Boyles, Chair of the Nominating Committee, will hold an election for the 2025-2026 FWCC Board of Directors.



Car Club member Mike Gittleman's 2003 Infiniti G35 coupe.

Members, you will not want to miss the final FWCC event which will be a lavish Cheese and Wine Reception, to be held on Thursday, May 1, at 5 p.m. in the Ventana. The reception will be open to all members. Watch for the flyer.

### Forum

#### Discussion Group · forum.scpdcaclubs.com Brett Thompson · 310-766-5505

Board Meeting: Wednesday, Apr. 2, 3 рм, *Tahoe, LV* General Meeting: Wednesday, Apr. 9, 7 рм, *Oasis+*, *SV by Brett Thompson* 

The Forum Club has covered some heavy topics this season, but April's presentation is just for fun. On April 9, Joni Mazer Field will present: *Get The Story Right! A Behind The Scenes Look At Broadcast News*.

Joni spent 45 years as a journalist with a front row seat to history. She served in the White House News Photographers Association during eight presidential campaigns and covered stories from around the US, Europe, the Falklands, Israel and more. As an independent film editor, she worked with *CBS Evening News*, 48 Hours, *CBS Sunday Morning*, Israeli and Czech Republic broadcasters as well as Swiss and Australian television. A constant during her career was working with the BBC...she even met the queen!

We can only hope that Joni kept some of the outtakes to show us and that she will share a few stories that might not have been suitable for network viewing. Join us, registration begins at 6:30 with members only seating until 6:45. Guests are welcome after that on a space available basis. Questions: call Brett Thompson, 310-766-5505.



Hiking Club members on the Fern Canyon-Vandeventer Trail in Indian Canyons. L–R: Kevin Rivette, Don Bailey, Jim Biewer, Joyce Hengesbach, Harry Ayling, Beverly Hackett, Jeff Miller, Elena Pine, Laura Beth. Photo by Linda Biewer.

## Fun City Bowlers

#### Mixed Bowling · funcitybowlers.scpdcaclubs.com June Klabacha · 714-488-5686

Fall Bowling: Mondays, 1 PM, Fantasy Springs Bowling Alley by Evy Long

How can it be this is our final month of our Fall bowling league? An entire season has passed with a blink of the eye. Friendships were formed, great and not so great games were bowled, but most of all laughter and camaraderie always filled the lanes each week.

April 28 will be our position round. No subs are allowed to bowl this week. We will conclude our season on May 5 with a fun No Tap Bowl. Distribution of prize money will take place in the upstairs room at 12:30 prior to the start of bowling at 1 p.m. Pizza, soda and cookies will be served during our bowling session. Subs are welcome to attend on May 5. It's a great way to end the season.

Summer bowling will begin on May 19. Please join the summer fun—a great way to get out of the heat, meet new friends and hopefully join our Fall league. If you have any questions, please contact June Klabacha at 714-488-5686.

## Genealogy

#### *Tracing Your Family History* · genealogy.scpdcaclubs.com Sherry Stockton · 909-815-4412

General Meetings: Monday, April 7, 2 рм, Zoom Workshop: Mondays, April 14, 1:30 рм, Technology Center, MV General Meetings: Monday, April 21 & 28, 9:30 ам, Zoom by Bob Meinhard

The SCPD Genealogy Club wants to help you research your family history! For beginners, *familysearch.org* is a great place to start. Also, we suggest setting up a free basic account at *ancestry.com*, which is another great site that has resources available for all genealogists. Our annual club dues are \$25 (\$35 for a couple) for 2024–2025. For more information, please pick up a brochure at one of the kiosks located in all the clubhouses.

On April 7 at 2 p.m. we will be meeting on Zoom only (in a joint session with SCSHGC) and welcome speaker *Rhonda Lauritzen*, who will be speaking about *Writing Family Histories: Tackling The Hard Stuff/Navigating Sensitive Subjects*—don't miss it!

We will also meet for a hands-on workshop on Monday, April 14 at 1:30 p.m. in the Technology Center at Mountain View Clubhouse. We will meet on April 21 at 9:30 a.m. via Zoom only (topics TBD). On April 28 at 9:30 a.m. via Zoom only, our past president, Gary Fredericksen, will be hosting "Tech with Gary," answering member questions about various genealogy research tools and challenges.

Please plan to join us in person or on Zoom!

## Glass Arts

#### Creating Stained & Fused Glass Art · glass-arts.scpdcaclubs.com JoAnn Effron · 619-642-9595

Workshops & Classes in Glass Arts, MV

Member Crafting: Daily (*except Thur.*) 8 AM; Thursdays, 12 PM *by Carol Bishop* 

Once again, our members displayed and sold their work to the appreciative shoppers of last month's successful Arts and Crafts Spring Holiday Sale. To see more glass art, you can always check

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out the display cabinet outside our studio. The selection of pieces changes every month.

Members, please remember that cleaning up after yourself is not only the right thing to do, but also a safety issue. Brush and wipe down your table and chair. Clean the basket, cutting board, Morton Board, and grinder that you used. There are liquids, brushes, and paper towels so we can maintain our materials and leave them ready for the next person.

Also, baskets are not meant for storing our projects on the open shelves, nor for transporting our work to and from home.

Congrats to the club members whose work was displayed and won awards at the Riverside County Fair and Date Festival!

Work area, classes and materials store are open to members. See posted schedules for class and store times.

## Hiking

#### *Exploring Nature on Foot* · hiking.scpdcaclubs.com Kerry Berman · kerry@kerryberman.com

Board Meeting: Tuesday, Apr. 8, 3 PM, Saddleback, MV by Kerry Berman, President

Time flies when you're on the trail. We have some wonderful hiking opportunities this month. Check out our website or kiosks in all clubhouses for hike schedules. If you love nature, blue skies and fellowship, you don't want to miss joining our hikes for all levels —easy to advanced.

We had our General Meeting in March with a great speaker on local plants and a wonderful buffet immediately following.

It's hard to believe that the end of the season is coming in May. By the time this article reaches you we will have in place a new incoming president, outstanding board of directors, and several new hike leaders for next season. We are always looking for new leaders and others to help out with social functions. We have over 180 members and the club is financially solid!

The Sonoran Desert (sometimes referred to as the Colorado Desert because of the Colorado River Aqueduct) is one of the most biologically diverse deserts in the world. We range from 242' below sea level to 10,834' at the top of Mount San Jacinto, so the plants and animals have to do a lot of adapting to such extremes.

We hope to see you soon. Sunshine, blue skies and happy hiking.

## Home & Garden

**Desert Gardening · garden.scpdcaclubs.com Louise Cummings · 949-300-0842** Board Meeting: Monday, Apr. 7, 9 AM, Arrowhead, LV General Meeting: Tuesday, Apr. 8, 9 AM, Oasis, SV & 10 AM,

Speakers Hall, SV

#### by Louise Cummings, President

The Home & Garden Club's last meeting of the season, and annual meeting for the club's officer elections, features distinguished speaker David Paisley, Community Engagement Director for the Oswit Land Trust. His presentation, *The Value of Keeping the Desert Wild*, will be an update on the rapid progress the Trust is making in purchasing desert land to preserve it for the health of the desert's people, native plants and animals.

