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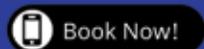
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MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

By Kathy Craven, Board Vice President

2026 Budget Finalization and Influencing Factors

Happy Holidays! As I write this article, the Board of Directors has just finalized and voted on the budget for 2026. Each year, several important considerations shape the budget planning process. The Budget Committee closely examines the Consumer Price Index (CPI), negotiates vendor contracts, and manages the association's reserves to ensure fiscal responsibility and community upkeep. Insurance costs also play a significant role in determining monthly dues, and, like residents, the Association continues to navigate rate changes.

Understanding the CPI

The CPI serves as a key measure of the average change over time in the prices paid by urban consumers for a standard basket of consumer goods and services. Governments, businesses, and individuals frequently rely on this well-known inflation indicator to guide their economic choices. The annual percentage change in CPI determines the inflation rate. In preparing the budget, the Budget Committee utilizes the CPI statistics specifically for the County of Riverside. Inflation, in basic terms, represents a general increase in prices and a reduction in the purchasing value of money.

Vendor Contracts and Budget Impact

Vendor contracts make up 88 percent of the overall budget. Per California Civil Code, the Board may only approve contracts up to one year, except for cable or TV deals. As a result, contracts must be renegotiated annually. Key vendors include FirstService, Park West, Pacific Pool Service, and All About Cleaning. The Board has established a policy that contract increases should not exceed three percent. Periodically, the association issues Requests for Proposal to evaluate market rates and ensure competitive pricing for services rendered.

Reserves and Community Maintenance

Residents visiting our facilities can observe our reserves at work. Over the past year, the pool and decking at The Summit were renovated, a new shower was installed, and the building received a fresh coat of paint inside and out. Similarly, the pool and concrete areas at The Lodge, including the Loggia area and the compass, underwent updates. After the pool heating at The Courts was turned off Oct. 31, the decking around that pool is undergoing renovation.

Reserves function much like a savings account. Every

association asset is inventoried and assigned a projected lifespan. Annually, the association collaborates with a Reserve Study group to ensure a 30-year funding plan aiming for 100 percent coverage of future expenses. This year, the reserve level stands at 97 percent. As reserves are utilized to maintain the resort-like quality of the community, each asset's lifespan is recalibrated accordingly.

New Budget Code: Wildfire Legislation Compliance

This year, a new budget code was introduced to address emerging wildfire legislation from Sacramento. The allocated funds will be used to remove trees and shrubs at association facilities, in compliance with the zero-to-five-foot clearance rule. The newly-formed Ad Hoc Wildfire Mitigation Committee will be sharing further updates with the community in the coming months.

2026 Dues Overview

The question on everyone's mind concerns the new dues for 2026. The Primary assessment, which applies to all 1,853 homes, will increase from \$298 to \$321, an increase of \$23. The Front Yard Cost Center will see an increase from \$92 to \$101, in addition to the primary rate, amounting to a \$9 difference.

Springdale homes have a different fee structure, as they pay for their insurance separately, and rates vary by Springdale plan. These increases are also in addition to the primary rate:

- Plan One: \$172.89, an increase of \$26.56
- Plan Two: \$189.17, an increase of \$29.76
- Plan Three: \$217.73, an increase of \$35.37

Upcoming Meetings & Community Engagement

The Board extends warm holiday wishes to everyone and looks forward to the year ahead. Board meetings occur every second Thursday at 1 pm in the Ballroom; all are welcome to observe. Per civil code, Board members cannot engage in conversation during homeowner input at these meetings. For those who prefer a more informal setting, "Meet with the Board" sessions are held on the third Wednesday of each month at 2 pm in the Ballroom. These gatherings offer an opportunity for open discussion with Board members on most topics, except for those currently under litigation.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Kathy Craven at kathycravenbod@yahoo.com or (714) 722-1301.



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GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

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

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To facilitate a smooth transition, the Banc of California lock box will remain open until January 2026 to process payments that are not immediately updated. After this period, the lock box will close, and any subsequent payments sent will be returned to the sender.

VOICEMAILS Just to make sure you are aware, the phones we have at The Lodge and RCN do not have caller ID. If you leave a voicemail, please make sure to leave your phone number or home address so we can call you back.

OCTOBER DOLLARS AND CENTS At the October Board meeting, the following projects and bids were approved. In parentheses are the Committee that generated the proposal and if it's either an Operational expense, which comes from this year's dues, or a Reserve

expense:

- Various Tree Removals: \$2,450 (Landscape/Operational)
- Edison Easement Repairs: NTE \$2,000 (Mgmt/Operational)
- Trail Signs: NTE \$1,155 (Mgmt/Operational)

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REMINDERS A reminder I give at each Open Session Board Meeting is to slow down. Once you are home behind the gates, speeding or not stopping at stop signs will only "save" you a few seconds of time. Speed limits are 30 mph on the Circle, 25 mph on all side streets, and 15 mph in parking lots. Slow down and drive responsibly. Also, use the sidewalks if you're a pedestrian and wear white or reflective clothing when it's dark outside.

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Meet the Board	12/17	2p

COMMITTEES	DAY	TIME
Architectural Review	12/3, 17	8:30a
Canine Corral Council	12/4	10a
Communications	12/3	10a
Community Planning	Canceled	
Conservancy	12/3	8a
Facilities	12/10	9a
Landscape	12/16	1p
Safety (includes EPC)	12/2	10a
Social	12/2	1p

ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR'S REPORT

December is full of sparkle and joy here at Four Seasons, and we can't wait to celebrate the season with you! We are thrilled to present our Holiday Extravaganza Show, *It's a Four Seasons Christmas, Charlie Brown*, on Friday, Dec. 5 and Saturday, Dec. 6 at 6 pm, with a matinee on Sunday, Dec. 7 at 2 pm. This heartwarming show is suitable for all ages, so bring friends, grandkids, and neighbors! Free tickets are available at The Lodge — stop by and pick them up while they last.

On Tuesday, Dec. 16, get ready for one of our most festive traditions: the Holiday Golf Cart Parade and Neighborhood Lighting Competition! Parade lineup begins at 5:30 pm at The Lodge, judging will start at 5:45 pm, and the parade rolls out at 6 pm sharp. If you are participating in the neighborhood lighting competition, please make sure your lights are on by 6 pm for judging. Ballots for residents will be available beginning Monday, Dec. 15, and the last day to turn them in is Thursday, Dec. 18. Prizes will be delivered to winners' homes on Saturday, Dec. 20!



The holiday magic continues on Friday, Dec. 19 at 6 pm in The Lodge Ballroom with a beautiful performance from our Holiday Bell Choir and Four Seasons Singers. No tickets are needed for this special musical evening, and everyone is welcome, so come enjoy the sounds of the season with your neighbors and friends. We are also delighted to present our Four Seasons Annual Hanukkah Party, filled with

music, refreshments, prizes, and our lively "Name That Jew" game show! Tickets for this fun community celebration will be available starting Wednesday, Dec. 10 at The Lodge front desk.

And of course, you know how things go around here — there's a party every day in December! Be sure to check with your clubs and groups to see when your special holiday gathering will be held. With so much cheer and community spirit, we hope this season brings you joy, laughter, and warm memories. My very best wishes to each and every one of you for a magical and exciting holiday season. I love you all dearly. ~ Cindy Graves

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DID YOU KNOW that Park West, our Landscape contractor, works on a schedule that allows them to visit and maintain the community landscape as well as the front yards of the homes in the Front Yard Cost Center? Following this schedule means that all areas receive attention once a month. It also means that Park West can't immediately react to resident requests for service, and most issues are addressed during the regular rotation.



Photo Assignment: Love and Music is in the Air

We are inviting you to participate in the February *Breeze* pictorial. Please send us a picture of you and your sweetheart with your names and your favorite song. Send your submission to FourSeasonsNews@yahoo.com by Jan. 6 for the February issue. Be sure to put "Love and Music" in the subject line! Questions? Call Courtney at (909) 797-3647.

Farewell to Four Seasons Friends

If you have lost a loved one and would like to let others know, you can have the information placed in this column in the *Breeze*. Guidelines are: Your loved one must have lived in Four Seasons Beaumont. Only one notice may be submitted. Photos are optional. Limit the remembrance to 400 words and send it to FourSeasonsNews@yahoo.com. Be sure to include your contact information in case we need to reach you. Contact information will not be published.

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Gratitude and farewell ... Today I send this message to the entire Four Seasons community, first to thank God for bringing me here to seek a better future for my entire family.

I've been here working for 19 years, so that with my attitude I can give my best in response to my work. Thank you all for your respect for me during these years.

Thank you to this country that opened its doors to me and gave me the opportunity to obtain my citizenship. I'm returning to my home country, Colombia, to care for my wife and family in mid-December.

Thank you to each and every one of you, and from now on, I wish you a Merry Christmas and a year full of blessings for your entire family.

Thank you ... Thank you ... Thank you

Luis Felipe Morales



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In Memory of Terry Fears

By Leighton McLaughlin, originally published October 2014. We are running this article again to highlight the wonderful contributions Terry, who passed earlier this year, made to our community.

Terry Fears is contributing his considerable talents — and a good bit of time — to redecorating all the floral arrangements in The Lodge, the Lobby, the Ballroom, and the bathrooms. The original decorations were put in by the builder when The Lodge was finished and soon the HOA Board decided they needed to be updated.

Fears has a lifetime of professional experience in design and he's adding a twist to the decorations that will be unique to Four Seasons: each season will have its own display over the mantle in the Lobby entry.

"After all, that's what we are — Four Seasons," said Fears. Right now, the summer display is up, soon to be displaced by fall. Winter and spring will follow in turn.

He used much of the original decor, disassembling, repairing, and cleaning it, then adding new elements to freshen it up.

He started in the design business when he was 14, in high school in New Albany, Indiana "just across the Ohio River from Louisville, Kentucky," he said. He was hired as a kind of handyman by a local antique store and "started at the bottom. I washed the windows, put the manikins up and took them down, did window trimming. I stayed in retail from then on."

As an adult he worked as creative director for three different nationwide store chains: Casual Corner, Store of Knowledge, and Tommy Bahama. "Every retailer has somebody like me," he said.

The creative director is the one who decides how to best display

merchandise so it will sell well. During his time with Tommy Bahama, it had the highest sales per square foot of any national chain.

"I never had the luxury of formal training," he said. He did a lot of reading in his field to get ideas about how to proceed. "I'm all self-taught. You have to be able to sell yourself and your ideas. It was a matter of being in the right place at the right time."

Since moving to Four Seasons some seven years ago, he has employed his talents decorating for community events and richly decorating his own home for the Event Systems Committee's annual fundraiser, the Holiday Home Tour.

Two years ago he redid the "Holiday at The Lodge" Christmas decor to great effect and donated the wreaths that brighten the entry gates, doors to The Lodge, and The Lodge itself. Fears and his wife of 50 years, Betty, his high school sweetheart, have four grown children, two boys and two girls, and nine grandchildren.

Four Seasons Activities Director Cindy Graves said Fears is an "amazing, talented, and interesting guy ... We can't thank him enough for the investment of his expertise ... (he) is the master of all things beautiful."



Use this link to see a tour of the Fears' home magnificently decorated for Christmas!

DID YOU MISS IT?

Four Seasons Halloween Parade



Photos by Bill Christelman

Golf Cart Parade Winners

First place at right (front and back of the cart): John Ambris & Jeff Shephard
Second place below, left: Candy Pyle
Third place below, right: Karen Staublein





The Halloween Monster Mash Bash. The banner was hand-painted by staff member Brandon Arner.

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Expressing Gratitude



Brandon is one of the brightest stars here in our community. I was lost during our 20th anniversary parade and he took the time to help me find my group before the parade started. He did all of this with a big Kool-Aid smile. ~ Wanda Valentine

I would like to let you know how pleased I am with the customer service at The Lodge — Brandon Barnes is AMAZING! Mary Ann Garibay

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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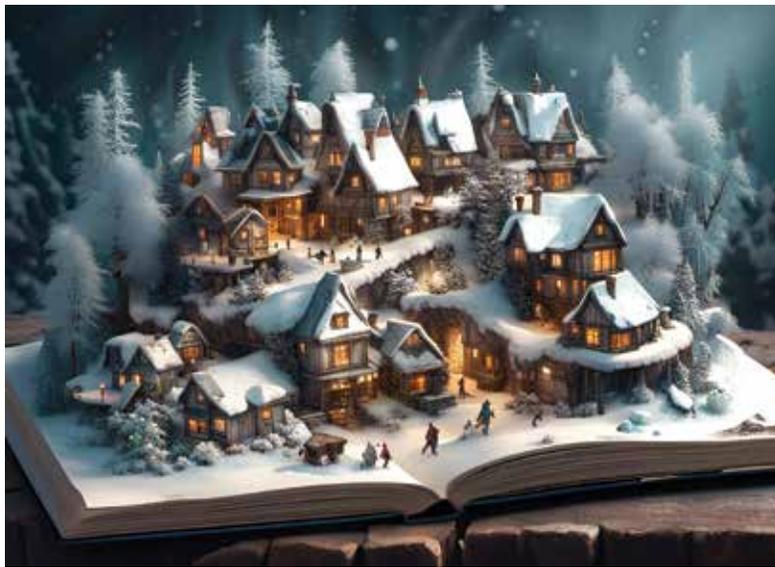
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EXPLORING APPS FOR MUSLIMS

By Steve Benoff

Judaism, Christianity, and Islam agree on at least two things. There is only one God and that Abraham is a revered prophet. Thus, the three are classified as Abrahamic religions. I covered Jewish apps a lot last year and Christian apps last month. This month I want to focus on Islam. Again, I've again relied on ChatGPT as a starting point.

Keep in mind, as with the Christian apps, I have not downloaded these apps. My information is sourced from ChatGPT and the Apple App Store.

Ayat – Al Quran is a strikingly beautiful app which I assume is offered in English even though the app store examples are all in gorgeous Arabic. The developer is King Saud University. At least one review calls it the best Quran app. ChatGPT lauds its multiple translations and audio recitations: “best for Quran reading, memorization, and learning.”

