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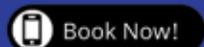
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## MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

*By Kathy Craven, Board Vice President*

### UPDATE ON THE FOUR SEASONS BEAUMONT CONSERVATION EASEMENT

#### ***Understanding the Conservation Easement***

We have received many calls regarding the conservation easement in Four Seasons Beaumont. This message aims to clarify what a conservation easement is, who owns it, and the permitted activities within this area.

#### ***Definition and Ownership***

A conservation easement is a voluntary, permanent legal agreement in which a landowner, currently K. Hovnanian, restricts future development of the property to preserve its natural, scenic, agricultural, or historic features. While K. Hovnanian retains ownership, the landowner typically grants development rights to a qualified organization — such as the Inland Empire Resource Conservation District (IERCD) — which monitors the property to uphold conservation values. This arrangement often provides a tax benefit to the landowner.

In our situation, K. Hovnanian is the landowner, but the easement is not managed by the IERCD or any other entity at present.

#### ***Impact on the Association***

The conservation easement does not affect our Association's activities. We continue to have access to Trails A and B, while K. Hovnanian maintains the buffer zones along these trails. The buffer zone is located on the side of the trail adjacent to the wire fence that separates the trail from the conservation easement.

#### ***Ongoing Discussions and Next Steps***

The Board of Directors is actively engaged with K. Hovnanian regarding the property. Before the transition of the easement can occur, agreement is required among several parties: the Department of Fish and Wildlife, the Army Corps of Engineers, the Association, and K. Hovnanian.

In December, Barry Ginnetti, Eric Zarr, Lynne Cesario, and I met with representatives from the City of Beaumont Code

Enforcement, Cal Fire, the Department of Fish and Wildlife, and K. Hovnanian. Prior to the meeting, attendees walked Trail A to view the conservation easement. The subsequent discussion laid the groundwork for further conversations about transferring the property. By the end of the meeting, all parties had a clear understanding of the conservation easement, what maintenance activities are permitted (such as cutting back growth), and who is authorized to access the area.

#### ***Future Plans and Responsibilities***

The long-term plan is for the property to be signed over to the Association. Upon transfer, both the Association and K. Hovnanian will establish an endowment to be held in perpetuity, to fund management of the conservation easement by the IERCD. The specific amount of the endowment is still to be determined.

There remains significant work to ensure K. Hovnanian brings the conservancy up to the required standard before the Association and IERCD will accept ownership. Until these conditions are met, the Board of Directors will continue to advocate for the best interests of the Association. More updates will follow as this process continues.

The Board of Directors meets for the General Session the second Thursday of each month at 1 pm in the Ballroom. Meet with the Board, however, is a less formal gathering held the third Wednesday of each month at 2 pm in the Ballroom. This forum allows Board members to engage in conversation with residents on almost any subject except issues under litigation or topics discussed in Executive Board sessions. Several members of the Board attend each month.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (714) 722-1301 or [kathycravenbod@yahoo.com](mailto:kathycravenbod@yahoo.com).



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# GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

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

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!** I hope you had a fantastic 2025 and holiday season. I can't believe we are now in 2026! I sincerely hope that you have a very Happy New Year.

**NOTICE OF COMPLETION** A friendly reminder that once ARC approves your project you have four months to complete the project. At the completion, you will also need to turn in the Notice of Completion form to the office with pictures of the completed project.

**NOVEMBER DOLLARS AND CENTS** At the November 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:

- 2025 Audit & Taxes - \$2,300 (Management/Operational)
- Pickleball Planter Area - \$977.08 (Landscape/Operational)
- Phase B Rosemary Removal - \$5,344.50 (Landscape/Operational FYCC)
- Holiday Lighting Replacement - NTE \$3,000 (Management/Operational)
- Camera Server Upgrades - \$11,560 (Management/Reserves)

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**SIGNS** When an area is closed for cleaning or maintenance, please respect those closed signs and do not enter that area. The area is closed for your safety as when a bathroom is being cleaned the floors could be wet and slippery, or a sidewalk could be closed for tree trimming and falling branches. If an area is closed, do not enter even if you don't see why it is closed.

**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.

Make sure to fob-in each and every time you enter a facility. One, it's the rule, and two, team members rotate through the different facilities and the person that is at the desk when you return might not be the one who was there originally.

<b>Meetings</b>		
<b>BOARD OF DIRECTORS</b>	<b>DAY</b>	<b>TIME</b>
Executive Session	1/8	9a
General Session	1/8	1p
Committee Chairs	1/5	10a
Meet the Board	1/14	2p
<b>COMMITTEES</b>	<b>DAY</b>	<b>TIME</b>
Architectural Review	1/7, 21	8:30a
Canine Corral Council	1/1	10a
Communications	1/5	10a
Community Planning	1/22	
Conservancy	1/7	8a
Facilities	1/14	9a
Finance	1/27	9a
Landscape	1/20	1p
Safety (includes EPC)	1/6	10a
Social	1/6	1p

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# ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Happy 2026, everyone! This is a great year for trying new things and focusing on health and fitness. To kick off your new health journey, you might be interested in checking out our Four Seasons TOPS (Taking Off Pounds Sensibly) group. Details are listed in this *Breeze* issue. Healthy eating is always more fun when inspired by a group. Join us Saturday, Jan. 24 from 10 am to 12:30 pm in the Ballroom for our Annual Fitness Expo. It's a great chance to see demonstrations of the various "For-The-Health-Of-It" classes offered at our facilities. Find a class that matches your fitness level and inspires you to attend.

For all you crafters, our Spring Craft Fair will be Saturday, March 21 from 9 am to 2 pm in the Ballroom. If you want to sell your handmade items, you must attend the Mandatory Craft Fair Lottery on Wednesday, Jan. 21 at 6 pm in the RCN. If you can't make it, you may send a representative to stand in for you. The table fee remains \$5 after all these years.

I also want to remind everyone about some new year updates for clubs, groups, and classes. If you have a change of Club Captain or Group Leader, please call Luke in the Activities Department to get a form to update your contacts. If you need flyers or tickets for events, we have a "Media Request Form" for those services. I've been tasked with conducting an annual review of all clubs, groups, and classes regarding group size and room allocation, ensuring that as groups grow or shrink, we assign the right room size. Your scheduled days and times won't change, but you may be moved to a different room if needed.

Since it's a new year and new residents might be looking for new activities, I suggest appointing one of your most friendly and outgoing members to greet and welcome newcomers. Several shy

newcomers have mentioned feeling a bit intimidated when entering new groups. You folks are the best and I want new residents to immediately see how wonderful this neighborhood is!

There's a new interest group called "Loss of a Spouse." If you've recently lost your spouse and want some support, they will review a book and a video on Tuesday, Jan. 27 from 1 to 4 pm in RCN Room #3. This isn't a replacement for our current Bereavement Group, just an extra resource. Sign up at The Lodge credenza if you're interested.

Be sure to check out the 2026 events calendar so you can save the dates for events you're most interested in. We expect to know in February who our next Amphitheater Concert series bands will be, so stay tuned for more exciting updates!

Get ready for your best year yet! Let the festivities begin! ~ *Cindy Graves*

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# January

- 4: Trivia Night
- 21: Craft Fair Lottery
- 24: Fitness Expo

# MAY

- 1, 2: PAC Show Night
- 3: PAC Show Matinee
- 3: Trivia Night
- 7: Ballroom Piano Night
- 9: Cinco de Nuevo Loggia Concert
- 12: Bistro Bingo
- 15: Name That Tune Travel
- 16: Karaoke
- 17: Amphitheater Concert
- 23: HOA Health Fair
- 25: Musicians Guild Concert
- 28: Bell Choir/Choir Concert
- 29: HOA Disco Dance
- 30: Barn Burner Dance

# FEBRUARY

- 1: Trivia Night
- 5: Ballroom Piano Night
- 6: Black History Name That Tune
- 8: Super Bowl Party
- 10: Bistro Bingo
- 13: Black History Program
- 14: Bistro Valentine's Day
- 20: HOA Mardi Gras
- 21: Karaoke
- 28: Social Committee:  
A Vegas Country Evening



# MARCH

- 1: Trivia Night
- 5: Ballroom Piano Night
- 6: HOA Dance Around the World
- 7: Ping Pong Chinese New Year
- 8: Purim Party
- 10: Bistro Bingo
- 17: Bistro St. Patrick's Day
- 21: Spring Craft Fair
- 21: Karaoke

- 4: Ballroom Piano Night
- 6: Musicians Guild Concert
- 7: Trivia Night
- 9: Bistro Bingo
- 10: Fall Craft Boutique Lottery
- 13: Loggia Concert
- 14: Amphitheater Concert
- 19: Juneteenth
- 20: Karaoke
- 27: Social Committee Kentucky Derby Lunch



- 2: Ballroom Piano Night
- 4: Shred It
- 11: Hollywood Party
- 12: Trivia
- 14: Bistro Bingo
- 17: Appreciation Lunch
- 18: HOA Garage Sale
- 18: Karaoke
- 25: Social Committee Murder Mystery

# JULY

- 2: Ballroom Piano Night
- 4: HOA 4th of July Celebration
- 5: Trivia
- 14: Bistro Bingo
- 18: Karaoke
- 19: Amphitheater Concert

# October

- 1: Ballroom Piano Night
- 3: Social Committee Casino Night
- 4: Trivia Night
- 10: Jazz Under the Stars
- 12: Sukkot
- 13: Bistro Bingo
- 17: Fall Craft Fair
- 22: Senior Olympics
- 23: HOA Latin Dance
- 24: HOA Garage Sale
- 30: Oktoberfest
- 31: Halloween Golf Cart Parade/Pet Parade

# August

- 2: Trivia Night
- 7, 8: PAC Show Night
- 9: PAC Show Matinee
- 11: Bistro Bingo
- 14: Name That Tune
- 15: Karaoke
- 16: Amphitheater Concert
- 22: Loggia Concert
- 29: Social Committee Night at the Races

# November

- 1: Trivia Night
- 5: Ballroom Piano Night Special Concert
- 7: Musician's Guild Show
- 11: Veterans Pancake Breakfast
- 11: Veterans Chili Cook-Off
- 13: Park West Holiday Workshop
- 14: Name That Tune
- 18: 2027 Events Lottery
- 21: Karaoke

# September

- 3: Ballroom Piano Night
- 6: Trivia
- 8: Bistro Bingo
- 12: Quilt Show
- 18: Barn Burner Dance
- 19: Karaoke
- 26: Motown Show
- 27: Amphitheater Grand Finale

# December

- 4, 5: Holiday Show Night
- 6: Holiday Show Matinee
- 6: Trivia Night
- 10: Hanukah
- 12: AACC Gala
- 16: Light Competition & Golf Cart Parade
- 18: Bell Choir/Choir Concert
- 19: Karaoke
- 31: Social Committee New Year's Eve Event

# Renovation Journey Winds Through Four Seasons

*By Regina Farmer*

The Lodge has recently experienced a series of carefully planned renovations, undertaken to modernize its outdated amenities.

This renovation started at the end of 2023 with a request from the Billiards club and culminating in extensive updates throughout The Lodge and its surrounding areas.

*The Beginning ... Billiard Tables:* The renovation initiative was set in motion in November 2023, when the Billiards Club approached the Facilities Committee to request commercial-grade Billiard tables. Previously, non-commercial tables had been in use for over 20 years and had exhausted their life span. Commercial-grade, 9' tables were purchased for the Billiards Room. Recognition of the need for more durable equipment marked the beginning of the overall renovation process.

*Carpet Replacement Throughout The Lodge:* During the evaluation of the Billiards Room, the committee identified that the carpet, which had not been replaced in over a decade, also required attention. Further investigation revealed that carpet replacement was needed throughout the entire Lodge building including the Ballroom, Billiards Room, Library, Game Room, Bistro, and RCN. The committee opted for carpet tile squares which provide durability and easy maintenance, and offer a long-lasting and cost-effective solution compared to traditional piled carpeting.

*Installation of Comfort Height Toilets:* The next priority was The Lodge bathrooms. The toilets were 20 years old and were continually in need of repair. Homeowners had requested comfort height toilets to replace the 20-year-old fixtures. New comfort height toilets were purchased and installed at the beginning of 2024, addressing both practical needs and resident requests. ADA doors were also installed at The Lodge gym during this time.

*Twentieth Anniversary Refresh:* With The Lodge quickly approaching its twentieth anniversary date and the focal point for the celebration, the official renovation efforts commenced, aiming to refresh the aging facility in time for the milestone celebration.

*Ballroom Enhancements:* The attention of the committee fully shifted to The Lodge Ballroom which was in need of many repairs. It had not been painted in over a decade and the light fixtures were in need of repair. The drapes were torn beyond repair and the art in the Ballroom was faded and damaged. The committee reviewed and recommended to the Board of Directors plans for painting, installing new window coverings, adding soundproof picture panels along with updating the chandeliers and fans to further enhance the space. These plans were approved and executed at lightning speed. Sound and picture panels were recently hung to complete the renovation of The Lodge Ballroom.