Saturday, March 22, was the 12th annual Home & Garden Tour, the club's signature event. The Home & Garden Tour, produced by volunteers of the Home & Garden Club, featured seven inspiring Sun City homes and gardens. This year's Home Tour Steering Committee included Nancy Humphries, Chair; Elise Santoro, Home Nominating Committee Chair; Louise Green, Secretary/

Treasurer; Fran Peveler, Home Tour Sponsor committee Co-chair; Sharon Hoffman, Sponsor Committee Co-chair; Debe Haller, Graphic Design; Deborah Wright, Marketing Chair; Ilene Haris and Coy Harvie, Plant Identification Chairs; Anne Pritchett, Docent Chair; Renee Thorpe, Homeowner Appreciation Chair; Cherryl Chandler, Ticket Sales Chair; Jim Biewer and Tom Minder, Safety and Security Co-chairs; Norma Saken, Tour Refreshments Chair, Rod Peveler, Post Tour Homeowner Appreciation Party Chair; Debbi LoCicero, Tour Brochure Chair.

### Homecrafters

#### Club for Home Crafters · homecrafters.scpdcaclubs.com Anne Winchester · 760-668-8341

*by Carol Corso* 

Featuring one of our members: Helga Tinnerino handknits child and adult cardigans, ponchos and pullovers using acrylic or wool yarn. Knitting since she was four years old ("before I could write my name"), Helga learned her skill from her Nanny. "Growing up in post war Germany, one HAD to make one's own clothes IF lucky enough to get yarn on the black market!" she exclaimed!

Helga attended Fairfield University as a one-year VISA exchange student, graduating with a four-year college teaching degree upon returning to Germany.

Returning to America two years later, Helga found her degree was not accepted. She worked days at the Famous Artist School in Westport, CT and evenings continued college work.

While working three years doing computer input and translating, Helga met and married Natale Tinnerino. Helga then worked as a merchandiser for JC Penny while raising their three children in Connecticut and Pennsylvania.

A job change brought them to Silicon Valley, where they resided eight years before retiring to SCPD in 2002. Becoming certified in water aerobics, Helga substitute taught classes, joined Busy Bees and (approximately 20 years ago) Homecrafters "so I could sell my treasures" at SCPD's Arts and Crafts Holiday Sales.



Homecrafters Club member Helga Tinnerino at the recent Arts and Crafts Spring Holiday Sale.

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## Italian Heritage

#### *Italian Heritage* · scpdcaclubs.com/dev/clubs/italian-heritage Bernie Froio · 760-772-3204

Board Meeting: Tuesday, Apr. 8, 1 PM, Saddleback, MV Dinner Dance: Tuesday, Apr. 15, 6 PM, Sierra Ballroom, MV by Susan Goldberg

Wasn't that a great performance by the Italian Rat Pack last month? They get better every year. This month, on Tuesday, April 15, the Italian Heritage Club's dinner dance will feature the Fabulous Fossils band, with a "Mad Hatter" theme. Get out your bonnets, berets, boaters, or other favorite hat and come dine and dance with us. Flyers will be in the kiosks.

Our final dinner dance of the season will be May 20, when we say good-by to our snowbirds with the theme "Arrivederci Roma," with music by DJ Ronnie Felix and a delicious Italian buffet.

There will be a short business meeting at the May dinner to elect new officers. Nominations are now open. Please call or email Susan Goldberg with your nominations, sbg78538@gmail.com or 760-200-0056.

No, you don't have to be Italian to join the Italian Heritage Club!

## Jewelry

#### Creating Jewelry & Components · jewelry.scpdcaclubs.com Christina Greenway · 760-345-4759

Member Crafting: Mondays, 8:30 AM, Sewing Studio, MV by Audrey Bierman

Welcome to information and an invitation to join the Jewelry Club. Put your creative ideas to work and enjoy the social aspect of our club. We had a lovely Valentine's brunch and Arts and Crafts Spring Holiday Sale. You don't have to know how to make jewelry...just a desire to try.

Hope to see you soon.

## Lady Niners

#### 9-Hole Golf · lady9.golfclub.net Helen Reardon 760-574-8588

Board Meeting: Thursday, Apr. 3, 10:30 AM, *Idyllwild*, *MV* Social: Monday, Apr. 7, 4 PM, *Ventana*, *MV* Social: Friday, Apr. 18, 4 PM, *Ventana*, *MV* Luncheon: Thursday, Apr. 17, 11 AM, *Sierra Ballroom*, *MV by Susan Glenn* 

Lady Niners 2025 Girls Golf Getaway was successful. Thank you to the chairperson Denice Estes and the committee of Georgia Kennedy, Shelly Permut and Robin Kornblatt who worked to make this a special event. Some highlights were playing various games on the bus to and from the resort and of course the happy hour! The buffet dinner and lunch were fantastic. When we were not golfing, our favorite game was LRC. Old Town Temecula is always a fun time in the old town, with great shopping and visiting the lavender store and tasting the various olive oils. Oh, and let us not forget the local casino, fun times for all. We posted some excellent scores as well. As our temperature starts to rise, please stay hydrated and drink plenty of water. April is volunteer recognition month, so please take the time to thank all those who volunteer for our club.

## Lady Putters

#### Social & Competitive Putting · ladyputters.scpdcaclubs.com Charlotte Brady · 760-346-1531

Putting: Wednesdays, 9 AM, *Putting Green, MV* Board Meeting: Wednesday, Apr. 2, 10:30 AM, *Saddleback, MV* Luncheon: Wednesday, Apr. 23, 10:30 AM, *Ventana, MV by Annette N Reed* 

It is wonderful being outdoors in our beautiful community on these lovely spring mornings! Lady Putters are taking full advantage of the fun, sun and friendship every Wednesday morning on the putting green. This month will be busy with our Mystery Hole Day on April 16, and a luncheon on April 23. Elections for next season's officers will be held at the April luncheon. All members are encouraged to participate in these events. Flyers will be available on Wednesdays putting day. This season has gone by so fast. There are only two months left in the 2024-2025 season. So, take advantage of all that our great club has to offer before summer gets here. Don't forget to check our website for information, updates and photos.

## Let's Compute Technology

#### *Technology Education* · scpdcaclubs.com/dev/clubs/lets-compute Kathryn Querry · 707-803-6119

Member Hours: Tue.-Fri., 10 ам-12:50 рм, *Technology Center*, *MV* Board Meeting: Monday, Apr. 21, 2 рм, *Technology Center*, *MV by Kathryn Querry, President* 

Let's Compute Technology Club fosters digital literacy and life-long learning. Members volunteer, learn, instruct, use printers, new Apple and PC computers, and other equipment. Member classes include PC and Mac software, mobile and wearable devices, photo editing, 3D printing, Canva graphic design and artificial intelligence platforms. *Tech Tutor Weeks!* This service offers members one-on-one help during one week within scheduled months.

Everyone is invited to stop by the Technology Center to learn details of all our member activities. Volunteers are needed for all areas from technical to beginner. Get involved to learn, help, and keep your mind active.

Member dues are \$25 per year (July–June). Application forms are available at the Technology Center in the Mountain View Clubhouse, in clubhouse kiosks, and on our website. Place form with U.S. check/cash in the locked box at the Technology Center, or mail to Let's Compute, 38180 Del Webb Blvd., PMB #166, Palm Desert, CA 92211.