Muslim Pro Quran Athan Prayer: When I see the word Pro, I think payment required. There is a free version, but I wouldn't be surprised if there were constant reminders to upgrade at \$13 per month or the more than reasonable \$35 for the year. In any case, this app “offers prayer times, Qibla direction, Quran (with translations and audio), and Islamic calendar.” The developer claims over 170 million users (reviews total just over half a million) and describes it as “the most comprehensive app designed to support your daily prayer, inspirational recitations, fasting, and personal journey.” It's available in 22 languages.

iQuran: Interesting developer description; it opens with “NO adverts. NO subscriptions. iQuran is absolutely free to use.” Shortly after it mentions this, you can upgrade to the Pro version. “iQuran offers you the complete Quran with coded Tajweed (Pronunciation), verse by verse and word by word translation, recitation, bookmarks, notes, tags, filters, search, awesome navigation, and more.” There are more than 35 translations. ChatGPT says it's “A stunning Quran app with beautiful typography, multiple translations, and audio recitations ... Best for Quran study and beautiful reading experience.”

Learn Quran: The developer says “Learn Quran helps in developing a deeper understanding of the Quran through its translation and explanation by Dr. Farhat Hashmi. The app can be used to explore the Quran, memorize its word-by-word translation and gain an in-depth understanding of it by listening to the explanation of any of the verses.” ChatGPT says, “best for learning Quran with proper pronunciation and understanding.”

iSalam: Salah Times – (Note: I couldn't find the Salah – Prayer Times app ChatGPT recommended. Perhaps it made it up. But there are a number of prayer time apps; I've chosen iSalam as an example). “iSalam: Salah Timings automatically determines the current location and calculates the daily prayer (salat/salah/namaz) timings for your local city (supports millions of cities worldwide) for the next 12 days and gives configurable Azan/Athan notification on your iPhone.”

Hijri Calendar & Prayer Times: (Note: again, the Al-Hijri – Islamic Calendar app recommended by ChatGPT couldn't be found. But the one I chose seems to represent the calendar style.) Hijri Calendar “displays the Hijri and Gregorian calendars; compatible with Umm Al-Qura calendar; conversion from Gregorian to Hijri or vice versa; add, edit, delete calendar events; move between months by swiping left or right; calculate the difference between two dates in Hijri or Gregorian calendars.”

Zabihah – ChatGPT describes this app as helping “you find Halal restaurants, groceries, and stores nearby.” The developer says, “Zabihah lets you find halal places and prayer spaces near you or around the world ... We pioneered halal search with the ability to browse over 50,000 halal restaurants and markets around the world ... Our unique service guides you to the nearest mosque, musallah, or restaurant with available prayer space. Works anywhere in the world.”

The ChatGPT list may not be perfect, but it does manage to point one in the right direction for a variety of apps, each with a different emphasis. Even if you're not Muslim, some of these apps offer what seems to me to be a pretty good introduction to Islam.

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

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PATAGONIA



By Elizabeth Westbrook

Yvon Chouinard, an American rock climber and environmentalist had numerous visits to Patagonia, South America's region shared by Chile and Argentina. He was the founder of a company that focused on outdoor activities and named his iconic products Patagonia sporting the logo of the silhouette of Mount Fitz Roy in Patagonia. According to Chouinard, he chose the name Patagonia because it sounded "like a wondrous, far-flung, and almost mythical place." After recently watching a documentary on an avid outdoorsman at Patagonia and having seen Patagonia hats and shirts since the 70s, I was hooked.

Phillip and I love to hike. The Explora en Patagonia, located in the Torres del Paine National Park in the southernmost part of Chile, was the perfect fit. It was all-inclusive and pricey. The expansive views of Lake Pehoe and Torres Massif mountains from our windows, and the Salto Chico waterfall seen from the dining room with delectable meals, made it a bargain. There was also a choice of hikes, horseback rides, land tours, or a boat ride on the lake. It was difficult to choose from a buffet of 54 different kinds of hikes — gentle walks to full-day hikes.

We decided to experience the four different terrains the park had to offer. Steppe, estancia, forest, and the Lago and Grey Glacier beach with its black surface from the pebbles. The walk on the beach rewarded us with a milky lake, a floating iceberg, and a view of the wall of ice expanding itself onto the lake. Yes, it was windy and chilly as were most of the days of our visit. I was happy to have packed my insulated raincoat.

Our next camp was in El Calafate, Argentina. The logistics of crossing the border was easy. We were driven six hours in a comfortable ride and watched the many privately-owned ranches on the pampas. We stayed in a hotel with the views of Lake Argentino. Our excursion was the Puerto Moreno Glacier tour, a must-see for any tourist in the area. The enormity of the glacier is beyond description. Imagine that this ice field is the world's third-largest reserve of fresh water. Although amazingly engineered, the many steps of the boardwalks gave us an opportunity to get up close to see the different hues of the ice and feel the cold breeze. Several times we heard chunks of ice breaking away and thundering down.

The downtown of El Calafate reminded me of a resort town with shops and restaurants. We ate Patagonian toothfish (Chilean sea bass) cooked to perfection. It's no wonder Chouinard was inspired from the perfection of the mountain peaks and the wilderness of Patagonia. If you had experienced African safari (July Breeze had my "Out of Africa"), you would definitely be keen on experiencing a Patagonian safari of hikes, walks, mountains, glaciers, and lakes.

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The glacier is in equilibrium, meaning it advances and retreats constantly.



Lake Pehoe and Cordillera del Paine



Sunrise on Macizo Paine from our window



Walkway to the Explora Hotel with Salto Chico waterfall on the left



This trail was moderately difficult but an easy trail was available for mobility challenged



Perito Moreno in Los Glaciares National Park



Driven from the airport in Puerto Natales, the gateway to Torres del Paine National Park

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Life After Loss African American Cultural Club 1p 6p	2 Karaoke Classic Film Group 5p 6p	3	4	5 PAC Holiday Show 6p	6 Crown Divas 9a PAC Holiday Show 6p
7 PAC Holiday Show 2p	8	9 Book Club Bistro Bingo 9:30a 4:30p	10 Wednesday Matinee 2p	11 Exec Session Board Meeting Open Board Meeting ItalianAm Club 9a 1p 5:30p	12	13 Denim & Diamonds Extravaganza 4p
14 Trivia 6:30p	15 Life After Loss 1p	16 Light Competition & Golf Cart Parade 6p	17	18 Taste d'Vine 6p	19 Tech on Wheels Bell Choir Concert 10a 6p	20 Travel Group Karaoke 10a 5p
21 Community Hanukkah Party 5p	22	23 Classic Film Group 6p	24	25 All Facilities Closed for Christmas	26 Tech on Wheels Barn Burner 10a 5p	27
28	29	30	31 Social Committee's New Year's Eve Party 5p	<i>December</i>		

*This calendar has non-recurring events and activities. For weekly events, refer to the following page. Do you have calendar changes? Complete a Schedule Change Request Form, found on the website or The Lodge front desk, by the **sixth of the month** to make it in the following month's calendar.*

The activities, dates, and times on this calendar are subject to change at any time. Check with your club or group contact for the latest information.

CLASS, GAME, EXERCISE SCHEDULES

Below schedules may change, cancel, or reschedule at any time. Check with The Lodge front desk or fourseasonsbeaumont.org for updates.

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
Cornhole	T	4p
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	T/Th	10:30a, 8:30a
*Zumba	T/Th	9:30a
*Pilates	W	7:15a
*Pound Fitness/Pilates Fusion	M	11a
Ping Pong	M/W/F/Sat	1p
	T	2p

THE COURTS

Gym	Daily	Open
Courts Pool	Daily	Open Swim
Spa Pool	Daily	Open
Tennis	Daily	By Reservation
Ladies Putters	M	4p
	F	9a
FSTTC	M-Sat	1p
AFSTTC	T	10a
Ping Pong	Daily	2p
Water Volleyball	M/W/F	10a
*Yoga	T/Th	8:30a

THE SUMMIT

Gym	Daily	Open
Summit Pool	Daily	Open
Bocce Ball	Daily	Open
Horseshoes	Daily	Open
Water Volleyball	Sat	10a

DANCE

*Heart & Soul	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

*A fee may apply for activity

Classes/Groups

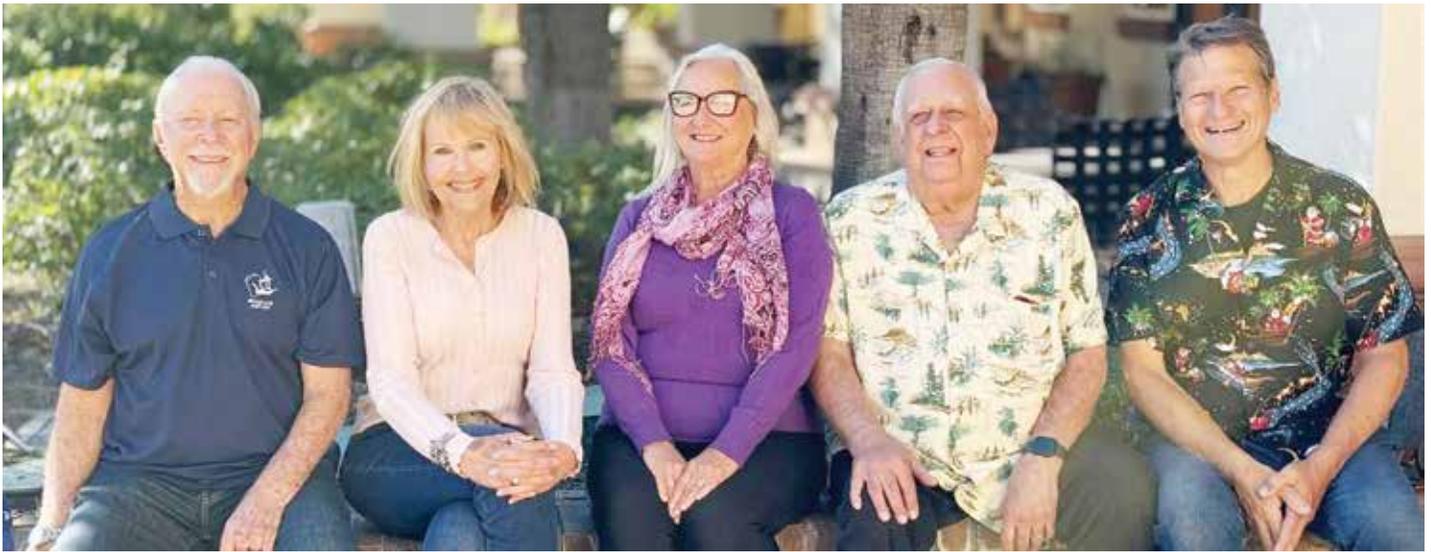
Believe Bible Study	F	10:30a
Ceramics	W	1p
Craft Group	Th	10a
Crafty Card Makers	2nd F	1p
Handbell Choir	W	2p
Healing Craft Class	1st/3rd T	1p
Intercessory Prayer	1st M	9a
Knit & Crochet	T	10a
*Mixed Media Art	M	10a
	F	10a
Men's Bible Study	T	9a
PAC	2nd M	6p
Photography	1st Th	6:30p
Porcelain Clay	Th/Sat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

Activities

8-Ball Club	M/W/F	6:30p
	3rd M	1:15p
Cornhole	T	4p
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	M-Sat	2p
Advanced	M-Sat	10a
Paddle Tennis	M/W/F/Sat/Sun	5p
Shuffleboard	M/Sat	8a
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



Greg Messick, Regina Farmer, Deborah Wasbotten, Bob Ferrier, and Steve Margulieux. Not pictured: Phillip Westbrook and Marc Solomon

FACILITIES COMMITTEE

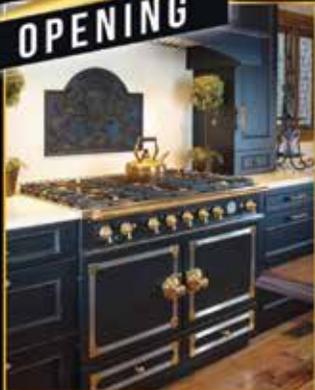
The Facilities Committee has had an extremely productive year. Although the committee will take a break in December, scheduled work will continue throughout Four Seasons for the rest of the year. We will resume our regular meetings on Jan. 8, 2026. If you have a facilities concern, you can reach us through the Daily Report. There is a tab labeled 'Facilities;' clicking on it will open an email form

sent to the appropriate person. We meet on the second Wednesday of every month at 9 am in the RCN Conference Room. Alternatively, you can email me directly at Ginajo25@aol.com. From all of us to everyone in our beautiful community, we wish you a joyous holiday season. See you in 2026. ~ Regina Farmer, ginjo25@aol.com

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COMMUNITY AWARENESS

The holidays are a time of joy and celebration with many of us attending parties with families and friends. With this in mind, we want to provide you with some sobering safety reminders to keep you safe through the holidays.

MAKING “MERRY” DURING THE HOLIDAYS: HOLIDAYS AND ALCOHOL

The following information is provided by Linda R. Bernstein, Pharm.D., pharmacist, writer, and the host of DrLinda.TV.

Holidays and alcohol often go hand in hand. The National Institutes of Health found that more than 70 percent of U.S. adults regularly drink alcohol, and about 42 percent of those who drink alcohol also use medicines that can interact with alcohol. The National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA) warns that holidays are also a time when some people are more likely to drink beyond their limits and get injured. Drinking alcohol while taking certain medicines compounds the risk and danger, especially in the elderly.

Alcohol can cause harmful effects when used along with some prescription medications, over-the-counter products, herbal and dietary supplements, and illicit drugs. Components of multi-ingredient medicines, some of which may contain alcohol, may further interact with alcohol.