*Pool, Spa, Deck Area, and Loggia Improvements:* The Lodge's pool, spa, and deck area presented considerable issues, including

peeling surfaces and damaged or faded pool tiles and lane markers. The committee visited Four Seasons in Hemet, which had recently undergone similar renovations, and adopted their recommendation for a cool-touch pavement surface. Subsequently, the pool was resurfaced, the decking repaved, tiles and lane markers replaced during the Fall of 2024.

The Loggia area received similar treatment, with the installation of the cool-touch surface for walkways and a freshly painted compass and fountain, further enhancing The Lodge's exterior spaces.

As work continued on The Lodge pool and deck, crews also demolished four deteriorating 20-year-old gazebos and replaced them with modern new structures.

*Pickleball-Paddle ball Tennis Courts Resurfacing:* The pickleball and tennis courts underwent major repairs and resurfacing. All courts showed visible cracks, surface damage, uneven patches, fading, water pooling and loss of traction. While crews were resurfacing these areas, new bleachers were installed at the pickleball courts, enhancing the quality of amenities in the sports and recreation area.

*Summit Renovations:* Once the anniversary festivities concluded, attention shifted to The Summit. Now more than 10 years old, the building was showing significant wear, largely because long-lasting materials were not used during its original construction. As a result, several major repairs and upgrades were required. The repairs started with resurfacing the indoor pool and spa, repaving the deck with cool pavement, replacing pool tiles, painting the interior and exterior, updating the spa shower with a modern quartz finish, and repairing both the men's and women's restrooms. The project was completed on schedule!

*Project Process & Final Thoughts:* Like most renovation efforts of this scale, the project spanned approximately 24 months. Each idea begins with a proposal to the Facilities Committee, followed by RFPs, contractor bid reviews, committee voting, and then evaluation by the Finance Committee. The final approval comes from the Board of Directors. Throughout this process, our management company, FirstService, coordinates and keeps everything moving smoothly.

These extensive upgrades resolved long-standing maintenance concerns while revitalizing the comfort, safety, and aesthetic appeal of the community's most-used facilities.

The Facilities Committee will continue proactively maintaining the property and exploring future enhancements. Community feedback will guide upcoming upgrades as we strive to continually raise the standard of excellence throughout our amenities.

Finally, and most importantly, thank you to all homeowners for your patience and support throughout this renovation journey.

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## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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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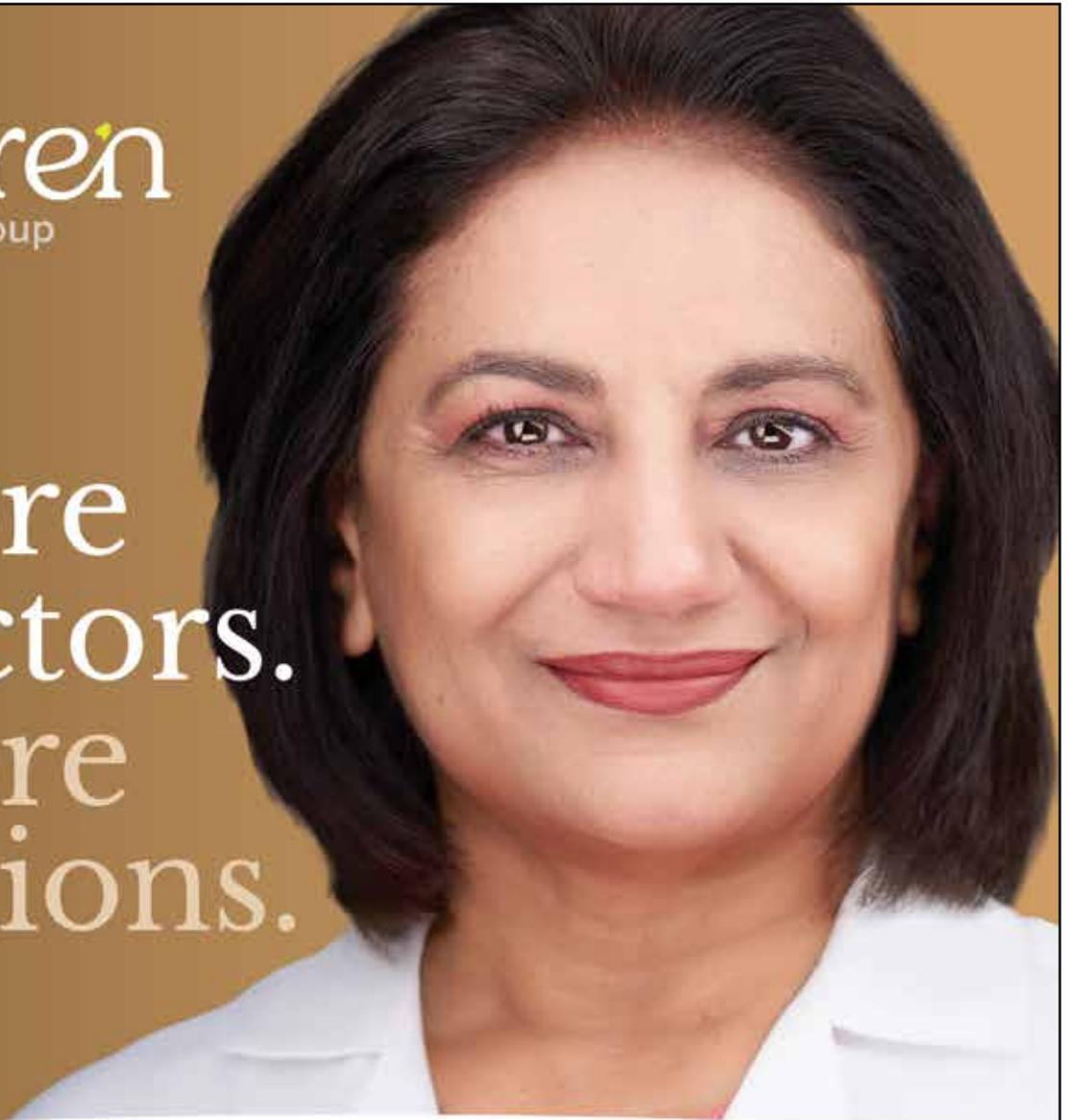
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*The Calvert Park neighborhood residents were grateful for the opportunity to gather together and celebrate the holiday season.*

*To the Four Seasons Beaumont Powerful Pairs! This grateful Four Seasons resident, I'm certain, is among a plethora of residents who are ever-so-thankful for our powerful pairs, Dave and Janine Rhorbacker, Phil and Elizabeth Westbrook, and Al and Christina Gray who have, over the years, given their time, energy, and talent towards our entertainment and enjoyment of Life! Thank you dear friends, for ALL you do! Jan White*

*Thank you to Cindy Graves for always going out of your way to make my dad feel special. You truly have no idea just how much this means to us, especially at this time of his life. Thank you for helping him live his best life. Four Seasons is truly blessed to have you.*

*I also would like to thank all the wonderful people who live here in this community. My dad has lived here for 20 years. I have visited, but living here truly has been amazing. Everybody has been so friendly and inviting. The staff is really cool too. Submitted by Gianina Allan*



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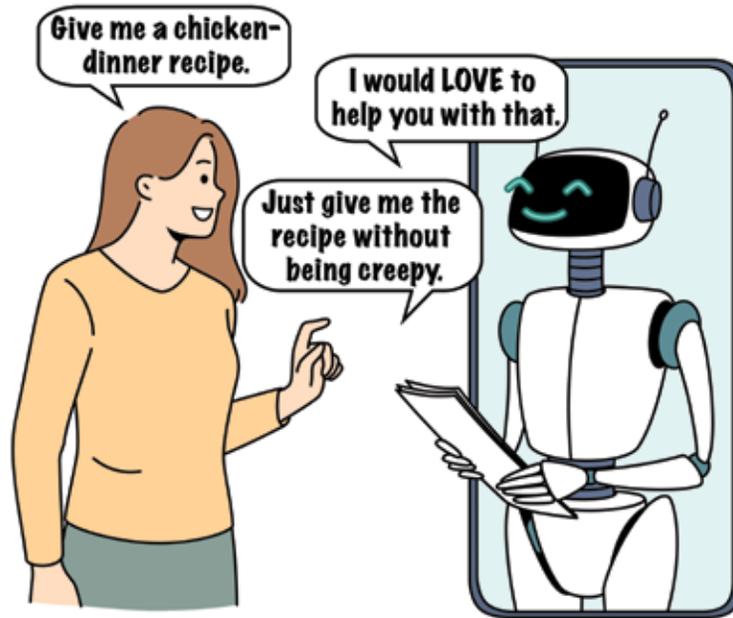
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## ChatGPT is very helpful ... but a little too friendly for some

*By Steve Benoff*

NOTE – At the end of every column is a plea for readers to tell me about the apps they use and why. The only time I've received multiple responses to this request followed my article on Christian apps. The best time to suggest an app is before I write about similar ones.

Now on to this month's column which, as luck would have it, was inspired by a reader submission.

Do you know who Courtney Taylor is? She's the publisher of the *Breeze*. She and I have been in a relationship for almost a decade which you might find curious given the fact that she and I have never met. Yet, we've been corresponding monthly since I started this column in 2016. I used to attempt to write the titles to my columns but soon realized she was much better at it than I was.

From time to time, I make reference to Chat GPT. Courtney emailed me her view of that app. Here's what she had to say.

"You reference ChatGPT in your articles but haven't done a deep dive with that app. I've been looking for an ice bucket just like the one Granny had and uploaded the photo to chat and he (she? it?) is searching the world for one for sale. I get a report every day ("Nothing yet! I'll keep watching and notify you immediately if one becomes available.") to which I have to reply "thank you" because I discovered if I don't reply, it will stop looking. I don't like being polite with chat because it's sneakily complimentary and nice, which is creepy and I don't want to get sucked into a relationship with a robot — something that is happening around the world; I even heard a friend talking about how nice it is talking to Alexa (yikes), but I do like using it for quick research or finding things on the world market.

"I've been tackling some classical pieces on the piano recently and

used it to translate some notations I'd forgotten, or never learned. Some I could figure out from the root of the word, but chat pinned it down quickly after I uploaded a photo, sitting on the bench. 'Tempo Rubato,' 'un poco mosso,' 'morendo jusqu'z la fin' were a few.

"I also took a picture of an ant with wings and uploaded it asking what the heck was that. It went on and on about how it was an ant and described the photo. Then I said, 'it has wings' and it said, 'Ah, thank you for pointing that out' (see, creepy phrasing — don't thank me; you're a robot!) and identified it as an alate.

"Anyhoo, I like the tool, but don't appreciate the friendly tone. I've read way too much Stephen King."

I find myself using ChatGPT almost daily. Sometimes it's quite technical. For 40 years, I had a custom electronics business and installed a fancy control system in our Four Seasons home. Using a light-sensing LED, I created a circuit to show when the power light on a piece of equipment was on. I asked ChatGPT how I could feed that power light status into my Crestron control system. In a few seconds, it identified a set of inputs on my controller that would accept a status voltage.

On the other hand, I needed a recipe for a couple of chicken breasts I had in the freezer. I asked ChatGPT for a recipe incorporating Dijon mustard. It came up with one which added oil, honey, and a couple of spices. The result was quite good.

ChatGPT is one of many artificial intelligence apps available at your phone's app store. Download one of them and take it out for a spin. You may, as I did, come to rely on it for easy or complex answers.

If you use an app you'd like to share with others, let me know at [steve.benoff@verizon.net](mailto:steve.benoff@verizon.net).

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# Winter 2026 Weather Outlook

For the Winter 2026 months, outlooks for temperature and precipitation from the Climate Prediction Center are shown below.

For temperatures, in Figure 1, the projections are for slightly above normal conditions for much of the southern states, including Southern California, as well as the east coast states. Colder than normal temperatures are projected for the northern states from Washington to Michigan.

For precipitation, in Figure 2, Southern California is indicated

to have slightly below normal rainfall. This would suggest that we will have some storms, but less than in a normal year. The greatest chances for above-normal precipitation are in the northern states from Washington to Michigan and in the northern two-thirds of the states adjacent to the Mississippi River.

With relatively drier conditions, there is also a slightly greater-than-normal likelihood of windy days.