## Line Dance

Instruction & Social Dancing · linedance.scpdcaclubs.com Claudia Norwood · SCPDlinedanceclub@gmail.com

All classes in Pavilion Studio unless noted Level 1: Tues., Thurs.., 11 AM Level 2: Mon., Wed., 10:15 AM Level 3: Mon., Wed., 11:15 AM Level 4: Fridays, 12 PM Level Varies: Tues., Thurs., 12 PM Board Meeting: Wednesday, Apr. 9, 1:30 PM, Tahoe, LV

#### by Claudia Scott

Our St. Patrick's Day party was a huge success. We danced with our line dance friends, dined on great food and were led by our five volunteer teachers. We want to thank our teachers, Simha, Tim, Judith, Carolyn and Karen for leading us in dances. Our club exists due to the hard work of our volunteers. We are so grateful to them!

For those wanting to preview the dances or brush up on old ones, we have just added the following to the website, both on the Parent Page, as well as on the Level 1/2 Dance Stepsheet Page. To view videos of some of the Level 1 dances, go to the browser and type in the following: *SCPD Line Dance instructional Videos - Tim Hayes*. Once at this site, you can also "subscribe" to his YouTube Channel to make access a little easier.

Dancing is a great way to exercise the mind and body by learning new dances and attempting to remember old ones. So come join us for fun. You'll be glad you did.

## Love To Dance

#### $Social \ Dancing \cdot love 2 dance. scpdcaclubs. com$

Donna Genett · 760-636-0425 All classes in Pavilion Studio, SV Beginner Classes: Wednesdays, 2 PM Inter./Adv Classes: Wednesdays, 3 PM Open Practice: Thursdays, 1:15 PM Tea Dance: Sunday, Apr. 6, 2 PM, Sierra Ballroom, MV by Donna Genett

What an exciting season of dancing! We are so happy to be welcoming so many new people to express their love of dance! Lessons and dances are nearly full, with every level of dancer. Join the fun on *Wednesdays* with our *BEGINNER LESSON at 2 p.m.* and our *INTERMEDIATE/ADVANCED LESSON at 3 p.m.* 

Different dance styles are taught each month. \$10 pp. No partner needed. Our *DANCE PRACTICE at 1:15 p.m. Thursday* helps you practice what you learned. Classes and practice are held in the Pavilion Studio.

Our *TEA DANCE is on Sunday, April 6 from 2 - 5 p.m.* Come alone or bring a partner. Our hosts will make sure everyone gets out on the dance floor. \$10 admission. No need to pre-register, just show up. We look forward to seeing you there!

For more information about our club, visit our website.

## Mah-Jongg

#### American and Asian Mah-Jongg · mahjongg.scpdcaclubs.com Ina Gibbons · 760-200-9190

Member Play: Weds. & Fri., 8:30 AM, Thurs., 12 PM, *Oasis+*, *SV* Board Meeting: Tuesday, Apr. 1, 9 AM, *Palm*, *SV* 

Tournament: Wednesday, Apr. 2, 9 AM, Sierra Ballroom, MV by Nancy Benson

Spring is here already for all of us in this beautiful desert, and our Mah-Jongg Club is having loads of fun.

We hope those of you who are taking free lessons will be joining us soon. If you are not taking lessons, yet, and want to, please email Iona Allen at ona4zach@gmail.com or text Carrie Hayward at 562-438-6557. They also do refresher classes.

Thank you to all those who set out lovely snacks of chocolate and cookies on Valentine's Day.

Our spring tournament is April 2, and we send well wishes to all participants.

Enjoy your day!

Happy Easter and Happy Passover!

## Meditation Club

#### *Meditation made simple!* · meditation.scpdcaclubs.com Doug Graham · 505-401-4845

by Tammy Graham, Treasurer

The season is drawing to a close, but the Meditation Club continues to meet for most of the summer. Life can be complex and difficult and can feel overwhelming, and that doesn't stop at the end of the season. We are here to help you schedule time to remember to breathe and *slow down*. We have weekly in-person and Zoom meditation sessions. Check the website for our current schedule and locations or email us at suncitymeditationclub@gmail.com.

## Men's Niners

#### 9-Hole Golf in the Morning · mvmn.golfclub.net Frank Allen · 760-200-0541

Board Meeting: Tuesday, Apr. 15, 3 рм, *Idyllwild*, *MV by Luigi Leonardi* 

On March 6 the club celebrated yet another year of successful golfing by awarding the 2025 Annual Tournament Trophies to Wayne Gilstrap for First Place Gross and to James "Coop" Coopersmith for First Place Net. Their names have been engraved on the permanent trophy, located in the Santa Rosa Clubhouse Lobby's vitrine. On that evening, the Board of Directors organized a dinner/dance event at which time the trophies and other prizes were handed to the winners. Everyone had a wonderful time.

The month of March also saw a continuation of our club using a full course (alternating Santa Rosa with San Gorgonio).

This column is also another opportunity to encourage more residents to join the Men's Niners Club. It's a club where fun is a guaranteed opportunity!

In February we had a new member: Al Hopwood. WELCOME!



Lady Niners President's Tournament co-chair Peggy Hall (right) presents the winner Cheri Paglia her trophy. Not pictured co-chair Claudette Babyak. Photo by Claudia Norwood.

## Menz Putterz

#### Social & Competitive Putting · menzputterz.scpdcaclubs.com Luigi Leonardi · 917-362-6262

Putting: Tuesdays, 8 AM, 18-Hole Putting Course, LV Board Meeting: Tuesday, Apr. 1, 10:30 AM, Tahoe, LV by Luigi Leonardi, President

Again, due to a very cold and windy day, our Annual Tournament took place both in February and on the first Tuesday in March. The Awards Luncheon was March 11. As of this writing, the luncheon has yet to take place, and I DON'T KNOW THE WINNERS! As of today, February 28, several players are in the lead, but things can change dramatically and it's still an open race. How exciting! (Of course, by the time you will read this column...everything will be out in the open and you will know who is wearing the Green Jacket!) Our month of April will see new putting tournament formats, including the 1-2-3 team format or the Scramble format. This month we will also say goodbye to several members going back to either the Northwest, Northeast or Canada.

## Mountain Vista Couples Golf

#### Fun in a Golf & Social Setting · mvmgc2024-25.golfgenius.com Paul Pendolino · 442-599-1428

Board Meeting: Thursday, Apr. 10, 4 рм, *Tahoe*, *LV* 

Luncheon: Saturday, Apr. 12, 11:30 AM, Sierra Ballroom, MV by Valerie Dudley, Secretary

Our April 12 event is the Couples Masters. The game will be the 6-6-6 format playing on San Gorgonio. For added excitement we will play our version of the Amen Corner Challenge on Holes 16, 17 and 18. You may make your own foursome. Be sure to join the fun by following the theme and wearing your Masters Green! Our delicious lunch will be served in the Sierra Ballroom directly following play.

Please visit our website for club information and an application to join. All club members are required to have a verifiable handicap to play. Our board always appreciates your input and suggestions to help improve our club.

