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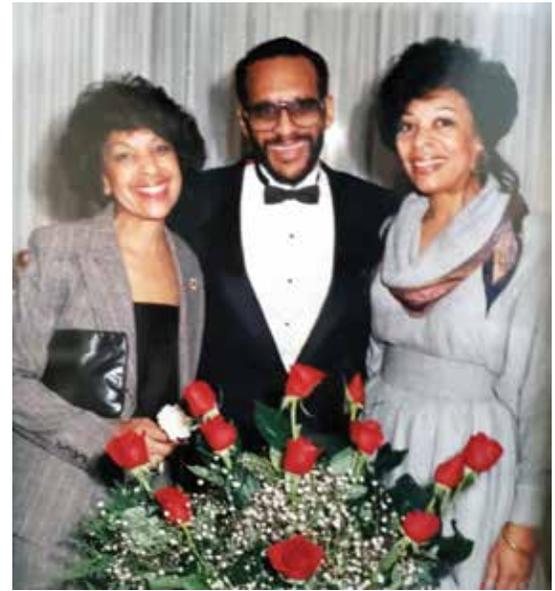


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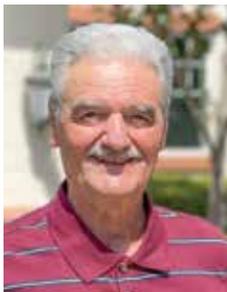
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MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

By Jerry Monahan, Board President



We contacted Elizabeth Gibbs, Beaumont City Manager, regarding the condition of the Potrero parcel adjacent to our property, near the main entrance. During our meeting, Ms. Gibbs indicated she would follow up on the weeds and trash with K. Hovnanian, who owns the property.

Our Ballroom re-opened for residents' use on Feb. 1. The room was painted and new carpeting was installed. Many of the normal activities we conduct in the Ballroom had to be relocated, or in some cases canceled, to allow for renovations. Thank you for your patience during this process.

The Beaumont City Manager, Beaumont Police, and other Beaumont officials are our invited guests to our Neighborhood Watch meeting on March 12 at 10 am in The Lodge Ballroom. City officials will present plans for our city and answer questions from residents. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend the event.

As of this writing, The Courts' repairs are in progress. A contractor selected by the HOA is obtaining permits from the city. An engineer is working on architectural plans to repair the facility; however, we do not currently have a completion date. As the repairs progress, FirstService Residential will include updates to the Daily Report.

We returned a "red-line contract" to the solar company in hopes of an agreement soon. Our Board of Directors and our Management Company are not certain if the project will go forward, but we are

fulfilling our responsibilities as required. We will update our residents as more information is known.

We are currently developing an ad hoc committee to determine how we can best prepare our community to minimize fire risk. Based on the history of fires in our state, there must be information about what worked best for reducing property damage to homes and communities in general. We will work to identify actions that we and our community can take to lower fire risk. We believe this is particularly important considering recent insurance companies' actions to raise premiums and, in many cases, cancel policies.

The plans by the Four Seasons 20-Year Anniversary Committee are in the works. If you haven't ordered a Four Seasons 20-Year Anniversary shirt, it can be purchased at The Lodge. Activities for the celebration will be listed in the Daily Report, our website, and Lodge media. Be part of the celebration whenever you can; we live in a wonderful community.

Our Board of Directors meets the second Thursday of each month at 1 pm in the Ballroom. Meet with the Board is an informal setting on the third Wednesday of each month at 2 pm in the Ballroom. This forum allows Board members to engage in conversation with residents on almost any subject, except for confidential issues under litigation or topics discussed in Executive Session by the Board. Several members of the Board are in attendance each month.

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GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

By Eric Zarr, email eric.zarr@fsresidential.com, or call/text (909) 991-8337

The complicated matter of the conservancy

One of the best amenities in the community is the 37-acres of conserved open space, originally created as part of the mitigation work assigned in response to impacts from the construction of the Four Seasons Beaumont development. As the community knows, this part of Four Seasons Beaumont will be conserved forever through execution of a conservation easement, an instrument that encumbers the property's title and heavily restricts activities within the conserved areas. Because the creation of these areas and their long-term conservation was legally required as a condition of the creation of the Four Seasons Beaumont development, the process of expanding approved activities or the approach to management is complicated, requiring approval from multiple agencies and formal amendment of original project agreements.

Currently, Four Seasons Beaumont holds fee title over a small portion of the 37-acre site. The builder still maintains these areas at the builder's sole cost. The vast majority of the 37 acres are owned by builder K. Hovnanian Homes (the builder). Four Seasons Beaumont has the power to influence activities in the property it owns; however, it has no power or authority to conduct any work in the area owned by the builder.

We understand that fire risk is a sensitive concern and are working hard to respond effectively, focused on action items to make the Four Seasons Beaumont community increasingly fire safe without violating legal terms of the 37-acre conservation area. We are working with the Inland Empire Resource Conservation District (IERCD) to assess needs and create a proposal for removals to be considered and approved by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW). As the state agency with authority over riparian habitat and state-listed species, CDFW must review and approve any IERCD proposal; from there, the IERCD will submit proposed work and cost to Four Seasons Beaumont over the area of property controlled by the HOA. If approved by the Four Seasons Beaumont Board of Directors, IERCD and Four Seasons Beaumont will enter into a contract for the work to be done, on or before March 15, when nesting season begins and restrictions on vegetative-maintenance work increases considerably.

Recent fire events in L.A. have resulted in understandable concern among the community, particularly with regard to vegetation in the 37 acre conservation area. While the Board and management understand and want to respond effectively to these concerns, it is important that Four Seasons Beaumont residents understand three

critical points:

1. All 37 acres were ordered to be created and maintained as a condition of the development of the community. Even without an executed conservation easement, the 37-acres are still currently encumbered by the permits that were pulled. Part of the maintenance consists of a very specific and limited approach to active removals or trimming of shrubs and trees. There is no large-scale clearing of vegetation allowed in underlying agreements covering work in these sites.

2.As referenced above,the builder owns the bulk of the conservation area. As with all private property,no one but those with ownership or easement rights have authority to enter into and engage in activities without consent from owners.

3. Unauthorized clearing of vegetation in either the Association's property, or the builder's property, can result in fines ranging from \$25k to \$50k, per violation, one-year imprisonment, or both.

I understand that some of this information may not be well-received and want to underscore that we are working as hard as we can to move priority actions forward while also remaining mindful of the legal limits associated with the conservation area and mixed ownership.

I will be providing updates as they are received, but am always available to answer questions. Please do not hesitate to contact me.

Meetings

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

	<u>DAY</u>	<u>TIME</u>
Executive Session	3/13	9a
General Session	3/13	1p
Committee Chairs	3/10	10a

COMMITTEES

	<u>DAY</u>	<u>TIME</u>
Architectural Review	3/5, 19	8:30a
Canine Corral Council	3/6	10a
Communications	3/5	10a
Community Planning	3/27	9a
Conservancy	3/5	8a
Facilities	3/12	9a
Finance	3/25	1p
Landscape	3/18	1p
Safety (includes EPC)	3/4	10a
Social	3/4	1p

Activities Director's Report

Happy March Four Seasons! This is going to be a great month and I can't wait to tell you about it!

First, back by popular demand, we have piano player extraordinaire Harold Hinkle playing in the Ballroom with singer Dan Hazeltine. We had so many people clamoring for a Pasta and Piano Night again, that we have set aside the first Thursday of each month (except for May, June, and July which have conflicts). This month the date is March 6 from 4:30 to 6:30 pm. Everyone is welcome and there's no cost to attend and you can BYOB.

Next, we have the ever-engaging Karen Belcher with a "One Hit Wonders" name that tune. This event is usually packed and tables have such a good time playing against each other for prizes. This will take place on Friday, March 7. The doors open at 5:30 pm and the game starts at 6 pm. You are welcome to bring your dinners and beverages in on this event as well. Come on down and join the fun!

Karaoke is going to be early this month on Saturday, March 8 at 5 pm in the Ballroom. Bring a song, a friend, and some liquid courage if you need it. It's a lot of fun with friendly folks, so give it a try or just be an encourager in the audience.

If you still are open to adding a few valuable interests into your life this year, be sure to check out our Committee and Club Fair on Friday, March 14 from 10 am to 1 pm in the Ballroom. People from most of our committees will be there to introduce you to what they do to assist the association. Resident involvement is critical to the workings of this tiny government and you might be just the person we've all been waiting for. There are also so many fascinating clubs, groups, and classes to expand your horizons. There's everything from sports, to exercise, to photography, to multimedia art, to card and bunco groups ... you name it, we've got it! You'll meet the nicest people and really have a sense of what true community is.

See you there!

If you were one of the cool kids of the 60s, Sally White is having a "Singin' the 60s with Sally and Stan" event on Sunday, March 16 in the Ballroom at 6 pm. Come ready to remember and sing some nostalgic, great music, even if you are older or younger than the 60s, you'll remember these classic, finger-snapping songs, so come out and sing your heart out!

March is that time again for the Spring Craft Boutique on Saturday, March 22 from 9 am to 2 pm. I absolutely love the amazing work done by these crafters, bakers, wood-workers, candy makers and so much more! I get my most unique and unusual gifts from these folks and my loved ones receiving these gifts are always so impressed! The other element that makes this Craft Boutique so exciting is that everyone receives a free ticket with the possibility of winning one of the 65 gifts we're giving away during the Boutique. The next Craft Boutique won't be until October, so you better get it while you can!

Finally, one of my favorite events this year happens on Saturday, March 29 starting at 6 pm, "Corks, Clicks and Canvases." This is another one of the 20th Anniversary events. It's kind of like an Art Gallery showing with multimedia art images of the community by our very own artists as well as incredible resident photographic art. We will have a beautiful appetizer and dessert table and the Wine Club has offered to help with the "Corks" part of this event by offering wine pours. You are welcome to BYOB if you like. We will also be hearing the beautiful live jazz sounds of the Smooth Combo band. There will be a few tables out for people to sit down, but it's more of a gallery-opening vibe. There is no cost to attend and if you have purchased 20th Anniversary shirts this is one of those events to wear it to.

See ya around The Lodge! ~ Cindy Graves



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As we celebrate our 20th anniversary, we have some thrilling updates to share with you. First, prepare to wear your 20th Anniversary t-shirt! The first orders will arrive the second week of March. We'll call to notify you when your t-shirt is ready for pickup at The Lodge. With a surge of interest, those who haven't yet ordered a shirt, don't despair— there will be more chances to get one! Stay tuned to the Daily Report and the *Breeze* for the latest news and opportunities.

Don't miss "Corks, Clicks, and Canvas" on March 29. This dazzling evening will transform The Lodge into a captivating gallery, showcasing stunning multimedia artworks from our community alongside breathtaking photographs captured by our talented Photography Club members. Feel the rhythm of a live jazz band filling the air as you sip wine and enjoy appetizers — all absolutely FREE! This event is open to all residents, and we can't



wait to see everyone come together to celebrate the spirit of our community.

As we step into April, we invite you to wear your new 20th Anniversary T-Shirt to our much-anticipated T-Shirt Dance! With the dynamic duo Phil and Elizabeth Westbrook spinning your favorite tunes, the dance floor will come alive with energy and fun! If dancing isn't your style, we encourage you to join us for an evening filled with great music and laughter, surrounded by friendly faces.

May will bring a fun twist with our interactive event, "Name That Tune!" The evening will be brimming with surprises, laughter, and delightful gifts. More details will be unveiled soon.

The Recognition Committee looks forward to seeing you at these events! We eagerly look forward to celebrating these unforgettable moments with each of you at our events. Let's get together to create a magnificent anniversary celebration. ~Regina Farmer

20 ANNIVERSARY EVENTS



March 29: Corks, Clicks, & Canvases Celebration



April 11-20: Anniversary T-Shirt Dance
April 18: HOA Appreciation Luncheon



May 16-20: Name that Tune



June 2-20: Card Group Competition



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A Dream in The Works

By Roland Harrah

In 2008 a dream was shared by the founders of the Event Systems Committee, Roland Harrah and Willis Fagan along with Board Member Loren Duchene and Activities Director Cindy Graves.

This dream was kicked off by a generous contribution from Helen Shoemate in honor of her husband, Archie, and their mutual love of music and the arts.

That dream was someday to create an entertainment venue that was versatile and wonderful -- an event center we can be proud of.

After many months of planning, researching, designing, drawing plans and purchasing equipment, the ESC is ready to move into a new phase of building and directing enhancements for the Ballroom facilities. Permanent speakers are a part of our beautiful Ballroom as of Feb. 12, thanks to a work party consisting of ESC members Harrah, Fagan, Howard Swidler and technical subcommittee members John Noonan, Rick Brower and Peter Antoine.

After a long day of hiking up and down ladders carrying the speakers, dragging cables to and fro, setting angles and adjusting controls these new speakers sound "heavenly," to quote our dear Cindy.

Don't forget to hear for yourselves the new sound of your Ballroom at this year's upcoming Mighty Echoes Concert on Saturday March 19. This is an ESC fundraiser. Our work is not done by a long shot.

The electrical plan schematic is mostly completed as of January, which will enable additional progress such as the placement of a lighting control console in the Ballroom to work



thoughtful gift.

Four Seasons Community-Wide and Parking Lot Saturday, April 8 am To 4 pm Sign up at the To Participate

"March, 2011, marked the realization of a dream conceived in 2008 to create an entertainment venue in the Ballroom with permanent speakers, lighting controls, stage lights from the efforts of the Event Systems Committee led by Roland Harrah."

Submitted by Elizabeth Westbrook

Expressing Gratitude



I wish to declare 'Bravo Bistro' ... I love being one of your customers. Your staff is always kind and accommodating. Your culinary offerings are tasty and the carrot cake you suggested for my out-of-town guests was such a hit that when we tried to have it again during their stay, we ordered it too late — it had sold out. Others must have discovered how delicious it is. I am so glad you're here with us at Four Seasons. Warmly, Johanna

*Thank you just doesn't seem adequate for all the love, concern, and care Donna and Floyd Gilbreth gave us during our recent illness. Their constant check-ins, offers of help, and many meal deliveries were so thoughtful and appreciated. They truly represent all that is great about living in Four Seasons!
God bless you both. Love, B & B*

*Thank you to our HOA for the outstanding job decorating our community for the holidays. Loved the decorations inside The Lodge and outside all three facilities, gates, waterfall, and more.
Many thanks! Grace Germany*

If you have seen an act of kindness or have received one, please share with the community. Let's spread gratitude! Email your gratitude to FourSeasonsNews@yahoo.com or go to The Lodge Lobby and fill out a gratitude note and put it in the box marked "The Box of Gratitude." Thank you.



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Thursday, March 20	3 p.m.
Thursday, March 27	2 p.m.

BEAUMONT	
Monday, March 3	10 a.m.
Wednesday, March 5	10 a.m.
Monday, March 10	10 a.m.
Monday, March 24	10 a.m.

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SAVING ON WATER

By Andrea Henderson

Despite recent rains, Southern California will still be in a drought and we will be called upon to save water. Here are a few water-saving suggestions:

1. Take shorter showers. Taking shorter showers is one of the quickest ways to save money on water. Shorter showers each day can add up to some serious savings come bill time. Every minute spent in the shower uses about two-and-a-half gallons of water, with the average American showering for eight minutes. That means that if a shower is cut down to five minutes, it can shave seven-and-a-half gallons per day from a water bill. Plus, taking shorter showers can also lead to savings on gas or electricity bills. According to the Department of Energy, a water heater accounts for around 18 percent of the monthly utility payments. A new shorter shower routine will be saving money on two fronts!

Another frugal tip: put a few buckets in the shower. Collect the cold water as the shower heats up, and you can use those buckets of water to water plants or even flush the toilet a few times each week.

2. Install a low-flow shower head. A low-flow shower head can save around half a gallon per minute in the shower. It may not sound like a lot, but taking an eight-minute shower every day, could save around 120 gallons of water each month.

3. Fix leaks promptly. Even a small drip can waste a lot of water over time. How much? One single drip every 10 seconds in an average home can waste up to 104 gallons a year!

4. Turn off the faucet. Even just keeping the faucet turned off while tooth brushing can save about two to three gallons every day.





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Farewell to Four Seasons Friends

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Italy: History, Food, & Culture

By Irene Welker

My friend, Evelyn Koch, and I had been on a few cruises with other friends but had never shared a cabin. We always had a good time together, so we decided to book a cruise. The only issue was that we could not find a destination we both liked and that neither of us had previously visited. Then Evelyn said she found the perfect cruise for us; a theme cruise called Ancient Wonders and Culinary Delights. It started in Malta and then cruised Sicily and southern Italy. Yes, one or both of us had been to some of the ports the big difference was this cruise emphasized Archeology (one of Evelyn's interests) and Italian cuisine (anyone who has read Chef's Corner in the Breeze knows I am passionate about the culinary arts). We booked the cruise a full year before the embarkation date. That gave us plenty of time to research the areas around the ports of call. We also researched flights. The shortest, with only one connecting flight, was 22 hours. We decided to arrive in Malta 48 hours early to allow us time for rest, recovery, and sightseeing in Malta.