Interacting Drugs: Some prescription and non-prescription medicines may adversely interact with alcohol, such as those used for allergies, colds, flu, angina, arthritis, blood clots, mental health disorders (anxiety, depression, mood, attention, sleep), diabetes, enlarged prostate, stomach problems, high blood pressure, cholesterol, infections, seizures, and pain.

Side effects of mixing alcohol and medicines may include feeling sleepy, dizzy, or faint; liver or heart problems; bleeding, especially in the stomach; nausea and vomiting; low or high

blood pressure; falls or accidents; seizures; depressed breathing; drug overdose; or death. Driving and use of machinery may be impaired. Side effects may require medical care.

The NIAAA notes that alcohol and medicines can interact harmfully if taken at the same time or at different times of the day. Alcohol affects the brain and body long after the last drink has been finished, resulting in impaired judgment and coordination for hours. Similarly, medicine can last for hours or days after you take a dose.

Safety Tips: Be sure to read labels carefully. Ask your pharmacist or other health care provider if you can consume alcohol while taking your medicine(s) and whether your medicine(s) alone can affect your ability to drive and operate machinery. Have plenty of alcohol-free beverages available for yourself and guests. Also, don't drink and drive.

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 AJ Reilly to set up a class: (951) 522- 9975 or reilly58@me.com.

We want to extend a special invitation to our current Block Captains, as well as to anyone interested in becoming a Block Captain, to attend this month's meeting on Wednesday, Dec. 10 at 10 am in The Lodge Ballroom. All are welcome!

“If you see something, say something.” This is the message we want everyone in our lovely community to take to heart. We need everyone to be our “eyes and ears” to report unsafe or unusual situations. We also would like to thank our Block Captains and Community Awareness Committee members for all they do to help keep our community safe. ~ *Frank Hilberg, hilbergfrank@gmail.com*

SOCIAL COMMITTEE



We welcomed a new member! Denise Culley was born in New York and moved to California 24 years ago after marrying her husband, Emmett. Six years ago, they moved to Four Seasons after being displaced by the Paradise Campfire, and they have loved it here ever since. Denise joined the Social Committee to have more fun with friends and contribute to the community. Teasingly they call

her the “Problem Solver,” which fits her background as a Program Manager of Process Improvement projects in the telecom industry. After meeting Emmett in a relationship workshop, she was inspired to design courses that empowered women healing from toxic relationships, which she continued until the wildfire led her to retire. Denise enjoys traveling, dancing, shopping at consignment stores, playing Bunco and Mexican Train, and attending plays.

Denise is always ready for something new, like exploring new places around SoCal and traveling the world!

NEW YEAR'S EVE – SAVE THE DATE FOR TICKETS!

Tickets go on sale Dec. 2 in the Ballroom from 9 to 11 am. There will be assigned tables. Doors open at 5 pm with appetizers and champagne being served. The ticket price is the same as last year. \$75 per person. This event will be “A New York” New Years Eve. We will celebrate the New Year at 9 pm and close at 10 pm.

For entertainment, we are having a band. The Jolly Corks are a five-piece, multi-decade tribute band. The caterer will be Anne Taylor once again. There will be a choice of honey balsamic herbed chicken breasts or meat lasagna. These choices need to be made at the time of purchasing your tickets. The photographer will be JB Photo who will bring lots of fun props to catch the mood of the evening.

Hope to see you there! ~ *Lisa Johnson, lisajohnson710@gmail.com*

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

The holidays are upon us. It does not matter which holiday, if any, that you choose to celebrate this season. As long as the decorations are not offensive or disruptive, all homeowners are encouraged to decorate their homes and properties. Our HOA even sponsors a holiday lighting contest and will distribute prizes for the best decorations in several categories.

Winter holiday lighting may not be installed earlier than one week before Thanksgiving Day and must not be turned on before Thanksgiving Day. All other winter holiday decorations are not permitted before Thanksgiving Day and must be removed no later than Jan. 15.

No Architectural Review Committee approval is required. Holiday decorations should be temporary in nature and designed to

be removed as required after the holiday.

The holiday lighting that is being promoted by various companies as permanent holiday lights are not allowed in our community. Homeowners may not have holiday lights permanently attached to their homes or other structures even if the lights are only turned on during approved holiday seasons.

Any decoration intended to be permanent should be submitted as yard art or a permanent improvement and does require ARC approval utilizing the Property Improvement Application and process.

If you have any questions, please contact me or any ARC Committee member. ~ *Steve Cooley, (801) 815-5302, cooleyaudit@gmail.com*

CONSERVANCY

We made an inspection walk on Nov. 5 of Trail B and Potrero parcel. Trail B and the Potrero parcel areas were well maintained. The only notable items were downed branches along the Potrero parcel perimeter along the main entrance. Management will follow up with KHov and/or HOA maintenance to request removal as appropriate depending on responsibility boundaries.

Our next inspection walk will be on the east Edison Easement on Dec. 3 at 8 am. We will start from the northeast end of Green Creek Trail at the Trail B entrance. We welcome all interested residents to our inspection walks. ~ *Howard Ochi, Conservancy Committee Chair, hmochi47@hotmail.com*

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FINANCE COMMITTEE



As you enjoy this issue of the *Breeze*, the Finance Committee will be finished preparing the budget for 2026. I want to thank all those on the committee that work so hard to bring you the best result possible. It is an intensive process that requires many hours to review all our expenditures and contracts. Please know that every item is reviewed in depth and we are as concerned as all of you about our community.

The financial statements for September 2025 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-insured instruments. Highlights of the September financial statements are: Total Cash is \$10,945,926 including operating cash funds of \$2,187,376 (checking and CDs) and reserve account funds of

\$8,754,725 and reconstruction funds of \$3,825. Our total year-to-date current income is \$(56,258).

Homeowners are welcome to join us at our regular monthly meetings held on the last Tuesday of each month. Our next meeting will be canceled because of the holiday. If the committee needs to meet for something that needs our attention, the meeting will be published to the community. 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. Our meetings are held in the RCN Conference Room.

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

LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE

Back in 2022 and 2023, I presented plants that bring cheer to this holiday season. Here are four more.



Poinsettia: The Poinsettia encapsulates the holiday spirit for many people, brightening homes and public spaces with its vibrant, festive colors. Its adaptability to life indoors has made it a staple of the holiday season far beyond

its tropical origins, and its striking appearance guarantees its continuing popularity. Poinsettia ranks as a top choice among tropical flowers for enthusiasts and gardeners.



Winterberry: Adding color to the winter landscape, *Ilex verticillata* (Winterberry) is a slow-growing, multi-stemmed, deciduous shrub of upright-rounded habit. It produces an abundance

of small, inconspicuous, greenish-white flowers in late spring or early summer. They are followed by a profusion of magnificent cherry-red berries from fall through winter. Extremely attractive, they enliven the winter landscape and often persist into late winter unless eaten by birds.



Winter Daphne: *Daphne odora*'s unmatched fragrance and early bloom time make it a cherished addition to the garden, offering beauty and scent

when most needed. *Daphne odora*, commonly known as winter daphne, is a beloved evergreen shrub known for its fragrant, pale pink to white flowers and glossy, dark green leaves. It's a plant that adds interest and fragrance to gardens during the late winter and early spring months when few other plants are in bloom.



Balearica Clematis: Vigorous, award-winning *Gaultheria procumbens* (Wintergreen) is a low-growing, spreading, evergreen shrub boasting prostrate stems bearing clusters of lustrous,

rounded, leathery leaves that turn reddish in winter. Bruised or crushed leaves exude a wintergreen fragrance. In summer, small, nodding, bell-shaped white or pinkish flowers appear in the leaf axils. They are followed by edible scarlet berries that persist through winter and are excellent winter food for wildlife. The plant will spread indefinitely over time to form an attractive ground cover. Perfect for shady areas. ~ *Kirk Freyermuth, kafreyer@frontier.com*



Tiny Dog winners L-R: 1st Piper, 2nd Sparky, 3rd Cooper, HM Andy

Small Dog winners L-R:

*Top Row:
3rd Nikki,
HM Teddy;
Second Row
L-R: 1st
Snowball,
2nd Chloe,
HM Pip*



Large Dog winners L-R: 1st Tater Tot, 2nd Chloe and Sapphira, 3rd Sam, HM Precious

CANINE CORRAL

Our 2nd Annual Canine Corral Halloween Costume Pet Parade on Oct. 31 was a success! We had 26 entries and, in my opinion, they were all winners. But the judges had to make a decision on first through third place and an Honorable Mention (HM) in each of the following categories: Tiny (12 or less pounds), Small (13-25 pounds), Medium (26-45 pounds) and Large (over 45 pounds).

The Canine Corral Steering Committee would like to thank our judges, Karen Belcher, Karen Evans and Dimitra Nicaastro for a job well done. A special thank you goes to Luke Shelton for his fabulous emcee work and to Michael Bowen for helping with set up, and our photographers, Bill Christelman and Howard Levine.

The Canine Corral's new Saturday and Sunday hours for organized group play are now at 9 am until the warmer weather starts up. We are always looking for members to join the Canine Corral Steering Committee. We meet the first Thursday of the month at 10 am in the RCN Conference Room and the meetings only last one hour. All our furry friends and members of the Canine Corral Steering Committee wish everyone a very happy holiday season and health and happiness for the 2026 New Year! ~ *Barbara Morton, Co-Chairman, (559) 269-0908*



Medium Dog winner: 1st Ginger

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RISK & READINESS: YOUR GUIDE TO SAFER LIVING

This article will focus on the **Orange Zone, homes in High Fire Hazard Severity Zone, and Zone 1**. The Orange Zone is further away from the wildland and Zone 1 is the area from 5-30 feet from your dwelling. If you are not sure which zone you are in, you can go to <https://osfm.fire.ca.gov/what-we-do/community-wildfire-preparedness-and-mitigation/fire-hazard-severity-zones> then scroll to “Find Your Fire Hazard Severity Zone” and put in your address.

Are the homes in the orange and yellow zones required to comply with the same zero- to five-foot guidelines that the Red Zone has? At this time the focus for code enforcement is on homes in the Red Zone. Guidelines for the Orange and Yellow Zones should be finalized by the end of 2025. Remembering that we then have three years to comply with any new regulations, if your home is in an orange or yellow zone, it's smart to **start preparing anyway** — removing combustibles, switching to non-flammable landscaping, and clearing debris. These steps not only boost safety but may soon become mandatory. Since the Orange and Yellow Zones are further from the wildland, the risk is considered to be less.

It cannot be overstated: the official map entirely overlooks the critical safety measures that were deliberately integrated into our community's construction.

Zone 1: Lean, Clean, and Green Zone (5–30 feet)



Here are the guidelines:

1. Remove all dead plants, grass, and weeds.
2. Remove dead or dry leaves and pine needles.
3. Trim trees regularly to keep branches a minimum of 10 feet from other trees.
4. Create a separation between trees, shrubs, and items that could catch fire, such as patio furniture, wood piles, swing sets, etc.

We are keeping an eye on the legislation and will update you with the latest regulations. Currently this is our city's governing regulation. ORDINANCE NO.1069 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BEAUMONT, CALIFORNIA AMENDING CHAPTER 17.06 “LANDSCAPE STANDARDS,” OF THE BEAUMONT MUNICIPAL CODE :

E. The property owner shall permanently and continuously maintain all landscaping in a neat, clean, and healthy condition, including removal of litter, proper pruning, mowing of lawns, weeds, fertilizing, and watering; and replacement of diseased and/or dead plants.

These are the most common violations you might encounter when not maintaining a buffer zone that slows a fire's spread.

- Unmowed grass: Overgrown or dead grasses and weeds that are not cut to a maximum height (often four inches or less) violate the rules for this zone.
- Ladder fuels: Allowing vegetation to form a “ladder” that fire can climb from the ground into taller shrubs or tree canopies is a major violation. This especially applies to hillsides with further rules on the height and spacing of plantings.
- Insufficient tree clearance: Failing to trim tree branches to a minimum of 10 feet from other trees, chimneys, and roofs creates a dangerous fuel path.
- Flammable shrubs near windows: Having flammable plants or shrubs directly next to windows is a violation, as radiant heat can break the glass and allow fire inside.
- Vegetation under propane tanks: Not clearing vegetation around propane tanks is a serious violation due to the **explosive risk**.



When planning your garden or landscape, it's important to think beyond aesthetics and consider the ecological impact of your choices. Native plants play a vital role as the foundation of a healthy ecosystem. They support local insects — especially pollinators like bees and butterflies — which in turn attract and nourish birds and other wildlife. This interconnected web, often called “nature's ladder,” begins with the plants you choose. By incorporating native species, you're not just planting greenery — you're cultivating resilience, biodiversity, and balance in your environment. You can do this while also making sure your plant choices are fire resistant. Here's a website to use as a resource: calflora.org/app/ipl?list_id=px2154. Information can also be found from California Native Plant Society www.cnps.org.

If you have concerns or comments, please join the Ad Hoc Fire Mitigation Committee at its meeting on the first Thursday of the month in the RCN. ~ *Cathy Goldsmith, cathyhg13@yahoo.com*



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384 Lucinda	\$604,000	460 Whitney Peak	\$525,000
1514 Bloomington	\$585,000	1506 Pierce Mill	\$619,900
454 Glacier Park	\$560,000	1536 Williamson	\$465,000

SAFETY COMMITTEE

SAFETY 4 “ALL” SEASONS

As we move into the holidays, the Safety Committee is committed to helping make our community a safe environment in which to live.

ENJOY A SAFE HOLIDAY SEASON (PART 2): From late November to mid-January, when families gather, parties are scheduled and travel spikes, safety should be top of mind. In Part 2 of this series, the National Safety Council has provided the following advice to ensure your family remains safe and injury-free throughout the season.