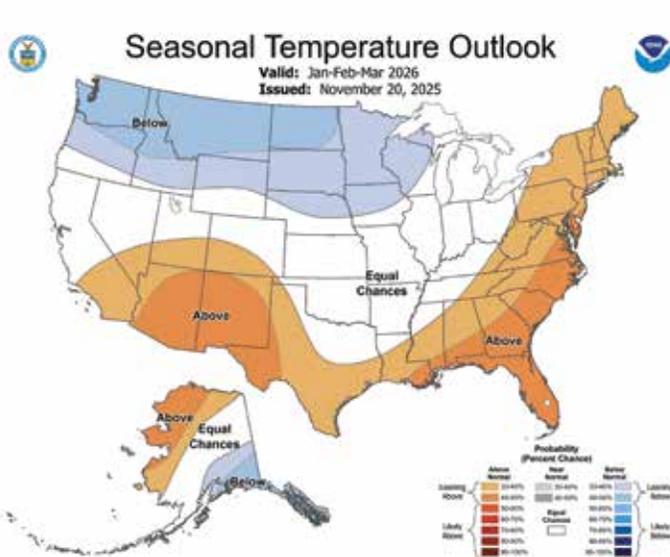


Fig 1. Temperature outlook for winter 2026

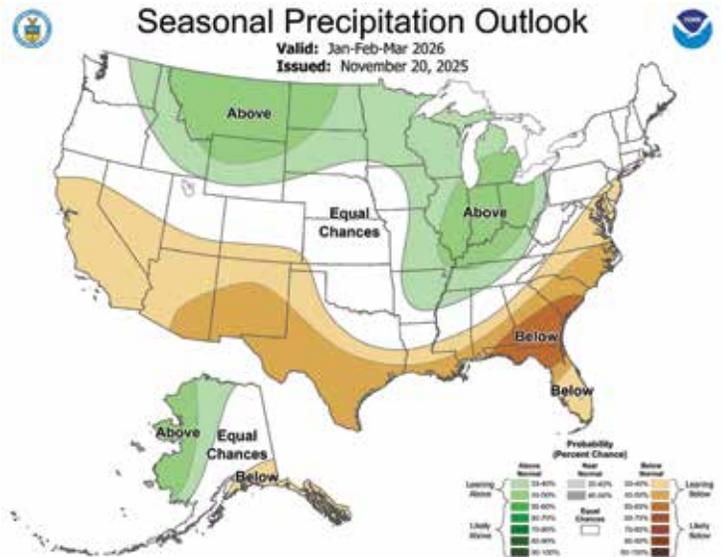


Fig 2. Precipitation outlook for winter 2026



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# CLASS, GAME, EXERCISE SCHEDULES

Below schedules may change, cancel, or reschedule at any time. Check with The Lodge front desk or [fourseasonsbeaumont.org](http://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
Water Aerobics (pool closed)	M/W/F	10:30a

### 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

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## Classes/Groups

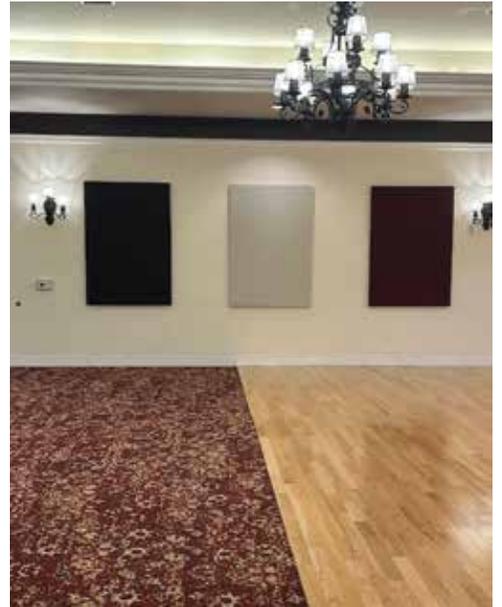
Believe Bible Study	F	10:30a
Ceramics	W	1p
Craft Group	Th	10a
Crafty Card Makers	2nd F	1p
Handbell Choir	W	2p
Healing Craft Class	1st/3rd T	1p
Intercessory Prayer	1st M	9a
Knit & Crochet	T	10a
*Mixed Media Art	M	10a
	F	10a
Men's Bible Study	T	9a
PAC	2nd M	6p
Photography	1st Th	6:30p
Porcelain Clay	Th/Sat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



## FACILITIES COMMITTEE

Completion of 2025 Renovation Initiatives: As 2026 begins, the Facilities Committee is pleased to announce the successful conclusion of several major renovation projects launched in 2025. Notably, the installation of soundproofing panel pictures in the Ballroom has been completed, marking the official finish of improvements to The Lodge Ballroom.

Another significant milestone is the re-paving of The Courts pool deck, a project expected to be finalized by late 2025. This improvement will not only enhance the safety of the area but also contribute to the overall appearance and enjoyment of The Courts.

Additionally, the ceiling at The Summit is scheduled to be painted by early spring 2026. With the completion of this final detail, all planned renovations for The Summit will be wrapped up, signifying a successful end to the committee's renovation efforts at The Summit.

Looking Ahead for 2026 Initiatives: The committee's first meeting of 2026 is set for Jan. 14. At this meeting, members will review the accomplishments of the past year and begin discussions on potential new projects for the upcoming year. There is also renewed enthusiasm among committee members to reinstate the tradition of

bi-annual walkabouts, where members tour the facilities to identify areas needing attention or improvement.

Regular committee meetings are scheduled for the second Wednesday of each month at 9 am in the RCN Conference Room. All homeowners are invited to attend.

Happy New Year! ~ Regina Farmer, [ginjo25@aol.com](mailto:ginjo25@aol.com)

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# COMMUNITY AWARENESS

Happy New Year, friends. The Community Awareness Committee hopes everyone has a safe and healthy 2026!

## **Wet and Cold Weather Safety Tips**

The winter season brings with it wet and cold weather. While we do not experience the heavy rainfall and extreme cold temperatures found in many areas of the United States, we can take steps to adjust to the damp and often cold conditions we will be experiencing.

Slips and falls create the greatest risk we encounter as rain makes our walking surfaces slippery and unpredictable. Keep in mind that early morning dew or sprinkler runoff can make for slippery conditions. These wet surfaces may freeze during the colder nights causing icy conditions. The following tips can help you stay on your feet:

- Check your shoes and walking boots. Worn shoe treads decrease your slip resistance on wet and icy surfaces.
- Check your path of travel and be alert to what lies ahead.
- Be extra cautious when crossing streets. Vehicles require more time to slow down on wet roads.
- Slow down your walking pace while traversing on wet or icy surfaces and be extremely careful on stairs.

Note: Remember to wear high-visibility clothing and carry a flashlight when walking in low light, overcast, or foggy conditions.

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.

Note to Drivers: It is important to follow prudent driving practices. Although our streets are not marked with center lines, please avoid driving down the center of our roadways, staying on the right side of the street.

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, Jan. 14 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

Happy New Year to everyone! Thank you all for your support during 2025. The money you spend on tickets goes toward the next event planned. So, we greatly appreciate all of your aid in helping bring quality events to Four Seasons.

The Social Committee has some fun and exciting events planned for 2026. Be sure to mark your calendars. Here is the line-up:

Feb. 28: A Vegas Country Evening. Tickets on sale Jan. 27. The handsome Chase Brown and the Beautiful Kelly Vohnn will bring their Vegas act to Four Seasons Beaumont singing some of their favorite country songs and duets.

April 26: Murder Mystery. Tickets March 24. "The Death of a Gangster" is from the Roaring 20s era. Get your flapper attire ready. We will have six actors to guide us through the murder. They will also pick a few volunteers from the audience to help with the murder

investigation. Who done it?

June 27: Kentucky Derby Luncheon. Tickets May 26. We will have a catered luncheon. Decorative Derby hats are encouraged! There will be prizes for the best hat.

Aug. 29: A Night At The Races. Tickets July 28. Come and place your bets! Win, Place, or Show.

Oct. 3: Casino Night. Tickets Sept. 1. Like to spend other people's money? Each resident will be given \$500 for betting.

We will have: one craps table – full size; six sit-down blackjack tables; two roulette tables; two tournament poker tables.

Dec. 31: New Year's Eve. Tickets Dec. 2.

We are working on it! But rest assured, we are here to party!

See you in the Ballroom. ~ Lisa Johnson, lisajohnson710@gmail.com

## ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

I have a love-hate relationship with January. I no longer need to worry about sprinklers, tomato worms, and fertilizer. But I hate the cold. Even the mild So Cal winters we experience.

However, January is a great time to dream and even plan your next project for your yard and the outside of your home. Now is an excellent time to schedule a painter while they have openings available in the spring.

It is even possible to find a gardener who is willing to discuss major projects rather than tell you that they are too busy to even consider taking on new projects.

If you are not sure what you might want to do and need some guidance about what can be done feel free to reach out to the

Architectural Review Committee. We can advise you if your dream project is allowed under our guidelines and/or help you find an alternative that is allowed that will still meet your dreams and needs.

Now is a good time to determine what tree trimming may be needed or if a replacement tree might be a better choice. Many of the older homes in our community are beginning to need some repairs. Identify the issues and schedule needed work to be done.

ARC meets on the first and third Wednesday of every month in the RCN Conference Room at 8:30 am. We would like to see you there, answer your questions and process your application. ~ **Steve Cooley**, (801) 815-5302, [cooleyaudit@gmail.com](mailto:cooleyaudit@gmail.com)

## CONSERVANCY

The committee made an inspection walk of the eastern Edison Easement and the Sam's Canyon Meadow on Dec. 3. The members noted both areas were the cleanest we've seen. Our next inspection walk will be on Jan. 7 at 8 am. We will convene at the Potrero Creek Trail monument to walk the Trails A and B loop. We'll return to The Lodge to hold our monthly meeting. ~ **Howard Ochi**, *Conservancy Committee Chair*, [hmochi47@hotmail.com](mailto:hmochi47@hotmail.com)



## AD HOC WILDLIFE MITIGATION COMMITTEE

Concerned about insurance rates? Come to a town hall meeting to find answers.

Skyrocketing insurance rates, cancellations and the California Fair Plan, that many of our residents have been told they must join, are hot topics of discussion today. Confusion and misinformation abound and your Wildfire Mitigation Committee has been busy searching for answers. We have had a difficult time getting an independent speaker to cover these issues, and fortunately in our discovery process, we watched a webinar organized by our State Senator Rosilic Ochoa-Bogh. The webinar panelists include the California Insurance Commissioner Ricardo Lara, representatives from United Policyholders (representing consumers), the Personal Insurance Federation of California (the trade organization for insurance companies), and the California FAIR Plan (insurance-of-last-resort). We know that we could never hope to have such a stellar panel for our town hall meeting, so we did the next best thing and requested access to the senator's webinar. She not only gave us an

unedited version that will be accompanied by a couple of her staff members to hear your concerns, but also requested a speaker from the Department of Insurance. Judith Piña, from that department, will also be here to answer your questions. A request from a senator does not go unanswered.

The committee was personally so impressed by the panelists on this webinar who presented explanations, from all viewpoints, as to why and how our insurance predicament has become so problematic. I found it engaging and enlightening. Join us Jan. 22 at 1 pm in the Ballroom to learn from the best authorities exactly what caused the current crisis and how they intend to deal with it.

You are always welcome to bring your suggestions, concerns, and comments to the Ad Hoc Wildfire Mitigation Committee meeting on the first Thursday of the month at 1 pm in the RCN. Because of the holiday, this month our meeting is on Jan. 6. ~ **Cathy Goldsmith**, [cathyhg13@yahoo.com](mailto:cathyhg13@yahoo.com)



## LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE

The month of January is named after Janus. In ancient Roman religion and myth, Janus was the god of beginnings, transitions, and endings. So, in celebrating his heritage, we look both forward and backward. And this is what I'm doing in this article.

During 2025, the Landscape Committee spent many hours observing the landscape throughout the HOA parcels, the Front Yard Cost Center, and the Springdales, and discussing the walks at our monthly meetings. Most of the accomplishments this year were small in nature: bare area refurbishment, replacement of dead plants, and substitution of dead trees with species more amenable to our location.

There are, however, a few major accomplishments that I want to mention: the replacement of The Lodge parking lot poplars; the Front Yard Cost Center rosemary replacement; the west slide slope of the Eastern portion of Four Seasons Circle, and the refurbishment of The Courts Landscape.

As we look back at 2025, the committee was not able to improve the community appearance in the manner we hoped. The need to increase the reserves and the increases in contract expenses meant that the Board had to make some hard decisions, including drastically reducing the landscape budget. The committee dealt

with the funding levels by prioritizing replacement of dead and dying plants and only approved proposals that best provided benefit to the entire community.

Looking forward to 2026, funding levels show a modest increase from 2024 but still far less than 2023 and 2024 levels. Accordingly, we anticipate that the funding will primarily be used for activities that maintain community appearance rather than enhance it. Major enhancement such as The Lodge parking lot refurbishment will have to be put on hold yet again.