Since there was so little time to see Malta, we booked a self-guided tour with a driver who grew up in Malta and knew the country very well. Turns out it was a fascinating day. The driver took us to a variety of amazing places including: a vibrant and lovely seaside street market, the famous Blue Grotto, a temple in Hagar Qim that dates back to around 3600 BC, the city of Medina (the former capital of Malta) where we meandered through the streets and catacombs of this ancient fortified city, then finally stopping for a Maltese-style lunch of grilled fish. It was a delectable meal of locally-sourced foods. Then it was on to Mosta where we visited the Rotunda of Mosta, a Christian church that is the third building for a parish that has existed since the 1400s. It is one of the most beautiful churches I have visited. We ended the tour back in Valletta at the Barrakka Gardens. Then back to our hotel for a rest and dinner.

The next day, we boarded our ship, a small 184-passenger explorer class. The accommodations were lovely, and the crew was helpful and friendly. The other passengers were also friendly, helpful, and accommodating. I found that the advantage of small ships is that you are able to meet everyone onboard and establish a quasi-family. There were times when Evelyn and I were not on the same shore excursion. No matter, I always had a buddy or two with whom to share the experience.

Special events were planned every day. Also, two lectures were given each night. Albert Leonard, an archaeologist and Smithsonian Fellow lectured about history and archeology with a focus on Italy, relating to the sites we would explore on the excursions. The other lecturer was food expert Maureen Fant, who lectured about Italian cuisine's history, culture, and diversity. Passengers were invited to sign up to have dinner with one of the lecturers. Evelyn and I were pleased to have dinner at Maureen Fant's table which occurred on the night of the special Italian dinner cooked by the guest chef, Denny Imbroisi. Denny, a French chef, served "Italian-style" French dishes. This was the only meal on the cruise that disappointed the foodies. For instance, the appetizer was fried artichoke, in the French style, which is somewhat



We enjoyed a five-course meal and wine pairing with each course.

different than the way Italians prepare them. It is probably a matter of nuance, but when in Rome, serve authentic Italian. (See the Chef's Corner for a recipe for steamed artichokes.)

We had six shore excursions, each with two components — sampling food and visiting historical sites. Both were incredibly interesting.

1. Syracuse, Sicily. The excursion was to the Archeological Park and catacombs. This is a huge dig that contains extensive Roman ruins. The food component was delectable Italian pastries.

2. Taormina, Sicily. Our excursion was to Borgo-Sanzio in Catania. Our first stop was a local café known for its variety of arancini, which are breaded and fried balls of risotto with a stuffed center of cheese, fish, or meat. We were served every flavor of arancini made by the café. Our guide then led us through the streets of this charming town pointing out and describing historical landmarks. Our next stop was the famous Catania fish market which originally was local fishermen selling their catch of the morning but has expanded to include nearly everything edible such as fruits, vegetables, meats, cheeses, herbs, and prepared foods. The last stop was a bakery where we sampled assorted pastries.

3. Reggio Di Calabria, Italy. We visited the Bergamot Museum. I must confess, I was not looking forward to this excursion but it turned out to be one of my favorites. I was fascinated by the history and uses of this fruit. Among other things, the peel contains essential oils which are used to make high-end perfumes. We were served an appetizer buffet at the end of the tour.

4. Agropoli, Italy. Our excursion included a visit to the ancient city of Paestum, which has extensive ruins and is famous for its three Greek temples. We spent three hours at the site and the archaeological museum before the rains came fast and furious. Many of us gathered at a nearby café involved in a discussion of, what else, Italian food and what city in Italy has the best gelato.

5. Naples, Italy. The excursion was to Pompeii and Mount Vesuvius Winery. Unfortunately, the ruins of Pompeii were so crowded it was difficult to make our way through the crowd. Our guide did his best to give the group a good overview. I was amazed at how much more of the ruins had been uncovered since my last visit. On to the winery which overlooks Mount Vesuvius. We were served a five-course meal. Each course was paired with a wine selected for that dish.

6. Civitavecchia, Italy. The excursion was Rome's Street Food. Nine hours of walking the streets of Rome and eating local fare. Then back to the ship to get ready to disembark the next day.

The cruise was the most interesting, informative, and best I've taken.



Farewell to Malta



Ancient Paestum



An assortment of arancini



The elephant fountain in front of the Basilica cathedral Santa Agata in Catania



Executive Chef Jean-Baptiste Migeon, Irene Welker, and Guest Chef Denny Imbroisi at the Captain's Dinner



Ruins of Pre-Christian temple in Hagar Qim, Malta



Catania's famous fish market



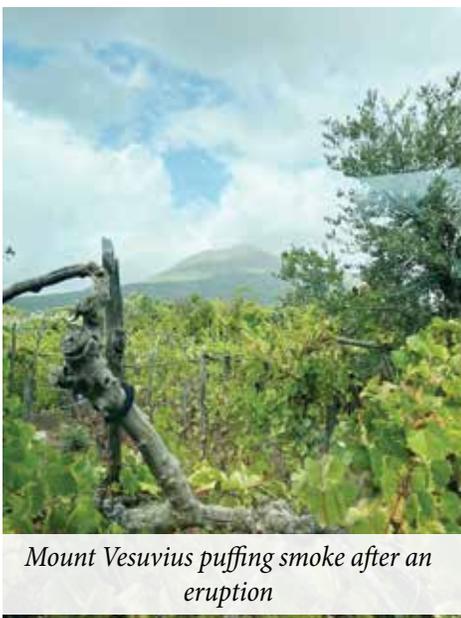
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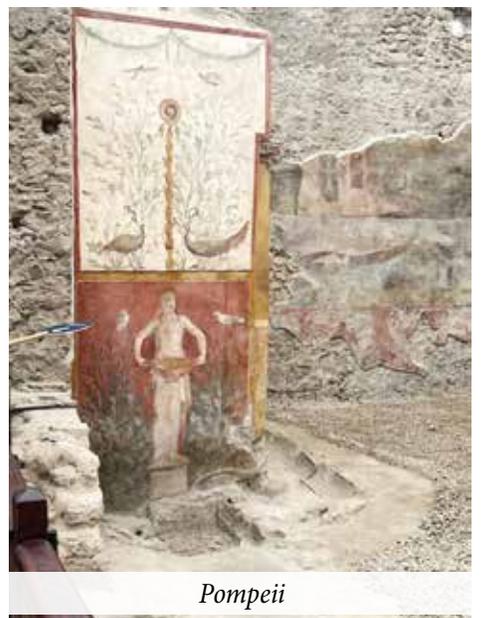
Rotunda of Mosta



Mount Vesuvius puffing smoke after an eruption



Pompeii



Pompeii

Our Friend, Jan White

By Elizabeth Westbrook

My first impression of Jan when I joined the Communications Committee in 2018 was that she was kind, friendly, and professional. Her positive attitude and enthusiasm made her approachable. I was not surprised to see Jan participating in community events and activities. The African American Cultural Club noticed Jan's talent and chose her to present some of her creative writings at a few of their events. Willa Harris embraced her and managed to get her to emcee at a couple of Motown Shows which were a huge success. Jan's presence onstage was perfect with her ability to command the spotlight.

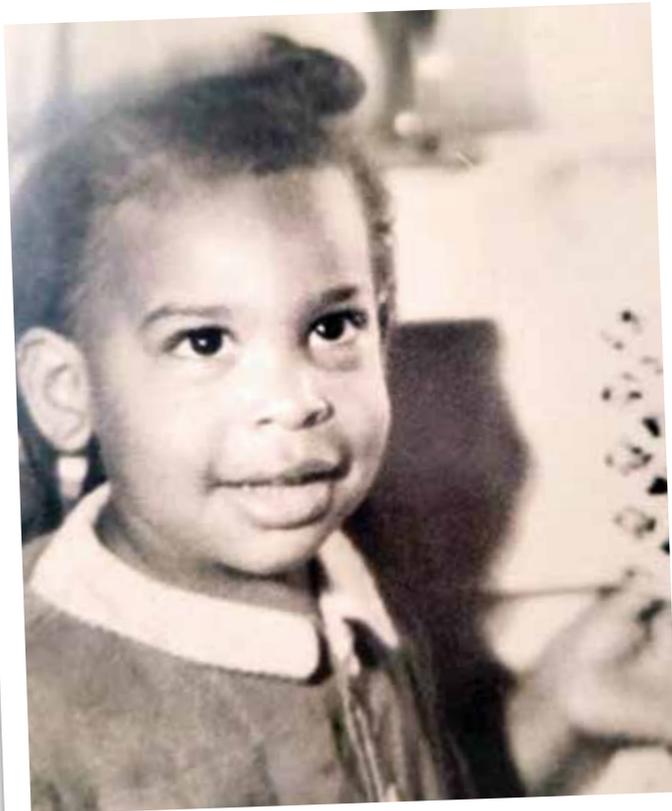
Over the years, her support, attendance, and/or performance at events — especially when there was music — made her everyone's friend, someone you could talk to, a genuine listener. She said, "One of my favorite things is to be an instrument/resource for making a positive difference in my world/community."

I asked Jan to share her professional background: "I am fortunate to have a business/work history that has afforded me an abundance of useful skills. I was a legal secretary for approximately eight years. During those years, I additionally transcribed medical reports for doctors; I was the receptionist, secretary, bookkeeper, and payroll clerk in my brother's small business for approximately 13 years. I taught at-risk high school students in an LAUSD work-training program for approximately five years. I taught Office Careers Legal and Medical for LAUSD for approximately 15 years. I was Program Manager for LAUSD Adult Division where I was in charge of teachers and programs offered to adults and 11th-12th graders; ultimately, after retiring from LAUSD, I taught English as a Second Language for Rowland Unified School District."

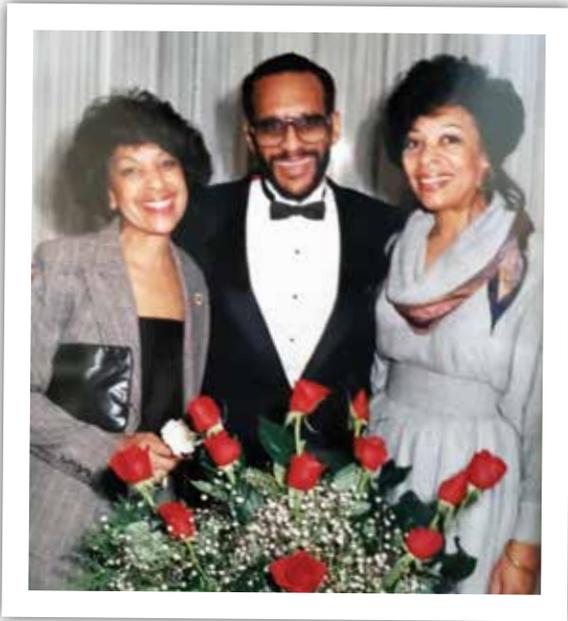
She happily shared with me her fond appreciation for her parents, who came from the poorer sector and, nevertheless, raised three successful and productive citizens. "I am the youngest of three children, born in Los Angeles, California, exactly one year apart, to a 'mostly' Black man from Oxford Mississippi (born in 1906) and an Armenian and Black woman from Massachusetts. I was raised, supported, and inspired by this magnificent couple until I left home at the age of 23 to marry." She says that she inherited her artistic talents and her love-and-caring tendencies from her mother; her self-respect, strength of spirit, independence, and determination from her dad.

Jan has a daughter, Darleena, and a son, Mark. Both faraway and nearby family and friends are precious to her. She loves her fellow residents and feels blessed to have the fortune of sharing her life with us. Working daily on being the best she can be is her hobby — a hobby in which we all might participate. Her attitude and perspective on life is reflected on her license plate (IMA B OK) which she's had since 1998.

I will conclude with Jan's personal motto: "Laugh when you can, apologize when you should, and let go of what you can't change. Hug warmly, forgive quickly, play hard, think positively, give your all, make every day your masterpiece and have no regrets, because life is too short to be anything but happy!"

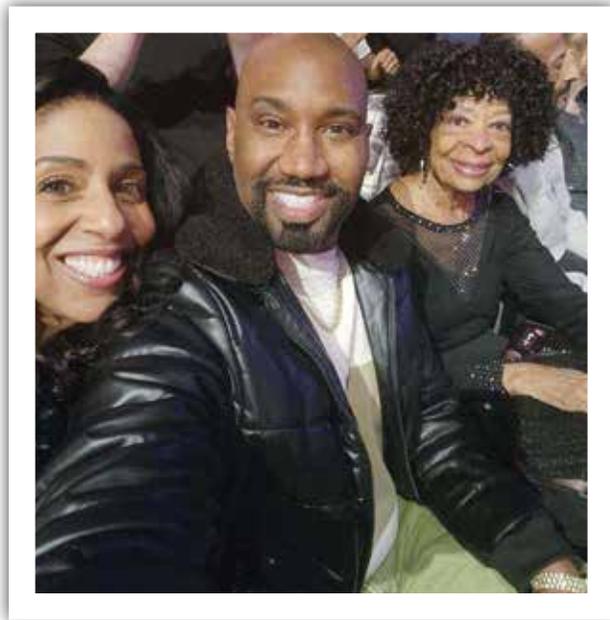


*Jan's
parents*



*Jan (right)
with her
sister and
brother*

*Jan with her
daughter and
son, Darleena
and Mark,
enjoying a
concert for
her 2024
birthday.*



*Remembering
special times
winning
Boston
Champs with
Floyd Reid
and Howard
Shelton in
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Jan, fourth from left, loves participating in the annual Fashion Show.



*An evening with music and friends is always a
favorite for Jan (right).*



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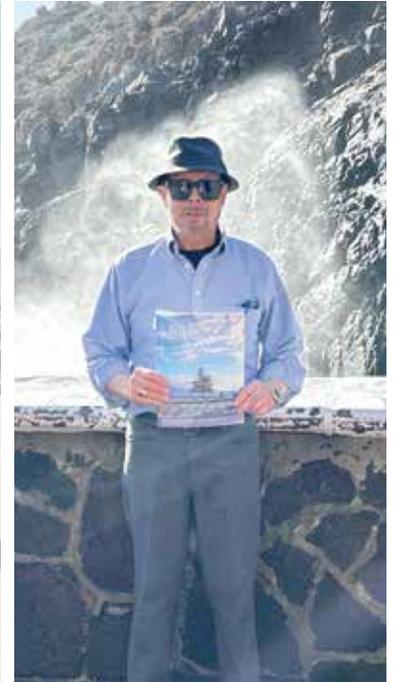
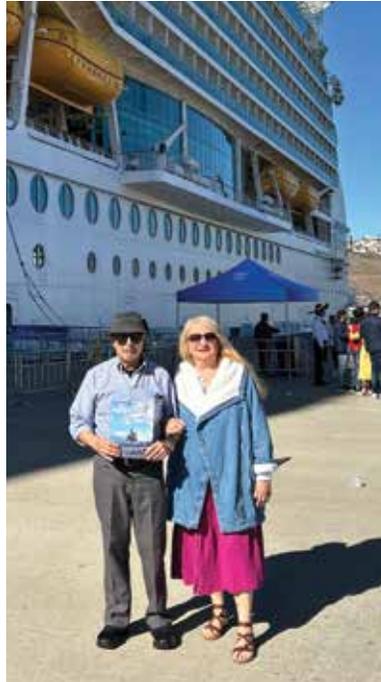
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Oh, the Places We Go!

For this “Oh, the Places We Go!” column, residents may submit high-quality digital photos to FourSeasonsNews@yahoo.com. While not required, we would love to see a copy of the *Breeze* featured with you in the photo of your escapades. It will be fun to see how far and to what exotic places the magazine travels. Please be sure to include information to explain your photos, especially the who, what, when, and where.



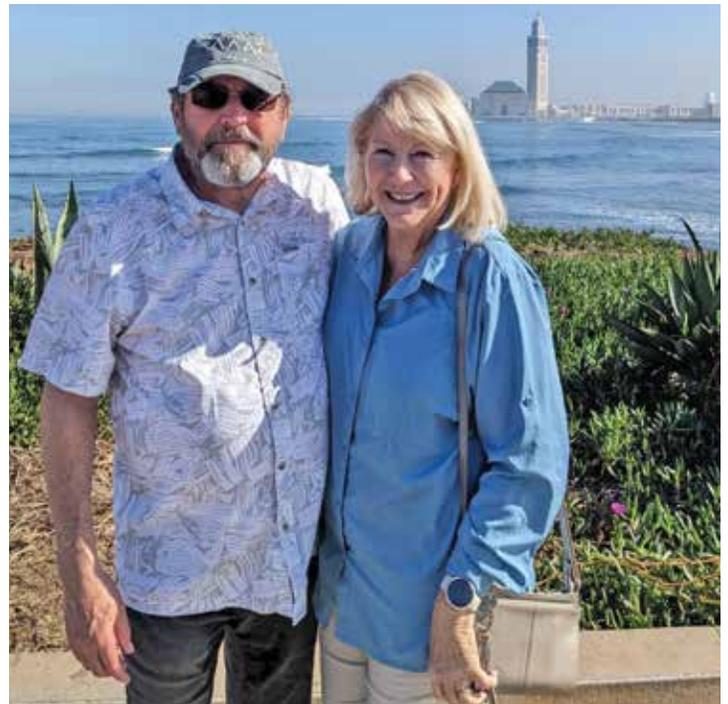
Joan Stueland recently visited Fort Williams Park and took this picture of Portland Head Light, a historic lighthouse in Cape Elizabeth, Maine.



