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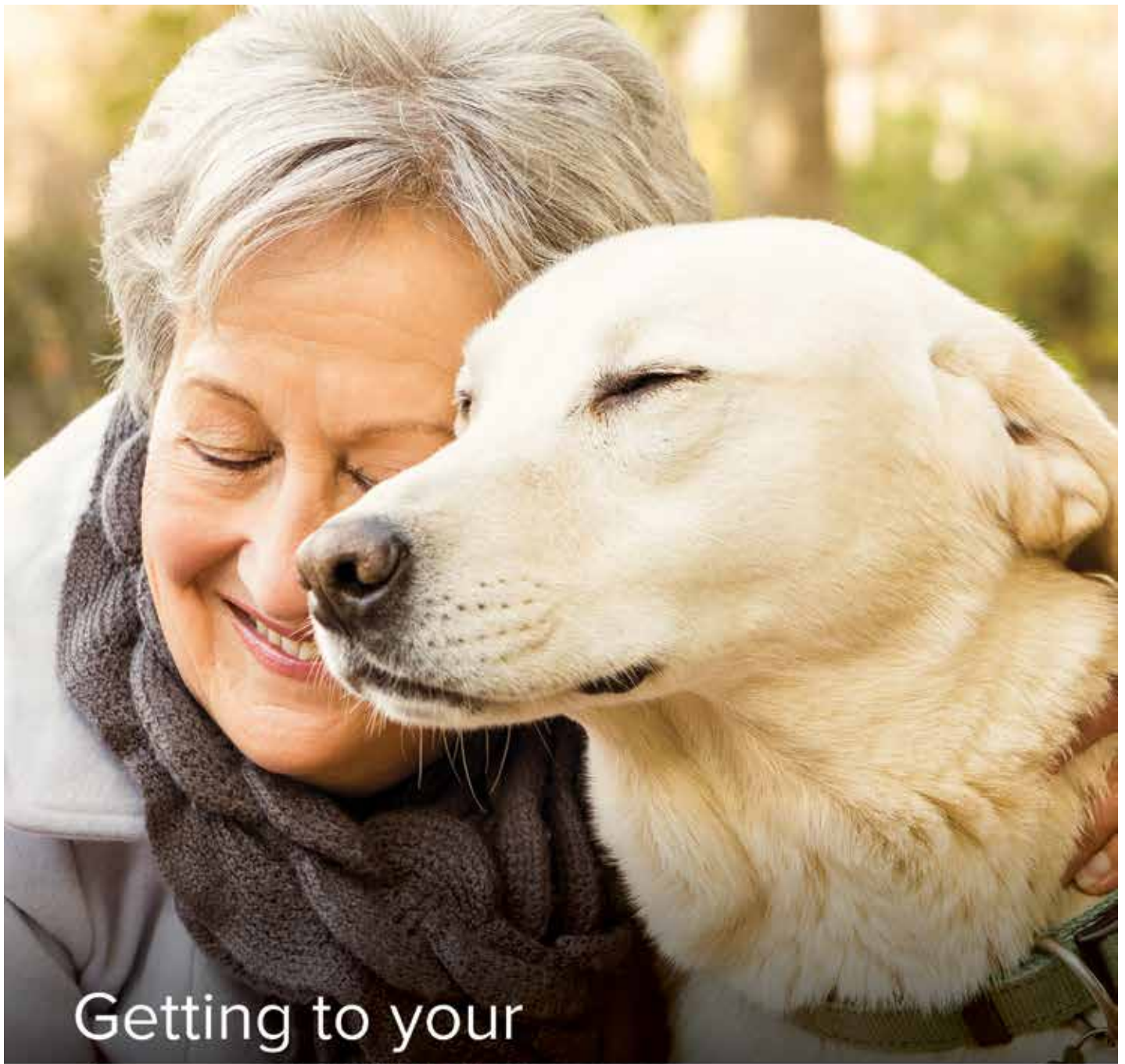
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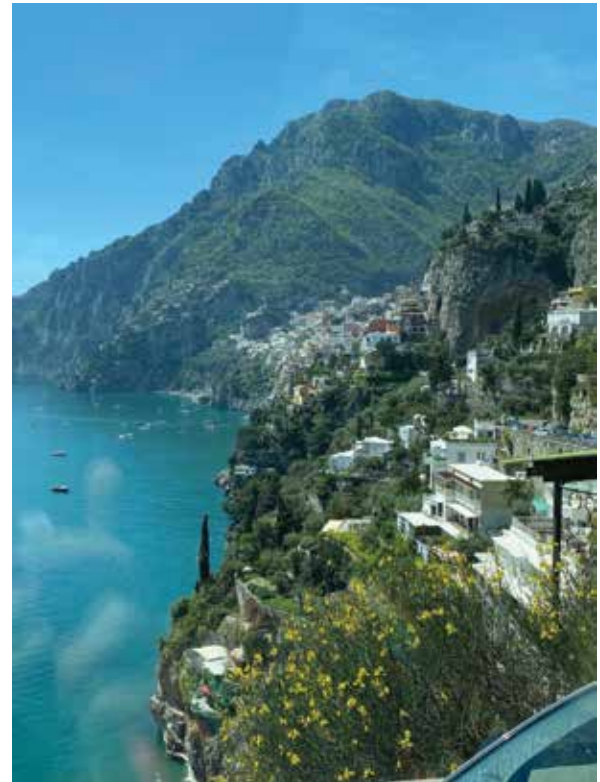
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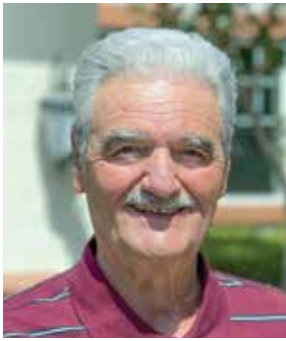
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# MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

*By Jerry Monahan, Board President*

Happy New Year to all our residents. May 2023 be a healthy and safe year for all of us here at Four Seasons.

Our new HOA dues go into effect on Jan. 1, 2023, so if you use automatic payment through your bank, please make the necessary adjustments if you have not done so already. The amounts for the dues in the Master Plan, Front Yard Cost Center, and the three plans for the Springdales have been listed in the Daily Report. For additional information, contact our management company at the RCN.

HOA dues for 2023 are as follows:

- Master Plan: \$268 per month
  - Front Yard Cost Center: \$268 + \$76 = \$344
- Springdales by Plan
- Plan 1: \$268 + \$122.90 = \$390.90
  - Plan 2: \$268 + \$133.47 = \$401.47
  - Plan 3: \$268 + \$152.01 = \$420.01

The fees have gone up and reflect the increased costs the Association will pay for our service contracts, insurance on our facilities, landscaping needs, utilities, and general maintenance. The budget was prepared by the Finance Committee and Board of Directors that was finalized after a thorough review, often line by line, to minimize costs. By the time the January *Breeze* magazine is in your mailbox, our Annual Budget will have been delivered as well.

The Board of Directors are very sad to say that during November one of our sitting Board members, David Sweet, passed away after a struggle with cancer. David was a valuable member of the Board and participated in reviews, voting, and Zoom meetings until just before he passed away. David's passing was a great loss to his loving family, but also to his Four Seasons family who loved and respected him. Our prayers go out to David and his family as he starts his way home and is at peace and no longer in pain. Semper Fi Marine.

The Board was fortunate enough to identify a very qualified and experienced replacement for the Board of Directors. Claudia Rozzi was selected by the Board of Directors to complete David's term, and she accepted the position. Claudia has extensive experience in contracts, and was Chair of our Finance Committee among other volunteer areas serving Four Seasons. Thank you Claudia for accepting the position.

The Board of Directors meet on the second Thursday of each month in The Lodge Ballroom. Our next meeting will be Thursday, Jan. 13, 2023.

We also have an informal meeting at the RCN Building on the third Wednesday of each month where residents can discuss topics and ask questions of the Board members in attendance. During an informal session Board members respond and participate in a question and answer period the more formal sessions do not permit.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at (951) 212-8898 or at [jmonahan.fsb@gmail.com](mailto:jmonahan.fsb@gmail.com).

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## GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

**Association Dues** Please make sure if you use your bank's online bill pay to update the amounts for the new 2023 Association Dues. The Master Association -is now \$268. The Front Yard Cost Center (FYCC) is \$76 + \$268 for a total of \$344.

Springdales	2023 Base	Total Base + Master
Plan 1	\$122.90	\$390.90
Plan 2	\$133.47	\$401.47
Plan 3	\$152.01	\$420.01

We sent the budget information out at the end of November as well. There were some questions as to why we mail the budget information out each year. The reason we mail it out instead of using electronic deliveries is that California Civil Code requires all Associations to mail out their budgets each year.

**Community Awareness** While hanging holiday lights at the end of November, we had to close down some roundabouts for a short period of time. In speaking with drivers to re-direct them, I was surprised by the number of owners who were unfamiliar driving through the community streets if it was not the way they normally went to a gate or The Lodge. I would strongly suggest owners drive through the community in the daytime to see how to get out of the community different ways, and then do that again once dark. Being familiar with egress routes in an emergency takes preparation before an emergency.

**Slow Down** 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. Please slow down and drive responsibly. If you are a pedestrian, use the sidewalks. Thank you. ~ Eric Zarr, [eric.zarr@fsresidential.com](mailto:eric.zarr@fsresidential.com), (909) 991-8337

## Meetings

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Executive Session  
General Session  
Committee Chairs

### DAY

1/12  
1/12  
1/9

### TIME

9a  
1p  
10a

### COMMITTEES

Architectural Review  
Community Planning  
Emergency Prep (EPC)  
Facilities  
Finance  
Landscape  
Safety  
Social

### DAY

1/2, 16  
1/19  
1/11  
1/11  
1/31  
1/17  
1/3  
1/3

### TIME

8:30a  
See Daily Rep  
10:30a  
9a  
1p  
1p  
10a  
1p

### SUB-BOARDS

Canine Corral Council  
Communications Board  
Technical Operations Board

1/2  
1/9, 2/1

10a  
10a

TBD - see Daily Rep.

## PHOTO ASSIGNMENT

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If you have a favorite picture that makes your heart sing, whether it's with your partner from a first date to a wedding or with your lovable pet, we would love for you to share it with our readers. Please have a caption along with the picture. Email it to [FourSeasonsNews@yahoo.com](mailto:FourSeasonsNews@yahoo.com) and, if you have any questions, please call Courtney Taylor at (909) 797-3647. The pictures will appear in the February issue of the Breeze. The deadline is Jan. 6 to submit.