In addition to the lower funding level, the committee will be tasked with implementing the Fire Mitigation project mandated by state law. We will need to oversee the removal of trees that could pose a fire danger as well as instituting the clear area of five feet next to community structures.

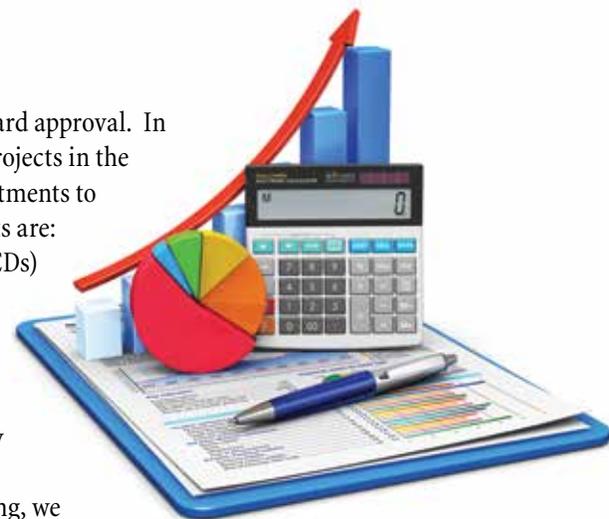
Residents are welcome to attend our monthly meetings on the third Tuesday of the week at 1 pm in the RCN Conference Room. If you like to walk and enjoy looking at our plants and trees, you can also join us on our Friday walks that begin at 8 am. Contact Kat Hughes of FirstService to find out where we are meeting as meeting places change with each walk. ~ *Kirk Freyermuth, [kafreyer@frontier.com](mailto:kafreyer@frontier.com)*

## FINANCE COMMITTEE

The financial statements for October 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 October financial statements are: Total Cash is \$11,101,169 including operating cash funds of \$2,110,873 (checking and CDs) and reserve account funds of \$8,986,463 and reconstruction funds of \$3,833. Our total year-to-date current income is \$(97,162).

Homeowners are welcome to join us at the Finance Committee's regularly scheduled monthly meetings held on the last Tuesday of each month. Our next meeting is Jan. 27 at 9 am in the RCN Conference Room. We review and discuss many issues that you may have questions about. Residents are welcome to attend one of our meetings to become more familiar with our finances. At the beginning of each meeting, we allow three minutes per homeowner not to exceed 30 minutes in total for comments.

If you have any questions or concerns, contact Jolene Cooley at [joleneaudit@gmail.com](mailto:joleneaudit@gmail.com). ~ *Jolene Cooley*



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# CANINE CORRAL

The Canine Corral was only an idea in 2016 when a group of homeowners formed the Dog Owner Group.

Lynn Jahnke was one of those original dog owners who desired a place for their dogs to be free to play with their friends. They decided to name the area the Canine Corral. After much research and discussion for a potential location and management of such an area, they obtained Board approval to form an Ad Hoc Off Leash Rule Committee in July of 2018. Between then and 2020, additional research regarding location and governing rules for the Corral were accomplished. In February 2020, the Board approved the merger of the Ad Hoc Off-Leash Rules Committee into the Canine Corral Council.

Then as of November 2023, the Board changed the name to the Canine Corral Committee. Lynn has spent nine years on these committees as secretary for both. Her knowledge of the history has been invaluable to us, and we are sad to see her leave. She said she has enjoyed her time working with all the past and current members with the common goal of creating a safe environment for our dogs to play off-leash.

Once again, we have formed a new ad hoc group to update the rules of the Canine Corral and possibly consider other locations

with better parking facilities. As our pet parents have aged, walking up the hill has become more difficult and the slope of the existing Corral harder to navigate. Also, many people have expressed a desire to have a grassy surface. The Board will send a survey out later this month to find out what you want in a dog park. Even if you do not have a dog, please take a few minutes to read it and respond.

Our meetings are the first Thursday of the month at 10 am in the RCN Conference Room. We are looking for new members who would be willing to contribute one hour a month for their precious fur baby. ~ *Barbara Morton, Co-Chairman, (559) 269-0908*



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- Never jam the brakes. This will lock the wheels and throw them into a skid. Instead, apply the brakes slowly.
- Make sure your windshield wipers are in good condition.
- Make sure your headlights are on during rainy conditions and when using your windshield wipers. This will increase your visibility with other

## Winter Weather Driving Safety Tips

Winter weather driving can be challenging. Therefore, it is important to exercise more caution while driving. Wet, slick roads decrease your ability to maintain control of your vehicle.

Whether driving on Four Seasons property or on the city streets, try to adhere to the following guidelines:

- Check your tires. Make sure your tires are inflated properly, and the treads are not worn down.
- Reduce your speed. Drive slower in rain or icy conditions. Even with better roads, better tires, and anti-lock brakes, many drivers get into accidents because of a skid in bad weather.
- Allow more time to slow down when approaching other vehicles, curves, and intersections.
- Give more distance to the vehicles ahead of you. In inclement weather, double the normal following distance.

drivers, and it's the law!

Play it safe! Within our property boundaries, the maximum speed limit is 30 mph on Four Seasons Circle, 25 mph on our residential side streets, and 15 mph in alleyways. Regardless, slow down and adjust your speed when inclement weather or unsafe conditions are present!

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](mailto:hilbergfrank@gmail.com)

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## INGREDIENTS

- 6 bone-in chicken thighs, skin on or skinless
- 1 teaspoon sea salt, or to taste
- 1 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper, or to taste
- 1/2 Tablespoon paprika, preferably smoked Hungarian
- 2 Tablespoons butter, divided
- 2 Tablespoons extra virgin olive oil, divided
- 8-ounce cremini mushrooms, sliced
- 6 to 10 cloves of garlic, minced (use to your taste)
- 3/4 cup low-sodium chicken stock or white wine
- 1 Tablespoon AP or gluten-free flour, optional



## DIRECTIONS

1. Remove chicken thighs from the refrigerator about 20-30 minutes before cooking to bring to room temperature. Pat the chicken dry and trim off any excess fat. In a small bowl, combine the salt, pepper, and paprika. Season the thighs with the spice mixture, set aside.
2. Heat a 10 to 12-inch cast-iron or heavy-bottom skillet over medium-high heat until very hot. Add 1 Tablespoon each of butter and olive oil. When the butter is melted and the oil is hot, add the chicken thighs, skin-side down. Sear the thighs without moving for 4 to 5 minutes. Flip the chicken and cook for an additional 4 to 5 minutes, or until golden brown on both sides. Remove chicken from the pan to a clean plate. Loosely cover with aluminum foil to keep warm.
3. Return the skillet to medium heat. Add the remaining butter

and olive oil to the pan. When butter is melted and the oil is hot, add the mushrooms. Sauté, stirring often for 3 to 4 minutes. Add the garlic and cook until fragrant, about a minute. Push the mushroom mixture to one side of the pan. Add the chicken and any accumulated juices to the pan. Spoon the mushrooms over the chicken. Add the chicken stock or white wine. Bring to a simmer. Cover and cook for an additional 8 to 10 minutes or until the chicken is cooked through to a temperature of 165 degrees.

4. Optional step: For a thicker sauce, combine about 2 Tablespoons of the pan juices in a cup or bowl with the flour to make a slurry. Combine the slurry with the juices in the skillet, cook, stirring constantly, for another 2 to 3 minutes or until the raw flour taste is gone. Serve and enjoy.

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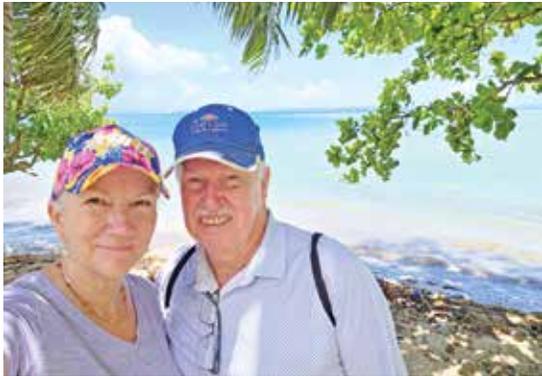
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*Pat and John Barry cruised 32 days from San Pedro to Hawaii, then on to Tahiti and back to San Pedro. We visited two ports in Hawaii, two ports in American Samoa and Fiji, on the way to the Tahiti ports.*



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# 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](mailto:rwgeiser12@yahoo.com) or call (406) 261-3759.

*Puzzles created by Ray Geiser. Solutions on Page 65*

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December is over and we hope everyone had a festive holiday with family and friends. The final PAC show for the 2025 year, *A Four Seasons Christmas, Charlie Brown* was sold out and fun for all.

Thank you, Tom Wasco for directing and Mike MacQueen for the wonderful script and all our great cast!

Coming soon is the spring show, *Laugh Out Loud: Music, Comedy & Shenanigans Variety Show*. Auditions are Sunday, Jan. 11 from 1 to 4 pm in the RCN Main Room. See the flyer in The Lodge or contact Marianne Bugni at (920) 517-2739 or Pat Wayne at (949)



290-1811.

Our next meeting for the 2026 year will be Monday, Jan. 12 at 6 pm in the Game Room with the new officers for 2026.

PAC offers free entertainment to our community with various shows and events throughout the year. All interested residents are welcome. We have bi-monthly meetings for all residents interested with no dues needed. For any additional information about the club, contact President, Tom Wasco, at (951) 797-3466 or [twasco16@gmail.com](mailto:twasco16@gmail.com). ~ *Marianne Bugni*



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## HANDBELL CHOIR

Thank you for your donations and attendance at our Christmas concert. We are taking the month of January off from practice. We look forward to seeing you at our Spring/Summer concert. Watch for the date.

If you are interested in joining us (you need to know how to read and count music) as a regular or a sub, please let me know. Kathie Sundstrom at (303)903-6895 or kathryn.buck@comcast.net. ~ **Kathie Sundstrom**

## FOUR SEASONS SINGERS

We hope you enjoyed our evening of music on Dec. 19, along with the Handbell Choir. The Four Seasons Singers enjoyed bringing the sounds of the season for your enjoyment. We also performed at The Lakes and The Lakes Memory Care on Dec. 16. It always brings joy to our hearts to be able to bring music to others.

Congratulations to choir members Lora Bennitt, Lois Douglas, and Cheryl Staples who starred in the holiday show, *It's a Four*

*Seasons Christmas, Charlie Brown.*

We are taking a break right now but will be in rehearsals soon for our upcoming June concert. Watch the *Breeze* for more information.

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**

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Why not start in your own backyard? Check out the group, the Talent Workshop and Showcase; our first "showcase" was the *Fear*

*Seasons Halloween Show.*

The Talent Workshop and Showcase meets on the third Monday of each month at 6 pm in RCN Room #3. It is open to all residents who want to learn or to sharpen their performance skills. We will discuss future projects and showcases. Everyone is welcome and we never charge for membership or participation.

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



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## 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](mailto:willaharris89@gmail.com)



## BIRDING CLUB

Some of us love winter at Four Seasons. The air is crisp, the skies are blue, the snow on the mountains is beautiful to look at, but doesn't interfere with our daily lives. There are others who just want to light the fireplace, don a heavy sweater, or burrow under the covers. Our feathered friends don't have blankets, but they do have mechanisms for coping with the cold.

For one thing, birds shiver, just like humans. In the late summer and fall, cold climate birds pack on body weight as protection. Their biggest defense, however, may be their feathers. All birds produce oil from a gland near the base of their tails, but cold weather birds may use this oil to weatherproof their feathers. Rather than using oil, mourning doves grow special feathers that disintegrate into a powder they use to insulate their feathers. A bird's feathers also keep them warm by trapping pockets of air around their bodies.

Small birds often huddle together in trees and shrubs to keep warm, while birds who nest in cavities use those protected spots to escape the cold in winter. Waterfowl have special ways to maintain body heat in the cold. The blood in their legs and feet does not circulate throughout the rest of their bodies, helping to keep body temperatures higher. They have specialized scales on their legs and feet to minimize heat loss. Sitting or standing on one foot also conserves body heat.

You can help our neighborhood birds winter by providing

high energy food such as suet, peanuts, or sunflower seeds. Also remember that water is as important in winter as it is in our hot summers, so keep your birdbaths clean and filled.

The Birding Club walks the trails as a group 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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The holidays are an exciting time for everyone, including our four-legged friends. However, it can also be dangerous if we're unaware of what's safe and unsafe for our pets' health.

Keep an eye on your Christmas tree. While it looks beautiful to you, it's likely very intriguing to your pet. Since Christmas trees are a main feature in most homes during the holiday season, they can also pose risks. Cats love climbing trees, so it's important for cat owners to fully cat-proof their trees by ensuring they are well anchored and by keeping all decorations securely fastened higher up and toward the center of the tree, making them less accessible. Most cats dislike the sensation of aluminum foil on their claws, so try wrapping foil around the base of the tree to deter them.