Decorate Safely: Decorating is one of the best ways to get in a holiday mood, but emergency departments see thousands of injuries involving holiday decorating every season. When decorating, follow these tips from the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission:

- Keep potentially poisonous plants — mistletoe, holly berries, Jerusalem cherry and amaryllis — away from children and pets.
- If using an artificial tree, check that it is labeled “fire resistant.”
- If you use a live tree, cut off about two inches of the trunk to expose fresh wood for better water absorption, remember to water it, and remove it from your home when it is dry.
- Place your tree at least three feet away from fireplaces, radiators and other heat sources, making certain not to block doorways.
- Avoid placing breakable ornaments or ones with small, detachable parts on lower tree branches where small children or pets can reach them.
- Only use indoor lights indoors and outdoor lights outdoors, and choose the right ladder for the task when hanging lights.
- Replace light sets that have broken or cracked sockets, frayed or bare wires, or loose connections.
- Follow the package directions on the number of light sets that can be plugged into one socket.
- Never nail, tack or stress wiring when hanging lights, and keep plugs off the

ground away from puddles and snow.

- Turn off all lights and decorations when you go to bed or leave the house.

Watch Out for Fire-Starters — Candles and Fireplaces: Use of candles and fireplaces, combined with an increase in the amount of combustible, seasonal decorations in many homes during the holidays, means more risk for fire. The National Fire Protection Association reports on average candles cause 46 percent of fires annually in December.

- Place candles where they cannot be knocked down or blown over, and out of reach of children and pets.
- Keep matches and lighters up high and out of reach of children in a locked cabinet.
- Use flameless rather than lighted candles near flammable objects.
- Don’t burn trees, wreaths or wrapping paper in the fireplace.
- Always use a screen on the fireplace when a fire is burning.
- Never leave candles or fireplaces burning unattended or when you are asleep.
- Check and clean the chimney and fireplace area at least once a year.

It’s Better to Give Safely: Gifts and toys should inspire joy, not cause injuries. Thousands of children are seriously injured in toy-related incidents every year. Avoid safety hazards while gifting with these tips from the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission:

- Toys are age-rated for safety, not for children’s intellect and physical ability, so be sure to choose toys in the correct age range.
- Choose toys for children under three that do not have small parts which could be choking hazards.
- For children under 10, avoid toys that must be plugged into an electrical outlet.
- Be cautious about toys that have button batteries or magnets, which can be harmful or fatal if swallowed.
- When giving scooters and other riding toys, give the gift of appropriate safety gear, too; helmets should be worn at all times, and they should be sized to fit

To find out about holiday toy safety and recalls, check the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission website.

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.
- Roundabout etiquette: Yield to vehicles already in the circle; when entering a roundabout, only drive in a counterclockwise direction; use your right turn signal when exiting the roundabout.
- No distracted driving. Put away your cell phones and other electronic devices while driving.
- Yield to pedestrians.

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.

Remember, if you see something, say something.

Monthly CPR classes are currently not scheduled. To arrange a CPR course for your club or committee, contact A J Reilly at (951) 522-9975 or reilly58@me.com.

Remember, “If you see something, say something.”

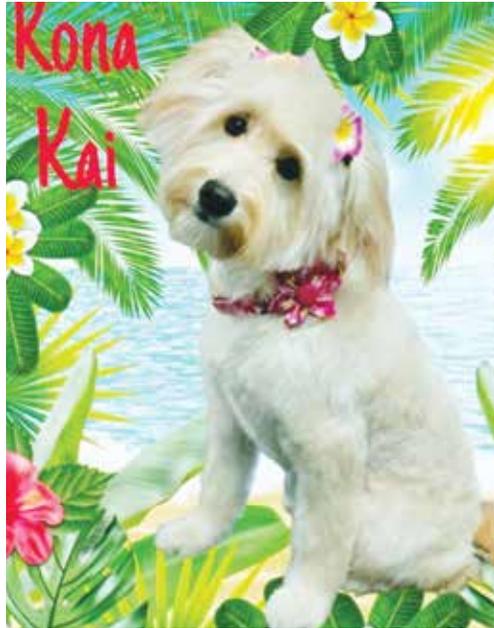
The Safety Committee meets on the first Tuesday of each month at 10 am in the RCN Conference Room. Your attendance is encouraged if you have questions or want updates about safety projects. ~
Frank Hilberg, hilbergfrank@gmail.com

Pets On Parade

To have your pet featured in Pets on Parade, please send a high resolution photo with a caption to FourSeasonsNews@yahoo.com. Please put "Pets" in the subject line.



Pickles" is the perfect little elf. Submitted by Hawk and Tanya Stewart



Kona Kai is a four-month-old rescue half-terrier. She is playful and entertains us with her tricks. She loves belly rubs and takes us on walks. Submitted by Kit and Betty Evans



Our sweet boy Bud, dressed up for his first Halloween with us. Submitted by Margi and Jack Spies



Zorro is ready for his close-up, Mr. DeMille. Submitted by Gracy and Hilario Luna



Axel Stratton is thankful to Tails & Trails for the opportunity to meet Santa and Mr. Claus at The Courts. Submitted by Linda Stratton



Happy Holidays from Molly Elena Thomas! Submitted by Cathy Thomas



Summer, our newest family member who was rescued from a Riverside County house that was hoarding 40 dogs and 40 cats, is quickly settling in and has already claimed our hearts and the best chair in the house. Submitted by Gary and Diane Jones



Maggie Mae Rose Ramirez watching the sunset on her evening cart ride with Mom. Submitted by Leta Ramirez



This is Pepper, our Havanese-Poodle mix, waiting for a favorite treat. We love our boy who is 13 and as active as ever. Submitted by Rorie and Bob Snyder



Our Oliver. Submitted by Jimmy Chagolla



Pepper is our rescued cat from Haven Pet Center. Submitted by Diane and Tom De Paola



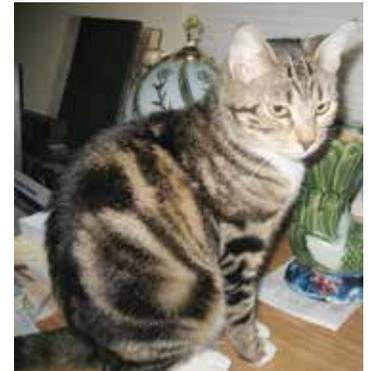
Our Kelsey is such a joy in our lives. Submitted by Dan and Harriet Hagens



This is my foster, Foxy, from San Jacinto Animal Campus, who I took in when she was a week old. She is now four months old, spayed, vaccinated, and microchipped. She is ready for a home with lots of love and play time. Who can resist those beautiful eyes? Submitted by Suzy Taniguchi



Bridgette and Everett. Submitted by Jimmy Chagolla



Olivia "in training" waiting for me to get my flu vaccine. Submitted by Sandra Butler-Roberts



These are my babies, Nani (Pretty in Hawaiian) is 13 and Keo Kea (spotted white in Hawaiian) is 10. Submitted by Suzy Taniguchi



Daisy making a new friend who "fell" into her backyard. Picture by Karen Reed



This is Dave watching over all his family. Submitted by Teri Martin



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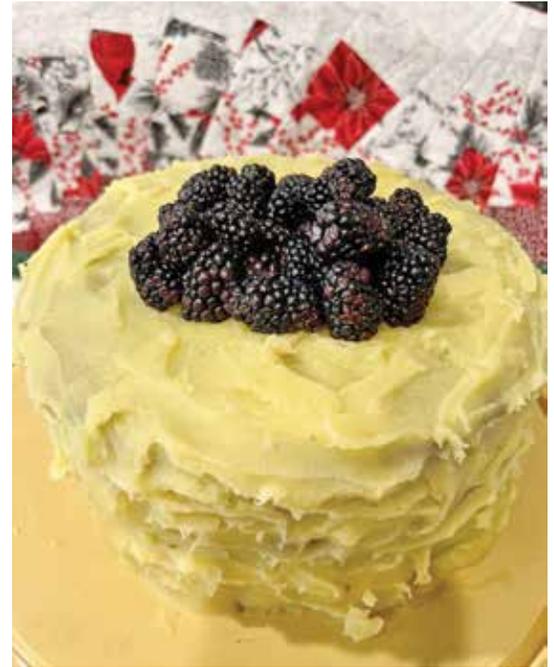
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Blackberry Jam Cake



The recipe for December is a blackberry jam cake with icing, a classic Southern cake usually served during the holiday season. Norma McGee submitted it and said her mother always cooked the cake for Thanksgiving or Christmas. The recipe was given to her family by a neighbor in Alabama who made cakes to supplement her income. Norma's entire family loves this cake. Serves 8 to 12.

Thoroughly read the entire recipe before starting.

CAKE INGREDIENTS

- 2 cups sugar
- 1 cup melted butter
- 1 cup buttermilk (note: if available, use whole buttermilk rather than low fat buttermilk)
- 1 tablespoon soda
- 6 eggs, separated
- 3 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 cups blackberry jam (note: Norma prefers the kind with seeds rather than seedless)
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 box seedless raisins
- 1 teaspoon cloves
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon nutmeg
- 1 teaspoon vanilla

CAKE DIRECTIONS

1. Preheat the oven to 325 degrees.
2. Prepare four 8- or 9-inch cake pans by cutting two pieces of wax or parchment paper for the bottom of each pan. Place in a cross position. Lightly oil the wax paper of each pan. Set aside.
3. Mix the sugar with the melted butter; add the buttermilk, soda, and egg yolks, mixing until well combined. Slowly add the flour, in three or four portions, mixing until fully incorporated. Mix in the blackberry jam and salt. Next, add the raisins, cloves, cinnamon, nutmeg, and vanilla.
4. Finally, in a separate bowl beat the six egg whites until stiff peaks form. Gently fold them into the cake batter with all of the above ingredients.
5. Divide the batter into the four prepared cake pans.
6. Bake at 325 degrees for approximately 30 minutes, or until the edges start to pull away from the pan and a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean. If the pans are placed on two oven shelves, rotate the cakes halfway through the baking so the cakes on the lower shelf don't overcook.

ICING INGREDIENTS

Note: If you like a good layer of icing between each layer of cake, increase the icing recipe by half.

- 3 cups sugar
- 5 tablespoons flour (mixed in with sugar)
- 3 cups sweet milk (whole milk)
- 6 eggs (yolks and whites)
- Optional decorations: fresh blackberries, whole and/or chopped pecans

ICING DIRECTIONS

1. Option 1: Mix icing ingredients together and cook in the top of a double boiler. Stir constantly to keep the eggs from becoming lumpy. Cook over boiling water, until thick (takes about an hour). The frosting should reach a soft ball stage, about 240 degrees on a candy thermometer. You can also test to see if it forms a soft ball when dropped in cold water.
2. Option 2: If you have a large microwave-safe bowl and wish to use less time, Norma cooks the icing ingredients slowly in a microwave oven by stopping the microwave every minute or two to stir the ingredients; repeating this process (as many times as needed) until the icing thickens.
3. Once the icing is thick, add 1 teaspoon of vanilla, and 1 tablespoon of butter. Cool icing for 2 hours. Spread on each layer of the cooled cake, stacking one layer on top of another. Be sure to save enough frosting to frost top and sides of the stacked layers. If desired, top the cake with a pile of blackberries and/or add whole pecans to the top and/or chopped pecans to the side of the frosted cake.

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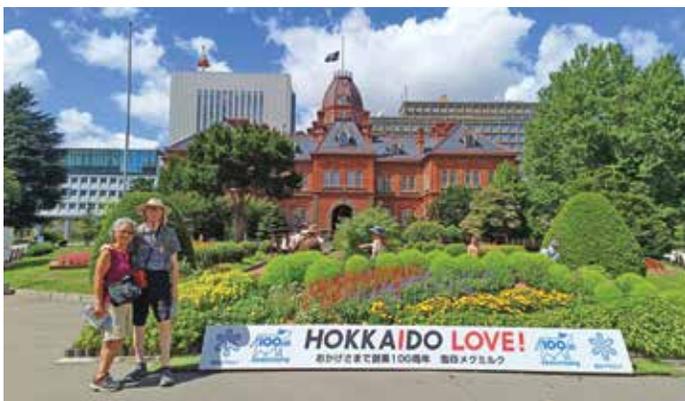
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Oh, the Places We Go!

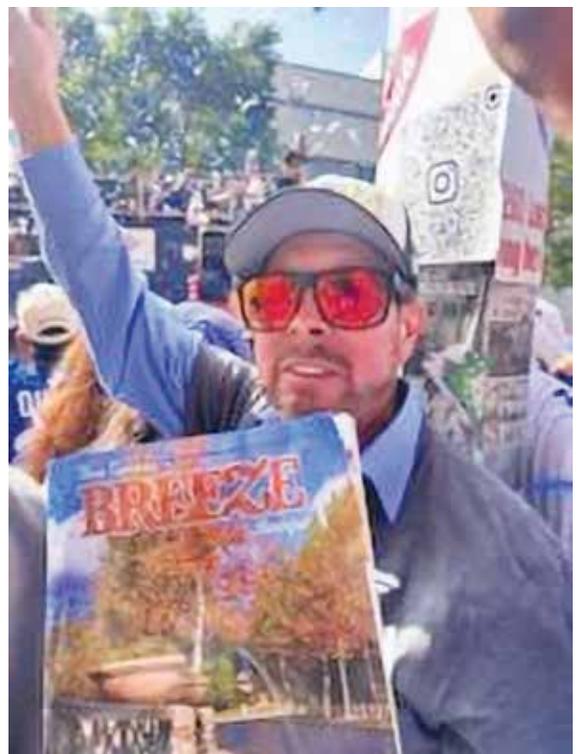
For this “Oh, the Places We Go!” column, residents may submit high-quality digital photos to FourSeasonsNews@yahoo.com. While not required, we would love to see a copy of the *Breeze* featured with you in the photo of your escapades. It will be fun to see how far and to what exotic places the magazine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



Hank and Patti Negrete cruised the South Pacific from Honolulu, Hawaii to Sydney, Australia in October. Above, left: On the island of Moorea in French Polynesia; above center: the Sydney Opera House in Australia; above, right: in Tauranga, New Zealand



Jim and Julia Dobos recently visited Japan.