*At left: Trinidad and Jeanie Velasquez at Ensenada’s port cruise on the Navigator of the Seas ship.
At right: Trinidad at the world-famous La Bufadora (blowhole) in Ensenada, Mexico; it shoots water 100 feet in the air!*



Rene and Valerie Garcia and Tom and Rhonda Louden visit Tio Pepe winery in Jerez de la Frontera, Spain, in January.



Tom and Rhonda Louden in Casablanca, Morocco across from the Hussein II mosque

Oh, the Places We Go!



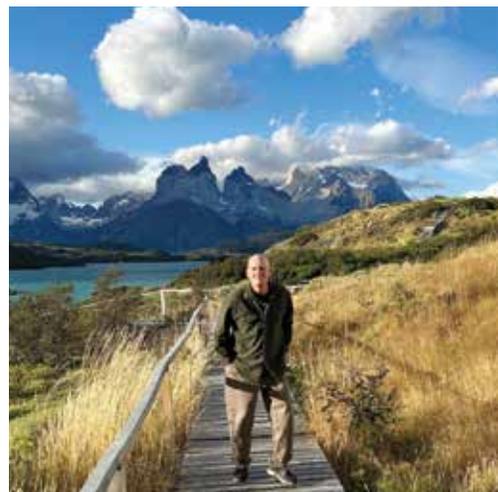
A group of Four Seasons residents — Cheryl Calderon, Tito Calderon, Carolyn Rinaldi, Sam Rinaldi, Tanya Stewart, Mariano Hawk, Janet Owens, and John Owens — took on a recent trip to Los Angeles. We took the Metrolink to Union Station to attend the “Uncorked Wine Tasting” event. Pictured above are us on the Metro, enjoying dinner in a Shabu Shabu restaurant in Little Toyoko, and having lunch on Olvera Street.



Linda Federoff making a deal with Wayne Brady on Let's Make A Deal, which aired Jan. 3

Jack and Linda Federoff at the Lobster Trap Tree in Stonington, CT. with beautiful hand-painted buoys

Constitution Plaza in Santiago, Chile. Submitted by Elizabeth Westbrook



Lake Pehoe and Cordillera Paine in the Torres del Paine National Park in Chile Submitted by Phillip Westbrook



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PLANES, TRAINS, AND TRUCKMOBILES

By Steve Benoff

Hhhhoonnkkk, Hhhhoonnkkk, Honk, Hhhhoonnkkk. Do you recognize that sound? You can hear it every day, several times a day. That's the horn sequence every train makes when coming to a crossing. I tried to find an exact figure for the portion of national freight that moves through Beaumont, but I wasn't able to. What I can say is that the Los Angeles/Long Beach harbors are the busiest ports in the U.S. and most of that freight moves from the ports by rail and most of that rail traffic moves through Beaumont. Add to that truck traffic and you can see that much of the nation's goods move through our city.

So, I wondered if there's an app that could help me understand the movement of freight on the rails. Look; this isn't a completely insane notion. I've mentioned the terrific FlightAware app. I'm looking at it right now. The map that came up stretches from Santa Ana to Twentynine Palms, from Barstow to Tijuana (why do I always pronounce it as if were spelled Tiajuana). Even in this confined space, there are too many planes to count. If I press one of them, the app identifies the carrier, flight number, origin and destination, speed, and altitude.

There are any number of reasons why train travel is different from air travel. Mostly it has to do with the ratio of passengers to freight. On the rails, the vast majority is freight while the opposite is true for air. Nevertheless, I'll bet one of the planes displayed on FlightAware is a FedEx freight flight.

I don't think I told you my FedEx story. From 1973 to '75, I was a corporate officer at Tiger International, which owned Flying Tigers freight airline. Those were heady years (until it got boring) with my corner office at the top of our 10-story at the west end of LAX. Next time you take off from LAX, look between the runways as you leave the ground and you'll see it. Anyway, at one of our corporate meetings, Wayne Hoffman, our CEO, derisively joked about some pissant operator which was hubbing out of Memphis using corporate jets to move freight. That startup was Federal Express which later bought Flying Tigers to get access to our operating sites

and our planes.

Around that time, I thought it would be good for my two kids to develop an appreciation of the stock market. So, I bought each of them \$100 worth of stock in several companies. When it came time to choose between Tigers and FedEx, I smartly chose the latter. Each of them sold out around \$1,200. This proved two things. My first intent failed – neither of my kids has any real interest in the market. Secondly, if I had been so prescient, I would have sold my house and put it all on FedEx stock. (Come to think about it, I did pretty well when I consider the appreciation on my house. Maybe I should have bought the stock instead of a new car.)

Back to the rails. I searched for train apps — all games. Tried railroad. Better. Mostly games, but I did find five that weren't. I have my doubts about the two Amtrak apps. On one, when I tried to plan a trip from Riverside to New York City, I kept getting a “sold out” notice, even for trips two months away. The other app wasn't much better. I was asked to select a destination but couldn't find a listing for New York, Manhattan, or Brooklyn. I gave up. The New York MTA app seems much better but, of course, it's limited to one city. There's an app called AskRail. It's “designed to assist first responders and others with freight rail incidents.” Looks like a great idea. Doubt it applies to us. If you're a rail freight shipper, you'll want the Union Pacific app for “shipment solutions” and prices.

So, my fantasy map of active freight trains spread across the country, a la FlightAware, doesn't exist. By the way, I had more success with trucking. Lots of games and simulators, but also apps for maps, routes, loading, truck stops, tolls, jobs, and logs. That gives me comfort if I decide to buy a semi and go back to work. (By the way, I looked up “semi”; [does the rule regarding end quote punctuation apply to semicolons?] it seems it can refer to the truck or the trailer. Really. Look it up.)

If you use an app you'd like to share with others, let me know at steve.benoff@verizon.net.

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Physical Exercise

THE LODGE

Gym	Daily	Open
Hula Hoop Group	F	7:30a
Pool	Daily	Open Swim
Spa Pool	Daily	Open
Paddle Tennis	Daily	Open
Pickleball	Daily	Open
Shuffleboard	M/Sat	8a
*Beginners Conditioning	T/Th/F	8:30a
*Total Body Conditioning	M/W	8:30a, 9:30a
*Kickboxing Cardio	Sat	9:30a
*Chair Yoga	W	5p
*Yoga	W	6p
*Zumba	T/Th	9:30a
*Pilates	W	7:15a
*Pound Fitness/Pilates Fusion	M	11a

THE COURTS

Gym	Daily	Open
Courts Pool	Daily	Open Swim
Spa Pool	Daily	Open
Tennis	Daily	By Reservation
Ladies Putters	M	4p
	F	9a
Ping Pong	Daily	Open
FSTTC	M-Sat	1p
AFSTTC	T	10a
*Yoga	T/Th	8:30a

THE SUMMIT

Gym	Daily	Open
Summit Pool	Daily	Open Swim
Bocce Ball	Daily	Open
Horseshoes	Daily	Open
Cornhole	T	4p
*Water Aerobics (pool closed during class)	M/W/F	10a
Water Volleyball (pool closed during play)	Sat	1p
	T/Th	10a

DANCE

*Let's Dance!	M	6p
*Heart & Soul	T	2p
	W	3:30p
Old School Dance	4th Th	3p
Step it up Line Dance Beginning	M	1p
Step it up Line Dance Improvers	M	2p
Step it up Line Dance in the Ballroom	W	6:30p

Classes/Groups

Believe Bible Study	F	10:30a
Ceramics	W	1p
Craft Group	Th	10a
Crafty Card Makers	2nd F	1p
Handbell Choir	W	2p
Intercessory Prayer	1st M	9a
Knit & Crochet	T	10a
*Mixed Media Art	M	10a
	W	6p
Men's Bible Study	T	9a
PAC	2nd M	6p
Photography	1st Th	6:30p
Quilting Enthusiasts	1st Th	1p
Sit 'n Sew	3rd Th	9a
TOPS Weigh In	T	8:30a

Activities

8-Ball Club	M/W/F	6:30p
	3rd M	1:15p
Curly Cues	M	11a
Billiards for Fun	T	10:30a
Wild Bunch Billiards	F	12:30p
Dominoes Billiards	W/F	3:30p
Bocce Ball	T/F	8a
	Th	6p
Horseshoes	W	9a
Ladies Putters	M	4p
	F	9a
Ping Pong	Check for play time	
Advanced	Check for play time	
Paddle Tennis	M/W/F/Sat/Sun	5p
Shuffleboard	M	9a
	Sat	9a
Tennis Play Day	Last Sat	8a
Beginners	All Sat except last	8a

Game Clubs

GAME	DAY	TIME
Bridge for Fun	W	11:30a
Bunco	F	1p
Canasta	Th	1p
Co-Ed Bid Whist	T	6p
Contract Bridge	2nd Sat	9a
Dominoes	W/F	6p
Hearts	T	6p
Mahjong	F	1p
Mexican Train	M	12p
Phase 10 Cards	2nd/4th T	2p
Rummikub	M	2p
Three Thirteen	1st/3rd Tues	2p
Uptown Diva Bid Whist	1st/3rd F	2p

*A fee may apply for activity

Winter Birds in Four Seasons

By Gerri Karczynski

When we have sunny days here at Four Seasons you will see many bird species in your backyard and on our trails. That changes when we get rain and wind. Birds typically do not like flying when it rains. It is not the light rain that causes them to hunker down. It's hard rain and our Beaumont winds that makes them seek shelter in trees, hedges, and other places. On top of that, the air temperature that comes with rain is typically lower, making it harder to fly.

It requires extra energy to fly in the wind, so most smaller birds conserve energy by hunkering down in a sheltered spot. Birds that roost on branches, such as sparrows, finches, crows, songbirds etc., tend to perch on a thick branch very close to the trunk on the side most protected from wind and rain. When these songbirds are relaxed, their feet grasp automatically, so they can sleep while tightly clasping the branch.

How have fires significantly affected birds in our own community? If the fire burns through important bird habitats here or in the L.A. area, birds that rely on those areas for nesting or feeding may be forced to move. Migrating birds may be diverted from their usual routes causing them to spend more time searching for food and shelter possibly in our own neighborhood. Yes, birds can fly away to escape the immediate flames. But how do they survive the days and months after the fire?

There is a lot you can do to help birds. The next few months will be particularly good times to put out food and water for birds. You

also might have a pleasant surprise. You might see certain species of birds you normally do not see at your feeders or in your yards or on the trails here.

A bird bath can be a life saver. The very simplest way to provide water is a large plant saucer or shallow basin in your yard with water. Do not make it too deep and put a rock in it for a bird to perch on to take a drink.

Bird watching is therapeutic. Sitting out on a covered patio — or even inside at a light-filled window — to watch for birds is an easy way to get a boost of vitamin D and a feeling of well-being.

Below are a few birds you may see in your yard this winter. My favorite is the Spotted Towhee. It is such a treat to spot one of these dapper-looking birds foraging on the ground for seeds and bugs. The White-Crowned Sparrows are winter visitors who are known for their black-and-white striped "crown." Robins also have returned to our trails. Check out allaboutbirds.org online for identifying birds.



White-Crowned Sparrow



Spotted Towhee



Song Sparrow

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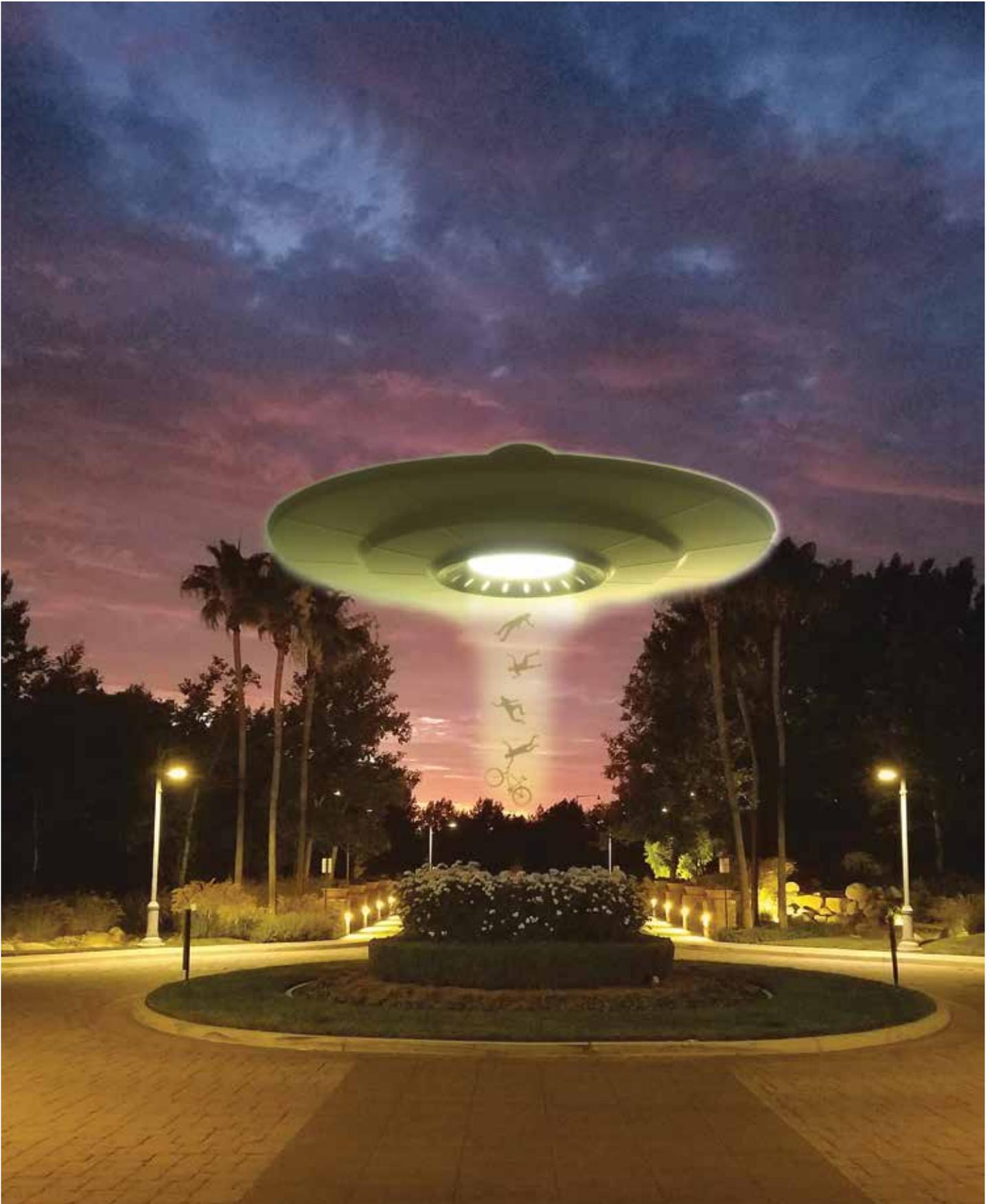


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*Members of the Four Seasons Bicycle Club were recently abducted during their evening ride. Three bikes were successfully recovered.
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FACILITIES COMMITTEE

As we spring into March, the Facilities Committee wraps up the work at The Lodge; we will turn our attention to The Summit to assess projects requiring research. We will obtain contractor bids for any necessary repairs and renovations. Current items on our project list include The Summit indoor pool, pool decking, the indoor shower at the pool, and tiling. We are also assessing work needed in the men's and women's bathrooms as well as painting.

The Lodge, the Ballroom, the Game Room, the Library, and the RCN Main Room have all been repainted and new carpet has been installed. We continue our work in the Ballroom by revitalizing the chandeliers, lighting, and window coverings, as well as improving the acoustics.

The pool deck resurfacing is under way

and this project will be completed in time for the opening of the pool in April. If you have not had the opportunity to visit The Lodge lately, we encourage you to stop by.

If you have a facilities concern or questions,



feel free to contact me at ginajo25@aol.com or attend one of our meetings. We meet the second Wednesday of every month; for the next few months our meetings will be at The Summit. ~ *Regina Farmer*



COMMUNITY AWARENESS

Spring Forward and Review Your Safety Checklist

Time to Change Your Clocks Remember, Daylight Saving Time begins on the second Sunday in March. So, on March 9, we “lose” an hour of sleep when the clocks are set forward (except in Hawaii and Arizona), and for many, that means a tired couple of days as our bodies adjust. The consequences of fatigue can be serious, so plan accordingly.

Spring into action on Sunday, March 9 and review the following safety checklist:

SMOKE ALARMS Three out of every five home fire deaths result from fire in homes with no smoke alarms, according to the National Fire Protection Association. A good practice is to test your smoke alarms every month and replace the battery at least once a year. If the alarm makes a “chirping” sound, replace the battery immediately.

Smoke alarms should be in every bedroom and in the common areas on each floor of a home. They should be mounted at least 10 feet from the stove to reduce false alarms, less than 12 inches from the ceiling, and away from windows, doors, and ducts. Be sure to purchase smoke alarms with the label of a reputable testing agency, like Underwriters Laboratories (UL).

CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS Anything that burns fuel can potentially become a source of carbon monoxide (CO), an invisible, odorless gas that can kill. CO alarms should be installed in a central location outside each bedroom and on every level of the home. The safety tips for CO detectors mirror those of smoke alarms (i.e., change the batteries annually and test them monthly). Also, make sure vents for your gas appliances (fireplace, dryer, stove, and furnace) are free and clear of debris.