# Activities Director Corner

By Cindy Graves

January is the month of new beginnings and, if possible, reassessment of where you should put your energy. How about making this a new season for new interests and meaningful investments? We will be hosting several events this month that will help you explore opportunities for this exciting new year. Mark Saturday, Jan. 28 from 10 am to 1 pm on your calendar for the Committee, Club, and Group Fair in the Ballroom. As far as meaningful investments, very few things rank as high as seeing your valuable input and expertise come to fruition in a project that truly benefits the whole community. One of the main reasons that this Four Seasons community has consistently ranked the number one active-adult community in Southern California is because our wonderful residents who give back to the community to make it a better place. You are a treasure trove of resources for committees providing new ideas, new energies, and community unity through the relationships you build while working together. Be sure to stop by on Jan. 28 to talk to the folks representing the various committees. After you're done with that, go explore some of the many Clubs and Groups to see what piques your interests, like Art Classes, Photography Club, Billiards, Tennis, Quilting, and Crafting to name just a few.

If fitness is your focus this year, check out the Fitness Expo on Jan. 14 from 9 am to 12 noon in the Ballroom. "For-The-Health-of-it" will explain and demonstrate the various classes they offer, like Kickboxing, Conditioning Class, Zumba, and Yoga. You'll have a chance to determine what classes might be the best match for your particular goals and get a chance to meet the wonderful instructors.

If fun and entertainment tickle your fancy, then don't miss the ever-popular Gail Games with everybody's favorite emcee Gail Lindeboom

on Friday, Jan. 13 at 6 pm in the Ballroom. This month she'll be hosting the Four Seasons version of Password. There will be prizes and tons of laughter! Bring a friend or come by yourself and enjoy the evening. Everyone is welcome and there is no price for admittance. You can't find a better deal!

Karaoke will be on Saturday, Jan. 21 at 5 pm. How about making this the year you boldly have Dave Rohrbacker help you to sing Karaoke? This kind audience (your neighbors) are the perfect nurturing and encouraging folks to enable you to get up in front of people and sing your heart out. Who knows? You may be the next Dave Rohrbacker. Dave was not always the spotlight star that we see today. It was only a couple years ago that he took a chance and tried it and, lo and behold, here he is today! Give it go and remember that liquid courage seems to be helpful in the process.

If travel is your passion, the Travel Club is holding a Travel Expo in the Ballroom on Jan. 21 from 10 am to 2 pm. Joni and Irene the leaders of the group have invited all kinds of travel vendors to come and share their best travel deals with you. You'll find some great travel opportunities both near and far. Come on over and check it!

If crafting is your big thrill and you love to make things you'd like to sell at the Spring Craft Boutique, then be sure to mark your calendar for Wednesday, Jan. 25 at 6 pm for the MANDATORY Craft Vendor meeting. We will have an orientation and a lottery to draw for table space for the March 11 Craft Boutique. All residents who desire a table need to either come themselves or send a representative to pull a table number in the lottery. Hope to see you there.

Happy January and best wishes picking out your new meaningful pursuits!

## Mark Your Calendars!

### GAIL GAMES

Friday, Jan. 13, 6 pm, in The Lodge Ballroom

### FITNESS EXPO

Saturday, Jan. 14, 10 am in The Lodge Ballroom

### CLUB & COMMITTEE FAIR

Saturday, Jan. 28 at 10 am in The Lodge Ballroom

### TRAVEL EXPO

Saturday, Jan. 21, 10 am to 2 pm in The Lodge Ballroom

### MANDATORY CRAFT FAIR VENDOR MTG

Wednesday, Jan. 25, 6 pm in The Lodge Ballroom

## DID YOU KNOW?

**DID YOU KNOW** we will be hosting our annual Committee Fair on Saturday, Jan. 28 at 10 am in The Lodge Ballroom? Running a community this size would be absolutely impossible without the hard work and dedication of our resident volunteers. Has there been an area of management you feel is lacking within our community? Make real changes, first hand, by attending our upcoming Committee Fair.

**DID YOU KNOW** the digital *Breeze* is available on the first week of every month from the Daily Report? By clicking on "View it Here," you can access the *Breeze* magazine from anywhere and watch any digital YouTube links that may have been embedded on correlated articles. Hope you had a chance to experience this on last December's digital issue when Four Seasons residents presented their version of a Thriller Flash Mob Dance for the Spooktacular's event. You can always view the current *Breeze* as well as past issues on the publisher's website at [imageup.uberflip.com](http://imageup.uberflip.com)

# Busy Bees: Spotlight on Anita Worthen

By Andi Henderson

After retirement, many people search for a volunteering opportunity since they have extra time, or because they want to continue helping and being a part of their community. But Anita Worthen found that one or two (or three) opportunities weren't enough. She found four positions where she could continue serving others.

One of her longest volunteer positions is 10 years as the Neighborhood Watch and Community Awareness chairperson. She began doing this with a team, but it didn't take long to be in charge. Neighborhood Watch is a national organization which sponsors National Night Out once a year with state and local politicians, first responders, local police forces, CHP, nearby city managers, mayors, and other dignitaries.

Programs are presented to the Four Seasons community monthly concerning community and Four Seasons topics. Anita feels that as a single person with a house that backs onto Highland Springs, being familiar with Banning and Beaumont police is self-preservation. It is also a

wonderful way for people to get to know their neighbors and to be informed.

Another of her positions is being the head of Veterans EXPO Service for Family and Friends. The next EXPO will be held Jan. 21, 2023, at the Beaumont City Hall. Many different agencies will set up informational booths such as the Riverside Department of Aging, food services such as Carol's Kitchen, the Volunteer Police (CVP), and many, many others.

She is the Community Ambassador appointed by the City of Beaumont as a liaison between city, county, and state. In this position she finds herself often dispelling rumors that get started. She is part of the San Geronio Pass Transportation group which enables vets to get transportation to the nearest VA hospital. As chair of this group she is working on a possible commuter link with the RTA.

Why does she do all of these things? "Because I want to be in a position where I can serve when I can. My motto as LOVE."



## What is a QR Code?

Among other changes that have been brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic has been the further adoption of QR codes. You may be asking yourself, "What is a QR Code?" A QR code is a graphical representation of digital data that can be printed and then later scanned by either a smartphone or other device. This digital data can be a website link or even multimedia content.

The origins of the QR code date back to 1994 when they were invented by a company in Japan. Its purpose was tracking automotive parts and replaced the need to have several barcodes on boxes, with each needing to be scanned separately. Since then, QR codes have been adopted for a wide range of uses including entertainment and transport ticketing, product and loyalty marketing, commercial tracking, and in-store labeling.

In the wake of the COVID-19 Pandemic, QR codes have begun to be used as a "touchless" way to provide updated consumer information or display menus, being heavily used in the hospitality industry. You may have noticed that the last time you went out to eat that there was a QR code to view the restaurant's menu or even to pay the bill.

So how do you use a QR Code? This has become quite simple in

recent years with adoptions in the smartphone industry. All you need to do is pick up your phone, open your camera app, point your camera at the QR Code, and click on the link.

So now that you know how to use a QR code be on the lookout for opportunities to try out your new skills with a code somewhere in the *Breeze* magazine and even on potential future flyers. ~ **Justin Bardos**



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# BANNING WAREHOUSE UPDATE

*By Jerry Monahan, Board President*

I have been in contact with the Pass Action Group about an update on their efforts to reverse the approval of the Banning Point Warehouse. PAG Representative Randy Robbins has stated the legal process is continuing, and as reported in last month's *Breeze* article, their brief is due to Judge Reimer on Dec. 9, 2022. The next step would be the City of Banning and Creation Equity brief due to Judge Reimer on Feb. 7, 2023.

The legal filings and responses take a lot of preparation and time for PAG's legal committee and their attorneys.

Fundraising is continuing for the legal fees and other necessary

expenses. If you would like to donate to this effort to reverse the approval of the Banning Point Warehouse, you can send checks to the Pass Action Group at 4832 Crenshaw Circle in Banning, California 92220.

Online donations can be made at [www.givebutter.com/passactiongroupbanning](http://www.givebutter.com/passactiongroupbanning).

The Pass Action Group's Board of Directors thank all who have supported and continue to support the efforts to overturn the warehouse proposal. They also wish all of our residents a happy and safe 2023.



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# Meet the Volunteers of the Architectural Review Committee

**By Steve Cooley**

Interested Four Seasons homeowners are welcome to serve on the Architectural Review Committee. Our skill requirements and background knowledge are probably the simplest to meet. All that is required is an ability and willingness to review all applications with an open mind and attempt to apply the Architectural Review Guidelines in a fair and impartial manner.

We meet twice a month and our meetings last from one to three hours, with one and a half hours the most common. In addition, each committee member is asked to review a few completed projects to verify that they have been completed as applied for.

The time requirement varies depending on how many reviews need to be done and how much time the committee members want to spend talking to the homeowners. I'll admit sometimes I hit it off with the homeowner and spend way too much time talking about everything other than their project.

Here are some comments from our members on why they volunteer and the benefits they receive from their service.

**Steve Cooley - Chair:** When I moved to Four Seasons Beaumont, I was relocating from another state and didn't know anyone. My thoughts were to find some place to meet people. As I looked for committees that I thought I might be interested in, a Board member coerced me to take a position on ARC.

I have met some great people who serve and have served on the ARC committee, and I have met dozens of residents. My initial goal of meeting people was met.

Since moving to Beaumont, I have served as a member of the Board of Directors for the San Gorgonio Hospital and for several years as a member and chair of the Beaumont City Audit and Finance Committee.

However, my most rewarding volunteering is done on the Architectural Review Committee. I continue to serve for the opportunity ARC gives me to help my neighbors find ways to improve their homes and stay within the established guidelines. While our guidelines are not onerous, there are rules that must be followed to ensure continuity of design in our community. I feel a great sense of accomplishment when I help a homeowner find an alternative that makes them happy and meets the guidelines.

**Eileen Escobedo - Vice Chair:** My volunteering started when my husband endured and survived two bouts of leukemia in the mid '80s. I volunteered for the Hospice of Pasadena for over 10 years. I am an avid reader so helping others to have new experiences through reading made it easy for me to start volunteering as an Adult Literacy Tutor in the 1990s. I am currently tutoring adult literacy for Beaumont Library District.

When I moved to Four Seasons, I retired from the electric sign industry after being in sales and project management for several decades. The Architectural Review Committee seemed to fit with the knowledge I had gained such as reading architectural plans and obtaining permits. It was also a way to get to know my neighbors and this community.

My newest venture into volunteering is that of a volunteer for the Beaumont Police Department as a CVP – Citizen Volunteer Patrol.

This has proven to be a great way to get to know our city and the brave men and women of our police department. Ultimately, volunteering has always been a way for me to give thanks for the blessings I have enjoyed throughout my life.

**Denise Fleming – Member:** I volunteer to better my community and stay connected with others. I looked for an area that I was familiar with and could offer assistance. Being a volunteer is a great way to strengthen my bond in my community and work with like-minded people.