Trini Velasquez enjoying the Dodgers back-to-back Championship Parade in downtown Los Angeles, with a record of over 250,000 spectators attending the celebration

Sudoku

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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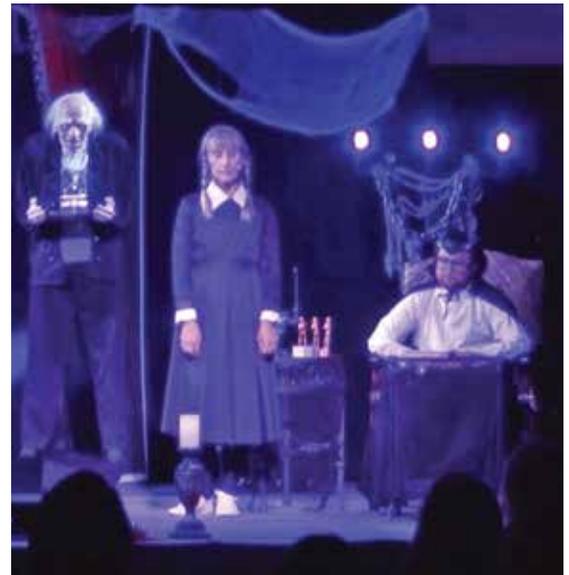
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Thank you to everyone who attended our first show, *Fear Seasons: A Fright to Remember*. We hope you enjoyed it as much as we did! Thanks to the performers and crew for their hard work. We look forward to upcoming projects and invite everyone to share ideas and join the fun.

The Talent Workshop & Showcase monthly meeting will be held on Dec. 15 at 6 pm in RCN Activity Room #3. It is open to

all residents who are interested in learning or improving their performance skills. We will discuss future projects and continue exploring improv. Everyone is welcome, and there is no charge for membership or participation.

If you have any questions, please contact Paula Drake at pdrakelaw@aol.com. ~ *Paula Drake*

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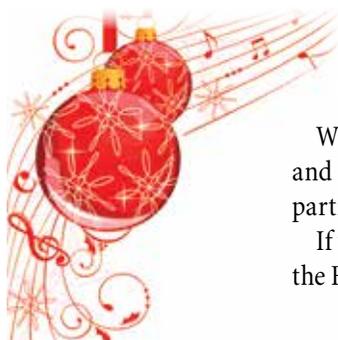


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HANDBELL CHOIR

Christmas is coming. Join us for our Christmas concert on Dec. 19 at 6 pm in the Ballroom. For more information, contact Kathie Sundstrom at (303) 903-6850 or kathryn.buck@comcast.net. ~ **Kathy Sundstrom**



FOUR SEASONS SINGERS

We are excited to have our Concert on Dec. 19 at 6 pm and hope you will come to hear the Handbell Choir and The Four Seasons Singers perform holiday songs for you. There will also be a sing-a-long and audience participation.

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

PERFORMING ARTS CLUB

Our October meeting included elections for officers for 2026. The new Board consists of President Tom Wasco, Vice-President Lois Douglas, Secretary Penny Key, and Treasurer Mike MacQueen.

Mark your calendar for our holiday show Dec. 5-7, *It's a Four Seasons Christmas, Charlie Brown*. Your fellow residents are busy rehearsing for this fun event. It is free, but tickets are required. They will be available at the front desk starting November 24 (limit four per household). Flyers are available at The Lodge.

Coming soon: the spring show! Check the Activities blast for information about January auditions for the May show, *Laugh Out Loud: Music, Comedy & Shenanigans Variety Show*. Choose a song or skit from a variety show (such as *Laugh In*, *Saturday Night Live*, the Dean Martin, or Carol Burnett shows, etc.) or bring your own idea. Scripts will be provided for those who want to act. Performance dates are May 1, 2, and 3, with group rehearsals starting in March. For questions, contact Pat Wayne at (949) 290-1811 or Marianne Bugni at (920) 517-2739.

Our first meeting for the 2026 year will be Monday, Jan. 12 at 6 pm in The Lodge Game Room. Come see what is happening next year.

PAC offers free entertainment to our Four Seasons community through various shows and events throughout the year. All interested residents are welcome. We hold bi-monthly meetings for all residents interested, with no dues required. For additional information about the club, contact Pat Wayne at (949) 290-1811 or email pwayne1@outlook.com. ~ **Marianne Bugni**



Lora Bennitt as Lucy, and yes, that is Sergio Garzia as Linus



CIRCUS CLUB

Life's a circus and we're all just clowns! Join the Circus Club now and be a part of our Spring Extravaganza. Currently we have several parts available including clowns, balloon-animal makers, jugglers, and magicians. We're also looking for sword/fire swallows, contortionists, lion tamers, and an individual shorter than 5'3" who weighs less than 150 pounds and is interested in being our human cannonball. If you have any training in Cirque du Soleil and can hang from long sheets while spinning violently without getting nauseated, we have a spot for you. We are also in need of resident cats and dogs who can foster our Flea Circus while the flea families are not in rehearsal. Finally, if you are good with a whip and have your own top hat, you might be our next ringmaster. Come to our next meeting on Dec. 10 at 6 pm. If you have any questions, just call! ~ **Bar Numand Bales, (909) 213-1428**

OLD SCHOOL DANCE

Step back in time and groove to the classic beats with us! This club brings a nostalgia-packed evening filled with music, movement, and memories from days when we were young with music from the 70s!

Join us on the fourth Thursday of every month at The Lodge Ballroom from 3 to 5 pm and let the good times roll. We will also educate you about the history of those old-school songs we all know and love. It's not only about dancing and loving every minute, but also it's about understanding the roots and stories behind the music that shaped an entire generation. For more information, contact Willa Harris at (951) 550-3453. ~ *Willa Harris, willaharris89@gmail.com*



BIRDING CLUB

Let's say a few words about winter bird activity in Four Seasons. Winter is a great time to spot our smaller species. The Mountain Chickadee and the Oak Titmouse are here all year, but they are easier to see when the leaves have fallen. Look for them up in the branches.

Winter brings a number of species to our woods and yards. Look for the White-crowned Sparrow on the ground or low in bushes. The Yellow-rumped Warbler is also widespread here in winter. They may even learn to come to your hummingbird feeder. The small Ruby-crowned Kinglet and Orange-crowned Warbler are similar in color — olive or yellowish. Look for them in trees, along with the Red-breasted Nuthatch. The Dark-eyed Junco is best seen on the ground.

Among the larger, more easily visible winter birds are the American Robin and the Cedar Waxwing. Both of these are often seen in flocks, feeding together in trees or shrubs. Watch the ground for the American Pipit and the Hermit Thrush and listen for the call of the Northern Flicker.

Many of you have probably heard the Great Horned Owl hooting at night or in the early morning. These birds are choosing a mate in the late fall and early winter, and the hooting is part of the selection process. These owls are the earliest raptors to reproduce during the year, with egg-laying occurring in February or March. They are wonderful to see in the trees at Four Seasons, but please try not to look at them for too long or at too close a distance as this stresses

them.

Pictures are deliberately not included here, hopefully encouraging you to turn to a field guide or a birding app to learn what they look like. If an app or a book is not at hand, you can always Google an image.

The Birding Club walks the trails on the first Saturday of the 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*

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TAILS & TRAILS - ALL PETS

The holidays are an exciting time for everyone, including our four-legged friends. However, it can also be dangerous if we're not aware of what's good and bad for our pets' health. Keep a close watch on your Christmas tree. It looks beautiful to you, and it's likely very appealing to your pet as well. Christmas trees are a central decoration in most homes during the festive season, but they can pose risks. Cats love to climb trees, so it's important for cat owners to fully pet-proof their tree — ensure it's well anchored and keep all decorations securely higher up and toward the center of the tree, making them less accessible. Most cats dislike the feel of aluminum foil on their claws, so try wrapping foil around the base of the tree to discourage climbing. Also, ensure the water in the tree base is covered so curious pets don't drink from it. Christmas decorations can also be hazards. Pets love to play with and chew on anything within reach. Swallowing decorations left on the floor could cause choking and might require surgery to remove. Be cautious with seasonal plants, too. While they look lovely, many festive plants are harmful to pets, sometimes without you realizing it. Be mindful of poinsettias, pine needles from the Christmas tree, holly, mistletoe, and acorns. All of these can cause irritation, stomach issues, and pose a choking risk. Keep stress



levels low. Hosting guests can be exciting for your pets, but it can also cause stress. Watch for any unusual behaviors. During past lockdowns, some pets had limited interactions with new people and experiences. So, if you're planning a social holiday gathering this year, it's crucial to help your pet stay calm and relaxed. The best approach is to create a cozy room with their favorite toys in a quiet part of the house where they can retreat. Lastly, the Tails and Trails group wishes you and your furry family members a safe and joyful holiday season! ~ Vivian Walker, vivr@sbcglobal.net



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Anna Netrebko as Iolanta

OPERA CLUB

On Dec. 12 and 19, the Four Seasons Opera Club will re-create the Dec. 18, 1892 double-bill premiere at the Mariinsky Theatre in St. Petersburg of Tchaikovsky's last opera, *Iolanta* and *The Nutcracker*. Whereas everyone knows *The Nutcracker*, *Iolanta* is little known outside of eastern Europe. It is a fairy tale opera of a beautiful young princess blind from birth. She is unaware of her condition and has been brought up in rigorous isolation to prevent her from knowing that she has a defect.

The opera is based on a Danish play which tells of Yolande de Bar, the 15th century Duchess of Lorraine. Yolande was not blind at all, and Piotr's brother and librettist, Modest, took further artistic privileges for the opera.

In Modest's libretto, *Iolanta* has been betrothed to Robert, Duke of Burgundy. Robert travels to King Rene's court to fulfill his duty to marry, but he is in love with someone else. Robert is accompanied by his friend, Count Vaudemont. The Count is ahead of Robert and comes upon a small building. Thinking it a garden folly he investigates and realizes that it is a detached residence when he finds *Iolanta* asleep within. He falls instantly in love.

The King arrives with his physician to find the Count with *Iolanta* and threatens the Count to death for his transgressions. The Moorish doctor can cure *Iolanta*, but she must truly desire sight for the cure to work, otherwise, the King will execute her as well. *Iolanta* declares her desire to see and the treatment begins. The King confides in the Count that all death threats are meant to encourage *Iolanta's* desire to sight. The treatment has worked,

Iolanta can see! The King nullifies Robert's marriage contract and gives *Iolanta* to the Count. The perfect fairy tale ending.

We will present the 2015 Metropolitan Opera production of *Iolanta* on Dec. 12, featuring the Russian soprano, Anna Netrebko as *Iolanta* and the Polish tenor, Piotr Beczala, as Count Vaudemont. The opera will be sung in Russian and there will be English sub-titles. Our 2017 Mariinsky Ballet *Nutcracker* follows a week later on the 19th. Both performances are under the baton of the incomparable Russian conductor, Valery Gergiev.

Seat reservations are advised and may be requested via email to the email address below. See you at the opera! ~Harvey Toyama, admin@fsbopera.org, (951) 524-3765

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SEASONED SINGLES



October found the Singles partaking in a plethora of activities including breakfasts and lunches at local eateries, having fun at the Humane Society of San Bernardino's annual Casino Night, and taking a tour of the City of Beaumont Civic Center. Some of our scheduled activities in the coming months include attending LifeHouse Theater's production of *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown*, attending San Bernardino Symphony's annual holiday concert, *A Christmas Festival*, attending *A CBU Christmas* at Cal Baptist University and taking a tour of East Valley Water District's new, state-of-the-art Sterling Natural Resource Center after the first of the year. If these sound like activities you'd enjoy, and you're single, we'd love to see you at one of our future meetings. We meet on the first Friday of the month at 6 pm in the RCN. For more information, please contact Sue Torkington, (860) 712-3430. ~ *Phyllis Kates*



The Singles enjoyed a great lunch at Kasama Restaurant in Beaumont.



The Singles walking group has started strolling through Veterans Park. For some, it was their first time.

TRAVEL GROUP



It's hard to believe that December is already here! The year has flown by so quickly, filled with wonderful trips, new friendships, and countless memories. This month, as we gather with family and friends to celebrate the holiday season, our Travel Group has one more exciting adventure planned to close out 2025 in style.

On Dec. 6, we'll be heading to San Diego's Little Italy for a truly magical experience. The annual Italian Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony transforms the neighborhood into a winter wonderland, complete with sparkling lights, festive music, and the delightful charm of Santa's Village. It's the perfect way to get into the holiday spirit, surrounded by laughter, good food, and the warmth of our travel friends.

As the year draws to a close, we want to take a moment to thank all of our members who joined us throughout 2025. Whether you traveled with us once or came along for every adventure, your enthusiasm and friendship are what make this group so special. From coastal getaways to cultural excursions, every trip was made better by your smiles, stories, and shared sense of adventure.

While our journey for this year is wrapping up, there's no need to be sad — we already have an exciting lineup planned for 2026! We'll kick off the new year in January with a trip to Exposition Park, where members will have the chance to explore one of several fascinating museums. Whether you choose to dive into history, science, or art, there's something for everyone to enjoy.

As always, our monthly meetings will return in January as well,

where we'll share upcoming trip details, hear from guest speakers, and, of course, enjoy each other's company.

Until then, we wish all our travelers a wonderful holiday season filled with love, laughter, and maybe a little adventure of your own. Thank you for being part of our Travel Group family — here's to more journeys, discoveries, and memories in the year ahead!

Happy holidays and safe travels, everyone!

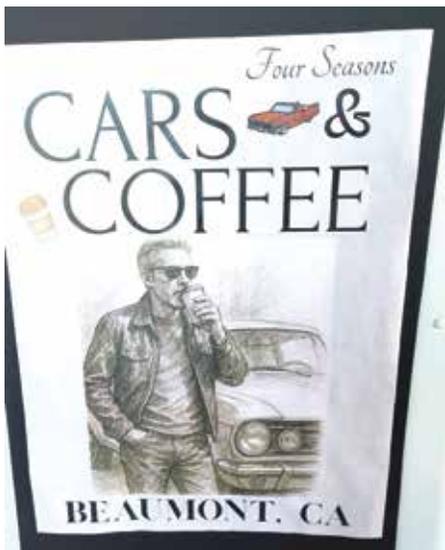
For membership questions or to join the Travel Group, contact Irene at irenewelker55@gmail.com. For all other info or to book a trip, call Joni at (661) 390-5512 or email at jonitruelsen@yahoo. ~ *Joni Truelsen*

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Our Nov. 1 gathering was epic with almost 20 cars and owners showing up on this absolutely beautiful day.