EMERGENCY PLAN An emergency kit should include one

gallon of water per day for each person, at least a three-day supply of food, flashlight and batteries, first aid kit, plastic sheeting and duct tape, and medicines. You can visit the FEMA website for a complete list. Your emergency plan should also include:

- A communications plan to outline how your family members will contact one another and where to meet if it is safe to go outside.
- A shelter-in-place plan if outside air is contaminated. FEMA recommends sealing windows, doors, and air vents with plastic sheeting.
- A getaway plan, including various routes and destinations in different directions.
- Also, make sure your first aid kit is updated.

GET RID OF UNWANTED MEDICINES The National Safety Council recommends you take unwanted or expired medicines to a prescription drop box or “take-back” event near you.

GETTING THE URGE TO CLEAN? With the warm weather comes a desire to shine and polish your home. Be sure to review the warning labels on the chemical product(s) to be used. Proper use of chemicals, along with required or recommended personal protective equipment, and the proper disposal of the chemicals are important considerations to follow.

Remember, if you see something, say something.

Please join us for next month's Community Awareness Meeting on Wednesday, March 12 at 10 am in The Lodge Ballroom. We will have a special presentation from Mike Lara, Beaumont City Mayor, and Elizabeth Gibbs, Beaumont City Manager.

Thank you to our block captains and Community Awareness Committee members for all they do to help keep our community safe. ~ *Frank Hilberg, hilbergfrank@gmail.com*

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

Common questions that ARC (Architectural Review Committee) members are required to answer have to do with why some houses in the community have been able to make certain changes and others have not.

The existence of an ARC is required by both the CC&Rs and California state law. The Davis-Sterling Act (CC Sec 4765.) requires HOAs to provide “a fair, reasonable, and expeditious procedure for making its decision(s).” The law also prohibits ARC decisions that violate any government, building codes, or “applicable law governing land use or public safety.”

The K. Hovnanian’s Four Seasons at Beaumont Community Association Architectural Guidelines and Standards (Guidelines) specifically requires that “each application is reviewed and evaluated by the ARC on the individual merits of the proposed work on a case-by-case basis and is considered in light of specific implications of location and impact on surroundings.

There are no automatic approvals. An application for work identical to work already approved by the ARC, or that is identical to existing work anywhere in the community may or may not receive ARC approval.

The approval, conditional approval, or disapproval by the ARC of any proposed work does not bind ARC to take the same or similar action on any other proposed work at any other time for the same or any other property owner.

While the above information is simple and clear, ARC and its members often encounter homeowners who believe that just because someone else has done work that appears to be similar, they should be able to do the same.

How and why does this occur? There are several reasons. The most common are changes to laws and building codes and work that was done without ARC approval.

Please remember that the oldest homes in our community are nearing 20 years old. Several laws and building codes as well as the Guidelines have changed over the years. What was allowed or required then may not be acceptable now. Sometimes, the reasons for changes are known and other times the reasons are not remembered and cannot be found.

ARC utilizes the current laws, rules, and guidelines when making decisions. One example of this type of change has to do with front yard landscaping. Laws and building codes that required a large percentage of growing material in front yards were replaced, in part due to drought conditions, with ones that now only require that a certain percentage of the yard be water permeable and that all bare ground be covered.

Often what has been done in the past has not been approved yet the work has been completed. In some instances, the work was discovered, and the homeowner is working with the BOD to correct the issues. This process can take an extraordinarily long time to complete, and it may appear that the work was approved. On occasion the unapproved work has not been noticed and continues to exist.

Regardless of the status of the unapproved work, its existence does not require or allow ARC to approve work if the Guidelines are not met. Examples of this situation are flagpoles. The Beaumont City code and Guidelines require that the flagpole be placed at least five feet from the property line. Guidelines also require that the flag does not fly over the fence to the neighboring property. Sometimes the owner works to correct the problem, other times it is still unapproved. In neither situation does the existence of unapproved work require ARC to approve a new application.

Occasionally a situation may exist that requires an exception to the Guidelines. ARC cannot waive laws or building codes but can make exemptions of Guidelines when warranted. No example will be given since doing so may disclose protected homeowner information.

ARC encourages all homeowners to attend the meeting when your application is reviewed. This allows the ARC members to discuss any questions that may arise with your application or any reason a variance may be warranted.

All homeowners are invited to attend all ARC meetings. Our meetings are held on the first and third Wednesday of each month at 8:30 am in the RCN Conference Room. ~ *Steve Cooley, (801) 815-5302, cooleyaudit@gmail.com*

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SOCIAL COMMITTEE



We have a new member!

Alice Daugherty – Alice graduated from the University of Florida. Afterwards, she moved back to her birth state of Rhode Island for the first of many teaching positions. Her second summer there, on a lark, she went camping with a girlfriend to Niagara Falls and met her husband. Marvin was camping next to them. They were married the following year, now 51 years ago. They moved quite a bit while Marvin worked toward his doctorate.

Alice then moved to North Carolina, where she worked in the Senior Services Department of Social Services. She worked

with the Children's Foster Care/Adoption Department doing home studies and individual children's studies. She had the gratifying job of child/baby placement. A teaching position opened where she taught until her retirement 17 years later. Marvin and Alice raised, and college educated, three sons who are now married with five

grandchildren.

Before moving to Four Seasons, Alice was active in her church helping to raise money for non-profit organizations.

Traveling is in their blood! Since moving to Four Seasons, they have been able to take advantage of many of the group tours that are offered by our Travel Club including the Pageant of the Masters, San Diego the Italian area, Sedona, Arizona, and the tour of the Famous homes in Palm Springs. They also celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary by taking a Disney Cruise to Alaska.

We hope you enjoyed the comedy event and came away with a smile on your face and laughter in your heart! The next event will be the Ladies Fashion Show, "Summertime Garden." On June 7, doors will open at 11:15 am, lunch will be served at 11:45 am, and the fashion show starts at 1 pm. Table seating will be assigned. Models will be wearing clothes from Jaci Johnson, Independent "cabi" Personal Stylist and from Shannon Burns, owner of Lush Layne. So, save the date!

Ticket sales begin Tuesday, May 6 from 9 to 11 am in The Lodge Ballroom. Afterwards, tickets can be purchased at The Lodge front desk.

We share a special "Thank You" to Tanya Stewart and Linda Federoff for their years of volunteering on the Social Committee. With their creativity and talent they were great assets to the committee. They will be missed! ~ *Lisa Johnson, lisajohnson710@gmail.com*

COMMUNITY PLANNING

The purpose of a Community Planning Committee initiative begun in 2024 is "To ensure that Four Seasons remain a premier resort-style community." Phase 1 of this initiative is to "track trends in Southern California 55+ communities including Four Seasons Beaumont."

As we celebrate Four Seasons 20th anniversary, the committee seeks information that will help inform us of and quantify the usage of our many facilities and determine the participation levels of our groups, clubs, and activities. The information we receive will be

used by our Board of Directors, management staff, and committees to develop sound and information-based plans for our future. The results of this survey will be published to the community in April 2025. Please complete the questionnaire by March 18, 2025 so that we can compute and analyze the findings in a timely manner. Print questionnaires will be available in The Lodge, The Summit, and The Courts as well as available electronically in the Daily Report. Thank you for supporting this Community Planning Committee initiative! ~ *Jane Hopper, janehooper@yahoo.com*

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FINANCE COMMITTEE

My dedicated staff have completed our financial budget for 2025 and reviewed all finances for 2024. I appreciate their hard work and their willingness to continue for another year. We ended 2024 with an excellent financial outcome.

The financial statements for December, 2024, were reviewed and recommended for Board approval. In addition, the committee reviewed expenditure proposals for various recommended projects in the community. We also reviewed investment recommendations to move maturing investments to higher yield FDIC insure instruments. Highlights of the December financial statements are: Total Cash is \$11,846,332 including operating cash of \$1,964,811 (checking and CDs) and reserve assets of \$9,864,383, and reconstruction assets of \$17,138. Our total year-to-date current

income is \$(30,492). There will be some adjustment to these numbers before the statements are finalized,

Homeowners are welcome to join us at the Finance Committee's regularly scheduled monthly meetings held on the last Tuesday of each month. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, March 25 at 1 pm in the RCN Conference Room. The Finance Committee reviews and discusses many issues that you may have questions about. Residents are welcome to attend one of our meetings to become more familiar with our finances. At the beginning of each meeting, we allow three minutes per homeowner, not to exceed 30 minutes in total for comments.

If you have any questions or concerns, contact Jolene Cooley joleneaudit@gmail.com. ~ *Jolene Cooley*

LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE

Spring is coming!

Thanks to the Park West team for their annual seasonal color installation at The Lodge and The Summit. We know everyone is looking forward to seeing what they have in store for Four Seasons in 2025!

Spring time is a time to plant color around your home. Even when you live in a home where the HOA landscaper Park West maintains your front yard (the Front Yard Cost Center [FYCC]), you are always welcome to plant annuals. Annuals are flowering plants that complete their whole life cycle in one year, growing from seed in

spring, blooming in summer, and dispersing seeds before dying in fall. Unlike slow-growing perennials (plants that grow for multiple years), annuals put the "petal to the metal" to give your landscape immediate color from late spring until fall. Annuals are considered as seasonal color in HOA documents.

Let's make spring 2025 something to talk about! We all play a role in making our community a beautiful place.

Note that you are always welcome to join our monthly meetings on the third Tuesday of every month (e.g., March 18, April 15 [celebrate tax day with us], and May 20). ~ *Nancy Justice*





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CANINE CORRAL

Great news! For those of you who are unsure of the benefits to your dog joining the Canine Corral, the committee has instituted a free trial for you and your pet. You simply contact one of us and we can set a mutually acceptable time to meet at the Corral with your dog and ours. This would be outside of our regularly scheduled play times. You would get the opportunity to see the Corral from the inside and your pet would get the experience of running free and playing with another dog.

Even better news! Now that most of the improvements to the Corral have been completed, we can reduce the fees to join. Your initial fee will be just \$25. This covers the cost of your fob and administrative fees. You will still need to complete the application packet (available in The Lodge) and provide documentation of all shots including rabies, neutering, city license, and insurance. These are required to be sure all dogs using the Corral are fully protected from the most common diseases for pets. Yearly renewal fee will be \$10.

You will be amazed at how happy the dogs are to run off-leash and how well they all get along. If your pet has a favorite toy, bring it along for them to chase or catch.

One more thing, no treats are allowed during group play. A lot of the dogs are "treat hogs" and follow the treat person around instead of playing. Other dogs are on restricted or special diets and cannot have any. If you are by yourself training or playing, treats are OK,

just be sure not to leave any behind to attract wild critters.

To schedule a play date trial, please contact one of the following:

Martha Franck: (714) 345-8588 or marthafranck826@gmail.com

Barbara Morton: (559) 269-0908, barb93720@yahoo.com

Lynn Jahnke: (714) 227-5752, lynnJ92223@gmail.com

Lori Stewart: (760) 831-1643, loriastewart21@gmail.com

Once again, we need more committee members. If you love dogs, please come to our next meeting on March 6 from 10 to 11 am in the RCN Conference Room. ~ *Martha Franck, Co-Chair*



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operating your electric and gas-powered carts.

Electric & Gas-Powered Cart Safety Tips

All residents should be familiar with the operation of their electric or gas-powered cart prior to operating the vehicle.

In addition, please follow these guidelines:

- Check or inspect your electric or gas-powered cart prior to operation to ensure that:
 - Brakes are functioning properly.
 - Tires are in good condition, not worn or under inflated.
 - Horn and lights are operational.
 - Mirrors (and windshield, if equipped) are clean and in good repair.
 - Power supply cord and plug are not damaged.
 - Note: Do not operate the cart if it is not in good operating condition.
- Ensure that all passengers are sitting in designated, permanently installed seats.
- Prior to starting the cart, look over both shoulders and check the mirrors to make sure that all passengers are fully and properly seated and ensure that pedestrians are away from the sides of the cart.
- If applicable, do not load equipment on the cart bed such that it obstructs your vision (not stacking above provided guardrails is a good guideline). Ensure that all equipment and materials are secured and will not shift while the cart is in motion.
- Obey all traffic signs and pavement markings. Never drive faster than it is safe or only as fast as conditions allow.
- While the cart is moving, ensure that all passengers are fully and properly seated and that all parts of their body remain inside the envelope of the cart.
- Note: Do not exit the cart until it is completely stopped.
- Avoid standing water, potholes, bumps, loose gravel, or sand.
- Yield to all vehicles and pedestrian traffic.
- Slow down and yield to cross traffic at all unmarked or blind intersections.

Additional Reminders:

- When leaving your cart unattended for extended periods of time, it is a good idea to install a locking device on your steering wheel ... many cart keys are interchangeable and could be used to drive off with your cart.
- It is recommended only licensed drivers operate electric or

gas-powered carts.

- Do not forget ... this isn't Mr. Toad's Wild Ride! Children should NEVER be allowed to drive these vehicles.

As an added safety reminder...

- Unsafe driving is a common concern and theme brought up by residents. Here are a few reminders to help keep our community safe.
- 25 miles per hour is the maximum speed limit on roadways within our residential districts.
- 30 miles per hour is the maximum speed limit on Four Seasons Circle.
- 15 miles per hour is the maximum speed limit in alleyways. Remember, parking in alleyways is prohibited. We need to maintain access for emergency response vehicles.
- Stop at all designated STOP signs.
- Yield to vehicles that have entered a roundabout.
- Note: When entering a roundabout, only drive in a counterclockwise direction!
- No Distracted Driving - Put away your cell phones and other electronic devices while driving.
- Yield to pedestrians.
- Note to Drivers: It is important to follow prudent driving practices. Although our streets are not marked with center lines, please avoid driving down the center of our roadways, staying on the right side of the street.

...and for our pedestrians: While walking, be mindful of vehicle traffic on the streets and stay on the sidewalks whenever possible. If you need to walk in the street, always walk facing the opposing traffic, and if in a group, walk single file.

CPR / AED CLASSES Monthly CPR Sunday classes are not currently being scheduled. However, you may arrange to schedule a CPR class for your club or committee by calling, texting, or emailing A J Reilly to set up a class at (951) 522-9975 or reilly58@me.com

The Safety Committee meets on the first Tuesday of the month at 10 am in the RCN Conference Room. We encourage you to attend the meeting should you have any concerns or if you would simply like an update on our ongoing safety projects. ~ **Frank Hilberg**, hilbergfrank@gmail.com



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Steamed Artichokes

(How to prepare, eat, and enjoy them)

Artichokes are an integral part of Italian cuisine. They are served stuffed, braised, fried, and preserved. There is even an Italian aperitif, Cynar, made from artichokes. It can be served over ice or mixed with orange juice. In the U.S., artichokes are eaten mainly in California and the east coast. If you haven't tried them, now is a good time. Here is a simple dish that is big on flavor and is a great introduction to this delectable spring vegetable. It can be made by novices up to experienced chefs. Prep time: 10 minutes; Cook time: 40 minutes; Total time 50 minutes. Serves 2-4.

INGREDIENTS

- 2 lemons, quartered
- 2 Globe Artichokes
- 1 large or 2 small bay leaves (optional)
- 1 or 2 garlic cloves, halved lengthwise

SAUCES

- Melted butter
- Curried mayonnaise; mix 1 cup mayonnaise with 1 to 3 teaspoons of curry powder to taste
- Dipping sauce: mix together ½ cup mayonnaise, and 1 Tablespoon fresh lemon juice, 1 teaspoon Dijon mustard, 1 grated garlic clove, and black pepper. Add 1/8 to ¼ teaspoon sugar, if desired.

DIRECTIONS

1. Fill a large pot with an inch of cold water. Squeeze the juice of 1 ½ lemons into the water, then add the squeezed lemon segments.
2. Rinse the artichokes under cold water, gently pulling apart the leaves to remove dirt or foreign particles. Next, remove any leaves off the stem and use a vegetable peeler to peel the stem's woody exterior. Rub the peeled stem with one of the remaining lemon segments. Repeat with the second artichoke. Add the used segments to the water.
3. Prepare the artichoke bud by cutting off the top ½ to 1 inch of each artichoke. Dip the cut end of the bud into the water. Next, using kitchen shears, snip off the pointy ends of the remaining leaves.
4. Squeeze any remaining lemon segments into the water and drop in any used segments. Add the bay leaves and garlic to the water. Place a steamer basket in the pot and place the artichokes in the basket. Bring the water to a boil. Cover and steam for 30 to 40 minutes or until you can easily pull off the outer leaves.
5. Remove the artichokes from the pot and allow them to cool slightly. Slice the artichokes in half from stem to tip, then use a small spoon to scoop out the hairy choke. The artichokes may be served with melted butter, a vinaigrette, or a dipping sauce.
6. To eat an artichoke, dip a leaf into the sauce, use your teeth to scrape the meat from the bottom portion of the leaf, discarding the tough fibrous shell. The heart and the stem of the artichoke may be eaten in their entirety.



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HARD

If you are a beginner at playing Sudoku, here is a brief tutorial.

Sudoku is played on a grid of 9 x 9 spaces. Within each row and column are 9 squares made up of 3 x 3 spaces. Each row, column, and square (9 spaces each) needs to be filled out with the numbers 1-9, without repeating any numbers within the row, column, or square.