My skill set brought me to the ARC committee and I enjoy working with the membership. We talk through the applications making sure each applicant can achieve the goals they set out to accomplish per the HOA guidelines. Plus, being a part of our community can give you a sense of social connection and belonging, alleviating stress and feelings of loneliness.

**Allen Koblin - Member:** Why did I volunteer to be a member of the ARC Committee? Rather than get philosophical, let me just say that it has provided me the opportunity to meet many of our neighbors while creating a very good feeling knowing that you are helping our neighbors stay in compliance with the guidelines as they improve the condition of their homes.

**Bernard Newcomer - Member:** A little over four years ago my wife, MJ, and I took our first walk in the neighborhood to get ideas for our new home. Each home and yard was a pleasing expression of the people who lived there. I realized that there was a reason that things looked so nice. Our new neighbors were like-minded in their pride of ownership and in living within the HOA Architectural Guidelines they agreed to years prior.

Earlier this year after my retirement, I was sitting in the Architectural Review Committee meeting waiting for my front yard landscaping request to be approved, when I was asked if I'd be interested in serving on the committee. Having experience in DIY home renovation and landscaping, volunteering seemed like a fun way to give back to our community.

In this role, I've made new friendships, had fun, and have been exposed to how the committee helps our neighbors achieve their desire for a beautiful home and community.

**Zsuzanna Vincze - Member:** I have been impressed with the kindness of my neighbors since the day I moved to Four Seasons two years ago. I am also very appreciative of the information published in the *Breeze* and the Daily Report.

Reading the monthly management, committee, and activity sponsor updates inspired me to learn more about what it takes to run this facility successfully.

A few months ago, I decided to dedicate most of my volunteer time helping our immediate community and joined three committees, the Architectural Review Committee (ARC) being one of them.

I'm so excited about meeting neighbors who share their talent and expertise, genuinely care about the present and future of Four Seasons and value feedback from residents. I look forward to meeting more neighbors, helping many with the ARC process, and contributing to all great things that keep us a vibrant community.



*The Amalfi Coast in Salerno, Italy*



*Leaning tower of Pisa in Salerno, Italy*



*Lubeck, Germany, Holsten Gate, the writing at the gate translated to "Unity Inside and Peace Outside"*

## THE MAGICAL MYSTERY TOUR

### *Around the World in 180 Days*

**By Margi Spies**

Have you ever considered going on a vacation where you only had to unpack once and for the next six months, travel to many places in the world? On August 2020, we decided to take the plunge and booked a 180 day Around The World (ATW) cruise leaving Los Angeles on Jan. 6, 2022 heading west and ending in New York on July 5, 2022. We thought what an incredible, once-in-a-lifetime experience this would be.

It was hard to imagine being on a cruise ship for that length of time and preparing for that kind of adventure – medications, vaccinations, packing and getting your home ready for you to be gone that long. A big thank you to Mary and Bill Christelman for providing guidance, advice, and a checklist to follow; their insight of the countries and ports based on their travels and photos were invaluable.

Prior to the ATW cruise, we had been on six cruises ranging from 10 to 28 days. Our first cruise was on January 2014 to celebrate Jack's 65th birthday. We flew from Los Angeles to Papeete, Tahiti, and got on a cruise ship for 10 days traveling throughout French Polynesia. We loved the cruise ship life and decided this was a great way to travel. Other cruises we have taken were to Alaska, the Caribbean, through the Panama Canal, and the Mediterranean.

We thought Covid would be over by January, 2022, and the itinerary would go forward as planned. It turned out we were wrong. Two months before we departed, Australia and New Zealand were canceled from the itinerary. Everything else was still a go, however, we knew many countries were still closed to cruise ships and our itinerary would most likely change again. We began referring to our cruise as "The Magical Mystery Tour."

We left L.A. and headed west to Hawaii and then on to French Polynesia. We were informed of a major itinerary change at the end of January. Instead of heading further west, we would be returning to L.A., down to Mexico and Central America, and through the Panama Canal, then sail the Caribbean and on to Miami. Next was an Atlantic crossing to Europe and the Mediterranean where we spent several months before another Atlantic crossing to Newfoundland, Canada, and on to our final destination, New York City.

The ship held 656 passengers. There were only 277 people, however, on the ATW cruise with over 400 crew/staff. We knew everyone by the end of the cruise and made some wonderful friends. We went to 45 countries, 99 ports with 18 overnight port stays, and a total of 54 days at sea.

During sea days, we had a variety of guest lecturers who were experts on our destinations that enriched our port excursions; we received an overview of history, geography, cultural values, and other points of interest that made it an incredible educational experience. We felt we had taken two semesters abroad. We took a lot of walking tours to help offset the calories we consumed enjoying the delicious gourmet cuisine on the ship. Our goal was to wear the same size clothes when we got off the ship in New York as we did when we got on the ship in L.A.

Between excursions at the many ports we visited, we took Polynesian jewelry making, photography, and art classes from the various Artists in Residence on the ship. I learned various mixed media techniques – drawing, using colored pencils, watercolor and acrylic painting, and painting on fabric. We joined a trivia team, played Canasta and Mexican Train with couples we met on board, attended cooking



demonstrations, took dance classes and practiced what we learned in our Let's Dance! class here at Four Seasons.

There were several exclusive ATW commemorative events held off the ship at several ports: Copenhagen at the National Aquarium of Denmark, Bordeaux at the Chateaux Giscours Winery and Vineyards, and Amsterdam at the National Maritime Museum.

The two most frequently asked questions we were asked were what was your favorite place and where would you like to visit again? There are too many wonderful places to select just one and we want to visit countries we've never been to before thinking about returning to a place we've already been.

One amazing highlight was being in Jerusalem on Palm Sunday when we saw the annual processional as we walked up the Mount of Olives to the old city. Touching the western wall, seeing the Dome of the Rock, visiting the Church of the Sepulchre, dipping our hands in the Jordan River, seeing the Sea of Galilee, and visiting amazing ruins in Israel, Turkey, and Greece felt like walking in history. Other highlights included the sail-in to Kotor, Montenegro — it was like a fairytale — seeing the monkeys in Gibraltar, sailing the canals in Amsterdam, seeing all of the famous sites in London, riding a boat up the Thames, and sailing to our final destination, New York City on July 4th. After a gorgeous sunrise, we had our breakfast on the upper decks as we went up the Hudson River; patriotic music played as we sailed past the Statue of Liberty and the New York skyline to dock in Manhattan. We had an overnight stay at the port with Broadway entertainment on the ship and had fireworks all around us. We disembarked early on July 5 and flew home first class. An amazing way to end an amazing trip.

Trip planning was important to learn about prescription overrides that would permit a six-month supply versus the usual 90-day supply. We had a consultation with the Kaiser Travel Clinic six weeks prior to our departure to review our trip itinerary and the required

vaccinations, booster, and international guidelines for a safe trip. Medical service was covered while on the ship. We also purchased travel insurance, in case of trip interruption and/or additional medical expenses incurred off the ship.

The cruise included a luggage shipping service before and after the cruise for up to two large suitcases per person. That was extremely helpful and reduced the number of suitcases we took with us when we boarded the ship. We had to think about packing toiletries, bringing clothes for daytime and nighttime while accounting for different temperatures and weather conditions to cover 180 days. Laundry services were complimentary and the turnaround time was 24 hours.

We made arrangements with a Four Seasons resident to check our home – turn on the water, flush the toilets, run water in all the sinks, start our car, and pick up our mail on a weekly basis. We turned off our air handling system, put our cable on seasonal hold, automated our bills for payment, had USPS informed delivery of our mail, paid our April property tax bill before leaving, and filed an extension for income tax. We ordered currency for the different countries we would be visiting and used a specific credit card that provided the best exchange rate for all foreign transactions.

We communicated with family and friends via email and Facebook messenger while on our cruise. We have a private Facebook group page where I posted narrated pictures from each port we visited. We kept up-to-date on the happenings in Four Seasons through the Daily Reports and Activity Blasts.

It was good to return home after being away for six months. We missed seeing family and friends and everything Four Seasons has to offer.

You may be wondering what our next adventure will be. We're going on our first trip to South America and celebrate our 40th anniversary on the cruise. This time it will be a shorter trip – 75 days!



*Gibraltar, UK, this Barbary macaque monkey jumped on Jack's head*



*The famous white cliffs of Fecamp, France*



*Amsterdam, Netherlands, a perfect fit*



*The Parthenon in Athens, Greece*



# Oh, the Places We Go!

Ever take that “perfect” travel picture or capture your significant other having a great time exploring parts of the world outside our community gates? Well, now you have a place to share it with others.

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



*A group of six friends and Four Seasons residents enjoyed a 10-day cruise to Greece and Turkey on the Celebrity Constellation, sandwiched between three nights in Paris and three wonderful nights in Venice in September/October. Here we are touring the ruins of the ancient city of Ephesus. L-R: Rene and Valerie Garcia, Tito and Cheryl Calderon, and Rhonda and Tom Louden.*



*Ben and Tippi Shelton in Rome on a tour of the Colosseum in November of 2022.*



*John and Pat Barry with Rick and Brenda Steckler cruising through Milford Sound, New Zealand.*



*Lori and Calvin Cross with Rick and Brenda Steckler. Their different cruise ships were in Honolulu at the same time so they met for lunch and took this picture at the cruise port.*



# Oh, the Places We Go!



*Ready to board a Thanksgiving day harbor cruise and dinner in San Diego.*



*Rick and Brenda Steckler with Sydney Opera House in the background.*



*Gino and Maggie Domico, along with Linda and Jack Federoff, took a trip to the beautiful island of Kauai in November. While visiting the Garden Island, we traveled throughout and experienced the true charm that it has to offer. We enjoyed the island's many restaurants and discovered one called Chicken In A Barrel BBQ in Hanalei.*

*We met Brent Bierma who works there. In conversing with him, we told him that we lived at Four Seasons, Beaumont, California. He said, "I know exactly where that is. That's where my grandparents live. However, my grandfather recently passed." His grandparents are Robert and Sharon Orr. It truly is a small world.*



*L-R: Lois Russell, Bob Russell, Linda Stratton, and Bill Ullrich. They enjoyed a cruise from Israel to Rome.*



# LEFTOVER SOUP

Leftover soup is exactly what the name implies. It is a wonderful soup made from the ingredients in the refrigerator. I like to start with a mirepoix. A classic mirepoix is a combination of diced onions, carrots, celery, and herbs or aromatics sautéed in butter or oil until the vegetables are soft. It is the basis of most French and western stews and soups. I used up all the holiday leftovers and made a fantastic turkey vegetable soup, but you can make a vegetable soup by using assorted vegetables and vegetable broth. The great thing is all measurements are approximate. Throw in the amount and type of meat or veggies that you have on hand. Following are the ingredients I used because they were on hand. Serves 6 to 8.