## Mountain Vista Ladies Golf

#### *18-Hole Golf* · mvlgc2024-2025.golfgenius.com Mary Robinson · 425-766-3888

Board Meeting: Tuesday, Apr. 8, 1:30 PM, *Idyllwild*, *MV* Luncheon: Wednesday, Apr. 9, 11:30 AM, *Sierra Ballroom*, *MV* Luncheons: Tuesday, Apr. 22, 11:30 AM, *Sierra Ballroom*, *MV by Jane Blanchard*, *Secretary* 

Congratulations to golfer, Lisa Richey, 2025 Club Champion, and our Club Champion in 2022. Our annual Member-Guest tournament held in March was a big success with a theme of "Tea Par-Tee" and course fun package, miracle putt and mulligan along with players tee gift of tea towel and teacup with loose leaf tea.

April is the month of our ever-popular *Beat the Pro* Tournament followed by a luncheon in the Sierra Ballroom. If the members' net score beats our 2nd Assistant Pro, Ernesto Rosales' (Tito) gross score, you win a hat clip marker or golf towel and bragging rights.

For those hearty souls hanging around here this summer, join the Summer Survivors Tournament for weekly games and prizes awarded in October. As always, keep abreast of all our happenings on our website. Come join us; new members are always welcome.

#### Mountain Vista Men's Golf 18-Hole Golf · mymgc2024-25.golfgenius.com

Skip Willis · 760-217-4650

Board Meeting: Tuesday, Apr. 1, 2 рм, *Tahoe*, LV

Luncheon: Wednesday, Apr. 16, 12 рм, Sierra Ballroom, MV

by Art Dion, Secretary

Now that Spring is here, the weather gets warmer, the ball travels farther and we all shoot lower scores. I wish it was that easy.

Due to an error on the part of the Secretary in reporting the winners of each flight for the Holiday Classic, two names were omitted. The winners of Flight B were, Mike Dempsey and Jerry Wong. Congratulations and sorry for the mistake.

On February 12, we had the finals of the Presidents Cup Championship. The winners of each flight are as follows: Flight 1. Jack Hooven; Flight 2. Stan Brandenberger; Flight 3. Greg Meyers; Flight 4. Mike Aguilar; Flight 5. Stan Weliever; Flight 6. Bob Fox. Congratulations to the winners and all that participated.

Also on February 12, Billy Pulaski, a member of the Hole-in-One Club, had an ace and will be rewarded with \$300.

On April 9, we will hold our Par-Tee of Fore Tournament and lunch. This is our "snowbirds" farewell tournament. Many of our players will head to cooler climates for the summer. Travel well and have a great summer.

## Music Buffs

Appreciating & Performing Music • musicbuffs.scpdcaclubs.com Marilyn Townsend • 760-360-2856

Concert: Monday, Apr. 7, 7:30 рм, Sierra Ballroom, MV Board Meeting: Monday, Apr. 21, 7 рм, Tahoe, LV by Nancy Rosenthal

On Monday, April 7, at 7:30 p.m. in the Sierra Ballroom, Music Buffs will present Doug Montgomery, a pianist, who has been called "gifted, best in the world at what he does." Music from Bach to Broadway, the Beatles and Michael Bublé, Chopin to Standards. Monday night concerts are open to residents of Sun City Palm Desert *only*. Tickets will be available before the concert at 6:45 p.m. in the main lobby and are \$50 for the total series. Credit cards are not accepted, cash and checks only. Please make checks out to Music buffs.

On Sunday, May 4, Music Buffs will present Lizann Warner vocalist, extraordinaire.

Sunday concerts are at 3:30 and 7:30 p.m. and will return in November with the following season of shows:

- November 9, Portrait of Aretha, the legacy of the queen of soul
- December 14, *Maximo Marcuso*, The Man, The Music, The Memories
- January 11, Burnham Sings Buble
- February 15, *Linda Ronstadt Revue*
- March 8, Bobby Wilson, Mr. Entertainment

Flyers for Sunday and Monday concerts are available online and in the kiosks. For ticket and show information, please call Marilyn Townsend at 831-747-4773.

## Performing Arts

Comedy, Drama & Variety Productions performingarts.scpdcaclubs.com Elaine Montgomery · 403-852-6079 Dance Pebeersels: Mondays, 1/30 pst, Wedn

Dance Rehearsals: Mondays, 1:30 рм, Wednesdays, 12:30 рм, Pavilion Studio, SV

Free Show: Monday, Apr. 14, 7 PM, Speakers Hall, SV Board Meeting: Wednesday, Apr. 16, 1 PM, Arrowhead, LV General Meeting: Wednesday, Apr. 16, 3 PM, Big Bear+, LV by Elaine Montgomery, President

We have just finished a successful run of our Spring Musical, *The Fantasticks*. Next up is a free production from our Staged Reader's Theatre group at 7 p.m. on Monday, April 14 in Speakers Hall. The show will feature a number of short skits. Staged Reader's Theatre performs without the need for memorization and is a great way to begin your journey with our club. The June One Acts will run June 6 - 8. Check our website for audition dates. Tickets are \$20 with round table seating (reserved by table #, but not by seat #). Tickets will go on sale May 19 every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 a.m. – noon in Mountain View Clubhouse. Or skip the lineup and buy directly online at Eventbrite.com.

Our next General Meeting will be held April 16 from 3 - 4 p.m. in the Lake View Recreation Center.

## Pet Lovers

#### All Pet Lovers Welcome · petlovers.scpdcaclubs.com Lucy Nigrelli · 760-691-0878

General Meeting: Thursday, Apr. 3, 1:30 рм, Arrowhead+, LV Pet Parade: Saturday, Apr. 12, 10 AM, MV Parking Lot by Lucy Nigrelli

Our March meeting was set up differently than our past meetings and was a huge success! Our team works diligently preparing each meeting to make it better than the one before. Participation is our indication we are succeeding.

Huge end of the year *Meet Up* Thursday, April 3, 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. at Lake View! We will be providing you with updated information,

education and resources in our community. Discussing projects, your ideas, and more, we think you'll be pleasantly surprised. Also, guest *Loving All Animals*, a very special organization! If you have lost your best furry friend or know of someone that has a broken heart due to a loss, you will want to come. Help provide information to others.

*Pet Parade* – Big Event on Saturday, April 12, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m., Mountain View. Pet Lovers Club is partnering with Support 4 Paws hosting a *FREE VACCINATIONS* and *MICROCHIP CLINIC*.

Mark your calendars: Thursday, May 1, 1:30–3:30 p.m. *Goodbye Pizza Party!* Your donations will be presented to Tom Snyder, CEO, Animal Samaritans. A real celebration of giving and helping! All Pet Lovers welcome! Check your emails from Pet Lovers!

## Photography

Digital Photography & Instruction · camera.scpdcaclubs.com Gary Pettersen · 206-354-0886

Workshops & Classes in Technology Center General Meeting: Thursday, Apr. 3, 6:15 рм Palm, SV & 6:30 рм, Speakers Hall, SV

Board Meeting: Thursday, Apr. 17, 10 AM, Tahoe, LV by Kathi Malec-Braunlich

The county fair is a place to leave your worries behind and embrace your inner child. For several of our club members it also meant the thrill of receiving a blue ribbon!

The Riverside County Fair and National Date Festival offers three divisions of photographic competition: Black & White, Color, and Cell Phone. Each divisional category awarded 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place awards. Also awarded were Best of Show, Best of Division awards, and the Judges Award of Excellence.