If the instructions above are not sufficient, simply Google "Sudoku for beginners." There are loads of instructions from novice to expert.

If you're new to Sudoku or have questions, message us at rwgeiser12@yahoo.com or call (406) 261-3759.

Puzzles created by Ray Geiser. Solutions on Page 69

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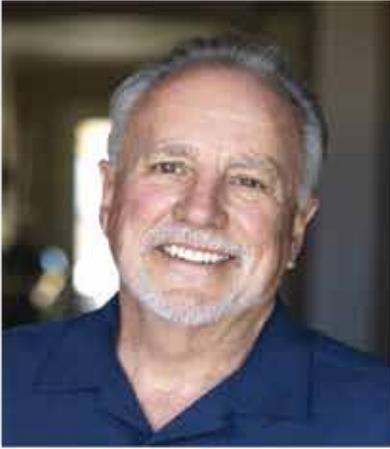
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Calling all homeowners – Feature your garden
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GARDEN CLUB

Mark your calendars for May 17 when we will present the next Four Seasons Home Garden Tour.

If you're interested in having your home featured on the tour, please contact Mona Swinehart at monaswinehart@gmail.com. The Club provides you with everything you need including docents so you can relax during the tour!

We are also looking for volunteers to help at each home for a two-hour shift or to help with check-in of guests at The Lodge before the tour starts. If interested, please contact Margie Spies at margi4152b@hotmail.com. ~ Pat Wayne

TAILS & TRAILS - ALL PETS

We are all aware of the recent devastating fires in our state. Sadly, many pets were lost, and some families are still searching for them. Being prepared for any emergency is critical and may help save the life of your family and your pets.



Safety's PAWS UP for Safety® program has published this handy guide to help the entire family prepare for emergencies <https://www.centerforpetsafety.org/pet-parents/paws-up-for-safety/be-prepared/>. ~ Vivian Walker, vivr@sbcglobal.net

Window Clings and Identification – Installing a window cling on the front window of your home is a simple way to help to notify first responders how many pets are inside. You should also keep ample identification aids (including images of you with your pet and microchip ID), medical records in an easy-to-access off-site location, like a neighbor's house. While you're at it, think about keeping a copy in your vehicle glove box too. Make sure trusted neighbors have a key to your home. Also, exchange cell phone numbers with your neighbors, so you can reach each other in the event of an emergency.

Practice, Practice, Practice – Practicing the emergency escape route with your pets frequently will help them to understand where they need to go in the event of a fire. Put them on a leash and calmly walk them through the route. Repeat this drill frequently.

Pets Panic – Firefighters recommend that you keep pets near front entrances of your home when you leave. That would entail confining them to a front room or crating them while you're gone. This practice helps keep pets close to an exit and makes it much easier for first responders to get your pets out safely when you're not home. Remember, there is simply no substitute for supervision when you have a young pet in the house. They need to be monitored and corrected to stay out of trouble.

Smoke and CO2 Detectors – You probably have them in your home, but you'll want to change the batteries and test them once a year. Having several working fire and CO2 detectors in the home will alert you in case of an emergency and is an effective way for neighbors to know if something is wrong when you are away. And while we're talking about household disasters, it's always good to be prepared for anything that comes your way. Center for Pet

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CARS & COFFEE

At our Cars & Coffee February gathering, Mother Nature again blessed us with pleasant weather. The turnout was not as large as January but those who did attend participated in some great conversation with other car enthusiasts.

On another note: now that we are experiencing pleasant weather we are nearing the car show season. It's time to start thinking about getting your ride out of the garage or storage. Living here in Southern California definitely has its benefits in owning a classic car.

We do not have to contend with harsh winters that bring freezing temperatures and snow. Here are a few tips that will ensure that your beloved ride is ready to drive, show, or go:

1. Check the battery charge, making sure the battery terminal connections are snug and there is no corrosion.
2. Inspect wiring and hoses, check for rodent damage, cracks and loose connections.
3. Make sure your oil level is normal and get an oil change as soon as possible.
4. Top off air in tires and make sure the tread is intact (no flat spots, bulges, cracks or balding areas).
5. Look under your vehicle for signs of fluid leaks. If leaks are found, look for the source and repair.
6. Have brake pads and shocks examined.
7. Verify that headlights, high beams,

taillights, and blinkers are operating correctly.

8. Clear the exhaust pipes, and ensure that no critters have climbed in.

9. Air out and clean interior.

10. If you are satisfied with the condition and you have determined that your baby is road-worthy then drive it around the block at a slow speed to test the brakes and steering.

11. Wash and polish the exterior.

We meet the first Saturday of each and every month at 9 am in The Lodge parking lot. Our next meeting will be March 1. Hope to see you there. For additional information, contact Frank Morales at (951) 203-4578 or fmoralesjrinc@aol.com or Rick Morales at (951) 255-4710 or onemth53@yahoo.com. ~

Frank Morales



TASTE D'VINE

It's hard to believe we are in March already. The Wine Club Steering Committee has been hard at work preparing for the year ahead.

In January, we held our "Meet N Greet" for people interested in finding out more about the Wine Club and what we have to offer our members. It was a great success with many new people showing interest.

The Thursday, March 20 meeting will feature a delightful selection of Italian wines, including two whites and two reds - *deliziosa!* There will be an educational session on Italian wines, their origins, the rating system used for Italian wines, and suggested food pairings.

Important Reminders: Annual dues are \$30 and are now due if payment hasn't been made. The monthly tasting fee is \$10.

Looking forward to seeing everyone. *Amici e vini sono meglio Vecchi!* (Old wine and friends improve with age.) As they say in Italy - *Ciao!* ~ **Tom DePaola**, tomdepaola@roadrunner.com

BIRDING CLUB

You have probably noted that spring is in the air at Four Seasons. The birds have noticed as well. The silent winter spaces are filling up with birdsong. There are any number of apps for your phone which will help you identify the avian vocalists. One of the most popular is Merlin, a free app which is easy to use. Our year-round birds may also be demonstrating mating behaviors as they seek to find partners and begin nest building. Some birds only winter here and migrate elsewhere for their breeding. Time is running short to see these species, such as the White Crowned Sparrow. They will take off by next month.

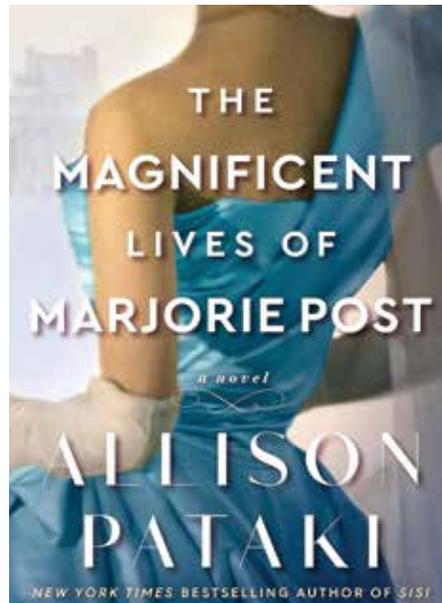
The best way to observe the resident bird population is to take regular walks along our trails, or even on our sidewalks. Different birds appear in different areas or neighborhoods, so varying your route is a good idea. Walking at a slower pace may not satisfy your fitness goals, but it will give you a better chance to see birds. Look

and listen. Listen and look. You will probably see the same birds on repeat, but you never know when something unusual might happen by. Recently, for example, a Phainopepla was spotted on Trail A near The Lodge. It's an all black bird, about 8" high, with a distinctive top crest (think of a Cardinal, but black). They are seen only occasionally at Four Seasons, usually near a clump of mistletoe. There was also a recent sighting of a Golden Eagle perched on the fence near The Courts. This may be a first for Four Seasons.

The Birding Club walks the trails as a group on the first Saturday of each month. We gather at 8 am by the Potrero Creek sign at the edge of The Lodge parking lot. We walk at a leisurely pace, taking time to see as many species as we can. Please feel free to join us. We love to see new faces. If you have any questions, please call or text me. ~ *Genie Cooper (269) 930-0310.*

BOOK CLUB

Our Book Club selection for March 11 is *The Magnificent Lives of Marjorie Post*, by Allison Pataki. Here is a brief description from Amazon.com: "Growing up in the modest farmlands of Battle Creek, Michigan, Marjorie was inspired by a few simple rules: always think for yourself, never take success for granted, and work hard — even when deemed American royalty, even while covered in imperial diamonds. Marjorie had an insatiable drive to live and love and to give more than she got. From crawling through Moscow warehouses to rescue the Tsar's treasures to outrunning the Nazis in London, from serving the homeless of the Great Depression to entertaining Roosevelts, Kennedys, and Hollywood's biggest stars, Marjorie Merriweather Post lived an epic life few could imagine. Marjorie's journey began gluing cereal boxes in her father's barn as a young girl. No one could have predicted that C. W. Post's Cereal Company would grow into the General Foods empire and reshape the American way of life, with Marjorie as its heiress and leading lady. Not content to stay in her prescribed roles of high-society wife, mother, and hostess, Marjorie dared to demand more, making history in the process. Before turning 30, she amassed millions, becoming the wealthiest woman in the United States. But it was her life-force, advocacy, passion, and adventurous spirit that led to her stunning legacy. And yet Marjorie's story, though full of beauty and grandeur, set in the palatial homes she built such as Mar-a-Lago, was equally marked by challenge and tumult. A wife four times over, Marjorie sought her happily-ever-after with the blue-blooded party boy who could not outrun his demons, the charismatic financier whose charm turned to betrayal, the international diplomat with a dark side, and the bon vivant whose shocking secrets would shake



Marjorie and all of society. Marjorie did everything on a grand scale, especially when it came to love. Bestselling and acclaimed author Allison Pataki has crafted an intimate portrait of a larger-than-life woman, a powerful story of one woman falling in love with her own voice and embracing her own power while shaping history in the process."

Our meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 9:30 am in RCN Room #3. All our book selections are recommended by book club members. Someone volunteers to lead the discussion about the book we have chosen for the month.

For more information about the Four Seasons Book Club or to get your name on our mailing list, please contact me at michelesrosen@gmail.com. ~ *Micki Rosen*



Aida at the Met



OPERA CLUB

The Four Seasons Opera Club will present Verdi's *Aida* on Friday, March 14 at 6 pm in The Lodge Theater.

Aida is the slave to the Egyptian princess, Amneris, daughter of the king of Egypt. *Aida* and the Egyptian army commander, Radames, are in love. Amneris makes up the third person in the love triangle. Amneris does not know that Radames loves *Aida*. Also unknown to anyone is that *Aida* is the daughter of Amonasro, the king of Ethiopia.

Amonasro's army advances upon Egypt and the King sends Radames to lead the Egyptian army in defense. Egypt prevails and the army returns with the spoils of war. Meanwhile, Amneris toys with *Aida* to confirm her suspicions that *Aida* is indeed her love rival. High priest Ramfis wants the prisoners executed, but Radames asks for their freedom, which the King grants as his reward for the great victory. Finally, the King gives Amneris' hand in marriage to Radames.

As the wedding plans are proceeding, Radames is planning his follow-up invasion of Ethiopia. *Aida* had kept silent about Amonasro's presence amid the captured prisoners and now receives his instructions to discover the invasion route of the Egyptian army. *Aida*'s conflicted compliance has her discussing future plans with

Radames. Nearby, hidden, Amonasro hears Radames' telling of his attack plans. Amonasro reveals himself and Radames is crushed by the realization that he has betrayed king and country. Ramfis and Amneris enter the scene; *Aida* and Amonasro escape in the confusion; and Radames admits his unwitting betrayal to Ramfis.

Radames awaits his punishment, believing *Aida* to be dead. Amneris tries to win Radames over by offering him pardon if he marries her. He learned moments before that *Aida* is still alive, and continues to reject Amneris. He is condemned to be entombed alive. *Aida* learns of the punishment and hides within the tomb, awaiting Radames, having chosen to die with him. The tomb is sealed while Amneris, nearby, prays for peace.

This opera is the grandest of all the grand operas. In it, Verdi has given us the aria "Celeste *Aida*," "Ritorna vincitor!", "Mi patria," and a triumphal march that projects the power and pride of a great nation in victory.

The version we will present is from the Metropolitan Opera in New York. The Met has the largest opera stage in the world and no company can offer a spectacle as grand as can the Met. Join us! ~ *Harvey Toyama, yukito@yukito.net, (951) 524-3765*

CLASSICAL MUSIC CLUB

We are classical music lovers with an interest in sharing our love of, knowledge about, and interest in classical music. We meet on the second Thursday of each month at 7 pm in The Lodge Theater. We listen to and watch musical selections on the big screen. Each

month we focus on a particular work or several selections of one composer. We also discuss current musical performances in the area. We welcome new members. Contact Steve Benoff at steve.benoff@verizon.net or (310) 413-4896. ~ *Steve Benoff*

KARAOKE

Hey singers! February was the month of love and we sang our hearts out. For March, we have karaoke on Tuesday, March 4 and Saturday, March 8. Both nights start at 5 pm. See you then! ~ *Dave Rohrbacker*



Chris, Leah, Mike, and Craiger cranking out the tunes



The group singing Take Me Home Country Roads at the end of the night



We were on the edge of our seats as we watched "Flight Risk" at the 2nd Street Cinema.



The Singles attended LifeHouse Theater's magical production of Peter Pan.

SEASONED SINGLES

The Singles were very busy in February. In addition to a day at the movies to see *Flight Risk*, the Singles celebrated several birthdays at Market Broiler in Riverside and Vasques in Hemet. They also attended a great program at ESRI featuring a very talented teenage classical guitarist. So, 2025 looks to be filled with many more fun

outings.

If you're single and would like to join us for outings like these, we meet on the first Friday of the month at 6 pm in The Lodge Arts & Crafts Room. ~ *Phyllis Kates*

TRAVEL GROUP

Travel Group Update: Exciting Adventures Await!

We're thrilled to announce that our travel group is back in full swing! Last month's meeting was a huge success, with great attendance and we had a fantastic trip. It was a memorable experience — fun, educational, and full of adventure. Thank you to everyone who joined us and helped make it such an enjoyable outing.

This month, we're setting our sights on an equally exciting destination: Griffith Park and the Observatory. Who doesn't love wandering through the beautiful grounds, taking in the stunning views, and enjoying the captivating films shown inside? It's a perfect blend of exploration, learning, and relaxation.

At this month's meeting, we'll also welcome a special guest speaker, Will Reese from World Premier Travel. Will has some incredible travel opportunities to share with us, and the best part? These amazing trips don't even require you to leave the country. Whether you're looking for scenic landscapes, cultural experiences, or relaxing escapes, he's got something for everyone.



Looking ahead to 2025, our group has some fantastic trips in the works. Even better, you don't have to be a group member to join our trips — though being a member does have its perks. Members are notified of trips before anyone else, ensuring you get the first chance to reserve your spot.

If you'd like to become a member, we'd love to have you. It's easy to join — just come to our next meeting on March 15 at 10 am in the Ballroom and sign up. There are no dues or fees to join, so don't miss out on being part of our vibrant travel community. For membership info, email irenewelker50@gmail.com. Be sure to write "member" in the subject line and include your phone number. For all other info or to book a trip, call Joni at (661) 390-5512 or email joni.truelsen@yahoo.com.

We look forward to seeing you at the meeting and on one of our upcoming adventures. Let's make 2025 a year full of unforgettable travel experiences. Remember: Life is a journey ... enjoy it with others along the way. ~ *Joni Truelsen*



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Couples and singles at all skill levels are welcome. We have

HEART & SOUL LINE DANCE

Hello, my line dance family. I hope you're all doing well. My healing process is progressing well. I am anxious to get back on the dance floor. In the meantime, I hope you're enjoying the dance selections Martha is providing. I really appreciate her stepping up to the task. It shows how we respect and support each other in our line dance community. Hang in there for me.

Temporary Line Dance Schedule: Tuesday class – still dark; Wednesday class – March 5 and March 19, 3:30 to 4:30 pm in the Ballroom.

Here is a little line dance humor. I do not own the rights to the information. Enjoy!

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4. Last time. We're doing it a couple of times.
5. Let's do it with music. We'll be here forever otherwise.
6. It's a 16-count intro. I'll count it for you as usual.
7. The music will tell you the tags and restarts. It won't – I will need to remind you.
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9. Do you want to do it again? We're doing it again.
10. You did really well. We genuinely mean this – thanks for your support!



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something for everyone. We meet every Monday at 6 pm in the Ballroom. It's best to start early in the month as we build on the material over time. There is a cost of \$10 per person for professional instruction.

We are planning some outside dance events and would love to have you join us. For more information, please contact Jacque Sneddon at jacquesneddon@gmail.com or Cindy Finley (Pro Instructor) at ckatfine@aol.com. ~ *Cindy Finley & Jacque Sneddon*

What the Instructor says vs. What the Dancer thinks:

1. Have you got it? Nope.
 2. Let's try that again. Thank God.
 3. One more time. Thank God.
 4. Last time. Oh s---
 5. Let's do it with music. Oh deep s---
 6. It's a 16-count intro. Eh?
 7. The music will tell you the tags and restarts. Eh?
 8. Let's try it to a practice track. Phew!
 9. Do you want to do it again? Not really, but I bet we have to.
 10. You did really well. Love hearing that.
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PERFORMING ARTS CLUB



High ho, here we go! Four Seasons residents are busy practicing for the spring show *Disney Reimagined* to be held May 2-4. Save the date! Come and recall fond Disney memories as your friends and fellow residents take you on a journey of all things Disney through song and dance.