## INGREDIENTS

- Olive oil or unsalted butter
- About 2 pounds of vegetables cut into ½ inch dice such as:
- 2 cups chopped onion, about one medium
- 1 cup chopped celery, about 2 stalks
- 1 cup chopped carrots
- 1 medium zucchini, chopped
- 2 cloves of garlic, minced
- Salt and pepper
- Other herbs that you like to your taste, such as; sage, thyme, Italian seasoning, curry, cumin, etc.
- 4 to 6 cups broth of your choice, I used turkey broth
- 1-15 ounce can salt free diced tomatoes, optional
- 3 cups chopped meat, optional, I used turkey
- 2 cups chopped baby spinach, optional
- Note: I had ½ cup mashed potatoes and about a cup of turkey gravy. I mixed the potatoes with the gravy to make a slurry and added it to the mixture with the broth. It added a yummy thickness to the broth.

## DIRECTIONS

1. Heat about a Tablespoon of oil or butter (enough to cover the bottom of the pan) in a large pan over medium high heat until the oil is hot and starts to shimmer. Add the vegetables, salt, pepper, garlic, and any herbs to your liking (I used sage and thyme). Sauté the vegetable mixture until they are soft and fragrant, 5 to 10 minutes, stirring occasionally.
2. Taste and adjust seasonings. Add the broth. Also add the tomatoes with the juice, if using, bring to a boil then reduce heat, cover the pot and simmer for about 30 minutes. Test the vegetables. They should be firm, but tender. Add the meat, continue to cook until the meat is heated through. Add the spinach and cook an additional three minutes or until the spinach is wilted. Remove from heat and enjoy.
3. NOTE: If you are using a hard vegetable like potato or winter squash, they will take longer to soften.





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# January Puzzles

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 66

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**MEDIUM**

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**EASY**

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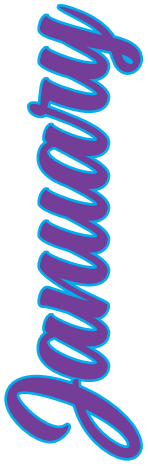
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<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Platonic Pals 1p Karaoke 6p Motorcycle Group 6p Classic Film Group 6p	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Cars & Coffee 9a Seasoned Solos 6p	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> Counter Cultural Cinema Club 7p	<b>9</b> Bereavement Group 1p	<b>10</b> Book Club 9:30a Computer Group 10:30a Writer's Club 1p Bistro Bingo! 4:30p 4x4 Club 6p	<b>11</b> Neighborhood Watch 10a General Session 10a	<b>12</b> BOD Exec Session 9a BOD Gen Session 11a Italian American Club 6p Classical Music Group 7p	<b>13</b> <b>Gail Games 6p</b>	<b>14</b> <b>Fitness Expo 10a</b>
<b>15</b> PAC Auditions 2p	<b>16</b> Bereavement Group 1p	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Meet the Board 2p	<b>19</b> Taste d'Vine 6p	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Garden Club 9:30a <b>Travel Expo 10a</b> Karaoke 5p
<b>22</b> Private Party RCN All Day Private Party Ballroom All Day Counter Cultural Cinema Club 7p	<b>23</b> Bereavement Group 1p	<b>24</b> Classic Film Group 6p	<b>25</b> <b>Mandatory Craft Fair 6p</b> <b>Vendor Meeting 6p</b>	<b>26</b> Veterans Group 11:30a	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> <b>Club &amp; Committee Fair 10a</b>
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Bereavement Group 1p	<b>31</b>	 <p>The activities, dates, and times on this calendar are subject to change at any time. Check with your club or group contact for the latest info if you have any questions or concerns.</p> <p>Calendar changes? Complete a Schedule Change Request Form, found on the website or at the The Lodge front desk, by the 8th of the month to make it in the following month's calendar.</p>			



# 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
Shuffleboard	Daily	Open
Beginners Conditioning	T/Th/F	8:30a
Total Body Conditioning	M/W	8:30a, 9:30a
Kickboxing Cardio	Sat	9:30a
Chair Yoga	W	5p
Yoga	W	6p
Zumba	T/Th	9:30a

### THE COURTS

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

### THE SUMMIT

Gym	Daily	Open
Summit Pool	Daily	Open Swim
Bocce Ball	Daily	Open
Horseshoes	Daily	Open
Water Aerobics (pool closed during class)	M/W/F	10a
	M/W	11a
Water Volleyball (pool closed to swimmers)	T/Th/Sat.	11a

### DANCE

Let's Dance! Free Practice	M	6p
Let's Dance! Beginning	M	6:30p
Let's Dance! Intermediate/Advanced	M	7:05p
Country Line Dance Beginning	T	2p
Country Line Intermediate	T	2:45p
Country Line Advanced	T	3:30p
Heart & Soul	W	4p
Step it up Line Dance Beginning	M	1p
Step it up Line Dance Improvers	M	2p
Step it up Line Dance in the Ballroom	W	6:30p

## Classes/Groups

Believe Bible Study	F	10:30a
Ceramics	W	1p
Craft Group	Th	10a
Crafty Card Makers	2nd/4th F	1p
Hand Bell Choir	Th	1:30p
Intercessory Prayer	1st M	9a
Knit & Crochet	T	10a
Mixed Media Art	M	10a
	W	6p
Men's Bible Study	T	9a
Quilting Enthusiast	1st Th	1p
Sit 'n Sew	3rd Th	9a
TOPS Weigh In	T	8:30

## Activities

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	Daily	1p
Advanced	T	10a
Paddle Tennis	M/W/F/Sat/Sun	5p
Shuffleboard	M	9a
	Sat	9a
Tennis Play Day	Last Sat	8a
Beginners	All Sat except last	8a

## Game Clubs

GAME	DAY	TIME
Bridge for Fun	W	12p
Bunco	F	1p
Canasta	Th	1p
Co-Ed Bid Whist	T	6p
Contract Bridge	2nd Sat	9a
Dominoes	W/F	5p
Hearts	T	6p
Mahjong	F	10a
Mexican Train	M	12p
Phase 10 Cards	2nd/4th T	2p
Pinochle	M/W/F	9a
Rummikub	M	2p
Three Thirteen	1st/3rd Tues	2p
Uptown Diva Bid Whist	1st/3rd F	2p

## CANINE CORRAL COUNCIL

Welcome to the cold, windy, and, hopefully, wet January! Speaking of wet, when we have a significant day of rain, as we did in early November, please allow a day or two, depending on the amount of rain, before you return to the Corral to allow the decomposed granite (DG) to dry out. When the dogs are running around the wet surface, or you are walking on it, deep impressions in the DG are created which may require some repair work. The wet, soggy DG can also be harmful to your dog's paws.

As mentioned in the December *Breeze*, we had a very successful "Yappy Hour" in The Lodge on Nov. 3 without our dogs. We are going to plan another one at the Corral sometime in the Spring so we can let our dogs be part of the fun as well. Stay tuned for further information regarding this event.

If you have not already done so, and you and your dog(s) are currently members of the Canine Corral, please consider joining our Canine Corral Facebook Group, Four Seasons Canine Corral (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/638146317048512>) to share pictures of your dogs in the Corral or to set up play dates. We currently have three days on which groups are meeting at the Corral: Saturdays, 9 am, Sundays, 9 am, and Wednesdays, 3 pm. Please join us on one of

those days or set up alternative play dates with other members.

The Canine Corral Council is looking for additional members to join the Council. If you are currently a member of the Corral, please consider coming to our meetings which are held on the first Thursday of each month at 10 am in the RCN Conference Room. It would be great to have additional members who could provide a new and different perspective to our group. All members are welcome to join.

We currently have a roster which contains emails and phone contact information for each member of the Corral. We would like each member to have this information to be able to set up play dates with each other. It is much more fun for both us and our dogs if we are not alone at the Corral. However, if you do not want your information shared with other members, please contact Mykal Thuney at our management office as soon as possible so we can remove your information before it is provided to all members. Mykal's email address is [mykal.thuney@fsresidential.com](mailto:mykal.thuney@fsresidential.com) or stop in at the office in the RCN to speak with him. ~ *Lynn Jahnke, [lynnj92223@gmail.com](mailto:lynnj92223@gmail.com)*

## EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE

### *January Makes Me Shiver*

Protests against drag shows in North Carolina resulted in power outages to over 40 thousand homes. Look out folks, we do not know the day or the hour. What can you do without power? There are no lights, heating, television or internet. Not all gas stations have backup generators to allow us to pump. There will be no stoplights on the way to the dump. Where are Sheriff Taylor and Miss Helen Crump?

From domestic terrorists to burn scar mud slides, we must be prepared to get it from any side. There are Mauna Loa lava flows and High Sierra record-level snows. It will be into the ocean or down the hill. Will we have the skill and the patience to just sit still? Instead of a Christmas story from old we wait for new tales to unfold. Running in circles will do you no good. Here is hoping that you have plenty of propane and wood.

Shutting down electricity will shut down the pumps that carry fresh water to you and sewage away. Without electricity you will

be forced to depend on your emergency water storage for drinking and hygiene. Hot or cold the sun may shine and a solar panel or two would charge your battery just fine. Heat from a backup battery will help keep you warm and dry. The experts hope for help in three days but we should plan for seven. A portable potty or composting toilet will help get you through. Some water from a water heater, bath tub or pool or sink may be all you need to keep you clean and up to speed.

If all of this work seems like too much to do, you can pack up your family and furry friends and travel out of state. This is a lot to think about before it is too late. Cal Fire is hoping in this season of wind that we do not have any mega fires all over again. Time marches on and we should take time to fix things before thinking about vacation.

The Four Seasons Beaumont Emergency Preparedness Committee meets on the third Tuesday of the month at 10 am in the RCN Conference Room. Our next meeting is Jan. 17, 2023. ~ *Michael A. Mendoza, [srmendoza@verizon.net](mailto:srmendoza@verizon.net)*



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## ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

Welcome to 2023. As a small child, I never thought I would see a number that high in the date. I also never thought I would see the technology that we are seeing today.

Residential solar is changing almost as fast as it can be installed. ARC is working diligently to keep up with the changes and how they are regulated by our Architectural Review Guidelines.

Most of the technology is behind the façade and isn't affected by Guidelines.

One of the recent challenges ARC has had to deal with concerns equipment that is mounted on the outside walls of our homes. Before the first home was built it was determined that electrical panels, boxes, and controls should be painted to match the surface it was mounted on. So, when the electrical, cable, and telephone lines were installed, the equipment was painted to match the house. The result is that this equipment blends into the background and doesn't become an eyesore in the community.

Solar installations are considered in the same way. The equipment needs to match the surface it is mounted on. Of course, the actual

solar collectors on the roof cannot be painted and are treated much the same as satellite dishes. Our experience is that satellite manufacturers as well as solar panel manufactures use muted colors that do not stand out or clash with most house colors.