Also, cover any water in the tree stand to prevent curious pets from drinking it. Christmas decorations can also be dangerous. Pets enjoy playing with and chewing anything within reach. If they swallow decorations lying around, it could cause choking and may require surgical removal.

Be cautious with seasonal plants as well. Many festive plants may look attractive, but some can be harmful to pets without you realizing it. Watch out for poinsettias, Christmas tree pine needles, holly, mistletoe, and acorns — all of which can cause irritation, stomach upset, or choking hazards.

Keep stress levels low. Having guests over can be exciting

but also stressful for pets. Watch for any abnormal behavior. During past lock-downs, some pets only had limited interaction with new people and experiences. So, if you're hosting a holiday gathering this year, ensure your pet remains calm and relaxed. The simplest way is to create a cozy space 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](mailto:vivr@sbcglobal.net)



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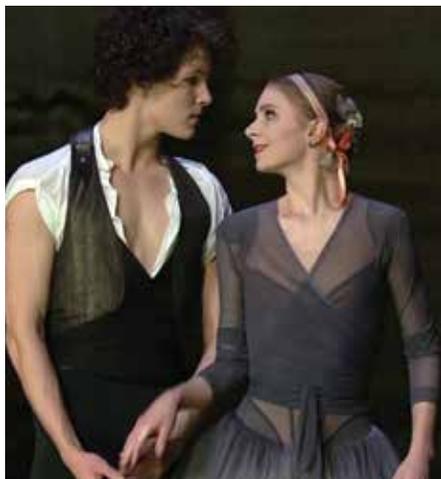
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## OPERA CLUB



*Giselle - Royal Danish Ballet*



*Glyndebourne Le Nozze di Figaro*

On Jan. 9 and 16, we present Mozart's *Le nozze di Figaro* and the classic 19th century ballet, *Giselle*.

*Le nozze di Figaro* premiered in Vienna in 1786. Mozart and his librettist Lorenzo Da Ponte had to pass muster with the Austrian censors. The story upon which it is based is a Pierre Beaumarchais play, *La folle journée*. The play criticizes the behavior of upper-class rulers and was banned by the Austrian Emperor (brother of Marie Antoinette). You may recall the scene in the film *Amadeus* where Mozart begs for the emperor's indulgence – "Cinque, ... dieci ... venti ...". Mozart prevailed to the benefit of us all, as it is one of the most beloved of all his works.

Our production is from the 1994 Glyndebourne opera festival and features baritone Gerald Finley as Figaro, Alison Hagley as Susana, Renée Fleming as the countess Almaviva, Andreas Schmidt as the count Almaviva and Marie-Ange Todorovitch as Cherubino. A recap of the storyline will begin at 5:30 pm, followed by the opera. The opera runs three hours and 10 minutes. We will have a 10-minute intermission at the 90-minute mark.

Our ballet presentation is *Giselle*, the pinnacle of Romantic era ballet. It premiered in 1841 in Paris. The music is by Adolphe Adam with original choreography by Coralli and Perrot, but reworked by Marius Petipas in the late 1800s. It is the Petipas choreography that is performed today.

The story follows a beautiful peasant girl who is deceived by a disguised nobleman, Albrecht. Albrecht woos Giselle and wins her love. It is later revealed that he is already engaged to marry

Bathilde. In fitful heartbreak, she dances herself to death. Later that night, Albrecht visits Giselle's grave to beg her forgiveness and is set upon by the Willis (demonic spirits of deceived maidens), but Giselle's love for Albrecht saves him from being danced to his death. Her saving Albrecht also breaks the power of the Willis to haunt and control any one else. In the ballet's finale, Giselle returns to her grave to rest in peace.

The ballet runs about two hours. We will begin at 6 pm with a synopsis. We won't have an intermission.

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

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## SEASONED SINGLES

The holidays have come and gone and the Singles took advantage of it. In December, we celebrated several birthdays, saw our walking group grow, participated in Bistro Bingo, played cornhole, and got together for our annual Holiday Party and Gift Exchange. We attended *A Christmas Festival*, the San Bernardino Symphony's annual holiday concert, and *A CBU Christmas* at Cal Baptist University. In January, we will tour East Valley Water District's new, state-of-the-art Sterling Natural Resource Center. A future outing will be a visit to the iconic Watts Towers in Los Angeles. 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 at (860) 712-3430. ~ *Phyllis Kates*



*Joyce Burmester's birthday lunch was celebrated at Shiki Sushi Sports Bar & Restaurant*



*The Singles celebrated Phyllis Kates' birthday at Steer N' Stein, a group favorite*

## TRAVEL GROUP

Happy New Year! Another year has flown by, and what a year it was. Our travel group enjoyed wonderful trips, created lasting memories, and welcomed several new residents who joined us on our most recent excursions. We're excited to share that 2026 is shaping up to be just as fun and adventurous, with a lineup of new and interesting trips for everyone to enjoy.

We begin the year in January with a visit to Exposition Park, where you'll have the opportunity to explore one — or all — of three remarkable museums: the California Science Center, the Natural History Museum, and the California African American Museum. Spend the day discovering fascinating exhibits at your own pace, and enjoy lunch on your own before we head back to Four Seasons.

In February, we're off to the Grammy Museum, a must-see destination for all music lovers. This interactive museum offers hands-on exhibits that celebrate music history, creativity, and

artistry. Afterward, we'll stop at Olvera Street, where you can shop, stroll, and enjoy lunch on your own in one of Los Angeles' most iconic cultural districts.

These outings are just the beginning. We have many more trips planned throughout the year, and detailed flyers for each excursion will be available at our monthly meetings. Our meetings are held every third Saturday of the month at 10 am in the Ballroom, and everyone is welcome.

You do not need to be a member to join our trips. Just bring your enthusiasm, and feel free to bring a friend along for the adventure. We look forward to traveling with you in 2026 and making even more unforgettable memories together!

For membership, contact Irene Welker at irenewelker55@gmail.com. For info about trips or to reserve a spot call Joni at (661) 390-5512 or email jonitruelsen@yahoo.com. ~ *Joni Truelsen*



## CARS & COFFEE

The December Cars & Coffee was met with nice, sunny weather. The Porsches were well-represented with four beautiful examples.

The Beaumont Four Seasons Veterans Car Show was in November. The weather was perfect and we had over 50 cars and trucks entered.

We were entertained by Joe And The Forgettables and DJ Dave Rohrbacker. The Bistro provided breakfast burritos and hot dogs. The Roosevelt Ice Cream stood out with refreshing ice cream. There were some outstanding raffle prizes, including a Morongo Casino dinner and one-night stay package, a Weber BBQ smoker donated by Rocky Shaw, and many more prizes. Of course, the car show could not have been as successful without the help of Pam Morales, Linda Supernaw, Lisa Jaso, Diane Martinez,

MJ Newcomer, Nan Wiecek, judges Rocky Shaw, Joe Martinez, Joe Cerrillo, Bernie Newcomer, and Cindy Graves along with her amazing staff.

Here are the results of the award winners:  
Hot Rod Classic Car: 1st Greg Messick 64 Corvette, 2nd Ruben Ruiz 57 Chevy, 3rd Mike Clement 68 Camaro;

Truck: 1st Ray Lopez 55 Chevy Truck, 2nd Cory Howard 2025 Velociraptor;

Import: 1st Mike Flower 2023 Porsche 911 GTS, 2nd Len Tavernetti 2015 Genesis;

Sports Car 1990-10: 1st Jim Ridderick 2008 Corvette, 2nd Chris Hayne Corvette;

Sports Car 2011-26: 1st Eric McClain 2014 Mustang, 2nd Mike Pellonchond 2017 Corvette;

Oldest Original Car: Babaloo Zamora 1956 Chevy 210.

Best of Show went to Mike Flower and his

beautiful 1968 Shelby Gt350 Mustang.

Please join us for our next meeting on Jan. 3 at The Lodge parking lot. For additional information, please contact Frank Morales at (951) 203-4578 or fmoralesrinc@aol.com, or Rick Morales at (951) 255-4710 or onemth53@yahoo.com. Have a happy new year! ~ **Frank Morales**



## AMATEUR RADIO

As reported by one of our local news providers, the Beaumont Unified School District (USD) purchased Emergency Radios for their new communication system.

All the District campuses, comprised of Calimesa, Banning, and Beaumont, are now connected in the event of a crisis.

According to Serenity Junge, Beaumont USD Risk and Safety Director, "In the event of an emergency, cellphones can become overloaded, sometimes making it impossible to place a call. Our emergency radios allow us to immediately communicate with school sites without needing to rely on cell towers. It's also faster. Click a button and we're immediately talking to every school."

Beaumont USD Risk and Safety Technician Albert Nolasco was instrumental in much of the legwork for the radio system. "This project took months of work and still continues. We worked with Motorola to conduct heat studies, installed radio repeaters on rooftops, distributed radios, and conducted the first District-wide test of the radios during the 2025



Great California Shakeout," Nolasco said. Each school has a minimum of three Motorola XPR 3500 radios, with enhanced safety features including 28 hours of battery life, instant push-to-talk communications, and the ability to remotely activate a radio if an employee is unresponsive.

Our Four Seasons at Beaumont Amateur Radio Club is for anyone interested in radio communication and technology, and who is willing to use these tools to help other residents of our community in times of need.

We have our weekly informational Nets (on the air meetings) each Wednesday at 5:30 pm on frequency 145.645 MHz. Four Seasons at Beaumont residents are welcome and encouraged to check into these Nets after regular roll call as a visitor.

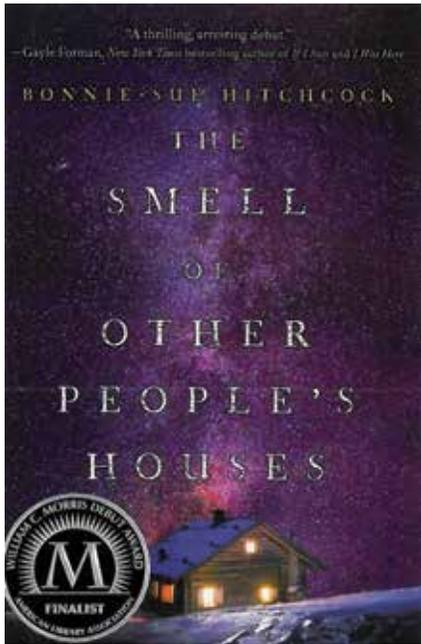
Our monthly in-person meetings are on the last Friday of each month at 10 am in RCN Room #3. Our next meeting will be Friday, Jan. 30.

Anyone is invited to join us, find out what we are about, and become a member.

Please visit our website at [www.w6fsb.org](http://www.w6fsb.org). ~ **Henry ciesielski**, [hwciesielski@yahoo.com](mailto:hwciesielski@yahoo.com)



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## BOOK CLUB

Our selection for Jan. 13 is *The Smell of Other People's Houses* by Bonnie-Sue Hitchcock. Here is a brief description from Amazon.com: "This deeply moving and authentic debut set in 1970s Alaska is for fans of Rainbow Rowell, Louise Erdrich, Sherman Alexie, and Benjamin Alire Saenz. Intertwining stories of love, tragedy, wild luck, and salvation on the edge of America's Last Frontier introduce a writer of rare talent."

"Ruth has a secret that she can't hide forever. Dora wonders if she can ever truly escape where she comes from even when good luck strikes. Alyce is trying to reconcile her desire to dance with the life she's always known on her family's fishing boat. Hank and his brothers decide it's safer to run away than to stay home — until one of them ends up in terrible danger. Four very different lives are about to become entangled. This unforgettable William C. Morris Award finalist is about people who try to save each other — and how sometimes, when they least expect it, they succeed."

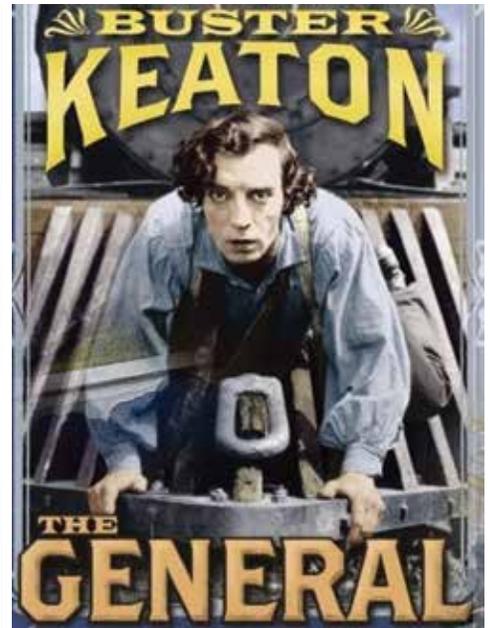
Our meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 9:30 am in the RCN Room #3. All our book selections are recommended by Book Club members. Someone volunteers to lead the discussion about the book we have chosen for the month.