For the April issue, we would like to add a personal Disney story, so if you would like to share, send to email to me at lamarib77@gmail.com.

Next, mark your calendar for "Name That Tune" on Friday, March 7 at 6 pm to be hosted by our own Karen Belcher.

PAC offers free entertainment to our Four Seasons community with various shows and events throughout the year. All interested residents are welcome. We have bi-monthly meetings for all residents interested with no dues needed.

For any additional information, contact Pat Wayne at (949) 290-1811 or email pwayne1@outlook.com. ~ *Marianne Bugni*

HANDBELL CHOIR

We have started to practice for our June 12 concert. This one is a little different, but promised to be lots of fun. Looking forward to seeing you. If you have questions, you can contact me at (303) 903-6850 or kathryn.buck@comcast.net. ~ *Kathy Sundstrom, kathryn.buck@comcast.net*

FOUR SEASONS SINGERS

Four Seasons Singers will be busy this year and we are excited about it! We will be singing as part of our Anniversary Year celebrations. Date to be finalized soon. We will also be singing with the Bell Choir in June.

The Singers were on break will get together in March. Please watch the *Breeze* for announcements. Of course, if you are already

on my email list you will get an email with the exact date.

If you would like to join the Singers, would like your name to be included on my email list, or if you have questions about our group, call (951) 797-3466 or email me at bawasco@dc.rr.com. ~ *Barbara Wasco*

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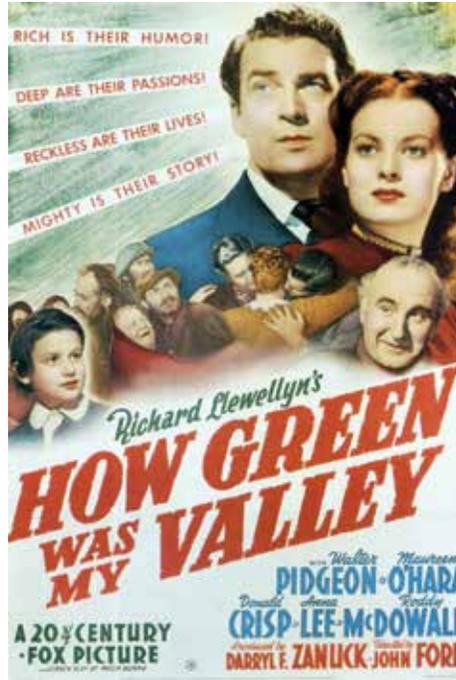
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CLASSIC FILM GROUP

On March 4 and 25 at 5 pm, we will be showing *How Green Was My Valley*, the 1942 winner of five Academy Awards. This was John Ford's first Academy Award for Best Picture and his third Academy Award for Best Director.

Set in South Wales during the reigns of Queen Victoria and King Edward VII, it tells the story of the Morgans, a respectable mining family of the South Wales Valleys, through the eyes of the youngest son, Huw Morgan.

The Wednesday, March 12 Western Matinee at 2 pm stars Gary Cooper and the 1941 Academy Award winner for Best Supporting actor, Walter Brennan, as Judge Roy Bean, in *The Westerner*. It's a story about a drifter accused of horse stealing facing off against the notorious Judge Roy Bean, the hanging judge. All movies are in The Lodge Theater. ~ *Paul Plamondon, 4seasonsmoviegroup@gmail.com*



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ITALIAN AMERICAN CLUB

There was no Italian American Club meeting in February because of the damage to The Courts Multipurpose Room. The damage has been reviewed and, as we said last month, the bids have been submitted to the insurance company.

The insurance company accepted the bid and has cut an initial check for our repairs. Our contractor is working with the city of Beaumont on the necessary permits for the repairs. Once all the paperwork is approved, our construction company will begin the repairs.

At the time of the writing of this article, there isn't a date available for the completion of the construction by our contractor, so at this

time, it is not known if the March Italian American Club meeting will be held.

As soon as we get a date of completion for the repairs at The Courts, we will update the club on the next meeting date and time.

The Italian American Club consists of residents of Four Seasons of all backgrounds and is open to all residents. You do not have to be Italian to join our group and have some fun! We would like you to come and join us when our meetings start again.

Watch for the information regarding the Italian American Club in the Daily Report and in the *Breeze* magazine. ~ *Barbara Dipoma, (805) 377-2616, and Jerry Monahan, (951) 212-8898*

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AFRICAN AMERICAN CULTURAL CLUB



The Harmonica Wizard of the Grand Ole Opry

DeFord Bailey, born in Smith County, Tennessee, on Dec. 14, 1899, was an American country musician and songwriter. He was given a harmonica at the age of three during a bout with polio which left him bedridden for a year. Bailey quickly developed an exceptional and innovative playing style. He lived near a train depot and became famous for being able to mimic the powerful whistle of a locomotive.

His career began in mid-September 1925 when he met a noted radio reporter named Fred "Pop" Exum in a bicycle shop. Upon hearing Bailey's unique music style, Pop featured him on his radio station WDAD. This brought Bailey to the attention of Dr. Humphrey Bate, a harmonica player and string band leader on Nashville's influential WSM radio station. Founded by the National Life and Accident Insurance Company, WSM debuted on Oct. 5, 1925, along with its Saturday night program, the WSM Barn Dance.

Dr. Bate, recognizing Bailey's talent, invited him to perform at the WSM Barn Dance. By June 1926, six months later, Bailey became a regular performer, earning the title "The Harmonica Wizard." His renditions of tunes like *Fox Chase*, *Muscle Shoals Blues*, and *Pan American Blues* became harmonica standards. For 15 years, he was the program's most beloved star.

In 1927, the WSM Barn Dance was



renamed the *Grand Ole Opry*. Legend has it that George D. Hay, the host, introduced Bailey after NBC's classical music show, declaring the upcoming show would be "down to earth," compared to the preceding *Grand Opera Show*. Bailey performed at the *Grand Ole Opry* for 15 years.

Unfortunately, Bailey was fired by WSM in 1941 due to licensing conflicts between two recording companies which prevented him from playing his most popular songs. This conflict ended his performance career, and he spent the rest of his life running his own shoeshine stand and renting rooms in his home to make a living.

DeFord Bailey was the first Black *Grand Ole Opry* and country music star. He was also the first musician to record in Nashville, paving the way for the city's future as the epicenter for country music. Bailey's tunes helped popularize the harmonica across the United States.

The next club meeting is on Monday, March 3, at 6 pm in The Lodge Game Room. For more information, contact Jocelyn Doucette at cjs1speed@gmail.com. ~

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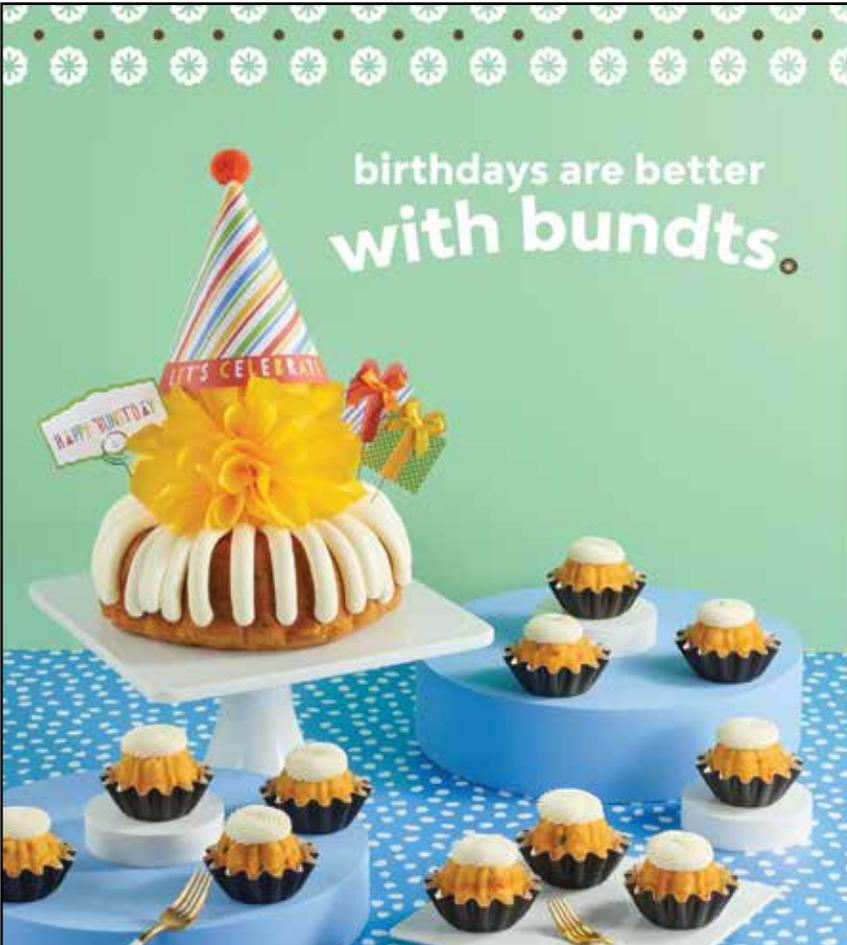
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The Crown Divas always enjoy each other's company

CROWN DIVAS FOUR SEASONS

In January, the Crown Divas gathered with the usual energetic salutations. We enjoyed a continental breakfast and pleasant conversations. Then it was time to start the meeting. The Queen welcomed everyone and told the Divas what the focus would be in the agenda. First she asked each officer to describe in detail what their officer position entails. She asked if any officers would like to step down from their positions. Two officers said yes they would. Then she asked if anyone would like to be considered for becoming an officer for the position now available. There were Divas who said they would like to be considered for a particular position. Next on the agenda was who would volunteer to be drivers when needed, volunteer for setting up or taking down decorations, researching places for excursions, or making reservations. Who would like to be in charge of raffles, buying the gifts, or making the gift baskets? Who would like to coordinate the decorations, food, and beverages for our luncheons? Not surprising, the number of volunteers was overwhelming. The caring and helping along with the camaraderie is what makes us who we are: a sisterhood named the Crown Divas. Our calendar this year is already filled with many adventures, events, and surprises. ~ *Irma Romero, (626) 733-3019, Irmabsromero@gmail.com*



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“BELIEVE ...” WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY

We have been focused on the New Testament since the beginning of January, and are enjoying studying the Synoptic Gospels. We have compared the healing of the leper in Matthew, Mark and Luke. We have learned that Luke had not even met Jesus, but was so thorough and precise in explaining His activities that not many people would have guessed. We also tackled the Sermon on the Mount recorded in Matthew (in Luke it is known as the Sermon on the Plain) and the differences in those two sermons. Beginning in mid-February we are discussing the parables of Jesus and their similarities and differences in the telling. Last, we will discuss Jesus’ miracles

(at least the ones recorded) because many times appearing in the Synoptic Gospels is the similar phrase “and he went about the countryside healing the people,” which means there is an unknown huge number of healing miracles that were not recorded.

Four Seasons ladies, please come join us, hear Jesus speak to us through His Word, and fellowship with the other strong and amazing women in the class. We meet every Friday at 10:30 in the The Lodge Game Room. See you there! ~ *Eileen Gilbert-Antoine*, (951) 922-6829 or egcellent@msn.com

LIFE AFTER LOSS

“Leaving a Legacy”

The cylindrical tins were pale green. My father had instinctively known their protective exterior would preserve the intended 16 mm memories. Now decades later, those same tins lay safely preserved on the shelf of his son ... awaiting the required digital transformation. Once relevant for the 21st century, they would hopefully provide the renewal and connection for another generation. This is the nature of leaving a legacy.

Leaving the generational links that we have known in our own past takes time to process. And to preserve. Especially for the griever. In the aftermath of wounded hearts and devastated spirits, “making memories” can be a daunting task. For those interested, there are, however, some valuable guideposts to illumine the path:

1. Be mindful of your own place in the grieving process. If your loss is recent (under two years), your heart and mind may not be ready to flex the required emotional muscle for such a process. Navigating pictures, movies and memorabilia that remind you of your loved one is a draining experience. Trust yourself and the input/help of others to know when to begin the “personal work” of making a legacy.

2. Know yourself and your personality. I am sentimental ... a lover of the way things “used to be.” I was reluctant to “excavate” the necessary memories/emotions that digitizing that film would entail. I needed the balance, and relational guard-rails of someone who could support me and nudge me throughout the process.

3. Every personal/familial “legacy” will look and feel different. There are many organizations that offer many creative ideas for leaving a lasting and living connection. Creating a “north star” for future family members is a rewarding and fulfilling journey. One that can bring the desired healing to a wounded heart.

By the way ... those pale green tins? They were digitized by myself and my wife not long ago and then shared with my only sister. Following the planned instillation of our own future commentary, we intend to provide a second digital guide to for the people/places that our children and grandchildren may not fully know. In so doing, I’ve moved memories from a tangible metal tin to hopefully anchor the intangible memories and minds of my decedents.

The Life After Loss Group is about “people helping people” who have encountered any form of grief/loss in their life. Should you desire a deeper understanding of what it means to live a more meaningful “life after loss,” we invite you to join us.

Unless otherwise notified, we meet in RCN Room #3, the first and third Mondays of each month from 1 to 3 pm. All information is kept confidential.

If you have experienced a form of grief/loss and would like to join the group, please text/call me beforehand at (909) 936-7097 or email byron.thomsen@yahoo.com. ~ *Byron Thomsen*

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TOPS

They say the sun still shines on a cloudy day. Meteorologists try their best to predict weather patterns which are a great metaphor for life. Sometimes it's good, sometimes it's bad, and sometimes you really don't know what is going to happen.



Just like it's important to check the weather report before going out for the day, it's just as important to check in with ourselves. Internal weather reports can be done at any time, and are a nice way to encourage self-awareness. It's also a chance to take a step back from the day, week, or month and reflect.

So, our group did an exercise that involved deep breathing, mentally scanning our bodies from head to toe. We also did deep breathing to check on our minds and feelings. To illustrate this graphically, we drew our internal weather report. Most members found it quite revealing.

You may find that a group like TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) can help you as well.

We meet on Tuesdays at 8:30 am in the Ballroom. For more information, call Andi Henderson at (918) 497-6491. ~ *Andi Henderson*

FS VETERANS CLUB

Annual dues are \$25 for full members (able to vote on issues) and are now due for 2025. Please bring your payments to our meetings the fourth Thursday of each month in The Lodge Game Room.

With the cement slab now cured and ready for installing the tiles, we still can accept requests until March 3. If you can't make the meeting, checks can be mailed to Mel Zeldin at 425 Yellowstone Park, Beaumont CA 92223.

Now, we want to enclose the slab in a frame that can be expanded as necessary. Consideration is being given to have standard 7.25" x 2.25" x 0.5" brick semi-dug around the slab. Our slab is (4+8+4+8=24' for the circumference) and we would need 288 bricks, side-by-side. The bricks could be natural color or painted. ~ *Len Tavernetti, ltavernetti@hotmail.com*



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This month our selection for the Famous LGBT Americans series is Joseph Hansen, a bisexual American writer, poet, and author of mystery and non-mystery books.

Hansen was born in 1923 in South Dakota. He was raised in Minneapolis and Altadena and attended Pasadena Community College.

Hansen's writing career started in 1952 when *The New Yorker* began publishing his poems. He also wrote nearly 40 books. Early in his career, he used the pseudonyms, James Calton and Rose Brock, but started to use his real name with his first book of what became his best-known mystery series of Dave Brandstetter novels. The book, *Fadeout*, published in 1970, featured the homosexual insurance investigator and detective, Dave Brandstetter. "My joke," Hansen told *The Orange County Register* in 1998, "was to take the true hard-boiled character in American fiction tradition and make him homosexual. He was going to be a nice man, a

good man, and he was going to do his job well." The Brandstetter series chronicled gay lives in California in the 1970s and 1980s.

Hansen fought for LGBT rights throughout his lifetime. He produced the radio show, "Homosexuality Today," for KPFK-FM in the late 1960s and helped found the first Gay Pride Parade in Hollywood in 1970. He also taught writing at UCLA from 1977 to 1986.

The Los Angeles Times called him "the most exciting and effective writer of the classic California private eye novel working today." He also won two Lambda Literary Awards, the first for the category of Gay Mystery and the second for Gay Fiction. In 1992, he received the Lifetime Achievement Award from The Private Eye Writers of America.

Hansen was married and remained deeply in love for 51 years with his bisexual wife, Jane Bancroft, a teacher and translator, with whom he had a child. "Here was this remarkable person who I wanted to spend the rest of my life with," he said of his wife. "So, something was right about it, however bizarre it may seem to the rest of the world." Bancroft died in 1994. Hansen died in 2004 in Laguna Beach.

For more information on Joseph Hansen and on the sources for this article, please go to the Rainbow Group's Facebook page or request a copy via our email. ~ *Dan Hazeltine and Frank Galvan*



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PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB

Our February meeting was a hands-on photo session. We learned about photographing food — donuts to be specific. We experimented with lighting, different settings and positions, and what makes a good food photo. And, yes, we could eat our donut. Do you have a photo skill you'd like to learn or improve? Join us for a year of learning.