Some homeowners have expressed concern about painting their solar equipment despite reassurances to ARC by the manufacturers that there is no problem with painting the items provided they're painted correctly. To resolve this issue ARC has determined that solar equipment may be left unpainted if it is mounted behind the gate and is not visible from common areas. Of course, the equipment may be installed in a garage, in which case ARC will grant approval regardless of the color.

There are new types of solar that are being developed ranging from roof tiles to solar panels mounted on the ground and not roofs. ARC is following these developments and will consider what if any modifications may be necessary to allow homeowners to take advantage of these systems while maintaining the aesthetics of our community. ~ **Steve Cooley**, [cooleyaudit@gmail.com](mailto:cooleyaudit@gmail.com)

## LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE

Happy New Year! It's hard to believe another year has come and gone. As we enter the new year, the Landscape Committee continues their work to ensure Four Seasons remains a premiere resort community.

As you may have noticed, beginning in December, Park West crews were busy removing trees. They removed 115 trees, most of which were damaging walls, sidewalks, and patios. Trees were also removed in areas where they were planted too close and could not flourish and grow properly. Most of the areas where trees were removed will look the same, only much cleaner.

Water restrictions are still in place even with the cooler weather and less watering. We are working with the San Geronio Pass Area Water District to obtain grants for turf removal. We have started some turf removal around Four Seasons Circle and have replaced it with water wise planting. Water wise planting is planting with low water, drought tolerant plants, not desert planting. We are very fortunate to live in California where we have hundreds of plants that bloom, are beautiful, and require very little water.

Most of our trees are beginning to shed their leaves and we see them all over the community. Park West does blow and remove the leaves during their rotation each week around the community. It is not possible for them to come daily and remove the leaves. Please bear with the leaves as the trees will be bare very soon. Luckily, this means we will see so much beautiful foliage when spring arrives.

The Landscape Committee is always looking for new members. If you are a person who loves to work at creating beauty around the community, you may be the perfect person. Landscape meets the third Thursday each month in the RCN Conference Room at 1 pm. We also walk every Friday during the winter at 8 am. If you are interested, please come and join us and enjoy the exercise while making a lasting contribution to our community.

Warmest wishes in the New Year! ~ **Kathy Craven**, [kathycraven@rocketmail.com](mailto:kathycraven@rocketmail.com)



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## SOCIAL COMMITTEE



Hello! We hope everyone had a great Christmas and a Happy New Year! The Social Committee is taking January off, but we have upcoming events.

On March 4 we welcome a band called Swinging 60s. Tickets go on sale Feb. 6 at 9 am in The Lodge Ballroom for \$25, so come and get

your tickets. Please stay tuned for more info in February.

The Social Committee appreciates all your support. We have some great events coming up in 2023! ~ **Loretta Ramsey**, [lorettaramsey@aol.com](mailto:lorettaramsey@aol.com), (714) 803-6744

## FACILITIES COMMITTEE

The Facilities Committee voted to approve the painting of wrought iron fencing by Empire Works in various parts of the community as shown by the reserve study. The committee voted to approve the purchase of new chairs for the game room. The committee is still looking for new tables or table tops.

After several attempts to replace the existing seating in the Theater,

the committee voted to approve the reupholstering of the existing seating with leather. The committee also approved the purchase of pool lift covers for all the lifts.

The Facilities Committee meets the second Wednesday of the month at 9 am in the RCN Conference Room. ~ **Gino Domico**, [Gdomico@gmail.com](mailto:Gdomico@gmail.com)

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## FINANCE COMMITTEE

During the Finance Committee's regular monthly meeting November 29th, the financial statements for October 2022 were reviewed and recommended for Board approval. In addition, the Committee reviewed seven expenditure proposals, and reviewed investment recommendations to move maturing investments to higher yield FDIC insured instruments. Highlights of the October financial statements are: Total Cash is \$11,640,437 including operating cash of \$2,188,288 (checking and CDs) and reserve assets of \$9,452,149. We are at total year-to-date net income of \$56,094.

It is 2023, a new year, and maybe your resolution includes getting more involved in our community. Homeowners are welcome to join

us at the Finance Committee's regularly scheduled monthly meetings held on the last Tuesday of each month. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, Jan. 31, 2023, at 1 pm. I would encourage all residents to become more familiar with the finances of our fantastic community. We would love to hear about your concerns and encourage you to share them with us. Attending a meeting only takes a little time and will give you a better understanding of how we operate. Come and join us in making this a thriving vibrant community. Please check your Daily Report for the meeting location. ~ **Jolene Cooley**, [joleneaudit@gmail.com](mailto:joleneaudit@gmail.com)

## SAFETY COMMITTEE SAFETY 4 "ALL" SEASONS

Happy New Year, friends. The Safety Committee hopes everyone has a safe and healthy 2023.

### ***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. 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.

We would love to have you join our committee! If you're interested in helping to make Four Seasons a safer community, please consider joining the Safety Committee. No prior safety experience is required,

only a desire to contribute to the enhancement of our neighborhood. Yes, you can make a difference!

As a reminder, Safety Committee meetings are held on the first Tuesday of the month at 10 am in the RCN Conference Room. We encourage you to join the meeting should you have any concerns or if you would simply like an update on our ongoing safety projects. All the best. ~ **Frank Hilberg**, [hilbergfrank@gmail.com](mailto:hilbergfrank@gmail.com)

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Robert and Carmen's pet Desert Tortoise. She has been in the family since she was rescued over 20 years ago. Her name is Baby.  
Submitted by Rob Gardner



Angel, our 21-year-old cat, had to jump up to investigate who's visiting for Christmas!

Submitted by Virginia (Ginny) Londeaux



My name is Baby. I'm 13 months old. When dad isn't looking I like to sip his wine. Submitted by Ray Thorsky



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*The generosity and compassion of everyone in Four Seasons, both residents and FirstService staff, never ceases to amaze me. The steady stream of condolences and offers of assistance following Hal's passing and again when, shortly thereafter, Joni was hospitalized were welcome and heartwarming. It has been a rough year made bearable by the kindness of friends.*

*Kirk, Joni, and I would like to thank everyone who found time to attend Hal's memorial service and/or who sent us their thoughts and prayers either through email, cards, or flowers.*

*Special thanks to Dan Hazeltine for singing at the service and to Harold Hintle for playing the piano. We would also like to thank the members of the FirstService staff who went above and beyond their duties to ensure all went well during the service; to Cindy for her moral support and help in setting up the program; to Justin for his technical proficiency in producing the slideshow and pictures. To the staff who changed the room set up so quickly. Thanks to Stacy Dean who catered the wonderful food at the service. Thanks to all who worked both behind the scene and those who worked with us to make Hal's service so warm and well done.*

*This expression of gratitude is much lengthier than intended, but it had to be in order for us to express our sincere thank you to all the wonderful friends we have made here in Four Seasons and for all the support they have given us in our trying time. From the bottom of our hearts, Kirk, Joni and I wish to thank each and everyone of you and let you know how much your support meant to all of us. ~ Irene Welker*



*Thanks to Wayne Reagan for the trash can service! ~ Jane*

*Big shout-out to my "Springdale Angels" who decorated the gazebo. ~ Betty Ann*

*Kudos to the HOA staff responsible for all the fantastic holiday decorations this year! While I am still bragging about the Halloween decor, I am now dazzled by our AMAZING Christmas display. Awesome! Thank you, thank you, thank you! We are truly fortunate to have such creativity, talent, and energy on our staff! ~ Jan White*

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## To App Or Not To App

The day my wife said “Give me a remote, forget about the app.” OK, if you’ve followed me for a while, Martha saying “no” to an app isn’t exactly news. But it does illustrate a point – just because an app exists for a function, that doesn’t mean that’s the best way to perform that function. (Wow, three “that’s” in one short sentence. Time for a writing refresher course.)

We were shopping for a new bed last summer. Whether you’re in the market for a bed or not, you can’t help but notice that there are dozens of ways to buy a bed. There are stores that sell only beds and stores that sell beds as one of many items for the home. You can buy a bed online without even trying it. If after you receive it you find you don’t like it, you can get your money back. We preferred to try before we bought so we went to several stores that sold only beds.

OK, it’s time to admit my bias. I prefer Sleep Number beds. When I bought my first one, I thought I liked a firm mattress and set the bed to 80. I subsequently found I didn’t like a firm setting and ended up with a setting of 45. So, I like that ability to adjust my bed from time to time. But Martha was more open-minded, and we tried many different beds.

The bed we ended up with has certain adjustable parameters; we were told there’s a convenient app for making those adjustments. Well, neither of us sleeps with our phone nearby. We prefer not to be disturbed with the seemingly endless rings, dings, and vibes our phones make. (Emergency calls will be answered on our house phone.) (By the way, calling a house phone a landline is a misnomer. In Four Seasons, our phone lines are digital and will go out when our internet goes out.)

So, the idea that we have to fire up our phones to make an adjustment for our beds was not attractive. Fortunately, we could get a remote control for that function.

And that isn’t the only case where a phone app is not the best way to do something. I’ve mentioned that our own dwellingLIVE gate entry system is better addressed on a computer than on a phone.

And while it’s easier to enter a search word using the keypad on your phone while using the app associated with your TV DVR, I prefer seeing a guide grid on a widescreen TV to the narrow screen on my phone.

You probably know by now that I ride a bike regularly – three times a week in fact. And I’ve been following the European bike racing calendar for 30 years. In the early days, I’d have to wait for a VHS tape to come out to actually see a race. Then some of the big races started appearing on TV. Before DVRs, I’d record the races on video tape as European broadcast times weren’t exactly convenient for West Coasters. More recently these bike races have been available on streaming services. The one I prefer is GCN – the Global Cycling Network. I subscribe to their GCN+ service (\$49 a year and well worth it to me). Of course, GCN+ has an app. Everything they offer can be viewed on a phone. Well thank you very much, but viewing a race on a four-inch screen doesn’t exactly convey the excitement of the event. (Writer’s note – I’m sure most of you would be bored to tears watching a bike race even if you did know the names of some of the racers. But let me tell you, once you understand the many races within a race, it’s really quite exciting to watch a race.) But don’t watch it on your phone. Watch it on your computer or cast it to a big-screen TV.

I did recently find an app that not only is the best way to control a device, it’s the only way. A good friend of mine installed an attic fan to help cool his Four Seasons home. I tried an attic fan a decade ago and didn’t like it for a number of reasons including my inability to control it without having to go into my attic. No such problem with my friend’s fan. He has an app on his phone which gives him great control including setting temperature parameters for two fans speeds and seasonal presets. So there! Sometimes an app is the best way to get something done.

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). ~ **Steve Benoff**



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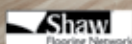
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Our December meeting featured Cal Trans Public Information Officer Carolina Rojas. The many construction projects that are ongoing and their completion dates were discussed. Many of our residents in attendance had many questions on the work being done and the completion dates anticipated.