The Veterans Day Car show was Nov. 8. I will have a full report and the judging results in next month's article. The city of Beaumont had their Veterans Day parade on Nov. 11. We had eight classic cars participate.

I would like to give a shout-out to one of our members: Dale Supernaw, who has on numerous occasions used his automotive and technical knowledge to give a helping hand to several members of the Cars and Coffee Club, including myself, Rick Morales, Rick Van, and others. Dale owns the yellow Kaiser Henry J that you may see cruising around Four Seasons. Dale is also a proud Air Force Vietnam Veteran.

Please join us for our next meeting on Saturday, Dec. 6 at 9 am in The Lodge parking lot. For additional information contact Frank Morales at (951) 203-4578, fmoralesjrinc@aol.com, or Rick Morales at (951) 255-4710, onemth53@yahoo.com. ~ *Frank Morales*

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BOOK CLUB

Our Book Club selection for Dec. 9 is *Atmosphere* by Taylor Jenkins Reid. Here is a brief description from Amazon.com: “Joan Goodwin has been obsessed with the stars for as long as she can remember. Thoughtful and reserved, Joan is content with her life as a professor of physics and astronomy at Rice University and as aunt to her precocious niece, Frances. That is, until she comes across an advertisement seeking the first women scientists to join NASA’s space shuttle program. Suddenly, Joan yearns to be one of the few people to go to space. Selected from a pool of thousands of applicants in the summer of 1980, Joan begins training at Houston’s Johnson Space Center, alongside an exceptional group of fellow candidates: Top Gun pilot Hank Redmond and scientist John Griffin, who are kind and easygoing even when the stakes are highest; mission specialist Lydia Danes, who has worked too hard to play nice; warmhearted Donna Fitzgerald, who is navigating her own secrets; and Vanessa Ford, the magnetic and mysterious aeronautical engineer, who can fix any engine and fly any plane.



As the new astronauts become unlikely friends and prepare for their first flights, Joan finds a passion and a love she never imagined. In this new light, Joan begins to question everything she thinks she knows about her place in the observable universe. Then, in December of 1984, on mission STS-LR9, it all changes in an instant. Fast-paced, thrilling, and emotional, *Atmosphere* is Taylor Jenkins Reid at her best: transporting readers to iconic times and places, creating complex protagonists, and telling a passionate and soaring story about the transformative power of love — this time among the stars.”

Our meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 9:30 am in the RCN, Activity 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*

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mother just adores. But what about the BB gun? Based on semi-autobiographical stories by Jean Shepherd.

Our Wednesday Matinee will be Dec. 10 at 2 pm for a special with Jack in Tim Burton's, *The Nightmare Before Christmas*. Halloweentown is a fantasy world populated by various monsters

and supernatural beings associated with the eponymous holiday. Jack Skellington, the well-respected Pumpkin King, leads the town in organizing its annual celebrations. This year, Jack grows tired of the same routine and longs for something new. Upon discovering trees containing doors to other holiday-themed worlds, Jack stumbles through the one leading to Christmas Town and is fascinated by the unfamiliar holiday. After several futile attempts at finding a way to rationally explain Christmas, Jack decides to "improve" the holiday instead. Can Christmas be saved in time? ~ Paul Plamondon, 4seasonsmoviegroup@gmail.com



FS VETERANS CLUB

December is always the worst month for military service. The surprise attack on Pearl Harbor will always remind us that vigilance never takes a holiday. At least with modern communication we can stay in contact and reminisce about times when we were separated from our families.

We have added two new names to our tile tribute. Please visit and see these names on the upper right side.

Have a happy holiday and please attend our January meeting. ~ Len Tavernetti, ltavernetti@hotmail.com

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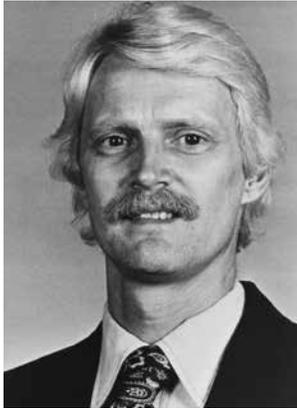
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RAINBOW GROUP



This month our selection for the Famous LGBT Americans series is Bruce Voeller, a biochemist, pioneer of AIDS research and gay rights activist.



Voeller was born in 1934 in Minneapolis, Minnesota and grew up in Roseburg, Oregon. He graduated from Reed College in 1956, was awarded a five-year fellowship to the Rockefeller Institute (now Rockefeller University), received a Ph.D. in biology, and became an associate professor at Rockefeller.

Voeller married a woman, and they had three children. In 1964, Voeller came out as gay, and the couple divorced. Following his divorce, Voeller had to fight all the way to the United States Supreme Court to gain child visitation rights. This became a landmark decision for gay and lesbian parents and a life-changing experience for Voeller. He gave up his academic career to work for gay rights.

Voeller helped found the National Gay Task Force (NGTF) in 1973 and served as its Executive Director from 1973 to 1978. Voeller's cultural impact influenced the removal of homosexuality as a mental disorder in the American Psychiatric Association's Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders.

TASTE D'VINE

Happy Holidays. It's that time of year again to relax and enjoy the Taste d'Vine Wine Club Holiday Party. I hope everyone has had a chance to get tickets. If you haven't purchased them yet, please reach out to Barbara Morton at (559) 269-0908.

Our regular meeting is being replaced by our Holiday Party on Thursday, Dec. 18. The Steering Committee has been working hard to present another great party this year. Doors will open at 4:45 pm. No need to bring glasses, food or money. Everyone will receive a raffle ticket for the gift basket drawings throughout the evening. You will need to bring your favorite bottle of wine to enjoy with your meal, as no wine will be available at the tables.

We will begin this elegant evening with sparkling wine and

Voeller left NGTF in 1978. He and his life partner, Richard Lucik, moved to California, where Voeller cofounded the Mariposa Education and Research Foundation. The organization was dedicated to the study of sexuality, homosexuality in particular, and sexually-transmitted diseases.

In the early 1980s, Voeller returned to his scientific roots to study the new deadly illness affecting gay men and others. His research was focused on condoms and spermicides. He and the Mariposa Foundation conducted the first study establishing the effectiveness of condoms in preventing the spread of AIDS; the results were published in Consumer Reports. He also successfully proposed that the name of the illness be changed from Gay Related Immune Deficiency (GRID), which he considered stigmatizing and inaccurate, to Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS). He subsequently published many articles on HIV and AIDS and testified at Congressional hearings on AIDS.

Voeller died from AIDS in 1994 at 59 years of age at his home in Topanga, California, in the presence of Lucik and Voeller's two sons, daughter, and sister.

For more information and for the sources for this article, please go to the Rainbow Group's Facebook page or request a copy via our email (rainbowgroup@myyahoo.com). The locations and times of Rainbow Group events are available via our Facebook page or email. ~ Dan Hazeltine and Frank Galvan

appetizers followed by dinner catered by Anne Taylor. Musical entertainment provided by Here 4 Now, a seven-piece band with two lead singers playing all the hits for your enjoyment. We will again have a photo booth by Mel Smith.

It's been a pleasure to be your president this past year. Thank you to the Steering Committee for all the help and input in making this the great club it is. Finally, thank you to all our members. It is your club, the comments and participation this year from our members have been wonderful.

If you have any ideas for future wines or topics, please call or email me. ~ Tom DePaola, tomdepaola@roadrunner.com, (714) 404-1956



CROWN DIVAS



“Witches Out at October Event.” For this day, we traded in our red hats and wore black hats decorated with lace, plumes, ribbons, veils, flowers, and buckles. We also wore black dresses, pants, shawls, capes, scarves, and boots. Accessories are a must with the Divas, and they wore earrings, necklaces, and bracelets with shimmering stones and beads. As you walked into the room, you would have seen black hats with large red flowers hanging from the chandeliers. There were three chairs decorated with red, black, or purple chair throws. The tables were covered with black tablecloths. On each table was a black hat and purple mesh place mats. We mingled together, and as usual, hugs and laughter could be seen and heard throughout the room. We posed for a group photo outside, and in it, you will see our enthusiasm. We enjoyed beverages, lunch, and

dessert. Afterwards, we sang happy birthday to Lady Patricia. Now it was time for “the much-anticipated Witches Dance.” Dancing Debbie led the Divas in the dance. Although the Divas were serious about learning the dance steps, you could see they were having fun learning. Baskets were raffled, and prizes were given. There is a photo of the Crown Divas officers: Dancing Debbie, English Diva, Sugar Mama, Lady Glitter, Queenie, Lady Goody Goody, and Miss Chevious. This event is about us Divas not taking ourselves too seriously; it’s about showing our creative, fun side and sharing it with one another. We continue our sisterhood and are looking forward to our next two events this year. ~ *Irma Romero, (626) 733-3019, Irmabsromero@gmail.com*

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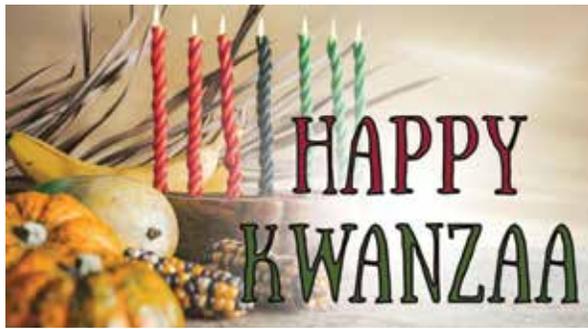
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AFRICAN AMERICAN CULTURAL CLUB



Celebrating African American Holiday Traditions

African American holiday traditions are lively expressions of history, culture, and community spirit.

These annual celebrations are crucial moments to reflect and honor the past, as well as reinforcing the bonds that tie black families and communities together. The sheer diversity in these observances demonstrates a powerful blending of historical resilience, African heritage, and unique cultural identity.

Dr. Maulana Karenga created Kwanzaa, an annual celebration of African American culture. It is observed for one week from Dec. 26 to Jan. 1. It is a non-religious holiday founded in 1966 during the aftermath of the Watts Riots (Aug. 11-16) as an act of cultural recovery during the Black Freedom Movement. It was based on African harvest festival traditions from various parts of East and West Africa and is designed to offer Black people an opportunity to celebrate their own history and heritage and to actively promote cultural unity. The Kwanzaa celebration includes a communal feast called Karamu, lighting candles on the kinara, storytelling, and reflection, emphasizing African heritage and community-building.

Kwanzaa is a week where families bond and elders share cultural history and wisdom. Each day, a candle is lit to discuss one of the seven principles: Unity, Self-Determination, Collective Work,

Cooperative Economics, Purpose, Creativity, and Faith. These principles guide the community toward traditional greatness and progress.

Music is the soul of African Americans. The powerful, uplifting sounds of gospel and old negro spirituals often fill homes and churches, fostering a deep spiritual connection. Meanwhile, the complex rhythms of jazz and blues infuse parties and gatherings with joy and cultural depth. Artistic performances, including poetry readings and dances, play a vital role in preserving black heritage.

Soul food is the cornerstone of African American cuisine: Dishes like fried chicken, collard greens, cornbread, and sweet potato pie are essential. Some of the forgotten foods that fueled the civil rights era are crawfish patties, Philadelphia pepper pot soup, raccoon stew, rabbit dumplings, Virginia peanut stew, and ash cake.

African American holiday traditions from the principles of Kwanzaa to the embracement of soul food, are powerful, living testaments to the richness of the legacy of black culture, and identity.

The next AACC monthly meeting is on Monday, Dec. 1, at 6 pm in The Lodge Card Room. This year's Holiday Party is Saturday, Dec. 13. For more information, contact Club President, Jocelyn Doucette at cjs1speed@gmail.com. ~ **Regina Thomas**

THE GATHERING

The Gathering meets the last Sunday of each month at 6 pm at The Courts. Come join us for a time of singing hymns, sharing of faith and scripture, followed by refreshments and fellowship with members of our community. The theme for December's meeting will be "Lifting High the Name of Jesus." Looking forward to seeing

you at the next Gathering meeting.

If you are limited on transportation and need help with a ride, please contact Julia Dobos at (626) 227-3295 or Kathie Sundstrom at (303) 903-6850. ~ **Julia Dobos**

"BELIEVE ..." WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

As we near the end of 2025, we reflect on our beginning study of the miracles and parables of Jesus and then comparing the three synoptic gospels, all of which are found in the New Testament. In May, we turned back to the Old Testament and began the study of 1 and 2 Samuel through Chapter 11 of 1 Kings. This study was motivated in order to understand why Jesus was called the son of David. That term stemmed from the Davidic Covenant, which is found in 2 Samuel, Chapter 7. The study of 1 Kings will end the second week in December, on the day of our annual Christmas party. The Dec. 12 party will be themed "Lady in Red," and we have asked that the ladies wear red that day. We will enjoy our traditional potluck

luncheon, followed by two musical numbers performed by talented members of our class, and ending with our \$10 gift exchange. We will be dark the last two weeks of December to enjoy our families.

Beginning in January, 2026 (our 14th year), we will be studying the Book of Hebrews in the New Testament, followed by other New Testament books. If any of you beautiful Four Seasons women are interested in joining this remarkable group of Christian women to study God's amazing Word, please join us any Friday at 10:30 am in the Game Room with any version of the Bible in hand. We hope to see you there! ~ **Eileen Gilbert-Antoine, (951) 922-6829 or egcellent@msn.com**



Lone Sentinel by Warren White



Japanese Garden by Gerrie Karczynski

PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB

Happy Holidays! It's the busiest time of the year. Do you need a break from the rush of the season? How about spending time in nature? The birds are heading south, and the next few months are perfect for capturing their images. This month, we'll talk about how to photograph birds in their natural habitat and visit the San Jacinto Wildlife Preserve. The preserve is home to many kinds of birds — herons, egrets, owls, hawks, ibises, and ducks, to name a few.