The February photo outing to the Safari Park was, as in the past, a great day. It's always different because the animals may or may not be ready for their closeup, but we always come away with good photos and memories. This month, we'll be visiting the Palm Springs Air Museum.

We meet the first Thursday of each month from 6:30 to 8:30 pm in the RCN Main Room.

All skill levels of photographers are welcome. If you use a cell phone, please join us. Many photo and editing techniques can be incorporated into cell phone photography.

If you have questions or wish to have your name added to our mailing list, email jacquesneddon@gmail.com.
~ *Jacque Sneddon*



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MIXED MEDIA ARTS



This is the perspective of the artist of the month, Laurie Wolfenden.

“This is a painting of a photo taken in San Miguel de Allende, Mexico, during the festival called Dia de Los Muertos or Day of the Dead. These are some of the Catrina’s we saw. I love painting and travel, so this has become a visual diary project. Expressing ourselves is very important and often our words cannot tell all. Rob’s Mixed Media Art class is a fun place to continue our forever learning journey of art. It’s a wonderful place to meet new friends of like mind and enjoy learning. Come and see for yourself.”

Come and join us. Classes are held on Mondays from 10 am to 12 noon and/or Wednesday evenings from 6 to 8 pm. If you have any questions, call Rob at (951) 992-9156. ~ **Rob Kelman**

CRAFT CLASS

Please join us for Healthy Crafting Classes: create, relax, and enjoy. Imagine crafting your own soothing spa products, designing a unique piece of jewelry, or painting a mandala rock to bring mindfulness into your space. At Healthy Crafting, you can do all this and more. Held on the second and fourth Sunday of every month from 3 to 5 pm in The Lodge Arts & Crafts Room, this hands-on workshop is perfect for anyone looking to explore their creativity while making sustainable, healthy products.

Crafting isn’t just about making something beautiful — it is a form of self care. When you create with your hands, you engage your mind, relieve stress, and boost your overall well-being. That’s why Healthy Crafting focuses on projects that nourish both body and soul. You will learn how to make luxurious soaps, natural candles, and custom perfumes that you can use or gift to someone special.

But this workshop is not limited to spa products. If you love artistic expression, try your hand at designing jewelry, painting

intricate mandala rocks, or assembling charming birdhouses to brighten your outdoor space. Whether you’re a seasoned crafter or a total beginner, this class is designed for all skill levels — no experience needed. Instruction and all supplies are included, so you only need to bring your enthusiasm and a friend or two.

One of the best parts of Healthy Crafting is the sense of community it fosters. You will meet like-minded individuals who share an appreciation for handmade, eco-friendly creations. There’s something truly special about learning a new skill together, sharing

ideas, and leaving with a finished piece that reflects your personality.

So why not take a break from the hustle and bustle of daily life? Come unwind, get creative, and make something you’ll love. Join us at Healthy Crafting and experience the joy of creating with intention.

For more information, call Barb Toyama, owner of Banning Bath And Body, at (909) 855-3842. The sign-up sheet is located in The Lodge Lobby. Classes are \$20 cash with all materials and instruction included.

We look forward to crafting with you. ~ **Barbara Toyama**



Samples of products we will be making in class



CRAFT GROUP

This month is filled with more exciting projects. Come visit or join our group! If you're not crafty, we'll help you! It's a time to be social and creative on Thursdays at 10 am in The Lodge Arts & Crafts Room. For more information, contact me at christimason02@yahoo.com or (951) 486-1091. ~ *Christi Mason*

CERAMICS CLASS

March on into our Arts & Crafts Room to let your little leprechauns loose creating various collectible pieces for your home or family. We have many ceramic pieces to choose from and instructors to assist you with your paint projects. Join us every Wednesday from 12 to 4 pm in the Arts & Crafts Room. Express yourself with the art of

painting ceramics. Step out of your comfort zone. You might surprise yourself. For more information, contact Loretta Ramsey at (714) 803-6744. We look forward to seeing you there ... top o' the day, budding artists! ~ *Karen Reed, (707) 567-1144*



KNIT & CROCHET GROUP

We meet on Tuesdays from 10 until 11:30 am in the Arts & Crafts Room. We welcome all levels of knitters and crocheters to join us. We also welcome anyone who is interested in learning how to knit or crochet. Please email me if you have any questions. ~ *Marlene Doyle, marlened3333@gmail.com*



CRAFTY CARDMAKERS

The Crafty Cardmakers meet on the second Friday of each month. We make three all-occasion cards. You don't need to have made cards before. We will walk you through the process step-by-step. Cards come with mailing envelopes. The price is \$10 per class. You only need to bring scissors and crafting glue or adhesive.

If you are interested in joining us, RSVP by the Tuesday before

class, so that I can bring enough supplies. If you'd like to make the cards, but can't attend the class you can buy the kits to make at home.

If you'd like more information or to RSVP call, text, or email Penny Gadiano at (951) 415-9273 or pgadiano@sbcglobal.net. ~ **Penny Gadiano**

QUILTING ENTHUSIASTS

March is almost here. Where has the time gone? Several members of the Quilting Enthusiasts took a road trip to Ontario to see "The Road 2 California." Road is one of the first large quilt-related shows of the year. They offer lots of classes from well known quilt teachers from around the U.S. and abroad. There are vendors galore as well as a juried quilt show and special displays. There is a company, Cherrywood Fabrics, which has a contest every year judging quilts created using specific fabrics from their collection. This past year was a Poppy Red with several coordinating fabrics. The quilts that were displayed had images of poppies and many were in memory of World War I and the soldiers who fought and died or family members who served. Several of these quilts were extremely moving as the poppy became a symbol of remembrance after World War I. The quilt that won that contest is below.

Other quilts that were displayed contained whimsical themes, portraits, and even a "still-life" quilt, that looks like a painting.

The first photo below is of The Best of Show winner, called The Arrival. Here is a portion of the artist's statement: "An airship from the human realm has just arrived. It carries an emissary who hopes to establish friendly diplomatic relations with the resident elves in the interest of learning about their connection to — and mastery of — magic. This meeting will have resonating effects for both cultures."

Our club meets the second Thursday of the month. Our next meeting is March 13 at 1 pm in Arts & Crafts Room 2. If you are interested in what happens to beautiful fabric that is cut-up and reassembled, stop by.

We will be announcing a quilt challenge among our members and several workshops. If you are interested we welcome one and all regardless of your experience.

Email me at 4seasonsquilters@gmail.com or marymoodycox@gmail.com. ~ **Mary M. Moody-Cox, (808) 430-7469**



"The Arrival" won Best of Show. Everything you see is fabric! I was told that there is over 3,500 pieces of fabric that were used to create this piece.



"Still Life" was created using silk and cotton fabric and won first place in the Pictorial division.



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BOCCE BALL

We are already in March and so far this year weather has been great for playing Bocce Ball, except for a few days of the Santa Ana winds.

Bocce Ball is played on Tuesday and Friday at 9 am at The Summit. Hopefully we'll see you out there having some fun. If you are interested in learning the game, please join us. We have had a few new players who will welcome you. If you have any questions please call or text me at (840) 234-6494 or email me at hanknegrete16@yahoo.com. ~ *Hank Negrete*



WATER VOLLEYBALL CLUB

The weather outside is still cold, but the volleyball action inside The Summit pool is as hot as ever! We are continuing our winter season through March, playing for two hours, three days a week on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays from 10 am to 12 pm. Most players find the indoor game a bit easier since the pool is shallower and the ball is softer. Water volleyball is a great way to get out of the house this winter for some low impact exercise. Everyone is welcome to come out and give it a try. You don't need to



be a member of the club to play, and all ages, heights, and skill levels can participate!

If you're looking for a bit more information on the Water Volleyball Club, or would like to explore membership opportunities, please visit our table at the Committee and Club Fair in The Lodge Ballroom Friday, March 14 from 10 am to 1 pm. For more information, contact Craig Korotko at korotko@msn.com. ~ *Craig Korotko*



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*A big thanks to Julia Dobos, who is not 80, for organizing this picture.

For information about ping pong, contact Niles at (818) 826-1380. ~ *Niles Sundstrom*



PADDLE TENNIS

Professional tennis had the Bryan brothers, but Four Seasons Beaumont has the Lam brothers. Meet Stan and Dennis Lam. Stan an active tennis and paddle tennis player. Oh, and guess what? Last year, he also tried pickleball to compete in our Trifecta Tournament. It was a lot of fun to compete in our Trifecta Tournament. Dennis is an active paddle tennis, pickleball and ping pong player. Our second annual Trifecta tournament will be held April 4 and 5. March on over to the paddle tennis courts for some active fun. You can find someone there to play with most days around 2 pm. If interested in competing in our Trifecta tournament, please contact me at

ecgallegos@outlook.com. We look forward to seeing you on the courts.

The paddle tennis group is deeply saddened by the passing of our friend and

long-time paddle tennis player, Alfred, RIP. Deepest condolences to his family. ~ *Lizzie Gallegos*



Brothers Dennis and Stan



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PICKLEBALL

Hey there, Four Seasons Pickleball Peeps! Spring is just about to burst onto the scene, and do you know what that means? Our already buzzing courts are about to get even busier — and let’s be honest, even more fun. The winter warriors who’ve braved the cold are about to be joined by the sun-loving hibernators emerging from their cozy dens. It’s like a pickleball migration, and we love to see it.

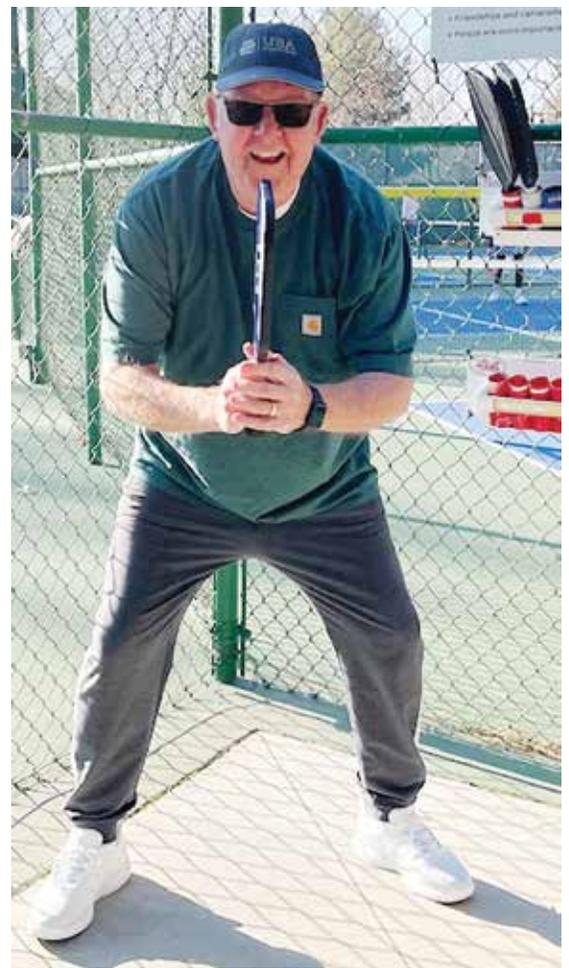
If you haven’t tried pickleball yet, there’s no better time than spring to dive in. Sunshine, fresh air, and a whole bunch of people who swear this game is better than therapy (and cheaper, too). Let’s be truthful, it’s very addicting.

Spotlight Time: Speaking of diving in, let’s give a big shoutout to Rick and Nancy Van. These two joined our club about six months ago, and let me tell you — they’ve been out here hustling. Rick (pictured at right, Nancy is a little camera shy) and Nancy have been putting in the time and climbing the skill ladder fast. Proof that a little consistency goes a long way — not just in pickleball, but in life.

Tournament Talk: From Jan. 31 to Feb. 2, Four Seasons showed up and showed off at the Loma Linda Winter Classic. We sent 13 fierce warriors who played their hearts out, soaked up some perfect PB weather, and made us all proud. Oh, and not to brag (but totally bragging), FOUR of our teams brought home medals. Congrats to all who played.

Final Reminder (aka “The Dues Blues”): Your 2025 membership is just \$25 — which is basically the best deal since all-you-can-eat buffets. Please make sure to pay Maggie or Carol via check, cash, or Zelle (Maggie: (909) 437-4321).

That’s all for now ... see you on the courts. ~ *Shelley Allard, shelleyallard@gmail.com*



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Shuffleboard is an easy game to learn and anyone can quickly become proficient at this sport. Our games usually last about an hour or so and we choose up different teams each time that we play. This allows us to keep the competition challenging and the games

more interesting. We play for fun, but of course, everyone likes to win. We have no losers, only non-winners.

We have a great group of players who play regularly, but we are always looking to welcome new players. So if anyone is interested in joining a fun activity with lots of friendly residents, please show up on Monday and/or Saturday a little before 9 am. We will give you an introduction to shuffleboard if you have never played before, or a refresher, if needed.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me. Otherwise, I hope to see you at the shuffleboard courts. ~ *Marty Rotman, (310) 948-1693, mrtmj@aol.com*

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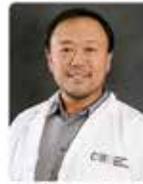
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TENNIS CLUB

March is a great month for tennis players and tennis fans in Southern California. The BNP Paribas Open will be played from March 2 through March 16 at the Indian Wells Tennis Garden. This is one of the major professional tennis tournaments of the year played at one of the players' favorite facilities. Players come from over 37 different countries and from every continent except Antarctica, presumably because ice would be too difficult to play on. This year's draw includes world-class players such as Carlos Alcaraz, Jannik Sinner, Aryna Sabalenka, Iga Swiatek, Novak Djokovic, and others with hard-to-spell names. American players include Coco Gauff, Madison Keys, Taylor Swift, Emma Navarro, and Ben Shelton.

With all of that going on, you may not see as many matches going on at The Courts, but there will still be lots of opportunities, including the monthly Play Day on March 29. All residents are invited to play irrespective of their skill level, including beginners and re-starters, those who stopped playing for a few decades while life happened and now want to get back into the game. We're all seniors, so it's not quite the same pace as when you were 25 and it's usually doubles. Another opportunity for those folks and those who play regularly are the weekly (except for the Play Days) Saturday FUNDamentals drills and practice conducted by our top players. And wait, there's more. In February, we began some clinics taught by Cheryl Smith, former Four Seasons resident and expert coach. She provided lessons several years ago before she relocated to Orange County, and now she is back periodically as a guest coach.

Our USTA teams are winding down their winter leagues, but there will be a Mixed Doubles match at The Courts on March 1 and a Men's Doubles match on March 17, also at home. Also in March, Chuck Beckman, FSB Tennis Club, and Gayle Vanderlinden, playing for the Redlands team, will compete at the USTA National Tournament in Scottsdale, Arizona.

In January, the Tennis Club held its annual meeting and dinner in the newly repainted RCN. Nicely done! Not exactly like a Venezuelan election, but the Tennis Club Executive Committee was

reelected without known opposition. So, Stan Lam, Lou Stokes, and Chuck Beckman start new two-year terms and Larry Zimmerman and Steve Hovey have one more year. Website: <https://sites.google.com/view/tennis-fourseasons/home>. ~ Steve Hovey (951) 712-5319, sahovey47@hotmail.com



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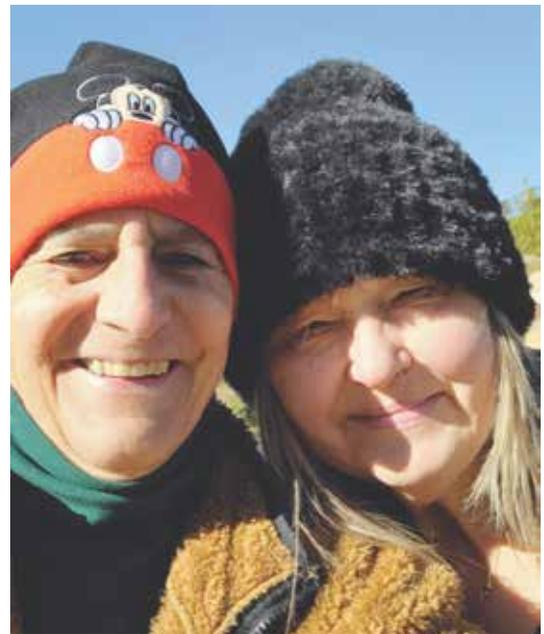
Most of January was colder than we had anticipated so we didn't get to start our season



until the last week of January. As it turned out, most of the gals came out the first Monday in February. We made a slight change in our playing format — we decided to play two rounds of nine holes on Mondays and Fridays. In addition, we decided to give the gals two tries at our “Closest to the Pin Without Going In” competition on each of our playing days.

If any gals reading have been undecided about joining us, please

take that leap and come on out. This is a low-impact, high fun, and social activity, and the best part is no experience is necessary. We have extra putters and balls if you'd like to come out and give it a try. Our nine-hole putting green is located at The Courts, behind the pool area. Our putting days/times are Mondays at 4 pm and Fridays at 9 am. For more information, please contact Elaine Brown at (626) 589-9791 or Phyllis Kates at (909) 227-0037. ~ *Phyllis Kates*



January was a bit nippy so Phyllis Kates and Bonnie Brown bundled up for their first day of play.