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

## CLASSIC FILM GROUP

Join us on Jan. 27 and Feb. 3 at 6 pm in The Lodge Theater as we present *Casablanca*. This classic won Best Picture at the 1944 Academy Awards. In this film, a cynical expatriate American cafe owner struggles to decide whether or not to help his former lover and her fugitive husband escape the Nazis in French Morocco.

On Jan. 14 at 2 pm, the Wednesday matinee will feature Buster Keaton's first full-length silent movie, *The General*. After being rejected by the Confederate military, not realizing it was due to his crucial civilian role, an engineer must single-handedly recapture his beloved locomotive after it is seized by Union spies and return it through enemy lines. ~ *Paul Plamondon, [Aseasonsmoviegroup@gmail.com](mailto:Aseasonsmoviegroup@gmail.com)*





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## FS VETERANS CLUB

Winter has often been the time for surprises on the battlefield. Washington rowed across the Delaware River to attack the Hessians. Germans attacked Bastogne. Chinese forces invaded the Chosin Reservoir and North Korea surprised American forces with the Tet Offensive. For military forces there is never a holiday to relax.

For Four Seasons Beaumont Veterans Club, the date for our meeting is the fourth Thursday, also the date of American Forces landing at Anzio. We will meet at 10 am in the RCN. ~ *Len Tavernetti, ltavernetti@hotmail.com*



## CROWN DIVAS

Crown Divas November event was decorating Christmas trees. Talented crafter Lady Glitter displayed all the materials from which we could pick and choose to decorate our trees. With no time to waste for a fun project like this, we quickly got to work. Some chose miniature ornaments and leaves with glitter with which to start. There were colored bows and strings. Ribbons and small pine cones were also used. Holiday music, excitement, laughter, and enthusiasm could be heard throughout the room.

We took a short break for refreshments and the Divas sang happy birthday to Lady Cynthia and Sugar Mama. We continued decorating our trees and after exchanging ideas with each other we became even more creative. Some Divas were diligently decorating their trees. When I was going to take their photo one playfully told me, you can take my picture but I'm not going to look up. Each tree had its own personality like the lady who created it.

When all the trees were decorated we made a circle and each Diva walked to the middle and showed off their beautifully decorated Christmas tree.

In December, we joined together for a Christmas breakfast and cheer. The Crown Divas wish everyone happy holidays. ~ *Irma Romero, (626) 733-3019, Irmabsromero@gmail.com*



# RAINBOW GROUP



This month our selection for the Famous LGBT Americans series is Billye Talmadge, a lesbian educator, activist and one of the first members of the earliest lesbian rights organization in the U.S., the Daughters of Bilitis (DOB).

Talmadge was born in 1929 in Missouri and raised in Oklahoma by her mother, a single parent.

In an interview in 1989, Talmadge recalled her early college years in the late 1940s in Kansas and her strong desire to want to understand her sexual feelings. If she had been open about her orientation, she “could be thrown out of the campus in nothing flat.” She subsequently heard that a particular female student was lesbian. She worked up the courage to talk with her, adding, “I asked her every question I could think of. And she would answer to the best of her ability anything that I put to her.”

Upon her graduation from college, Talmadge worked for Boeing. Subsequently, she became an elementary school teacher, obtained two Ph.D.s in education and won awards related to her teaching of blind and deaf children.

At one point, Talmadge was invited to attend a house party of the DOB shortly after their creation. The DOB, formed in San Francisco in 1955, started out as a secret social club and as an alternative to

lesbian bars, which were subject to police raids. The attendees at the gathering changed the focus of the DOB from a social group to an activist one.

Talmadge became very involved with the DOB, including helping to write its statement of purpose. With Talmadge’s effort, educational programs were developed to promote knowledge among lesbians regarding their legal and civil rights. This included developing procedures and scripts to follow upon arrest and in the courts.

Subsequently, Talmadge wrote articles for *The Ladder*, the DOB’s newsletter. *The Ladder* ended up being widely quoted in the legal briefings leading to the 1958 Supreme Court’s *One, Inc. v. Olesen* decision that determined that homosexual writings did not violate obscenity laws.

Talmadge lived for 20 years with her long-time partner, Marcia Herndon. Herndon died in 1997, and Talmadge died in 2018.

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*



*Billye Talmadge, 1990s. Photo by Suzanne Deakins*

# TASTE D’VINE

Welcome to 2026. The holiday season has passed, and that was too quick for my liking. It was over in the blink of an eye.

Our regular meeting is on Thursday, Jan. 15. Doors will open at 5:15 pm. Membership renewal is now due. The annual dues are \$30 per member, with an additional monthly fee of \$10 per member (for a total of \$40 per person). You will receive the much-coveted TDV Wine Glass with your membership.

Jonas Fuchs from 123 Farms will be our guest presenter, sharing their Black Bench wines with us. It might come as a surprise that the farm produces its own wine. In addition to hosting festivals,

123 Farms cultivates grapes for winemaking. Jonas will provide us with all the details, making for an informative and engaging presentation.

Remember, bring a bottle of wine to enjoy between the tastings. Only one glass (as you will get a new glass with your membership) and something to share with your table.

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

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# AFRICAN AMERICAN CULTURAL CLUB

Earl Doucette Jr. (EJ) is making history as the African American Culture Club's (AACC) first male president, elected for the 2026-2028 term. In the club's 20-year history, he is the sixth president, following five female leaders: Founder Betty Ann James, Joyce Allen, Regina Thomas, Wanda Valentine, and sister, Jocelyn Doucette.

EJ's election marks a significant new chapter for the organization. He is an active member of the AACC, having served as a chairperson for the 2024 Juneteenth event.

Born in Los Angeles on May 3, 1960, EJ moved at age two to East Orange, New Jersey, with his mother JoEllen and sister Jocelyn. His father, Earl Sr., is from Slidell, Louisiana, where the massive Doucette family is commemorated by a named road.

At age 25, EJ received a plane ticket from his father to visit California. This trip allowed him to reunite with his father after many years, along with thirteen other family members. He fell in love with California and moved in with his father, who gave him a car, and he began working part-time at an aunt's Video Depot business.

EJ began his professional career at the Kirk Paper Company in the City of Commerce, supplementing

his income by detailing the cars of the sales representatives. One rep., Phil Woo, saw EJ's potential, for being an "excellent salesman" and gifted him a book on salesmanship.

Inspired, EJ sought a sales role but was crushed when an HR representative explained the company would never hire any African Americans on their sales team. Having grown up in the diverse environment of New Jersey, this was his first direct experience with overt racism. Determined to be in sales, he found an ad for New York Life. He was immediately hired at age 27, receiving assistance for his insurance license and a two-year training salary. EJ has been successful as a licensed broker/owner for over 35 years.

EJ met his wife, Cissy, in Sacramento in 1993, marrying her two years later in 1995. The couple moved to Moreno Valley for better sales opportunities that same year. They have three adult children: a son, Shaiim, and two daughters, Tara and Jasmine. They purchased a home in Four Seasons in 2020.

The next AACC monthly meeting is on Monday, Jan. 5, at 6 pm in The Lodge Game Room. For more information, contact Club President, EJ Doucette at earl@theinsuranceprofessor.net. ~Regina Thomas



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## LIFE AFTER LOSS



### “Old Guidelines For a New Year”

As we bid farewell to 2025, the new year will be accompanied by the usual buzz of unrealistic resolutions, transformation stories, and the promise of a “new year and a new you.” But sadly, the experience of grief isn’t concerned about the movement of the calendar. The arrival of 2026 won’t magically erase the pain.

But what if we didn’t force change? What if we let ourselves navigate the coming year without the pressure of trying to become someone entirely new? Grief isn’t a straight line experience and the weight of our bereavement is part of who we are now. As we step into 2026, we don’t have to force transformation or have everything figured out. We grow alongside our grief, and our grief changes as we grow. So instead of setting resolutions this year, let’s turn our focus on the little things:

Get to Know Your Grief: Instead of pushing the fact of our loss away, try to get to know your grief. Give yourself permission to feel whatever comes up.

Celebrate the Little Wins: Even the smallest victories deserve a shout-out. Celebrate the little wins along your journey, whether it’s a productive day or just getting out of bed.

Find Your Support: Surround yourself with people who “get it.” Whether it’s friends, family, or a community like Life After Loss, having folks who understand can make a big difference.

Be Kind to Yourself: Be gentle with yourself as you navigate through the ups and downs in 2026.

Wherever you are in your grief journey is the normal place. This year, don’t worry about progress or resolutions. Take your grief journey one moment at a time and don’t forget to celebrate the little wins in life. You’ve got this, even if “this” changes day to day.

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

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

If you would like to join the group, please text/call Byron Thomsen beforehand at (909) 936-7097 or email him at byron.thomsen@yahoo.com. ~ *Byron Thomsen*



## THE GATHERING

Join your friends at Four Seasons on Sunday, Jan. 25, from 6 to 7 pm at The Courts for a time of praise in song as well as personal sharing focused on “The Heart of Worship,” led by a Four Season resident.

The Gathering hopes to provide an informal time of worship and teaching, focusing on more familiar hymns and choruses as well as inspirational teaching from God’s Word.

We look forward to seeing you there. If you have questions or need transportation, please call Julia Dobos at (626) 227-3295 or Kathie Sundstrom at (303) 903-6850. ~ *Julia Dobos*

## “BELIEVE ...” WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY

Hello 2026! As a Bible study class, we will begin our 14th year on Jan. 9 at 10:30 am in The Lodge Game Room. We will turn our Bible forward to the New Testament and the Book of Hebrews and will be studying this amazing book in depth. We will finish the year with the study of the Book of Revelation written by the Apostle John while he was exiled on the Island of Patmos. Although we studied both of these books several years ago, this study will be geared toward

thoughtful, in-class discussion. It is always a joy to revisit the pages we have previously studied, because there is always something new the Bible can teach us.

If any of you Four Seasons ladies are interested in joining us for this study, please put us on your calendar, bring any version of the Bible, and share time with us! ~ *Eileen Gilbert-Antoine, (951) 922-6829 or egcellent@msn.com*

# PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB

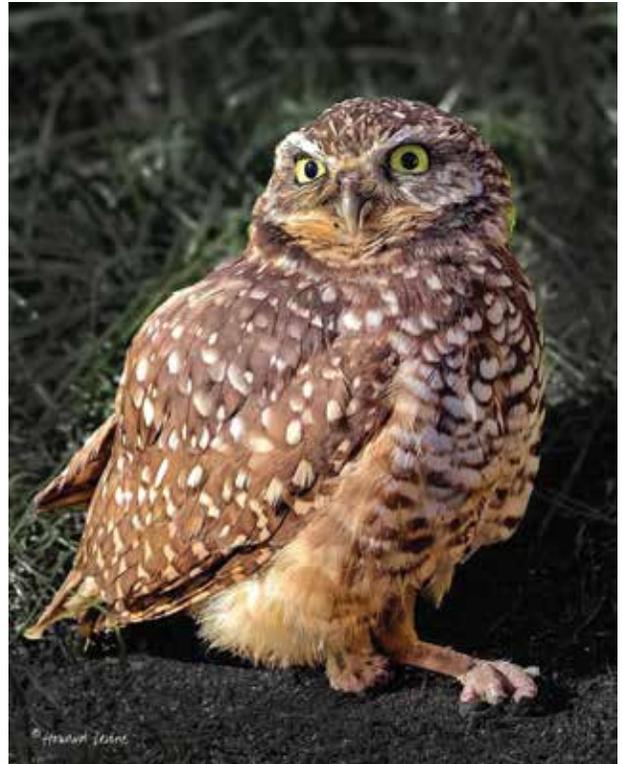
Happy New Year! We decided to go dark last month and rescheduled the presentation on photographing birds in their natural environment to this month. Join us to learn tips and tricks to get photos of birds, whether still or in action. We will follow up later in the month with a visit to the San Jacinto Wildlife Preserve which is home to many varieties of birds — herons, egrets, owls, hawks, ibis, and ducks, to name a few.

We will also review the photos taken on the November outing to the Living Desert.