Susan Kanfer's photo *Sandhill Cranes, New Mexico* won Best of Division for Color Photography. Dave Malec won Best of Show and Best of Division for Black & White Photography with *Copenhagen Transportation*. Dave also won Best of Division in Cell Phone Photography. Glenn Jones received the Judges Award of Excellence for his Black & White Nature & Animals photo, *Day Dreaming – Colobus Monkeys*.



**Photography Club** member Susan Kanfer won Best of Division for Color Photography with "Sandhill Cranes, New Mexico" (left); Dave Malec won Best of Show and Best of Division for Black & White Photography with "Copenhagen Transportation" (center); and Glenn Jones received the Judges Award of Excellence for his Black & White Nature & Animals photo with "Day Dreaming – Colobus Monkeys" (right), at the Riverside County Fair and National Date Festival.

## Chartered Clubs Events & News ... continued

Overall, our club members were awarded 24 ribbons, including 11 first place blue ribbons! In addition to Glenn, Dave and Susan, congratulations go to Pamela Cole, Betty McShane, Gary Pettersen, Debbi Swanson, Kyle Gillis, Jeff Miller, and Diane Spiegel.

Visit our website or contact President Gary Pettersen for more information about joining the SCPD Photography Club.

## PickleBall

pickleball.scpdcaclubs.com Rich Allison · richallison67@gmail.com Board Meeting: Monday, Apr. 7, 3 рм, Arrowhead, LV by Jean Mylen

Another fun-packed pickleball season was enjoyed by over 550 members who participated in monthly events and activities provided and supported by our volunteers and Board members. We couldn't do it without you! We honored over 70 amazing volunteers with dinner at Cali Cafe. Over 250 members/guests attended our Annual Rock and Roll Dinner/Dance. Kudos to Sandy Berk who organized this amazing event. Don't miss our last mixer on April 5 and our last Friday Nights Potluck on April 25. During the summer months, we will continue to offer a summer ladder and other smaller venues. We will be adding new events for the 2025-26 year so be sure to sign-up!

Congratulations to Rich Allison, President; Jean Mylen, VP; and Raymond Bartus, Secretary who were approved by the membership to serve on our Executive Board. Continuing on to serve the Board: Bob Briedis, Treasurer; Sandy Berk, Events Coordinator; Taffy Golden, Membership; Vicky Harrison, Communications Director; Tom Watson, Member at Large; and Devon Heckert, Activities Assistant.

As we say goodbye to our snowbirds, our full-time pickleball members will continue to paddle-up and enjoy our wonderful facility and summer activities. Thank you to all our members and SCPB Board for a wonderful season!



*Pickleball Club* members celebrating Buzz Summers' 90th birthday at the courts.

## Quilters

Group & Personal Projects · quilters.scpdcaclubs.com Charlene Foran · 403-454-7233 Debbi LoCicero · 703-725-5968 Quilting: Wednesdays & Fridays, 9 AM, Sewing Studio, MV

Quilting: Wednesdays & Fridays, 9 AM, Sewing Studio, MV General Meeting: Wednesday, Apr. 2, 1 рм, Ventana, MV Quilting: Saturday, Apr. 19, 9 AM, Sewing Studio, MV

## Rainbow Circle

#### *LGBTQiA*+ *Sun City Residents* · rainbow.scpdcaclubs.com Ray Graves · rainbowsuncity1@gmail.com

Men's Coffee: Tuesdays, 7:30 AM, *Daily Grind*, *MV* Happy Hour: Wednesdays, 4 PM, *Martini's*, *MV* Movie: Tuesday, Apr. 15, 6 PM, *Speakers Hall*, *SV* Discussion Group: Wednesday, Apr. 16, 4 PM, *San Jacinto*, *MV* Presentation Group: Thurs., Apr. 24, 5 PM, *Arrowhead*, *LV* Social: Saturday, Apr. 26, 6:30 PM, *Oasis+*, *SV by Sheri Holbrook*, *Dir. Communications* Thanks to all for supporting our "LOVE is LOVE" dance in February...it was a great success with dancing to an all-female rock band!

On going activities for all:

- *Tuesday Morning Coffee*, 7:30 9 a.m. Daily Grind, Mountain View Clubhouse
- Wednesday Happy Hours, 5-7pm @ Martini's Mountain View Clubhouse
- *Discussion Group:* Wednesday, April 16, 4–5 p.m., San Jacinto, Mountain View Clubhouse. Look for flyer out soon!
- *LGBTQiA Movie Night KINKY BOOTS:* Thursday, April 24, 5 p.m., Arrowhead, Lake View Recreation Center.
- *Casino Night:* Saturday, April 26, 6:30 9 p.m., Oasis, Sunset Clubhouse. Don't miss out on this exciting event! Reservations required. Go to our website to RSVP.

## Rummy Q

#### *Tile Play* · rummyq.scpdcaclubs.com

Liz Klein · 732-266-5955

Member Play: Sundays, 12 рм, *Tahoe, LV* Member Play: Thursday, Apr. 10, 6:30 рм, *Arrowhead+, LV by Bernard Priceman* 

Club dues are \$5 per year! Our next Thursday meeting will be on April 10 and will be an ice cream social. Yay! Don't eat dessert after dinner that evening. Rummy Q is very popular. We now have 150 members. It's a form of rummy but played with tiles. It's a lot of fun and it will challenge you, but it's easy to learn and we'd be happy to teach you. Come by to watch us play, take a seat if you already know how to play, and then save up your \$5 so you can become a member! If you are celebrating Easter or Passover in April, we wish you a joyous holiday.

## RV

#### All Things RV · rv.scpdcaclubs.com Ray Ferra · rferra126@gmail.com

General Meeting: Tuesday, Apr. 1, 3 рм, San Gorgonio, MV

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#### by Ray Ferra, President

Hello all trekkers! Our 24-25 season end is drawing near. We have had numerous rallies, social events and holiday parties. New members have joined, and many new friendships have flourished. Join us for our next regular meeting on Tuesday, April 1. We meet at 3 p.m. in San Gorgonio room at Mountain View. Interested in the hobby? Come join us as a guest and get questions answered. Guest speakers and refreshments. See you there.

## Social Bridge

socialbridge.scpdcaclubs.com Susan Vee · 760-898-5661

Member Play: Mon. & Fri., 12:30 рм, Oasis+, SV Board Meeting: Monday, Apr. 14, 4 рм, Oasis+, SV by Sarah Jallinoja, Secretary

We were happy to see an average of 12 full tables each play day during February as well as welcoming four new members: David and Mary Anne Kinloch, Judy McMakin, and Bernice Leve.

*February First Place Winners:* Herb Pritchett/Dick Salsitz, Axel Dehne/Nita Steininger, Brian and Judy Grieder, Victor and Linda Sillanpaa (twice), Allene Moore/Susanne Schow, Sarah Jallinoja/ Edith Swiggum, J.B. Sacks/Susan Vee.

*February Second Place Winners:* Betty Beaton/John Sackowicz, Dorothy Graham/Jim Maddocks, Ann and Wes McNeel, J.B. Sacks/ Susan Vee, Stu and Mary Ellen Schroeder, Kathy Mamula/Irma Marsh, Jon Holmquist/Kirsten Andersen, Roxanne Collins/Ron Loken.