The Cal Trans Program was well attended by our residents who appreciated the review of the projects by Cal Trans representatives.

Our next program will be on Jan. 11, 2023, at 10 am in The Lodge. The program will be presented by California Operation Life Saver. This group works with the Riverside County Transportation Commission and will be a helpful source of information for our residents. The primary speaker, Sara Logan, will talk about traffic issues, pedestrian safety and rail safety. We are looking forward to her interesting program and the question and answer period that will follow the presentation.

The Neighborhood Watch Steering Committee is planning on the Union Pacific Railroad for a February 2023 presentation. The discussion will include the length of time the trains stop in the Beaumont area and the backup caused by the trains.

As we begin the new year, our hope is that our residents and their families have a safe and happy New Year.

Please be careful when driving throughout our community, and stop for stop signs. Remember to yield to vehicles in roundabouts and be aware of your speed. The posted speed limit on Four Seasons Circle is 30 mph, 25 mph on residential streets, including Green Creek Trail, and alleys are 15 mph.

Thank you to our Block Captains and all the Neighborhood Watch members for all that you do to keep our community safe.

It is our hope that the holiday season was happy and safe for you and your families, and that 2023 will be a wonderful year for all of us.  
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## AFRICAN AMERICAN CULTURAL CLUB

In 1966, Dr. Maulana Karenga launched Kwanzaa to help African Americans learn about our African history, culture, and customs. It is a non-religious holiday that honors African-American people and our heritage and is celebrated Dec. 26 through Jan. 1.

In our December meeting, we learned more about Kwanzaa, celebrated our culture, played games, and enjoyed light refreshments. Reminiscing this past year, we are reminded of our Mission Statement: individuals getting together with like interests to develop a broader sense of community spirit, well being, and a deeper sense of fellowship. If this appeals to you, please join us as all are always welcome.

Happy New Year! Be blessed, stay safe, try something new, and take a little time to enjoy the beauty of our Four Seasons community.

The African American Cultural Club meets on the first Monday of

the month at 6 pm in The Lodge Game Room. All are invited to attend to fellowship and learn about African American culture. Our next meeting is Monday, Jan. 9, 2023. If you have any questions, please contact the AACC President, Wanda Valentine, at (951) 544-1606. ~

*Jane Gentry*



*AACC members Betty Ann James, Jane Gentry, and Elaine Brown enjoying some Kwanzaa refreshments*



*Beautiful Kwanzaa quilt*

## COMMUNITY GARDEN CLUB

We are looking forward to 2023 when we will offer free speaker events by master gardeners in order to support you in a successful home garden. Mark your calendars for Jan. 21 and March 18 at 10 am in the RCN and check the Activities Blast for the topics as we get closer.

On May 20, we will host a home garden tour so that you can visit and experience all sizes and types of successful gardens by your neighbors.

We are establishing a sub-committee for anyone interested in establishing a Community Garden here in Four Seasons. Stay tuned for an announcement of an orientation meeting in the new year.

For info or suggestions for future topics, please contact pwayne1@outlook.com. ~ *Pat Wayne*

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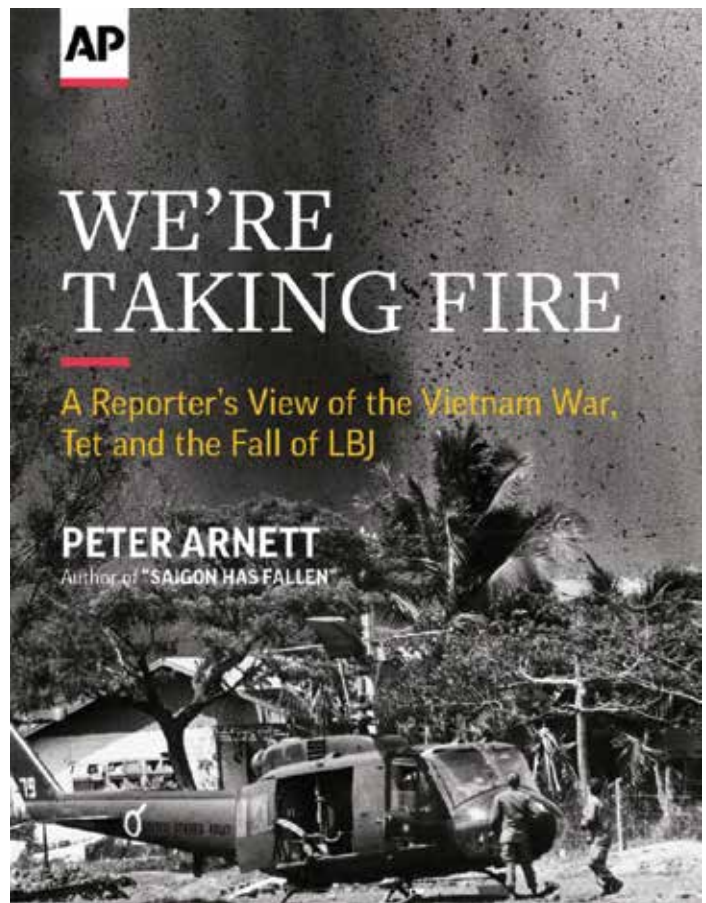
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January meant hard fighting in WWII, particularly in Europe where the Battle of the Bulge was underway. In Korea the "Frozen Chosen" were marching south away from Chinese forces who had joined the fight. On 30 January 1968, North Vietnamese forces initiated the TET Offensive to destabilize the South Vietnamese country. The military offensive failed but became a political success when reporters shaped the news to influence back home that the war was lost. While the war continued to 1973, American participation waned and eventually disappeared completely. North Vietnam forces continued to march south and essentially "won" the war. ~ *Len Tavernetti, ltavernetti@hotmail.com*



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## BIRDING CLUB

On Nov. 10 and 11, I had a White-throated Sparrow at my feeder — a regional rarity, a Four Seasons first record, and species #122! The following day was our Nov. 12 bird walk, which yielded a nice variety of winter species and we finished the morning with 23 species. Highlights included a Great Horned Owl, a first-of-season Hermit Thrush, a Ruby-crowned Kinglet, and an acrobatic/upside-down Nuttall's Woodpecker. Later in the day, Gerrie Karczynski and I spotted two additional species, bringing the day's total to 25.

On Nov. 19 we had the first American Pipits of the season and on Dec. 2, the White-throated Sparrow returned to my feeder after being absent since Nov. 11. During our morning bird walk on Dec. 3, the birds were scarce but we managed to finish the morning with 20 species. The highlight was a mixed flock of about 20 Cedar Waxwings and 30 American Robins, all feeding at a red-berry bush on Trail B. Later in the day, Tina Canon, Bill and Genie Cooper, Gerrie Karczynski, Ron Riffel, Barbara Wasco and I spotted nine additional species, bringing the day's total to a respectable 29. ~ **Steve Edelman**, [steve.h.edelman@gmail.com](mailto:steve.h.edelman@gmail.com)



*Above: The Birding Club birding Trail B on Nov. 11. Photo by John Hansen*



*Left: One of the many American Robins seen around Four Seasons this winter. Photo by Gerrie Karczynski during our Nov. 11 bird walk*

## BIRD OF THE MONTH

The White-throated Sparrow is brown above and gray below with a striking head pattern, a bright white throat, and yellow between the eye and the bill. There is a "tan-striped" form with a buff-on-brown face pattern instead of white-on-black. Males of both forms sing a whistled song that sounds like "Old-Sam-Peabody-Peabody." White-throated Sparrows forage on the ground in the leaf litter for seeds and during winter readily visit seed feeders. In summer, they additionally eat insects.

White-throated Sparrows breed (summer) in forests across eastern and central Canada and the adjacent northeastern and north-central U.S. They winter across the eastern and south-central U.S. and in small numbers along the U.S. west coast. In winter, they flock with White-crowned and other sparrows in woodlots, weedy fields, backyards and parks. The White-throated Sparrow seen sporadically

at my feeder from Nov. 10 to this writing (Dec. 7) is one of only about 15 individuals seen in the past 30 days in all of Southern California (per eBird). The bird will probably stay the winter and because it spends less than 1 percent of its time at my house it spends more than 99 percent of its time elsewhere in Four Seasons, so keep a lookout for this very special bird, especially at feeders.



*White-throated Sparrow. Photo by Cephas/Wikimedia Commons*



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## WRITERS' CLUB

### Poems By Jane Czajkowski

The Norse had Loki,  
The Navajo have Kopopeli,  
Big sisters have little brothers,  
In the San Geronio Pass we have...

#### THE EAST WIND

You were never known for subtlety.  
Your intentions are no mystery.  
You blast your path in a raging rant,  
And taunt us with your hollering cant.  
Your mischief is beyond compare:  
What you can grab, you scatter elsewhere.  
Untie chair pads and toss them in air?  
Break pots and twirl the rocking chair?  
Ride a broom across the patio floor,  
And sweep backyard leaves to the front door?

When the time is due to empty this place,  
I'll gladly grant you one final grace.  
I'll prop the front door wide open,

And invite you in from the back; then  
You can twirl and behave tough and rough,  
Sweep out the trash and unwanted stuff.  
You can forward it over the hill  
To the Riverside County Landfill.  
(Please don't stop at the cemetery on your way.  
They've had enough of you in their day).

P.S.

I've found the bucket behind the shed.  
A chairpad in Baxter's flower bed.  
A bent window screen in the bushes.  
Where did you leave the paint brushes?


#### THE EAST WIND – REVISITED

You're back! What do you have in mind?  
Is it to claim what you left behind?  
You shoved me off the walkway.  
You are in a hurry, you say,  
To fill the window weep-holes with sand.  
You jerked the car door out of my hand.

When I tried to get out, you punched my face.  
Forced me back into a tight space.  
You have the entire world to roam free.  
Could you not leave ten cubic feet for me?




You were mean to Old Man Faulkner:  
Knocked him down and broke his walker.  
Then you stole the birthday pinata  
From darling little Rosita.  
You know you cannot keep up the pace.  
So why don't you try to save face  
And skedaddle out of the way?  
Then we'll just call it a bad day.  
(Though we must admit to say.

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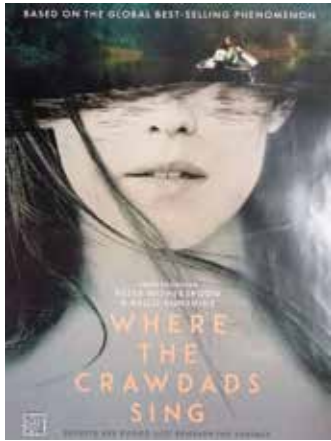
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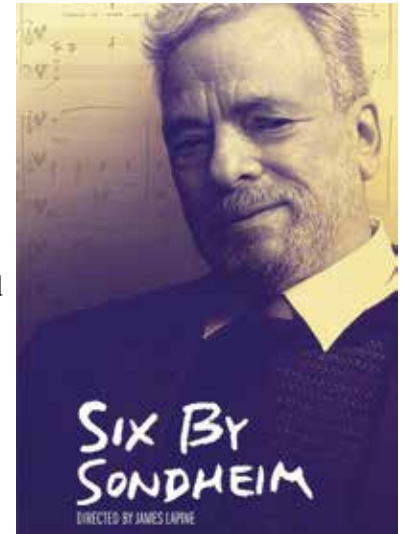
The club has screenings on the second and fourth Sundays of the month. We screen films you won't find at the big Cineplexes: documentaries, indie films, foreign films and other little gems that don't get wide release.