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

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

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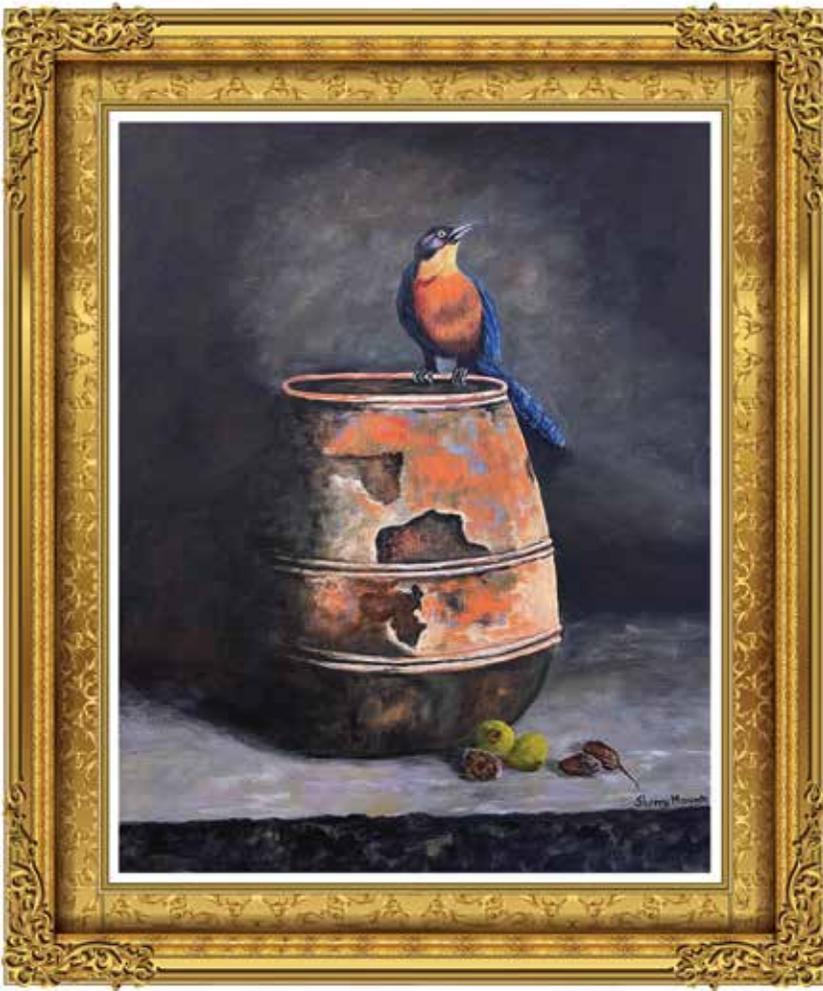
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## MIXED MEDIA ARTS

This is the perspective of the artist of the month, Sherry Mounts.

*“I recently spent six weeks touring beautiful New Mexico. The culture and beauty of the state make it a must see for anyone who enjoys travel. Its vibrant art scene is a paradise for art lovers. While there, we toured at least 40 galleries. I grew to love the rich beauty of their art that is influenced by their mountainous surroundings and Native American heritage. This painting is a result of the personal influence New Mexico had on me.”*

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

Happy 2026 New Year to our Four Seasons family. Please check out our new pieces created by our very talented ceramics artists. Everyone is welcome to our classes every Wednesday from 12 noon to 4 pm in our Arts & Crafts Room. Never say, “I can’t paint or don’t know how to pick colors.” If you don’t challenge yourself, then you

will never know the fun you are missing. We don’t just paint. We experiment with style, color, and various techniques. For more information, contact Loretta Ramsey at (714) 803-6744. Start the new year with new ideas! Looking forward to seeing you soon. ~ **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



Let's kick off the New Year by creating reusable, sustainable, and healthy handmade items — mandala rocks for the mind, soy candles for the body, and healing stone jewelry for the spirit. Each project is designed to support your well-being while helping you craft something beautiful and meaningful.

Crafting is more than a hobby — it's a powerful form of self-care. When you work with your hands, you tap into creativity, release stress, and nourish your whole self. Healthy Crafting is thoughtfully designed to refresh your mind, lift your spirit, and spark inspiration long after class is over.

Whether you love making jewelry, painting mandala rocks, or trying something new for the very first time, this class is for everyone. No experience is ever needed. All supplies and step-by-step instructions are included — just bring your excitement (and maybe a friend!).

One of the best parts of Healthy Crafting is the warm, welcoming community. You'll connect with others who appreciate handmade, eco-friendly projects, share ideas, learn new techniques, and leave with something you created with intention and joy.

So why not take a break from your usual routine? Come relax, get creative, and make something you'll truly love.

Join us for Healthy Crafting classes and experience the joy of mindful creation. To sign up, call Barb Toyama, owner of Banning Bath And Body, at (909) 855-3842 or sign up in The Lodge — the sheet is located on the credenza just outside the Theater. Class costs \$20 pp (\$10 for all materials + \$10 for instruction). We meet the first and third Tuesday of each month at 1 pm. Plus, as always, a handcrafted item made by Barb will be raffled off at the end of every class! Happy crafting, everyone. ~ *Barbara Toyama*

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## CRAFT GROUP

Beginner crafters don't need ideas, they need support to make projects ...and our class is just that! Beauty doesn't wait until you're "good enough." It shows up the moment you start creating from the heart.

Being a beginner doesn't mean your work has to look basic or boring. In fact, sometimes beginners create the most magical things — because they aren't weighed down by rules or overthinking.

When you follow simple steps, trust your hands, and stay open to the process, you'll be amazed at what unfolds. It won't look like anyone else's and that's what makes it beautiful.

Your first piece might be a little messy. It

might not turn out how you pictured. But it may also turn out WAY better than you expected! No matter what, it will be yours. And there is something deeply special about creating something that didn't exist before you brought it to life.

So yes ... even as a beginner, you can create something truly beautiful. And you might even discover that you are more capable and creative than you've ever given yourself credit for.

Join us on Thursday at 10 am in the Arts & Crafts Room to start the year with creative ideas and fun. If you have any questions, call me at (951) 486-1091. ~ *Christi Mason*

## QUILTING ENTHUSIASTS

Welcome to 2026! The Quilting Enthusiasts wish you all a very happy new year. This year is one of excitement and lots of planning for the quilt club. First, we are going to have a few classes for all who want to learn. I will post when the classes will be and what they are.

Second, we are having our Fourth Annual Quilt Show, with a stunning raffle quilt. The tickets will be available soon, and we hope to display the raffle quilt in The Lodge Lobby periodically throughout the year so that anyone and everyone can purchase a ticket. Watch for details in the Daily Report.

Jeri Sorensen, one of our members, was gifted some fabric with some block assembled. This is the "special quilt" she made from those blocks along with beautiful hand embroidery.

As always, we welcome all newbies, wannabes, and anyone who sews and/or quilts to our monthly meetings: The second Thursday at 1 pm in Arts & Crafts Room #2. The third Thursdays are our Sit 'n Sew, which we hope to "kick into gear" this next year. On our Sit 'n Sews any one can come and sew with us. Again, happiest of New Year to one and all. ~ *Mary M. Moody-Cox, (808) 430-7469, 4seasonsquilters@gmail.com*





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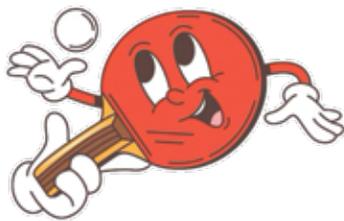
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## TABLE TENNIS



Happy New Year! Now's the time to put on your comfy shoes and jacket and head out for a walk. It's a time to reflect and to be thankful for all our blessings. It's an opportunity to think about what is important in our life. Maybe for some it's to make changes in our lifestyle, for example our health and exercise. Let's make an effort to move our bodies more. What do you say? You can do that in an energetic game of ping pong. Yes, I have a bias for this sport. I can't help it. I really like to play table tennis. I came across this thought provoking quote from the playwright Hillary DePiano: "You can get excited about the future; the past won't mind." And this next quote made me laugh: "You can sum up this sport in two words. You never know." Lou Duva, boxing promoter.

In 2025, we had several new players. The photos feature three of them. They learn fast and have developed their own individual skills. Each player is unique in their serves, returning the ball and playing with their doubles partner. In the photos they are playing doubles.

My personal quotes are: "Let's have a ball. Time to serve some fun — are you ready?" Let's play ping pong!  
See you Monday through Saturday from 2 to 4 pm at The Courts. ~ **Mary Baer**, [baerhuggy@icloud.com](mailto:baerhuggy@icloud.com)



*Scot is serious about playing ping pong.*      *Frank is our most recent player and is learning fast.*      *Mel (right) is focused and determined to play well. Paco has played for many years.*

Thank you for the energy, sportsmanship, and community you bring to the court. Wishing you a year filled with great shots, good health, and plenty of paddle-powered fun.

Cheers to an amazing year ahead — let's play hard and enjoy every moment. ~ **Lizzie Gallegos**, [ecgallegos@outlook.com](mailto:ecgallegos@outlook.com)



## PADDLE TENNIS

Happy New Year, Paddle Tennis family! As we step into a brand new year, here's to fresh rallies, cleaner volleys, and games that push us to play our best. May your serves be sharp, your teamwork strong, and your love for the sport grow with every match.

## BEAUMONT BAGGERS CORNHOLE GROUP

Beaumont Bagger Cornhole Group has enjoyed a year of fun cornhole games, great conversations and laughs. We have embraced our change of venue to The Lodge grassy area and will continue to play our games out there next season.

We have suspended play for the winter months but look forward to seeing all of our legends, along with new friends, when we start our season in May. Please keep updated with our *Breeze* article and the Activities Blast as to our start date and time.

Make your new years resolution to join us! No cost, no equipment and no prior experience is needed. ~ **Pat Barry**



*Allen Koblin and Bob Dalton*



*Debbie Jenkins and Jim Chappel*



*John Barry and Wetto Gambino*



Scott, Lou, Sandra, Howard, and Yana showing off our cute pickleball wreath.



(L-R) Dyann Miller (Communications), David Martin (Event Coordinator), Nancy Hessin (Instructor), Bob Mendenhall (Co-chairperson), Nancy Ginnetti (Member at large), Maggie Domico (Treasurer), and Carol Ward (Secretary/Purchasing)

## PICKLEBALL

Happy New Year to you and yours! Can you believe we are already at the start of another trip around the sun? Wow!

Last year was a fantastic year of growth and competition for our awesome club, and we are so excited to see what 2026 has in store for us.

The promise of the New Year is a perfect time for us to reflect, renew, and set some goals. I know I always do. Part of my goal-setting involves appreciating where we live — the beautiful surroundings — and especially those fantastic pickleball courts.

**A Hearty Thanks to the Heart of the Club** This is also the perfect time to show some sincere appreciation for the people leading our club: our incredible Steering Committee. They are truly the beating heart of the pickleball experience. Think about it:

- The fun tournaments? They make them happen.
- The lively social gatherings? Not without them.
- The new balls that magically appear on the courts? They purchased and rolled them out.

These are just a few of the crucial behind-the-scenes activities we often take for granted. This committee dedicates its time to keeping our club amazing and our courts humming with activity.

The photo of your 2026 Steering Committee is above at right, so



you'll know who to thank with a high-five when you see them on the courts.

Special shout-out to Marty Key, our decorating dynamo.

If you notice that our court fence always looks festive when you walk in, you have one person to thank: Marty Key.

Marty makes sure we are always decorated for the holidays, no matter the time of year. She did it again, with her fun Christmas décor. The photo of them with the very cute pickleball wreath is above at left, so you can see her festive touch.

Thanks so much for bringing that extra sparkle to our club, Marty.

I hope your holidays were absolutely wonderful, but I'm just so excited for the new year. I hope you are too.

Let's have some awesome play, tons of laughs, and, most of all, let's keep the spirit of fun and great sportsmanship high this year. See you on the courts, and get ready for an amazing 2026! ~ **Shelley Allard**, [shelleyallard@gmail.com](mailto:shelleyallard@gmail.com)



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## 4X4 SEASONS

Welcoming a New Year – and New Trails!

As this past year drew to a close, our 4x4 group looked back on a season packed with adventure, exploration, and unforgettable memories. From kicking up dust in Ocotillo Wells to cruising the scenic routes of Borrego Springs, our rigs — and our members — met every challenge with enthusiasm. Each outing strengthened our skills and deepened our appreciation for the incredible off-road terrain we're lucky to have in our own backyard.

In addition to Bee Canyon, the Salton Sea, and the Bradshaw Trail, our wheels also took us farther afield this past year, carving tracks further north in Pismo Beach. But as always, it wasn't just the destinations that made these trips special, it was the camaraderie. During those shared moments, our group continued to build the

friendships that define who we are.

Looking ahead, we're gearing up for an exciting start to the new year. A group expedition to Death Valley is already in the works for this upcoming spring, and we're scouting new trails that promise fresh challenges and scenic rewards. If you've been thinking about joining, now is the perfect time. Whether you're new to off-roading or a seasoned trail veteran, we welcome you to be part of our next chapter of exploration and adventure. Our meetings are on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm in the RCN Conference Room, and we usually schedule an outing for Thursday of the same week. We hope you can join us. ~ **Scott D. Snyder**, [scottdonaldsnyder@gmail.com](mailto:scottdonaldsnyder@gmail.com)



## TOPS

After a month or more of holiday decorating and eating, it was time to put away those habits and get rid of that dried out tree, if you had one. It was also time to shed those extra pounds that creep on with Hanukkah and Christmas snacking. So to help us do that, members of TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) are making a small holiday contest tree. There will be no big winner except for the loss of that holiday weight.