The top score for February was 7,110 made by Herb Pritchett and Dick Salsitz on February 21.

The top winners for February were Victor and Linda Sillanpaa with two First Places wins followed by J.B. Sacks and Susan Vee with one First Place win and one Second Place win.

Need a partner? Call Susan Vee.

### Softball

softball.scpdcaclubs.com Steve Boger · boger.steve@gmail.com by Patty Bowers

With our regular season play ending in March, we are gearing up for the Spring League. At the time of writing this article it was still unknown how many teams we will have, but it is usually three or four teams. Length of our spring league is 6 - 8 weeks and ends before the real summer heat begins. Saturday morning practices continue as well.

### Solos

#### *Socials and More for Singles* · solos.scpdcaclubs.com Sally Hazzard · solossuncity@gmail.com

Social: Friday, Apr. 11, 5:30 рм, Sierra Ballroom, MV by Sally Hazzard

"SOLOS is for SINGLES in Sun City Palm Desert offering a variety of activities and opportunities to meet new friends."

- Special Event—FRIDAY, APRIL 11: Join your friends to celebrate a HAWAIIAN HOLIDAY with an evening of great music by Ken Bash and special dancing. This will also be Solos' ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTION OF 2025–26 OFFICERS.
- *Let's Eat Out—Thursday, April 3:* We will go to Solanos Bar and Grill at 37029 Cook Street, Palm Desert. Meet in the Mountain View lobby at 4 p.m. and then we will carpool to the restaurant.

- *Golf and Putters:* For a friendly round of golf on Mondays, with no handicap required, contact Phyllis Fackelman at 239-994-4838 or fckelmannp@gmail.com. Putters meet Friday mornings at 10 a.m. on the 18-hole putting course across from Lake View Recreation Center. Contact Bill Sterritt at cal.canuck@outlook.com or 613-619-1079, or Kathie Miller 360-708-5586.
- *Happy Hours:* 4-5 p.m. Mondays at Legends & Icons; 4-5 p.m. Wednesdays at Martini's Bar.
- *Membership:* Be sure your membership is up to date. Flyers for all events are in the kiosks and emailed to members.

### Stitch & Sew

#### Personal & Group Projects · stitchnsew.scpdcaclubs.com Beth Lindholm · 507-458-5367 Arlys Sikorski · 605-359-2982

Sewing: Mon., 1 PM & Thurs., 10 AM, Sewing Studio, MV Sewing: Saturday, Apr. 6, 9 AM, Sewing Studio, MV by Nancy Humphries

If you are interested in sewing, Stitch & Sew is for you. Whether you want to learn to sew, refresh your skills, or participate in the SCPD Arts and Crafts Holiday Sales, Stitch & Sew welcomes you.

The Club maintains Bernina sewing machines in our Sewing Studio in the Mountain View Clubhouse, and provides cutting areas, sewing supplies (including some fabrics for crafts and donation work), as well as an active "social" schedule so you can interact with other like-minded residents.

This month we are welcoming new members who are both experienced and "new" sewers. If you are new to sewing, you can learn about cutting and assembling articles for your use and for participation in the Arts and Crafts Holiday Sales — "hands on" sewing. If you are experienced, there is plenty of room for you to work on your projects. Each month we hold a pot-luck luncheon so everyone can get to know each other.

Studio hours are Mondays 1 - 4, Thursdays 10 - 4 and the first Saturday of each month. For more information, stop by during studio hours, email spcdsands@gmail.com, or call Terri Travis at 503-475-7398.

## Sun City Singers

#### Choral Singing & Performing · singers.scpdcaclubs.com Frank Denson · 818-415-0291

Board Meeting: Friday, Apr. 4, 9 AM, San Jacinto, MV by Frank Denson

We have successfully finished our 2024-2025 Season. Thanks for your wonderful support. We are looking to begin our new season in September. Our first rehearsal is Tuesday, September 16.

The Sun City Singers are dedicated to bringing exciting choral music to Sun City. The chorus is filled with wonderful diverse people who all are dedicated to making singing, a powerful force of happiness, enrichment, and uplifting entertainment to the Sun City Community. We have fun, we make new friends and enjoy the connection to each other that singing in a group provides.

If you have ever sung in a Junior High or High School choir, sung karaoke, with Girl Scouts, YMCA, Church Choir, with friends, at the beach or in the shower, then Sun City Singers is for you! We need male singers especially, first time singers, longretired singers, and 'don't know what part I sing' singers. You can all join, contribute and even, heaven forbid, find a new passion.

Contact me, Frank Denson, President, at 818-415-0291 or fdenson3373@gmail.com, or join us in September!

## Chartered Clubs Events & News ... continued

## Tennis

#### *What A Racquet!* · tennis.scpdcaclubs.com Sheri Shepherd · 909-215-8228

Board Meeting: Wednesday, Apr. 2, 3 рм, *Big Bear, LV* Social: Friday, Apr. 4, 11 AM, *Sierra Ballroom, MV by Sheri Shepherd* 

The "Senior Prom" Gala and our General Meeting were successes! Thank you to Carolyn Struck, Susan Whitby, the Performing Arts Club and many volunteers who helped to pull off the events.

Join the club before our final Tennis Mixer of the year happens on Saturday, April 19 (8 a.m.–1 p.m.). Our Mixers are just fun, social play plus a light breakfast and lunch!

Whether you are new to tennis, "rusty" to tennis, or play a competitive game, we have court play for you!

New to the sport? Let us find someone to meet you at the courts so you can give it a shot.

The applications for the club are at the patio area at Building D which is by the tennis courts. Applications get turned into to Box #8 near the Postal Center. You can sign up for events as soon as you become a member!

Our tennis club is full of friendly folks from 55 - 90! Our website and my cell number are above. Feel free to contact me with any questions, find tennis games or to get started playing.

## Trim 'N' Tone

Aerobic Workouts · trimntone.scpdcaclubs.com Rozzie Perlmuth · 818-521-8848 All classes in Pavilion Studio SV unless noted. Step: Mon., Wed. & Fri., 7 AM

Hi/Lo Aerobics: Mon.-Thurs. & Sat., 8 AM

Hi/Lo Aerobics: Tues. & Thurs., 7 AM

Cardio Strength/Tone: Tue. & Thur., 4 РМ

Interval Training/Cardio/Weights/Bands: Fridays, 8 AM

Coffee and...: Wednesday, Apr. 30, 9 AM, Ventana, MV

by Pamla Vale Abramson

Happy April! Hopefully, you were not fooled.

March was another fun month for Trim 'N' Tone, of course all our months are fun, but some are more than others. We had our "Spring meeting and Luck Be A Lady Luncheon." We learned about the brain and memory. The speaker was Vivian Segur, head of brain care at Eisenhower. She was most informative and gave us a lot of food for thought, so to speak! We were serenaded by Peter Schoenlaub who sang "Luck Be a Lady" from the musical Guy and Dolls. His voice was magnificent.

Another fun happening was our volunteer's happy hour held at the beautiful home of Rozzie and Harvey. This is a time when the board thanks and feeds all our wonderful members who have stepped up and volunteered in various categories during the year. If you wish to volunteer, and be a part of the fun, please speak to Joni Migdal.