BEAUMONT BAGGERS CORNHOLE GROUP

We are looking forward to our Cornhole Group Season starting up again in late April. Stay updated on our start date in the April Breeze.

We hope to see you all Tuesday nights at 4 pm at The Summit. We welcome all residents, singles or couples, to join us. We pick names

from a hat to place you with a teammate and you do not have to enter as a team. No experience or equipment needed. Bring a lawn chair, learn a new sport, and meet new people.

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BILLIARDS FOR FUN GROUP

There is still time to make your 2025 New Years Resolution come true. The year has just begun and if you resolved to come down to the Billiards Room and play some pool, now is the time! The Billiards For Fun Group (BFFG) meets every Tuesday from 11 am to 1 pm and 1 to 3 pm. You can play in either session or play in both sessions.

For more info, please contact Paul Snyder at (909) 214-9464 or Donna Snyder at (909) 435-6589. ~ *Donna Snyder*

8-BALL CLUB

The 8-Ball Club presents pool lovers with lots of opportunities for practice and tournaments.

The 8-Ball Club practices or plays tournaments Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 6:30 to 9 pm.

The monthly 8-Ball Club business meeting is held on the first Wednesday of each month.

In-house tournaments include an 8-Ball tournament on the second Wednesday of the month and a 9-Ball tournament on the fourth Wednesday of the month.

The Club also competes in team events with Solera Oak Valley and Solera Diamond Valley (see addresses below) on the first, second, third, and fourth Mondays of each month: two here and two away.

Solera Oak Valley, 1615 Fairway Drive, Beaumont, CA 92223

Solera Diamond Valley, 1645 Paseo Diamante, Hemet, CA 92545

If you're new to the game or have played it before, don't be shy, stop by, pick up a stick, and give us a try.

Walk in and ask for Del or any of the

members playing about the Club (David, Captain Kirk, Doug, Augie, Larry, Bella, Claudio, Rick, Scott, Leo, Jone, et al).

The 8-Ball Club is always looking for new members who would like to learn and play pool to join us.

There is a calendar of all our events each month plus sign-up sheets in the Billiard Room at The Lodge, on the 8-Ball Club bulletin board.

If you have any questions about your 8-Ball Club, please contact the 8-Ball Club Captain, Del Lyles, at (951) 267-1752.

WILD BUNCH BILLIARDS

Let's make 2025 a great year for billiards! The "Wild Bunch" is in full swing, and looking forward to having those who are serious and competitive billiards players join us. We enjoy playing 8 Ball, 9 Ball and Scotch Doubles. You don't have to be the best player, just a player who wants to improve their game in a more competitive setting.

The "Wild Bunch" consists of some of the best players in the

league, and we are always looking for great competition.

If you want to play serious, competitive pool, we invite you to come by the Billiards Room on Fridays from 12:30 to 2:30 pm and join in the stimulation of competitive play.

Looking forward to seeing you! ~ *Gracy Luna, gracyluna@aol.com, (951) 292-3624*

CURLY CUES BILLIARDS

Curly Cues currently plays on Mondays from 11 to 1 pm in the Billiards Room. Come on down and start your week with a fun group of ladies enjoying the game of pool and the easy camaraderie. We would love to see our participation numbers increase as there is always room for more players. You don't need to be an expert to play; we encourage all levels.

For more information, contact Barbara Morton at (559) 269-0908 or barb93720@yahoo.com. ~ *Barbara Morton*



Pat lining up her next shot



Joy taking her break shot

CO-ED BID WHIST

Hey everyone, I am inviting more folks to come out and play Bid Whist. We have flyers available at The Lodge, and our electronic flyer can be viewed on the E-boards in all the facilities and online in the Activities Blast.

We have an enjoyable time socializing while applying our individual team strategies to win the hand or stop the opposing team from winning. You can hear the excited voices of the victors around the tables, as well as a variety of mellow music from artists like the Temptations, Herbie Hancock, Aretha Franklin, Paul Simon and Adele – to name a few – in the background.

I strongly encourage new players to come out. We will teach you

how to play the game. Bid Whist is a variation of the original game of Whist, and it involves trick taking, strategy, card counting, and careful communication with a partner. It is similar in play to bridge and spades. Whether you are new to the game or a veteran player, I invite you to come out and play with us! Win or lose ... you will have a lot of fun and meet some great folks while playing bid whist.

The Co-Ed Bid Whist Club meets on Tuesdays from 6 to 8:30 pm in the RCN Building, Activity Room 3. We look forward to seeing you at the tables!

For more information, contact Frank Turner (562) 922-9737. ~ **Frank Turner**



BUNCO

BY POPULAR DEMAND... We are adding a few more Wacky Buncos! We will now play regular Bunco on the first Friday of every month. (Of course, the Crazy Bunco Ladies may add a

little twist to keep you on your toes and make the game a bit more exciting.) The rest of the month we will play Wacky Bunco.

Our location hasn't changed. We play on the first and third Fridays in the RCN, and on the second, fourth, and fifth Fridays in the Game Room. Basically, if you don't see us in the Game Room, head on down to the RCN.

Our game has become increasingly popular. Please arrive by 12:45 pm, so you can find a table and be ready to play at 1 pm. We don't want anyone to miss out on the fun and laughter.

If you have any questions, contact one of the Crazy Bunco Ladies (Linda Supernaw at supernaw4@sbcglobal.net or Cheryl Diego at kinderbear@msn.com). ~ **Cheryl Diego**

UPTOWN DIVAS BID WHIST

The Uptown Divas Bid Whist Group meets on the first and third Friday of every month from 2 to 4 pm in The Lodge Game Room. ~ **Deborah Garner, kenyakiki@aol.com**



CANASTA

Join us for an afternoon of friendship and fun while playing a game of Hand and Foot Canasta. We meet on Thursdays from 12:45 to 4 pm in The Lodge Game Room. Table assignments are distributed at 12:45 pm. Each week you may play with someone different, giving you an opportunity to meet new friends and/or to visit with existing friends. We supply the cards, so just bring yourself and a desire to have fun. If you don't know how to play, we are always happy to set up a teaching table — by the end of the afternoon you will have mastered the game. Join us. ~ **Pam Morales, pamelamoraes26@gmail.com**

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other countries. In the 1970s, it was brought to the United States. We welcome you to come and join us on Mondays from 2 to 4 pm in The Lodge Game Room. It's no problem if you have never played before. We love to teach! If you have any questions, call me, Sherry Mounts at (323) 810-0632.

DUPLICATE BRIDGE

The Four Seasons Duplicate Bridge is on a role! We doubled our attendance in February from two table in January to four tables. Of course, even though we had a nice game, it would be even better to have five or even more [!] tables.

There may be changes to the frequency of sessions in March, but, as I write this snippet, the plan is to meet March 8 at 10 am.

If you've played "party bridge" and are interested

in a more formal (and some say, enhanced), but still fun, form of Contract Bridge, please join us. You don't have to have played duplicate before; the mechanics are easy to learn and we're all ready to help you.

I do have an email group to keep residents informed of our activities; if you'd like to have your name included, send a message to kafreyer@frontier.com. ~ Kirk Freyermuth, kafreyer@frontier.com



BRIDGE FOR FUN

If you are thinking of new activities and have a basic knowledge of how to play the game of Bridge, come join us on Wednesdays from noon until 3:30 pm in The Lodge Game Room. We are a fun and easy-going group; come play with us. For more information, contact Verina Rector at (951) 769-1687. ~ Lois L. Butler

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DOMINOES

Hey everyone, we're inviting more players, whether new to the game or experienced, to come out and play dominoes with us on Wednesday and Friday evenings. We offer joyful, fun-filled sets where players match their wits and gaming styles while attempting to "domino" – or play their last bone before other players can. There is strategy involved, especially for more competitive players. Still, we can enjoy and offer relaxing sets where the aim is playing the game, win or lose.

For our more competitive players, the Dominoes Club has decided to announce winners every quarter. We last announced the quarterly winners for fall 2024 in the February 2025 *Breeze*. The next announcement for the winners of the Winter Quarter — January through March 2025 — will take place in April 2025 and post in the May 2025 *Breeze*. So, players ... get ready, get set, and go! We'll see who emerges victorious by the end of March.



Shout-outs to our rotating deejays, Pete Antoine, Frank Turner and Roxanne Williams, for regularly providing the soulful and rousing music at our gaming sessions. The music truly adds to the mellow vibes. Also, shout outs to those players who bring out treats for us to enjoy; Jan White and John Johns for "keeping score" while keepin' us honest; and Jesse Dimmer, Reggie Fuqua, and Pete

Antoine for continually keeping the club together. Last, but not least, shout-out to all the players who come out "rain or shine" to support us and have a great time!

So, come on out and join us for an enjoyable evening "slamming bones." The Dominoes Club plays every Wednesday and Friday from 6 until 9 pm in the Game Room. Novice players are encouraged to come out from 5 to 6 pm, on Wednesday and Friday, to learn the game.

For more information, contact Reggie at (951) 743-3594 or Jesse at (714) 474-1365. ~ *Roxanne Williams*

HEARTS

We play Hearts every Tuesday at 6 pm in The Lodge Game Room. We welcome new players. If you don't know how to play, we'll be happy to teach you. Seating is done by random card draw. Try your luck at getting all the hearts plus the queen of spades. That takes 26 points off of your score, or, if you choose, adds 26 points to all the other players at the table. The jack of diamonds takes 10 points off of your score. The lowest score wins. It is lots of fun and we look forward to seeing you on Tuesday evenings.



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We meet the first and third Tuesday of each month at 2 pm in The Lodge Game Room. Everyone is welcome to join us. If you have questions or want your name to be added to the group email list, contact Simone at simone@bissada.net. ~ *Simone Bissada*



PAN

We are looking for players, substitute players, and people who are interested in learning the game. I am happy to teach anyone who wishes to learn to play Pan, either individually or in a small group — your home or mine. Pan is a card game, much on the order of Gin in some respects, that is played with up to eight people at a table. It is played by both men and women, so all are welcome. The game is played during the day or in the evening in The Lodge or at a private home. If you are interested, please contact Linda Mendelson at (951) 941-9100 or email Goldtoy@earthlink.net, and I will answer any questions you may have. As with all card games, it is played with both skill and luck. ~ *Linda Mendelson*

MAH JONGG

Hello all! We are now playing Mah Jongg every Friday from 1 to 3 pm in the RCN Main Room. I hope you can join us. The great part is that you do not have to commit to every Friday. If you are interested in learning this game, we arrange periodic lessons and have a table designated for new players. If you have any questions or would like to arrange an introductory lesson, contact Terry Hall at Terryhall005@gmail.com. ~ *Terry Hall*

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“Get the Joke” is a simple contest . . . somewhere in this issue is a “joke” ad, article, or other notice. You’ll know it when you see it — it will be silly, over-the-top ridiculous, or just plain goofy — and hopefully it will bring a smile to your face. When you find it, email your response to FourSeasonsNews@yahoo.com. Or you can cut out and complete the box below and take it to The Lodge front desk. One correct entry will be chosen at random to win a \$20 gift card. Please get your entry in no later than the sixth of the month. Thanks!

LAST MONTH’S JOKE



An unlikely love story . . . Chester and Millie Dentarious recently lost their hamster Ernie when their friend gave them a python for a house-warming gift. But instead of being mad, they decided to look at the silver lining — now they have two pets in one! They named their python Burt and mix in hamster food with Burt’s diet so Ernie, who they know is in there somewhere, gets to eat too. “Focusing on silver linings run in my blood,” explained Millie. “My Great-Uncle Jack was on the Titanic. Even though he didn’t make it to land, we know he made it to a floating door.” She added, “And a nice lady with the whistle tried to save him but there just wasn’t room on the door. We’re sure she really, really, really tried to scoot over and let him on.”

THIS MONTH'S WINNER:

MICHAEL TANOUYE

I got the joke!

Resident’s Name (first & last): _____ Phone _____

This was the joke: _____

We love your comments (about the joke, the Breeze, or whatever’s on your mind!): _____

Solutions of puzzles on Page 35

2	6	1	3	8	7	5	4	9
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EASY

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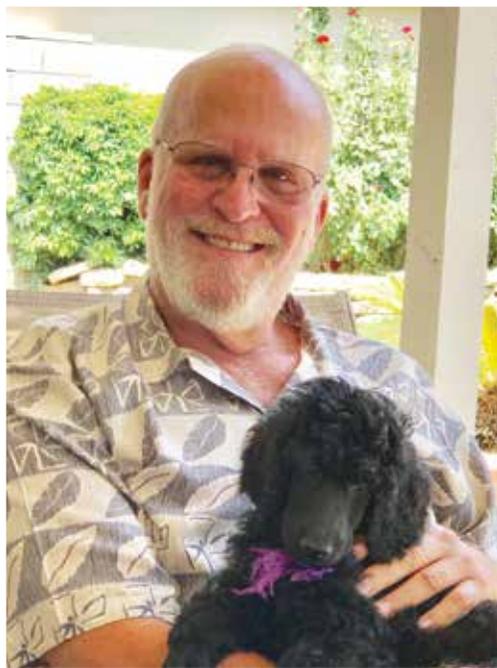
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9	8	4	7	6	2	5	1	3
5	7	1	4	3	8	6	9	2
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HARD



Farewell to Friends



JEFF DAVIDSON A super social guy, Jeff Davidson would quickly strike up a conversation with anyone who stood still long enough to listen. His gregarious nature made him fun to be around. A “pioneer” here in Four Seasons, Jeff and I moved here in March 2006. A true adventurer, he loved boating and snow skiing. Jeff was also a great travel partner. Our passports are full of stamps from our journeys that took us around the world, visiting many remote and exciting places.

Jeff was a significant presence in Four Seasons. As one of the Taste d’Vine Wine Club founders, Jeff served eight years as the club treasurer. Jeff was also very active in the Event Systems Committee. This group saw the need to upgrade the Ballroom’s sound, lighting, and staging and made it happen through donations and events. The large plaque at the entrance to the Ballroom will attest to that. He also served on the Canine Corral Committee. He was part of the *Breeze* staff and oversaw the Sudoku puzzle for a long time. And let’s not forget that he was one of the original “Real Men of Four Seasons.”

Jeff was a lifelong salesman. He spent many years with a large cosmetic packaging company with a crossover product line in the pet grooming industry, where we met many years ago. He loved the pet grooming industry and was very involved with many of its business aspects.

We lost Jeff on November 13, one week after his 83rd birthday. He leaves behind his daughters, Dana (Matt) Hadnett and Erin Alvarez, stepdaughter Helen DiMarino, six grandchildren, and nephew Ely (Arielle) Davidson. And let’s not forget his beloved dogs, Kona and Jagger.

He was a wonderful person. We loved each other tremendously, and I miss him terribly. I am so happy to have shared as many years with him as I did. Charitable contributions can be made to the Alzheimer’s Association in his name.

“Don’t be sad that it’s over. Be happy that it all happened.” ~ Teri DiMarino

On the Breeze

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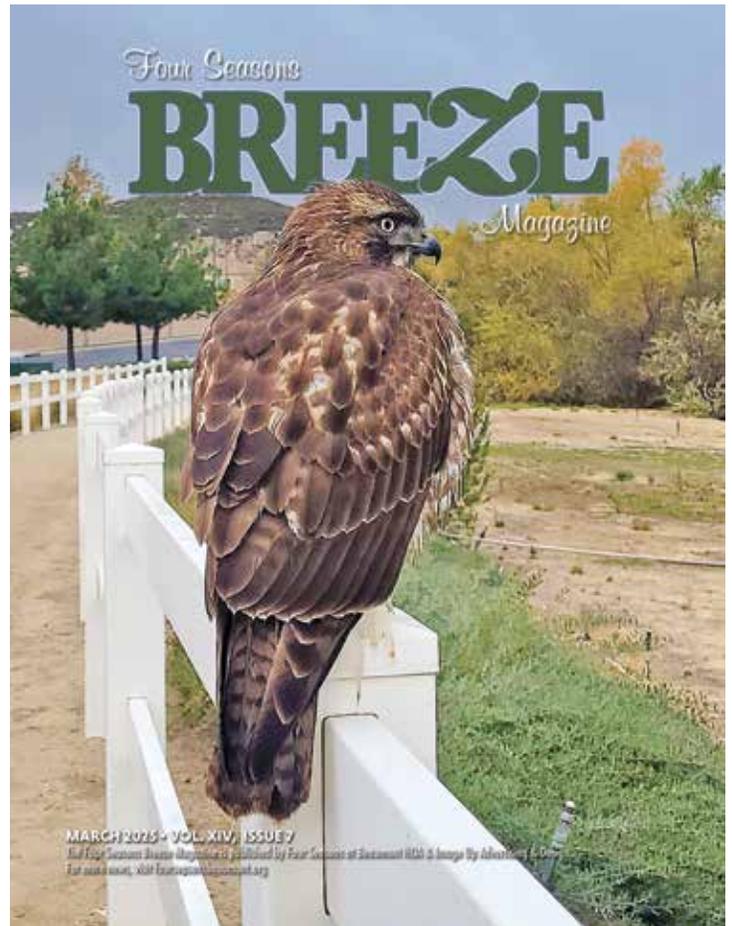
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- Send jpeg format photos to FourSeasonsNews@yahoo.com
- Include a brief description of the photo including the location
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