If you'd like to share your love of photography, please join us. We meet in the RCN Main Room on the first Thursday of each month, from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. Photographers with DSLR, mirrorless, and cell phone cameras of all skill levels are welcome.

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

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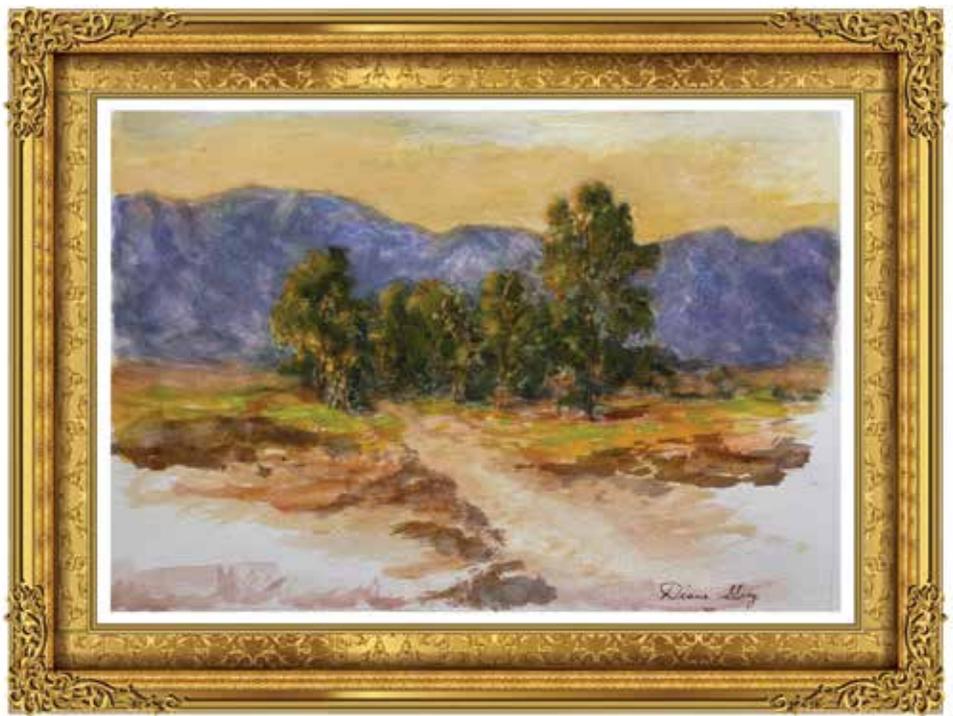


MIXED MEDIA ARTS

This is the perspective of the artist of the month, Diane Gray.

“Lately, I have been trying to capture the beauty that surrounds us on our trails in Four Seasons and traveling through our nearby countryside. Every time I try something new, I learn a little bit more about how to do it better. Our instructor, Rob Kelman, has been encouraging me to not paint every little detail but to try and capture the essence of what I am seeing. In this watercolor, I painted the evening light as it strikes the trees and hills, turning everything to the rusty, golden colors that say it is ‘Fall in the Pass.’

“We have so many talented painters in our group. It is inspiring to see their work and just plain fun to be with them. Creativity can be very contagious. Join us,



this can happen to you, too! Just imagine, it could be your painting being showcased in a future Mixed Media Art article in the Breeze.”

Classes are held on Mondays and Fridays from 10 am to 12 noon. If you have any questions, call Rob at (951) 992-9156. ~ **Rob Kelman**



CERAMICS CLASS

The holidays are upon us bringing cooler weather and many events to attend. So please, if you missed our great boutique, then come on in to our ceramics class to make your own gifts and share ideas with your fellow residents and artists. We look forward to seeing you soon. Curious to see examples of hostess gifts? We are here for you. We have easy projects to try and many teachers to help

you. Come by Wednesdays from 12 to 4 pm in the Arts & Crafts Room. Please join in for the holidays to paint, laugh, dance, and occasionally pick up a brush. Contact Loretta Ramsey at (714) 803-6744. See you soon, Picasso! Have a happy and fun-filled holidays season. ~ **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**



HEALTHY CRAFTING

The holidays are coming fast! Let's make some cozy gifts for loved-ones. 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 winter-themed birdhouse. At Healthy Crafting, you can do all this and more! 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. This month we will be making canvas poolside bags, customized perfume (a favorite), mandala rocks, and more.

If you love artistic expression, try your hand at designing jewelry, painting intricate mandala rocks, or if you're just into trying new things, this is the place for you. 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. AND FUN! Get a jump on the holidays.

Classes coming up in the next few months: winter birdhouse, painted wine glasses, coffee candles, jewelry, and soap making.

So why not take a break from your usual schedule? 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 on the credenza, just outside The Lodge Theater.

Classes are \$10 for everything you need to create your item and \$10 for instruction. As always, a handcrafted gift, made by Barb, will be raffled off at the end of each class. We look forward to crafting with you. ~ *Barbara Toyama*



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CRAFT GROUP

Holiday décor is everywhere this time of year and probably costs more than you can afford. You don't need to spend a fortune to make your home feel festive. A few handmade touches can instantly cozy up your space — and they're fun to make, too. We meet on Thursdays at 10 am in the Arts & Crafts Room. Come by and check out what we're working on, and I bet you'll be inspired. ~ *Christi Mason*



QUILTING ENTHUSIASTS

Thanksgiving has already come and gone and Christmas is coming very fast, then it's the new year 2026! Where has the time gone? I would like to make two corrections to the last magazine. First of all in the photograph I accidentally entered the wrong name under one of the quilters; her name is actually Barbara MARTIN, not Miller. I'm so sorry for that mistake. There is one other one that is minor, but I need to correct it. The words "compass on a rose," should have been "compass on the walkway."

Moving forward, our raffle quilt for next years 2026 Quilt Show is completed. We plan on selling raffle tickets soon for this beautiful quilt. So keep an eye out for it.

We hope you all have had a chance to see the beautiful quilt that was given to Four Seasons in honor of the 20th Anniversary.

Next year we plan on offering several classes to teach new techniques such as "crumb quilting," cloth baskets, and other fun things.

Anyone and everyone are welcome to come to our second Thursday of the month meeting, so please don't be shy. As I say, "inquiring minds want to know" all about quilting and sewing. Have a very Merry Christmas and a fabulous New Year.

Contact Mary M. Moody-Cox for more information. ~ *Mary M. Moody-Cox, (808) 430-7469, Aseasonsquilters@gmail.com*



Maryellen Barr with her quilt for a grandchild



Glenda Timms with her quilt top for a grandchild



Penny Key with an athletic-shirt quilt for her grandson

L-R: Pete Antoine, Sally White, Macy Chen, Jeanine Baker, Richard Carasco, and Perry White.



TABLE TENNIS

The Hemet Oldlympics are held each year in mid September into the first week of October. It began in 1985 to promote a healthy and active lifestyle for seniors. Many residents in Four Seasons participate in this event. Some participants are in their 90s and compete against those of the same age. In the photo are our ping pong players who medaled in the games. This year the Hemet Oldlympics celebrated their 40th Anniversary and our champions proudly wear theirs.

Ping pong is a sport that is heart healthy, improves eye and hand coordination and leads to higher energy levels. But in my opinion another benefit is that it is just plain fun! If you like fun and would like to make new friends, then all you have to do is come to The Courts Monday through Saturday, 2 to 4 pm, and we will give you a paddle and a friendly smile. See you soon! ~ Mary Baer, baerhuggy@icloud.com



Perry and Sally White show their skills in Doubles

PADDLE TENNIS



Are you falling for FALL? Well, we'd like for you to FALL in love with Paddle Tennis. We can set up a group or private lesson, just contact Lizzie. You can find

some players on Wednesday evening or some play on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 2 pm. The times vary depending on how many players are available. We use WhatsApp to communicate. If you'd like to be added, please contact me and I will set you up. No reservations needed for paddle tennis courts. Anyone who plays can play on any day or time The Lodge is open. Paddle tennis players Lizzie and Howard Levine participated in our community parade. So much fun!

Congratulations Senior Olympics winners:

Men's:

Gold - Richard/Robert



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Silver - Chuck/David

Bronze - Perry/Hailu

Women's:

Gold - Josie/ Berni L

Silver - Berni C/ Bev

Bronze - Lizzie/Tracy M

Mixed:

Gold - Robert/Tracy M

Silver - Perry/Lizzie

Bronze - Richard/Bev; Stan/Jos

~ Lizzie Gallegos, ecgallegos@outlook.com



Lizzie and Jill Levine, driven by Howard Levine



Yana, Irma, and Jeromee (left to right), some of the best spectators ever!



Tournament director David (center), explains the Swish app for play to Howard (left) and Lorenzo (right)



Nancy (left) and Carol, playing their hearts out!

PICKLEBALL

Here we are, basking in the glow of a fantastic fall pickleball season as we look forward to winter! And honestly, if the winter season is even half as beautiful as this fall, we are in for some absolutely gorgeous days on the courts. Can you believe it? As I'm writing this, I think we were only sidelined by wind or rain maybe three days total. Otherwise, it has been one perfect play-day after another!

Speaking of perfect days, our club hosted the most fun and fabulous event: the Fall Four Seasons Tournament! This year, we celebrated by inviting guests 55 and older from outside our community to join us, and wow, did it turn out to be an amazing day. It was filled with awesome competition, incredible play, wonderful camaraderie, and so, so many laughs. It was truly a day to remember.

A huge congratulations to all our incredible competitors. Here are the results from our tournament:

Women:

3.0-3.5

Gold: Carol Ward and Nancy Barnaby

Silver: Maria Ohms and Nancy Hessin

Bronze: Laura Burton and Dyann Miller

4.0

Gold: Yvonne Lozano and Tracy Mahan



Silver: Pam Litka and Missy Billinger

Bronze: Kelly Vucinic and Diane Broderick

Men:

3.0-4.0

Gold: Anthony Browne and Hank Heisman

Silver: Doug Kruse and Steve Martin

Bronze: Mikey B. and Bob Mendenhall

4.0-4.5

Gold: Tony Greicius and John Schaefer

Silver: Jimmy Connor and Robert Mahan

Bronze: Tony Steele and Mark Oster

Now, for a huge, heartfelt round of applause!

A massive THANK YOU goes out to the incredible David Martin and the entire pickleball steering committee, along with our wonderful volunteers. It truly takes a village to pull off such a tournament, and they made it all look easy. Their hard work behind the scenes ensured that everything ran seamlessly, making the entire tournament an absolute joy for everyone to play in. We are so grateful for everything you do. Above are a few fun photos from our amazing day.

Can't wait to see you all on the courts! ~ *Shelley Allard*, shelleyallard@gmail.com

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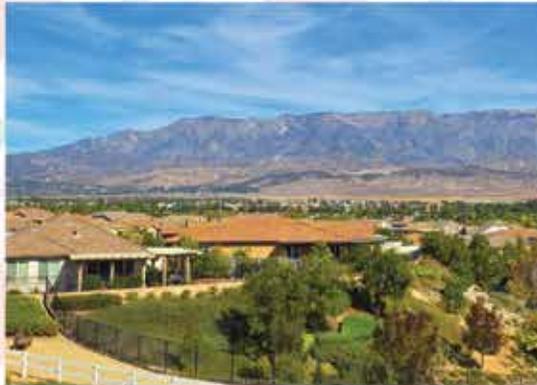


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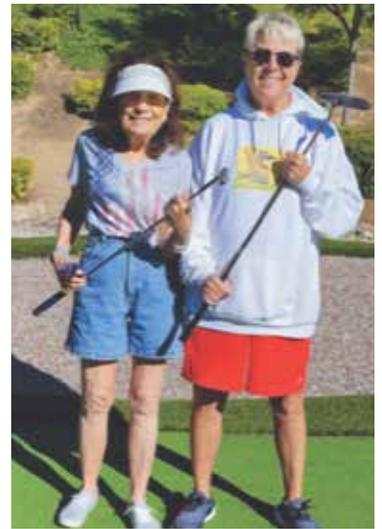
LADIES PUTTERS

It seems that the warmer weather has brought out some new gals looking to give our Ladies Putting Group a try. Now some people may think that our Four Seasons putting green is just like miniature golf, without the windmills, loops, tunnels, ramps and banked corners. But, if anyone has tried it, you'd know that even without those obstacles, it still has its idiosyncrasies and can be challenging. So, if there are any gals out there who would like a little challenge in their lives, we invite you to join us and give it a try. This is a low-impact, "high fun and very social" activity and the best part is that no experience is necessary. We have extra putters and balls if you'd like to join us. 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*

Our "Closest to the Pin without going in" competition held after our regular rounds has been getting really competitive lately!



Phyllis Kates represented our group at the Oldlympics Awards Ceremony and accepted medals on behalf of the other tournament winners.



Newcomers Judy Moyer and Karen Belcher enjoyed themselves and hope to join us as their schedules allow.



FISHING GROUP

It was a really hot November and a great month for fishing. I went to Little Lake in Hemet and caught a limit of catfish. I took a picture of Eddie with our catch. We started fishing at 7:30 am and hit the limit by 9 am. Sometimes, you get lucky and catch fish like crazy. That's the beauty of fishing; you never know when you'll have an epic day.

I plan to go with a fishing guide to Diamond Valley Lake to learn where to catch fish. Sometimes, you learn where the fish are biting when you go with someone who fishes there every day. After I find out, I go with my fishing buddies, rent a boat, and catch a bunch of fish. You pick up these little tricks after fishing for 65 years.

I hope we have a cold winter because the trout fishing should be pretty good. The trout season begins in December and usually lasts about four months. With light tackle, you can have a lot of fun catching these delicious fish.