Our first screening for the month, on Sunday, Jan. 8 at 6 pm, is the film *Where the Crawdads Sing* (USA 2022, 2 hrs. 5 min., English). Here is a brief description from IMDb.com: "Abandoned by her family, Kya Clark, otherwise known as the Marsh Girl, is mysterious and wild. *Where the Crawdads Sing* is a coming-of-age story of a young girl raised by the marshlands of the south in the 1950s. When the town hotshot is found dead, and inexplicably linked to Kya, the Marsh Girl is the prime suspect in his murder case."

Our second screening for the month, on Sunday, Jan. 22 at 6 pm, is the film *Six by Sondheim* (USA 2013, 1 hr. 26 min., English). Here is a brief description from IMDb.com: "An intimate and candid look at the life and art of the legendary composer-lyricist."

All of our screenings are followed by lively discussion about the film; we'd love to have you join us. The Lodge Theater has very limited seating, so if you're interested in our screenings, come early; we hope to see you there. Please note that all films announced are subject to availability. If you have any questions about the Counter Culture Cinema Club or want to recommend a film, please email Micki Rosen at [michelesrosen@gmail.com](mailto:michelesrosen@gmail.com). ~ **Micki Rosen**



## CLASSIC FILM GROUP

*The Birds* is coming on Jan. 24, 2023 to The Lodge Theater at 6 pm and a second showing on Feb. 7, 2023. *The Birds* falls into several genres: drama, horror, mystery, romance, and thriller.

Melanie Daniels (Tippi Hedren) is the modern rich socialite, part of the jet-set who always gets what she wants. Lawyer Mitch Brenner (Rod Taylor) sees her in a pet shop where he has come to buy some birds for his young sister. They have a conflict and he plays something of a practical joke on her; she decides to return the favor. She travels up to a small town to see him again, about an hour north of San Francisco to Bodega Bay, where Mitch spends the weekends with his mother Lydia (Jessica Tandy) and younger sister

Cathy (Veronica Cartwright).

A seagull attacks Melanie as she is crossing the bay in a small boat, and, soon after her arrival, birds in the area begin to act strangely, Birds in the hundreds and thousands are attacking anyone they find out of doors — and even indoors.

There is no explanation as to why this might be happening, and as the birds continue their vicious attacks, survival becomes the priority... the next scream you hear could be your own!

NOTE: *The Birds* was partly inspired by the true events of a massive bird attack on the seaside town of Capitola in California on Aug. 18, 1961.

~ **Paul Plamondon**, [4seasonsmoviegroup@gmail.com](mailto:4seasonsmoviegroup@gmail.com)

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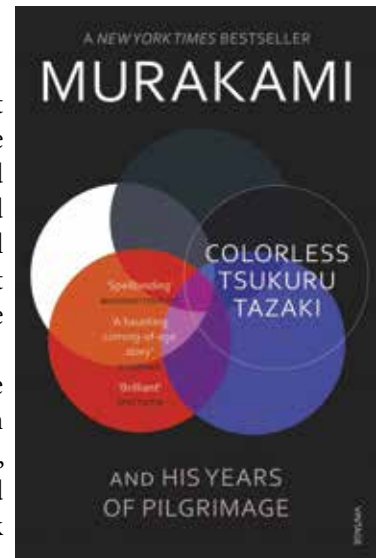
## BOOK CLUB

Our Book Club selection for Jan. 10 is *Colorless Tsukuru Tazaki and His Years of Pilgrimage* by Haruki Murakami. Murakami is probably the most popular contemporary Japanese author, sometimes called “the Hemingway of Japan,” and his prolific work has been translated into more than 50 languages. This short novel is a good introduction to his work. Here is a brief description from our discussion leader for the month: “Teenage friendships can shape our ideas about ourselves and the people we become. Tsukuru Tazaki is lucky enough to be part of a tight-knit group with four harmonious friends (two boys and two girls) and basks in their affection and acceptance. But, shortly after he goes away to college, all four of his close friends suddenly stop communicating with him with no explanation. The rejection hurts Tazaki deeply and weighs heavily on him through his college years. In his rather “colorless” adulthood, Tazaki’s girlfriend convinces him he must understand his rejection in order to move on and be emotionally whole. So Tazaki embarks on a long and intriguing quest for understanding. Murakami grapples with the idea that

others define who we are. That anyone can be destined to be unremarkable, empty, dull, and ‘colorless.’ That anyone is fated to always be alone. But as in all of his novels, Murakami can put you in different places and make you think.”

Our meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 9:30 am in the RCN room #3, and someone volunteers to lead the discussion about the book we have chosen for the month.

For more information or to get on our mailing list, please contact me at [michelesrosen@gmail.com](mailto:michelesrosen@gmail.com). ~ **Micki Rosen**



## TRAVEL GROUP

Hello everyone! The Travel Group is starting the year off with a couple of exciting announcements for 2023!

Save the Date – The Travel Group is happy to present our Travel Expo on Saturday, Jan. 19 in the Ballroom from 10 am to 2 pm. There will be a variety of travel companies presenting a wide array of fun travel options including day trips, river and ocean cruises, and domestic and foreign travel.

The Expo is open to all Four Seasons residents and their guests so stop by to start making your vacation plans. We will have giveaways, raffles, refreshments and more so mark your calendar to join us!

We have another Save the Date – get your tickets for a matinee performance of the fabulous production of Disney’s *The Lion King* on Friday, March 24, 2023. Tickets are available for all Four Seasons residents and their guests. Adult Customized Tours (ACT) has acquired center orchestra seats for \$179. Price includes round-trip motorcoach transportation, a stop at Farmers Market for a no-host lunch and shopping then we are off to The Pantages! For tickets,

contact Tobias with ACT at (760)322-2147 and let him know you are a Four Seasons Resident. And more good news - the motorcoach will pick us up at our Lodge.

We all hope you can attend a Travel Group meeting. We are a group and not a club, there are no dues to pay and the meeting is open to all Four Seasons residents. The Travel Committee is working towards hosting a travel company each month so stay tuned for more information.

Are you ready to travel? Traveling with someone in your community means you will be with friends so visit a meeting and find where you want to go first!

If you have any questions regarding current or upcoming trips or the Travel Group, please contact Joni Truelsen either by email at [jonitruelsen@yahoo.com](mailto:jonitruelsen@yahoo.com) or by telephone at (661) 390-5512. If you would like to sign up as a new member, contact Irene Welker by email at [irenewelker55@gmail.com](mailto:irenewelker55@gmail.com). The subject line should read, “New Member Request.” ~ **Nyla Cheely**

## ITALIAN AMERICAN CLUB

At our December holiday catered dinner at The Courts we enjoyed great food and the event was well-attended by our club members.

The dinner included lasagna, eggplant parmesan, meatballs, creamy pasta, salad, garlic bread and dessert. The dinner was great and our members enjoyed the many choices that were available to them. Thank you to Barbara Dipoma and the Steering Committee for providing a wonderful holiday feast.

During the evening there was a planned gift exchange for our members with a \$20 limit on the gifts. The exchange was a lot of fun, and the evening was a wonderful closeout to 2022.

Activities for 2023 are being planned so come to our club meetings which will be at The Courts on the second Thursday of each month.

Our next meeting is Thursday, Jan. 12, 2023 at 5:30 pm; mark the date on your calendar.

As we start 2023, our hope is that your holidays were happy and safe, and that you were able to spend time with your family and friends.

The Italian American Club is open to all residents of Four Seasons. You do not have to be Italian to join our group or come to our meetings. We would love to have you come visit with us.

To all our Italian American Club members and all residents of Four Seasons, we hope we will see you all soon. Non Vedo L Oro Di Vederti Presto (Looking forward to seeing you soon). ~ **Barbara Dipoma, (805) 377-2616 and Jerry Monahan, (951) 212-8898**



## CARS & COFFEE



Our Cars and Coffee Veterans Car show was a huge success. There were over 55 cars, trucks, and motorcycles entered and an overwhelming gathering of spectators viewing the beautiful vehicles on display. The weather was perfect with no wind and plenty of sunshine. Staging started at 7 am and at 10 am, D.J. Dave Rohrbacker opened the show by introducing the Beaumont High School Color Guard led by Master Sargent Brackens. Dave entertained the crowd through the duration of the show. Judging began at 10 am and breakfast burritos and sandwiches were provided by the Four Seasons Bistro.

Over 30 raffle prizes were offered and the grand prize, a Veterans Patriotic quilt donated by the Four Seasons Quilt Club (photo inset), was won by Ike Erickson. Here are the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place finishers for each class judged.

Motorcycle: 1st, Frank Favela; 2nd, Doyle Vestll; 3rd, Mick Brown  
Hot Rod: 1st, Dale Supernaw; 2nd, Mike Sanford; 3rd, Rudy Serar  
Truck: 1st, Ray Lopez; 2nd, Rick Craig; 3rd, Mick Loper  
Sports Car: 1st, Jon Romine; 2nd, Mike Flowers; 3rd, Linda Phelan  
Classic Cars: 1st, Dave Stapleton; 2nd, John Cobes; 3rd, David Forness

4 x 4: 1st, Roy Ortiz; 2nd, Michael Erickson; 3rd, Trini Velasquez



The People's Choice Award was won by Bobby Morales and his beautiful 1956 Ford Custom Liner. There are so many people and organizations who helped make this Car Show a huge success. If I fail to mention anyone, please accept my apologies. My wife Pamela and Rick's wife Martha were an enormous help. Cindy Graves and her outstanding staff were right there from planning to execution. Rick Morales, Terry Humble, Jim Ayala, Scott Snyder, Brian Fusilier all assisted with the planning as well. Dave Rohrbacker provided the great music. Sponsorship was provided by Bistro owner Mike Miller, Linda Hanley at the Bank of Hemet, The Lakes Assisted Living, and Dr. Sabo DDS. Donations were provided by Johnny Russo's, Guy's Italian Restaurant, Auto Zone, Napa Auto Parts, In & Out Burgers, and Firehouse Subs.

We also had our regular December Cars and Coffee with a great showing of beautiful C-8 Corvettes. There was a nice spectator crowd and everyone enjoyed hot coffee and donuts.