St. Patrick's Day was a time to wear green to class for a great photo op. TNT is always ready to celebrate.

This month is Easter and Passover. Happy holidays to all who celebrate, may you be joyful and safe.

Come join us.



Tennis Club's annual "Sunny Cup," with SCPD members playing against Shadow Hills.



## Ukulele Friends

ukulele.scpdcaclubs.com

Lori Fisher · lorifischer@ymail.com Classes: Monday, Apr. 7 & 21, 2 рм, San Gorgonio+, MV Monday, Apr. 14, 2 рм, Idyllwild+, MV

## Wine Tasters

#### Wine Tasting & Dinner · winetasters.scpdcaclubs.com Carl Keinert · 760-851-6103

Board Meeting: Tuesday, Apr. 1, 3 рм, *Idyllwild*, *MV* Dinner: Thursday, Apr. 17, 6 рм, *Sierra Ballroom*, *MV* Wine Distribution: Fri., Apr. 25, 2:30 рм, *Idyllwild*, *MV by Alan Krone* 

The subject of this month's article is palate pleasing presentations and pairings while taking a walk on the wild side. Those of us who like to travel to other countries and regions of the globe often learn about cultures through the foods they offer. While traveling in Africa, try dining on crocodiles, warthog and kudu. While traveling in Nova Scotia try sturgeon, caviar and oysters.

In our country, instead of beef, how about elk or bison from Montana? Instead of seafood, how about lake fish like walleye from North Dakota or trout from Idaho. Instead of chicken, let's try pheasant from South Dakota. Instead of pork, how about wild boar for a change? Depending on cost, availability and Chef Rudy's willingness to prepare, our club would like to feature suggestions like the above. With the proper glaze and sauce and if prepared with culinary expertise, all the above dishes will be enjoyed, and you will be on your way to becoming epicurean.

When you read this article, you will have had the opportunity to experience venison at our March dinner. We hope you enjoyed it and will join us for future dinners.

## World of Women

wow.scpdcaclubs.com Linda Giles • 760-200-1822

Board Meeting: Monday, Apr. 14, 9:30 AM, *Tahoe, LV* Luncheon: Monday, Apr. 21, 11:30 AM *Sierra Ballroom, MV by Ann Shepperd* 

Come and laugh with us at our last luncheon for the 2024/2025 season. Comedian Leah Bonnema will be in the Sierra Ballroom on April 21 for our entertainment. Remember the doors open at 11:30 a.m. The WOW luncheons give new residents an opportunity to meet people in the community while discovering local charities. When you check in, you will be provided with your table assignment so that you do not need to go around the ballroom looking for an empty seat.

World of Women is a social and charitable club founded in 2001 for residents of Sun City Palm Desert. It meets on the third Monday of each month from October to April for luncheons and entertainment.

## Writers Circle

Supporting & Encouraging Writers · writerscircle.scpdcaclubs.com Carol Hazelwood · 949-246-2005

General Meeting: Wednesday, Apr. 2, 2 рм, *Canyon, SV by Norma Saken* 

We have an exciting program for our Wednesday, April 2, meeting held in the Canyon Room at the Sunset View Clubhouse at 2 p.m.

We are welcoming seven poets who will present "The Forms of Poetry." Whether or not you read poetry you will come away with a better understanding of how poems are written and especially how they can be appreciated. This is a terrific opportunity to hear local poets describe particular forms of poetry and share their original poems in those forms. There will be plenty of time for comments, questions and discussion. And who knows, you may even discover the poet in yourself.

Our May meeting will be the last of the season. We'll hold elections for new officers, so those interested in a leadership position need to contact Carol Hazelwood during the month of April.

Writers Circle supports your creative endeavor, whatever your literary genre. Come and see for yourselves how writing what you think, feel, experience or imagine can change your life.

## Yacht

#### *Radio Controlled Sailboats* · yacht.scpdcaclubs.com Reg Modlin · 248-705-1196

Sailing: Thursdays, 1 рм, Round Lake by Stu Sitzman

The Yacht Club is engaged in sailing and regatta racing of radiocontrolled sailboats on Yacht Lake (unofficial name), with a fivebuoy course. Regattas are held weekly on Thursdays at the lake east of Donny Circle, located between Valley Vista and Alliance. (Follow the golf cart path from Donny Circle to the lake.)

Some boat models we sail include Northwind, DragonFlite-95, Seawind and Soling—all in the 1-meter range. Sailors have made



Trim 'N' Tone Club members on their annual cruise.

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many of these boats from kits; others are fully constructed from manufacturers.

We invite and encourage all want-to-be sailors, experienced sailors, residents, family, visitors, interested folks, sightseers, realtors, et. al., to come on down to the lake for some boat talk, info, and spend a relaxing time enjoying a unique Sun City Charter Club in action. For more info contact Reg Modlin at 248-705-1196 or Stu Sitzman at 760-360-7726.

## Yoga & Pilates

#### Classes for Men & Women · yoganpilates.scpdcaclubs.com Ruth Zebrack · 760-772-5149

All classes in Pavilion Studio SV unless noted.

Chair Yoga: Monday, 8 & 9 AM, SV

Tues., Thur., Fri., 8 & 9 ам, *LV* Saturday, 8 & 9 ам, *MV* 

Mat Yoga: Monday & Weds., 9 Aм Thursday, 9:45 Aм

Saturday, 9:30 Aм Pilates: Tuesday, 9:30 Aм

Friday & Sunday, 9 Aм

Coffee Social: Monday, Apr. 7, 10:15 AM, Ventana, MV by Marsha Reed Nall

IMPORTANT: If you're new, arrive fifteen minutes before class to check in. Our volunteers greatly appreciate this.

The main difference between yoga and Pilates is the movements. Dr. Leber (*Vogue*) says yoga tends to be a slower-paced workout than Pilates.

Our instructors generally practice three forms of yoga: Hatha (focus on breathing, postures, and relaxation), Vinyasa (links breath with dynamic movement), and Yin (stretches connective tissues by holding poses for a longer period of time). Any pose or stretch can be modified due to injury or ability. When practiced regularly, the physical benefits of yoga include improved flexibility, stamina and strength. Yoga can also be beneficial to mental health.

Pilates focuses on the repetition of low-impact exercises to work your core muscles. Pilates exercises are slow and controlled movements to tone the body. "It has great health benefits since it's a form of strength-building exercise that uses body weight as resistance."

Unlimited classes are \$30 monthly; single classes \$5 each; first class is free. Annual membership fee \$25.

Don't be late. Classes start on time, and we close the doors.



**Yoga and Pilates** members held a 90th birthday party for Ruth Zebrack on February 18 with over a hundred people in attendance.

#### CORRECT EMAIL ADDRESS FOR PHOTO SUBMISSIONS!

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Photos for the SCPD **Facebook** page should be emailed directly to:**SCpalmdesertFB@gmail.com** 

Sudoku Solution

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## SCENES FROM SUN CITY Sun City Singers Club













In December 2024 the Sun City Singers had a concert

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The events listed in article headings are updated by the Events Office based on room reservations. Please call 200-2210 with any changes or corrections.

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Resident Groups Events & News

SCPDCA Residents having a valid SCPDCA Membership Card or valid Renter's Card are eligible to join any Resident Group. A Resident/Renter who has not yet formally joined the respective Resident Group, is eligible to attend at least one meeting as a Guest without joining the Resident Group.