Tight lines to all my fishing friends! And remember, when you catch a bunch of fish, share some with friends who love eating fish. Never let a good eating fish go to waste. ~ *Richard Carrasco, ricarrasco52@gmail.com*



CURLY CUES BILLIARDS



We are always looking for new players and welcome ladies at any level of playing skill. We play on Mondays from 11 am to 1 pm in the Billiards Room. Come on down and start your Mondays with a fun group of ladies enjoying the game and the easy camaraderie. You don't need to be an expert pool player in order to enjoy our group of ladies. Please come and check us out.

As we begin our holiday season, we look forward to our annual luncheon social. It is always a fun-filled event. Pictures will be provided in a later *Breeze* article.

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

Best wishes for a joyous season. ~ **Barbara Morton**

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 on 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 Monday of each month: two here and two away.

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

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 to 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

Four Seasons Billiards Room is the place to be! 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 Friday afternoons from 12:30 to 2:30 pm in the Billiards Room and join in the stimulation of competitive play.

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

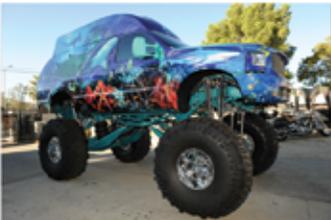
BILLIARDS FOR FUN GROUP

No matter what the weather is like outside, you can come on down to the Billiards Room on Tuesdays for a fun afternoon of billiards with the Billiards For Fun Group (BFFG). The BFFG meets every Tuesday. We have two sessions: 11 am to 1 pm and 1 to 3 pm. See you there!

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

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SHUFFLEBOARD

We have now implemented our winter schedule, which means that we start play at 9 am instead of 8 am on Mondays and Saturdays. We continue to play at the shuffleboard courts at The Lodge, behind the swimming pool and next to the paddle tennis courts. We enjoy our own quiet area for playing.

A great way to start your day is to come out and join our group for some fresh air, exercise and socialization. Shuffleboard is an easy game to learn and almost anyone can quickly become proficient. Our games usually last about an hour or so and we randomly select different teams each time that we play. This keeps the competition challenging and the games more interesting. We have no losers, only non-winners.

We have a wonderful group of residents who play regularly but we are always eager to welcome new players. If you are interested in joining a fun activity with friendly residents, please come out on a Monday and/or Saturday morning a little before 9 am. We will introduce you to the game of shuffleboard in case you have never played before. If you have played before and just need a review, we can give you a refresher.

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*



BOCCE BALL

Bocce Ball is played Tuesday and Friday at 9 am at The Summit. We just started our winter hours. We have a great group of players that will welcome new players to join us.

Play is on beautiful tournament grade, smooth and accurate courts with sideboards. Easy small steps in makes it easy to enter. Smooth concrete surrounds the courts with players learning accurate and careful throws.

The word "Bocce" comes from the Italian word meaning to bowl. The small white ball called the Pallino is thrown first to start the game. Get your ball as close to the Pallino as possible to score a point. If more balls of the same color are closest, these additionally score points. Players take turns until all balls are thrown. This makes it an ideal game for socializing in between turns. Often cheers



and laughter can be heard. The first team to score 12 points wins. Two games are generally played and take approximately one and a half hours. We draw cards to pick four teams.

The game of Bocce Ball requires no special skill or previous experience. You will get a little exercise and enjoy a beautiful view and

breeze at The Summit, all while having a great time with a great group of your Four Seasons neighbors. If you are interested in learning the game please join us. Call or text me Hank at (840) 234-6494 or email me at hanknegrete 16@yahoo.com. ~ *Hank Negrete*



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Stan and Frank, the Batgeezers

TENNIS CLUB

The Tennis Club was in the Halloween spirit for its October Play Day with the players decked out in costumes and holiday colors of orange and black. Attire ranged from Club President Stan Lam and New Member Frank Wanderlingh dressed as Batgeezers to Howard Levine wearing his most recent chest X-ray. There weren't any vampires or mummies as those costumes would have been difficult to play tennis in and they're pretty much about dead people. Of course, there were snacks for before, during, and after the tennis games, because it was a Tennis Club event and that means food.

Speaking of food, another event was planned for November with a Thanksgiving theme, of course. In addition to the tennis and the food, several themed games were planned with valuable (?) prizes to be won. How about trying to hit the Butterball with a tennis serve. The winner can take it home, stuff it, cook it to 165 degrees, and then serve it. That's two serves and no faults.

Save the date of Saturday, Jan. 17, 2026, for the Tennis Club's Annual Dinner and Meeting. We will be back in The Courts Multipurpose Room with catering by Johnnie Russo. There will be reports from the Executive Committee and installation of its 2026 members. Membership dues for 2026 will be \$25, the same as in 2025, so no inflation! You can pay your dues to any of the Committee members: Stan, Chuck, Lou, Larry Z, or Steve. Those dues along with the proceeds from the recycling project (thank you,



Mike Olson) pay for tennis balls, water and coffee at Play Days, the cost of activities throughout the year, as well as for the Annual Dinner for the members.

Please note time changes: Saturday FUNDamental drills and gentle coaching will start at 9 am on Court 1 during the winter months. Regular last-Saturday-of-the-month Play Days will have sign-ins at 8:30 am and play beginning at 9 am during the winter months. Winter hours for The Courts are 7 am to 8 pm.

Visit our website at sites.google.com/view/tennis-fourseasons/home. ~ Steve Hovey (951) 712-5319, sahovey47@hotmail.com



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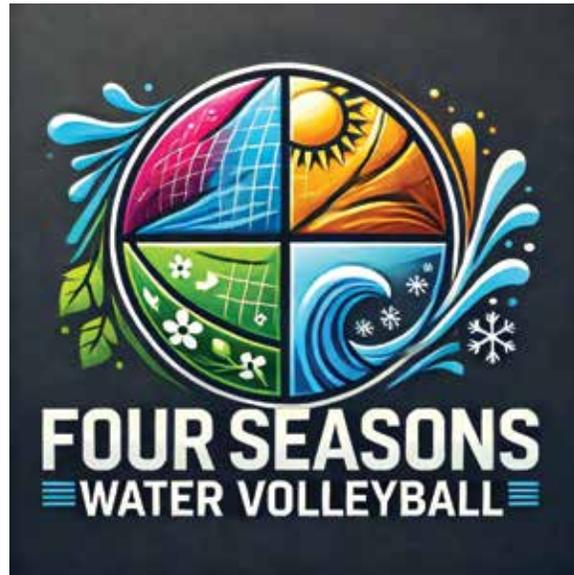
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WATER VOLLEYBALL CLUB



Beginning last month, your Water Volleyball Club moved indoors to The Summit. We play on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday from 10 am to 12 pm. The temperature might be dropping outside, but inside at The Summit the water is warm and the volleyball competition is hot!

On Dec. 12, the club will hold its annual holiday party in The Lodge Ballroom. This year's event will have a Hawaiian theme with Polynesian food and drinks, as well as island games. All club members should plan to attend and guests are welcome.

Water volleyball is a great way to get out of the house for some low impact exercise, and the indoor game is much easier since the ball is softer and the pool shallower. Everyone is welcome and beginners especially enjoy the indoor experience. You don't need to be a member of the club to participate — all ages, heights, and skill levels can enjoy the fun. For more information, contact me at Korotko@msn.com. ~ *Craig Korotko*



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RUMMIKUB

Rummikub (rummy cube) is one of the most popular games in the world. It is a tile-based game for two to four players combining elements of the card game rummy and mahjong. Rummikub was invented in the 50s by Ephraim Hertzano, a Romanian-born Jew. He had made the first sets with his family in the backyard of his home and sold them door to door. Over the years, the family licensed it to 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 Sherry Mounts at (323) 810-0632. ~ *Sherry Mounts*

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*



DUPLICATE BRIDGE

We have started a Duplicate Bridge Group here at Four Seasons. This is not an ACBL-sanctioned group but it is a social group of Bridge players that likes a more competitive style of Bridge. It does take two people to play. We currently have three to four tables and are restricted to that at the moment. This means that we can only play with 16 players. If you are interested in playing with our group, please contact Bill Guy at (951) 845-5627. ~ *Bill Guy*



BUNCO

Join us on Fridays from 1 to 3 pm for a fun-filled afternoon playing Wacky Bunco! For those new to the group, it's just regular Bunco with a few twists. We play on the first and third Fridays in the RCN and on the second, fourth, and fifth Fridays in The Lodge Game Room. Everyone is welcome to play! Come on down to The Lodge to meet new friends and see what the Crazy Bunco Ladies have in store for you. If you have any questions, email Cheryl Diego at Kinderbear@msn.com or Linda Supernaw at Supernaw4@sbcglobal.net. ~ *The Crazy Bunco Ladies*

CO-ED BID WHIST

I'm inviting more folks to come out and play Bid Whist. We have paper 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, Activity Room #3. We look forward to seeing you at the tables! For more information, contact Frank Turner at (562) 922-9737. ~ *Frank Turner*



DOMINOES

We're inviting more players, whether you're new to the game or experienced, to join us for dominoes on Wednesday and Friday evenings. We offer fun-filled, lively sets where players test their wits and gaming styles while trying to "domino" – or play their last bone before the others can. There's strategy involved, especially for competitive players. Still, we also enjoy relaxing sets where the focus is on just playing the game, win or lose.

For our more competitive players, the Dominoes Club has decided to announce winners every quarter. Our last announcement for the summer quarter winners was recently published in the November *Breeze*. The next announcement for our fall quarter winners, October through December 2025, will happen in January 2026 and be posted in the February 2026 *Breeze*. So, players ... get ready, set, and go! We'll find out who comes out on top by the end of December.

Shout-outs to our rotating deejays, Pete Antoine, Frank Turner, and Roxanne Williams, for regularly providing soulful and rousing music during our sessions. The music truly enhances the mellow vibes. Also, thanks to those players who bring treats for us to enjoy; our scorekeepers, Jan White, and John Johns; and Jesse Dimmer, Reggie Fuqua, and Pete Antoine for continually keeping the club running smoothly. Last but not least, a big thank you to all the

players who come out "rain or shine" to support us and have a great time!

Come on out and join us for an enjoyable evening of "slamming bones." The Dominoes Club plays every Wednesday and Friday from 6 to 9 pm in the Game Room. Novice players are encouraged to arrive between 5 pm and 6 pm on those days to learn the game.

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



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 RCN Main 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*

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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UPTOWN DIVAS BID WHIST

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Deborah Garner, kenyakiki@aol.com

THREE THIRTEEN

Three Thirteen is a fun and fast-paced card game, played in 11 rounds. A variation of Rummy, players meld runs and sets of at least three cards. The first player to lay all cards down receives no points. Then the remaining players lay down their cards, on either the first player's cards or their own. Each round uses a progressive, new wild card, from trey to kings. The lowest score wins. Not a lot of rules to remember and it's quick and easy to learn. Everyone is welcome and we will always have a learner's table, if needed.

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*

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. ~
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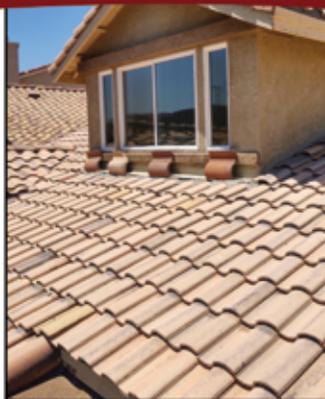
We are looking for players, substitute players, and people who are interested in learning the game. I am happy to teach anyone who wishes to learn to play Pan, either individually or in a small group — your home or mine. Pan is a card game, much on the order of Gin in some respects, that is played with 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*



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I was like: What the heck? Melody H.

I sent my husband to get me one of those fish and said, "Don't come home without one." Chris S.

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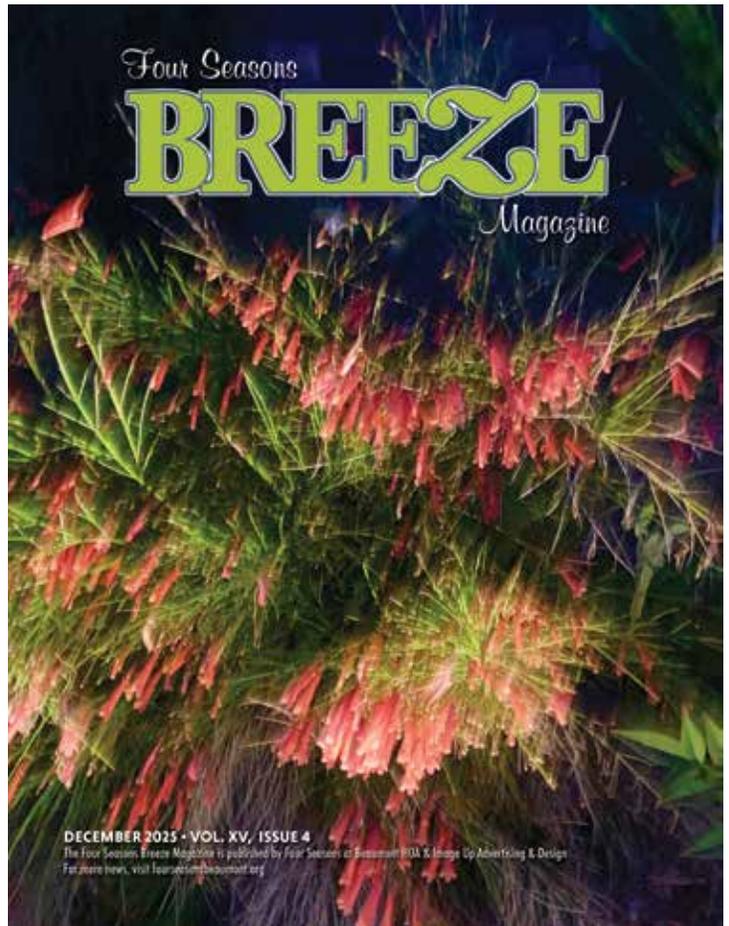
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