Each member received a small tree, which they divvied into sections, one for each pound added in November, December and January. For each pound shed in the next few meetings, a star will decorate the tree. When the tree is full it can be torn up and discarded.

You may find that a group like TOPS can help you as well.

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

## LADIES PUTTERS



Unfortunately, the colder weather this past month caused us to cancel several putting days, but that didn't stop us from celebrating our season with our annual Holiday Party and Putting Awards. We'll provide a recap in next month's *Breeze*. Our new season will start in January 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 the Ladies Putting Group 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*



*The time change and cooler weather didn't deter these gals from coming out and putting.*

*On one cold November morning, Ladies Putting Group groundskeepers, Phyllis and Elaine gave it their best shot, but the 50° weather and the wind got the best of them.*



*After we complete our regular rounds, our "Closest to the pin without going in" competition gives each gal the chance to putt from 30' to a designated hole. Recently, Claudia's putt looked great until it stopped a mere 3" from the hole. Unfortunately, the "designated" hole she was aiming at was the one on the right with the flag.*

## FISHING GROUP

I hope everyone had a great Christmas and a very happy New Year. My wonderful wife gave me a custom fishing rod for my Christmas present. I had to get a fishing reel that matched the rod. I will let you know in the next article if I catch any trout with my new fishing rod and reel.

I mentioned in my last article that I was going fishing with my friends and a fishing guide at Diamond Valley Lake. I have a picture showing Eddie, Jessie, and me with some of the fish we caught on that guided trip. We caught a total of 24 fish in the boat. Needless to say, we lost a few; however, that means the next time we go, there will still be fish in the lake to catch. Eddie hooked a fish that bent his rod in half and he ended up losing the fish. It would have probably weighed 25 pounds or more.

In my next article, I will tell you how we are doing catching trout. I expect this year to be an excellent trout season. I will also give you the phone number of a fishing guide that we found to be the best in the area. With this guide, all you have to do is show up at the lake, and he will provide everything you need for a wonderful fishing experience. I will also give you the number of a guy who builds custom fishing rods. He does excellent work and is very reasonable

with the price of his rods.

Tight lines to all my fishing friends, and remember to go fishing. You may find that you will have the best time of your life when you are out fishing with good friends. ~ *Richard Carrasco, ricarrasco52@gmail.com*

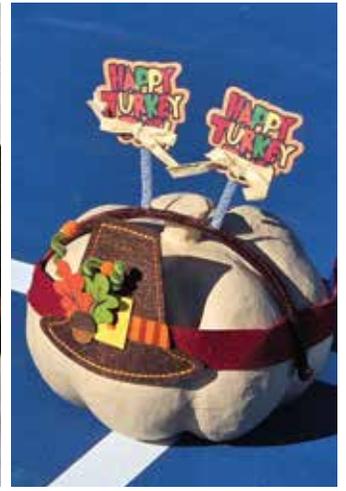


*Eddie, Jessie, and Richard with the fish they caught at Diamond Valley Lake right after Thanksgiving.*

Alex hits the winning shot.



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## TENNIS CLUB

"If at first you don't succeed, try, try, again. Then quit. No use being a damn fool about it." ~ W.C. Fields. But when nobody can succeed, change the rules. So, that's what we did at our Thanksgiving Play Day and Fun (?) Day. After more than an hour-and-a-half of tennis, we had some refreshments and then some skills contests. The first one was trying to hit any of seven targets, including a fake pumpkin dressed as a pilgrim, placed on the court across from the players. After three rounds of everyone missing everything, though there were some "ooohs" after near misses, we changed the rules and moved the hitters closer to the targets. Still no winners. Eventually, all seven targets were smushed together, and Alex Castanon got the first win and broke a turkey target. More winners followed him and were rewarded with Lotto Scratchers, tennis pouches, or racquet dampeners. A couple of other contests attracted a few players, but mostly people went back to eat again.

On Saturday, Jan. 17, we have the Tennis Club's Annual Dinner and Meeting. We will be back in The Courts Multipurpose Room with catering by Johnny Russo. At the meeting, 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. Prior to the meeting, club members can pay their 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.

Jan. 3 is the deadline for registration for the Annual Dinner and Meeting. There is no charge for dues-paying Club members. Non-member guests may attend for \$25. Email Stan Lam to register.

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 begins at 9 am during the winter months. Winter hours for The Courts are 7 am to 8 pm. ~ Steve Hovey (951) 712-5319, [sahovey47@hotmail.com](mailto:sahovey47@hotmail.com)



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## SHUFFLEBOARD

We've 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. 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](mailto:mrtmj@aol.com)

## BOCCE BALL

Bocce Ball is played on Tuesday and Friday at 9 am at The Summit. We continue to have good turnouts as we head into the winter season. If you are interested in learning the game, come join us. No previous experience is needed. Any questions, please contact me at (840) 234-6494 or email [hanknegrete16@yahoo.com](mailto:hanknegrete16@yahoo.com). ~ **Hank Negrete**



## WATER VOLLEYBALL CLUB

The temperature might be dropping outside, but inside at The Summit the water is warm, and the volleyball competition is hot! We began our indoor season in November with play on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday from 10 am to 12 noon.

We held its annual holiday party in The Lodge Ballroom. This year's event had a Hawaiian theme with Polynesian food and drinks, as well as island games. Everyone who attended had a great time and a big thanks to DJ Dave Rohrbacker for acting as our Master of Ceremonies.



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 is shallower. Everyone is welcome and beginners especially enjoy the indoor experience. You don't need to be a member of the club to participate, and all ages, heights, and skill levels can enjoy the fun. For more information, contact Craig Korotko at [Korotko@msn.com](mailto:Korotko@msn.com). ~ **Craig Korotko**

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## SPIN & SLAM

By popular demand, we have resurrected the Spin and Slam Table Tennis Club, which is a morning gathering of ping pong enthusiasts who understand the excellent physical benefits of the sport, and the rules and regulations that govern enjoyable and successful play. Some participants in the Spin and Slam Club have been playing table tennis for decades and many, while growing up, had tables in their garages or basements. As in other racket sports such as pickleball or paddle tennis, there are specific rules that govern the legal method of serving a table tennis ball. Below is a refresher course on the proper way to serve:

"A legal recreational ping pong serve requires you to toss the ball up at least 6 inches from a flat, open palm (see illustration inset), strike it as it falls behind



the end line of the table, ensuring it bounces on your side first, then the opponent's (cross-court in doubles), all while keeping the ball visible. Key points are the open palm toss at least six inches, vertical throw, behind the table contact, and ball visibility."

Table Tennis has been proven to be an excellent sport for seniors, particularly its positive impact on hand/eye coordination, intense concentration, and quick reflexes. The Spin and Slam Club meets on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays at 10:30 am at The Courts. For those of you who haven't played in decades, there are plenty of spare paddles and balls at your disposal.

See you at The Courts. ~ **Bob Rubenstein**, [brube88@gmail.com](mailto:brube88@gmail.com)

## CURLY CUES BILLIARDS

Welcome to the great New Year of 2026! We hope everyone had a wonderful holiday and those New Year's resolutions have been made to include playing in the Curly Cues group. We are a ladies-only group playing Mondays from 11 am to 1 pm. No experience is necessary and all levels are welcomed; we always have fun and enjoy the companionship. Hope to see you in the Billiards Room!

As you see in the picture, we do enjoy having fun. This picture is from our holiday luncheon in December.

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

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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 Billiards 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 start your New Year! Wild Bunch Billiards is looking forward to having those who are serious and competitive billiards players join us. You don't have to be the best player, just a player who wants to improve their game in a more competitive setting and have fun at the same time. The

Wild Bunch plays on Fridays from 12 to 3 pm. Come join in the stimulation of competitive play.

Looking forward to seeing you. ~ **Gracy Luna, [gracyluna@aol.com](mailto: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**





## DOMINOES

Our club certainly felt the holiday spirit and we chose to end this year in a merry way. During November and December, we hosted a few sets with delicious food, tasty beverages, and very festive music. We had a ball! Great fun, camaraderie, and fellowshiping was had by all who came out.

Our club continues to thrive even as we experience changes. We have lost some veteran members and gained new members over the past few years. Still, we welcome more players, whether new to the game or experienced, to come out and play dominoes with us on Wednesday and Friday evenings. We offer joyful, fun-filled sets where players match their wits and gaming styles while attempting to “domino” — or play their last bone before other players can. There is strategy involved, especially for more competitive players. Still, we can enjoy and do offer



relaxing sets where the aim is playing the game, win or lose.

Shout-out to our rotating deejays, Pete Antoine, Frank Turner, and Roxanne Williams, for regularly providing the soulful and rousing music at our gaming sessions. The music truly adds to the mellow vibes. Also, shout-out to those players who bring out treats for us to enjoy, keep score during each play, help out with clean up and closing each set; and to Jesse Dimmer, Reggie Fuqua, and Pete Antoine for continually keeping the club together.

Last, but not least, shout-out to all the players who come out “rain or shine” to support us and have a great time!

So, come on out and join us for an enjoyable evening “slamming bones.” The Dominoes Club plays every Wednesday and Friday from 6 until 9 pm in the Game Room. Novice players are encouraged to come out on Wednesday and Friday from 5 to 6 pm 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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## 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 who likes a more competitive style of Bridge. It takes 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 Friday in the RCN and on the second, fourth, and fifth Friday 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](mailto:Kinderbear@msn.com) or Linda Supernaw at [Supernaw4@sbcglobal.net](mailto: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*

# UPTOWN DIVAS BID WHIST

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

# 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](mailto: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](mailto:Terryhall005@gmail.com). ~  
*Terry Hall*

# PAN

We are looking for players, substitute players, and people who are interested in learning the game. I am happy to teach anyone who wishes to learn to play Pan, either individually or in a small group — your home or mine. Pan is a card game, much on the order of Gin in some respects, that is played with up to eight people at a table. It is played by both men and women, so all are welcome. The game is played during the day or in the evening in The Lodge or at a private home. If you are interested, please contact Linda Mendelson at (951) 941-9100 or email [Goldtoy@earthlink.net](mailto: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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LAST MONTH'S JOKE



## YOUR COMMENTS

- I'm joining. I have a secret talent. Scot S.*
- It was hilarious! Too bad it isn't true. Tony G.*
- What a great sense of humor and imagination! Shelley M.*
- Merry Christmas to all! Bob B.*
- I'm ready to join them. Mikelyn B.*
- I love the Breeze and the Four Seasons community, Happy Holidays to you all and God bless you! Linda K.*

THIS MONTH'S WINNER:

**TONY GREICIUS**

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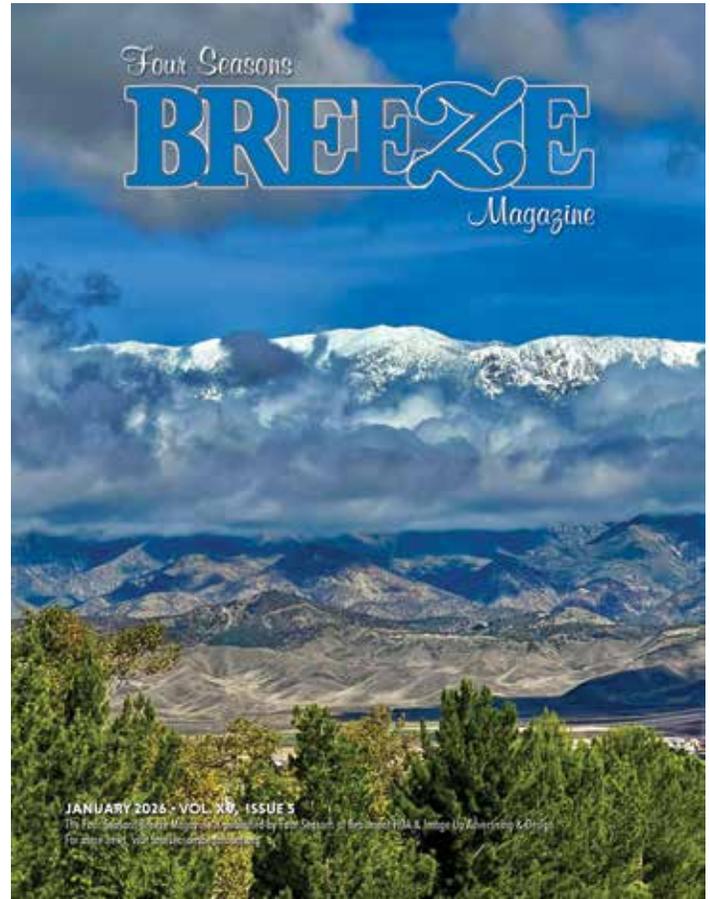
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