## Brandeis Nat'l. Comm. Desert Chapter

#### **brandeis-desert.org Marcia Plumleigh · 760-310-1822** *by Charlene Williamson*

I would like to devote some of our April message to several remarkable ladies.

First, our amazing outgoing President, Marcia Plumleigh, whose tenure will be ending soon. Marcia's stewardship of our desert chapter through some difficult years has been awesome. Marcia's commitment to excellence has been the music of her life. Volunteering is a lot of unpaid work done by people who care about others...thanks, Marcia for caring!

Second, Jean Carrus, member emeritus, treasurer, volunteer for "everything" over the years will be honored on April 26 as WOMAN OF THE YEAR at Mission Hills Country Club. All details are available on our website calendar.

2025 has been one of the busiest years in our desert chapter. We have many new members whose commitment to our chapter has been gratifying and emotionally rewarding. We must be doing something right!

Navigating our new website is easy and informative. Our dues are minimal, and the opportunity to meet new and interesting friends is maximum. If you have questions or interests worth exploring, contact Membership Chair, Gail Minkow, at 310-933-7454. She's waiting to hear from you.

#### Chabad in Sun City Nadine Cazary • 310-351-2524

### Democrats in Sun City

suncitypalmdesertdemocrats.org suncitydems@gmail.com

General Meeting: Tuesday, Apr. 15, 7 рм, Oasis+, SV

by Melanie Wank, VP Political Action

We're taking political action up a notch: postcards supporting Democratic candidates for the Wisconsin Supreme Court and governor of Virginia, a large protest march on Presidents' Day, and economic boycotts. A time-honored way to effect political change, six actions are underway nationwide:

- February 28 Economic Blackout
- March 7-14 Amazon Boycott
- March 21-28 Nestle Boycott
- April 7-14 Walmart Boycott
- April 18 Economic Blackout
- April 21-28 General Mills Boycott

We called our elected officials to oppose the SAVE Act. It undermines voter registration for most Americans by requiring in-person registration with every address change and a birth certificate. The latter hits women the hardest, since their married name usually doesn't match the name on their birth certificate. Noncitizen voting already is illegal and virtually nonexistent. March's speaker was Nicholas Snow, journalist, actor, and LGBTQ+ and HIV/AIDS activist with a podcast on YouTube. Explaining the decline in legacy media in favor of alternative media, he examined various forms of the latter, their success in the last election, and how we can harness this new communication system.

April's meeting will feature Alison Saros, Deputy District Attorney for Riverside County. Her timely subject in this era of AI disinformation is "Fraud Protection."

## Friendship Church

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- Women and Men Spring Bible Study: Begins Wednesday, April 9 in Speakers Hall from 9–10:15. We will be studying Cultures in Conflict with Ray VanderLaan from Wednesday April 9 to May 14 (no class on 4/23).
- Men's Fellowship Breakfast: Meets Tuesday, April 15, at 8:30 a.m. at Shadows Restaurant, 80875 Avenue 40, Indio.
- Coffee with the Girls: Meets Tuesday, April 22 at 9:30 at Shadows Restaurant.
- Sunday Service: One service only April 27 at 9:30 a.m. in the Sierra Ballroom.

Welcome to April from all of us at Friendship Church! April is a busy month as many of us are excited for Spring. We invite you to make Friendship Church part of your schedule starting this month. We will be in full swing with Church Services: Sundays at 8:30 a.m.; and 10 a.m. Speakers Hall, Sunset View Clubhouse. Everyone is welcome to join our services and experience the warmth of true fellowship. We love our Sun City community. If we can be of help in any way, through counseling or visitation, please contact us. You may join our services in person or online. Visit us at www.friendshipchurchsuncity.com,

### Hadassah

#### Roni Spetalnick · 760-360-8465

by Nancy Polacheck

Please join Sabra Hadassah of the Desert for a special interactive program for men and women on Tuesday, April 8. Our guest speaker will be David Bocarsly, Executive Director of the Jewish Public Affairs Committee of California (JPAC). The doors will open at 10:30 a.m. with coffee and nosh. The program will begin at 11 a.m. Please contact Vivian Posen at 818-687-9446 to reserve your space and for further information. We hope to see you there.

Enjoy your Pesach with family and friends!

## Neighbors 4 Neighbors

#### Friends of the Desert Village Initiative $\cdot$ neighbors 4neighbors.net Hotline $\cdot$ 760-592-9864

#### by Charna Ravich

Happy Spring Sun City! This year is flying by, and summer is right around the corner. That means many of our N4N volunteers will be off to cooler places. Members, please remember to schedule services at least three days in advance so you can get what you need. Our membership keeps increasing faster than our volunteer numbers. So...members, if you can help out, as many members do, fill out a volunteer application form found in clubhouse carousels or online at www.neighbors4neighbors.us.

Our "Just Checking In" service has been retired due to several factors, but we are looking into "Life Alerts." Those living alone need something in case they fall and can't get up. Stay tuned!

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## SCPD Republicans

#### Pamela Levin · suncityrepublicans@gmail.com

General Meeting: Wednesday, Apr. 16, 7 рм, Oasis+, SV by Jim Palmer

We welcome Linda Evans, Mayor of La Quinta, as our April 16 speaker. She has served as Mayor since 2014 and has served on the City Council since 2009. She is also the Chief Strategy Officer of Community Advocacy for the Desert Care Network, which is composed of three area hospitals: Desert Regional, JFK and Hi-Desert. She has worked for the hospitals' parent company, Tenet Healthcare, for 30 years. Linda earned a bachelor's degree in communications/public relations from California State University, Fullerton. She holds master's degrees in health administration and gerontology, both from the University of La Verne. Linda serves on nine local Boards/Commission. Her role with the Desert Care Network and Mayor provides for extensive networking across a large spectrum of agencies, organizations, and community groups - all of which have a common goal of ensuring access to care, healthy eating, and safe and active living. Quality of life is a key driver in how Linda measures success in her hospital outreach and her civic duty. Living an active lifestyle enables her to maintain an energy level that maximizes her engagement with the community.

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Sun City Jewish Services is proud to announce our first Adult B'nai Mitzvah. The program has been taught by our own Rabbi Emert and Cantorial Soloist Ezra Yaron. We have 16 students, and the ceremony will be held on Saturday morning, April 5, in the Sierra Ballroom at 10 a.m. as part of a Shabbat morning service. Lunch is by private invitation through the students.

Sunday, April 13 we will hold our annual Passover Seder in the Sierra Ballroom at 6 p.m. Dinner cost is chicken or veggie \$50; brisket is \$55. Reservations must be received by April 3. No refunds after April 7. Tables of 10 are encouraged. Send in all the checks at one time please. Flyers are in the kiosks.

Our services for April at this time are April 4 and April 18.

- If you have any questions, please contact:
- Susan Katzman 760-641-0411 (membership)
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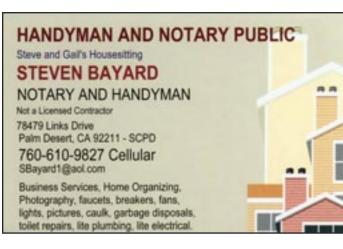
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