We meet the first Saturday of each month at 9 am at The Lodge parking lot. Join us on Saturday, Jan. 7, 2023. For more info, contact Frank Morales at (951) 203-4578 or fmoralesjrinc@aol.com or Rick Morales at (951) 255-4710 or onemth53@yahoo.com. Until next month, everyone have a safe and happy New Year. ~ **Frank Morales**

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## STEP IT UP LINE DANCING



Happy New Year y'all! I'll be starting a new three-month class for basic beginners starting Monday, Jan. 9 at 1 pm in The Lodge Ballroom. I will also be starting the same class in my Wednesday class Jan. 4 at 6:30 pm. This is the best time to learn for those who have never tried line dancing or those who need to brush up on their dancing skills. We've learned so many new dances and we do them in

a really fun way. We are a big group of friends who have a great time together so if you're wanting to have fun, come out and join us! Our Holiday Barn Burner is Jan. 20 and is open to all. The cost for the Barn Burner is \$20 per person for those who don't take the class, so if you'd like to join us, please let me know no later than Jan. 11. This fee covers the cost of the catered meal, but the fun is FREE! Let's make it a great year. ~ **Janine Rohrbacker**

## HEART & SOUL LINE DANCE

Do you enjoy dancing? Heart and Soul Line Dancing is in Da House! Why not join us Wednesday for an afternoon of fun? Dancing is a great way to burn calories while giving your heart, body, and soul a workout. You won't even feel like you're exercising.

Dance schedule: Beginner: 4 to 5:10 pm • Intermediate: 5:10 to 6 pm.

No partner necessary, just wear comfortable shoes (no flip-flops) and bring water. See you on the dance floor!

Any questions, call me at (909) 239-6464. See you on the dance floor! ~ **Priscilla Robles**

## COUNTRY LINE DANCING



We had a fun-filled year in 2022 dancing to old favorites and learning new dances.

As we start classes on Jan. 10, we will be using a slightly different format. It is difficult to dance for two or more hours while leading and talking. So, here is what we have decided to do.

The current Very Beginner class will start with the Beginner class at **2 pm** taught by me. The first three dances will concentrate on easy dances and last about 20 minutes. The next three dances will be beginner level, but, slightly more difficult and last until about 2:45 pm. I am hoping you will stay for the entire forty-five minutes and attempt all the dances. Most of you have already learned the basic steps, which are used throughout many of the dances.

The Intermediate class will begin about **2:50 pm** taught by a few of our more experienced dancers, with the dances becoming progressively more challenging. Again, the same basic steps are used

in a different order. The instructors will go through the dances one step at a time, and gradually add new steps. Then Doug and Cathe Streuber will teach an Advanced class from **3:30** to about 4 pm. Even these dances use many of the basic steps. Some will have more than thirty-two steps and others will be faster or have more difficult steps.

None of us were born dancing. We all learn by trying. When you learn a new step or a new dance it increases your confidence in yourself. Dancing, in general, helps with our balance, builds muscle strength, and gives the brain a great workout. We realize that everyone will not want to learn all the dances or the harder dances. Our goal is to teach you dances that are fun to dance to and that meet your needs, whether it is two dances for a grandchild's wedding or every dance we do for a great workout. We dance for fun, not perfection.

Hope to see you on the dance floor! ~ **Martha Franck**, [marthafanck@icloud.com](mailto:marthafanck@icloud.com), (714) 345-8588



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## LET'S DANCE!

The Survival Camp was a success! Our dancers learned some basic “sway” movements as couples and as a single style dancer. The dancers also learned the “Electric Slide” a line dance which is very popular at dances, cruises, parties, and weddings. Now they can dance anywhere there is a dance floor. Because of their success in this class, the dancers no longer will sit in their chairs and watch the fun, they will jump up and join the fun!

Our Holiday Dance “Winter Wonderland” was held on Dec. 9. We hope you were in attendance and enjoyed an evening of good fun, good food, good music, and, of course, good dancing. After taking a seasonal break, we will be back dancing on Monday, January 9, 2023.

January is Swing Month, and we will be doing the East Coast Swing. The East Coast Swing is one of the easier dances to learn. If you are ready to start the new year off by challenging your brain and exercising your body, please join our social dance group on Monday

nights... you will be glad you did. Our teachers are professionally trained instructors offering top quality instruction at a bargain price. The instructors have endless patience and understanding. We, the students are just ordinary people who enjoy moving to the sound and beat of the music. We do not judge; we just do something that is fun and enjoy doing it together.

We meet in The Lodge Ballroom every Monday evening with open practice and review from 6 to 6:30 pm. Class is from 6:30 to 7:05 pm with intermediate class from 7:05 to 8 pm. The cost is only \$10 per person for professional instruction, and you are welcome to stay the entire time from 6 to 8:05 pm.

For more information, please contact Brian Fusilier at (909) 215-2778 or Lisa Johnson (714) 322-8877. See you on the dance floor! ~  
**Lisa Johnson**



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Taste d’Vine Wine Club is under new management... well, sort of. 2023 is here and with that there is a changing of the guard in the Wine Club Board.

The ceremonial wine opener has been passed to the new 2023 committee members. They are President, Gino Domico; Vice President, Linda Federoff; Treasurer,

What about the wine, you say? For the January meeting we are pleased to welcome Suveg Cellars from Yucaipa. Suveg Cellars opened in 2010 and is the first winery in Yucaipa. Owner and winemaker Craig Suveg will be joined by Winery Director Devin Cohen. They will be pouring samples of their award winning wines while discussing their wine making philosophy.

We have a lot of ideas for the coming months. If you have any comments or ideas, let me know. ~ ***Gino Domico*** [gdomico@gmail.com](mailto:gdomico@gmail.com)



Wayne Staples	Donald & Mabel	Chia	Donald & Mabel	Chia	Harold Hinkle	Mike Bugel	Mel Harkin	Memory of Shirley Bamford	Memory of Shirley Bamford	Karen & Sam Evans	Memory of Jane Kramer	Dan Hazeltine & Jim Mercado	Memory of Bob Ruston
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**Octave 4**

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**Octave 5**

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**Octave 6**


ADOPT-A-BELL is off to a good start. Here you will see the names and notes of all the bells that have been “adopted”.

If you are still interested, contact Kathie Sundstrom at [kathryn.buck@comcast.net](mailto:kathryn.buck@comcast.net) or (303) 903-6850.

We hope to see you at our next concert April 28. Watch for details. Donations will be accepted and appreciated. ~ *Kathie Sundstrom*

Barry Stern

Luc White



The musical staff shows a sequence of notes: C4 (whole), D4 (half), E4 (quarter), F4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), D5 (quarter), E5 (quarter), F5 (quarter), G5 (quarter), A5 (quarter), B5 (quarter), C6 (quarter). The keyboard diagram below shows the corresponding keys on a piano, with the octave 7/8 indicated.

We are classical music lovers with an interest in sharing our love, knowledge, and interest in classical music. We meet on the second Thursday of each month at 7 pm in The Lodge Theater. We listen to and watch musical selections on the big screen. Each month we focus on a particular work or several selections of one composer. We also discuss current musical performances in the area. We welcome new members. Contact Steve Benoff at [steve.benoff@verizon.net](mailto:steve.benoff@verizon.net) or (310) 413-4896. ~ **Steve Benoff**

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## PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB

Two key dates are upcoming for the Photography Club. First, on Jan. 28, we will have a table at the Club Fair, a great chance to meet Club members to hear about our plans and to tell us your vision for the Photography Club. We look forward to hearing your ideas.

The second key date is Thursday, Feb. 2. We are holding our first in-person meeting. The meeting information to be published soon. As we said in the last few months, we are taking the club in new directions. We plan to focus on cell phone photography for the first meetings. Howard Levine is developing our outstanding cell phone presentation. It will cover using the cell phone through proper photo techniques and post-editing. We will also explain the various types of cell phones and their capabilities.

For those interested, we welcome you to submit one cell phone picture to introduce yourself. Please send your photos before Feb. 1 to Jacque Sneddon at [jacquesneddon@gmail.com](mailto:jacquesneddon@gmail.com).

We continue our twice-a-month Work-Study Group Zoom meetings. If you have a photography question, you are always welcome to join us. Contact Jacque Sneddon for meeting times and dates for the Work-Study Group.

This month's two cell phone photographs are from our member Jacque Sneddon who shot them at a recent Car Club meeting. Note the level of detail captured with a cell phone.

If you have yet to receive our emails, contact Jacque at [jacquesneddon@gmail.com](mailto:jacquesneddon@gmail.com). She will be glad to add you to the mailing list. ~ **John Baeyertz**, [johnbz1453@gmail.com](mailto:johnbz1453@gmail.com)



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## RAINBOW GROUP



The Four Seasons Rainbow Group continues in our mission to support the local residents who identify as LGBTQ+ and anyone else interested in our community. We usually meet on the fourth Thursday of the month in the Ballroom. We introduce new members, share stories or news that might be of interest to the membership, occasionally hold potlucks, and host themed movie nights. We will gladly entertain ideas from anyone.

If you haven't signed up for our email list or feel that you did but are not receiving email, please contact us at [rainbowgroup@myyahoo.com](mailto:rainbowgroup@myyahoo.com). Lastly, if you haven't already joined our Four Seasons Beaumont Rainbow Facebook group, please do so. Both avenues will keep you updated on any late-breaking developments, events and details of our monthly activity. ~ **David Esquerre**

## PLATONIC PALS

Do you know of someone who has recently moved in, someone who has lost a spouse or partner, someone who is sick or disabled? Maybe somebody needs a ride somewhere or they need to get groceries or medicine.

Perhaps someone is alone and having a bad day and just needs a phone call or someone to talk to or a quick visit. Whatever the reason — if someone needs any kind of help or needs a pal or for more info on the pal program or to become a pal, call Joni at (661) 390-5512 or Candi at (562) 587-6591, and we will sign you up or send a pal to you. ~ **Joni Truelsen**

## FOUR SEASONS SINGERS

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](mailto:bawasco@dc.rr.com). ~ **Barbara Wasco**

## QUILTING ENTHUSIASTS

Peace, love, and quilting! Our Quilting Enthusiasts group ended a very active fall season with a holiday potluck at the home of Carol Young. In October, Jeri Sorensen, Karen Reed, and Penny Key donated several small quilts and other quilted items for the Walk For Animals' raffle. In November, a beautiful patriotic quilt was made specifically for the Veterans Car Show raffle. It was won by a happy Ike Ericksen (at right). The quilt was a group effort by Susan Hagerman, Mary Moody-Cox, Carol Young, and Jeri Sorensen. January 2023 will find our group traveling to several local quilt shows such as the world famous Road To California show, in its 27th year at the Ontario Convention Center, Jan. 18 – 21, 2023.

If you are enthusiastic about quilting or just interested in how to begin one of your own, please join us. We meet on the second Thursday of the month at 1 pm in the Arts & Crafts Room at The Lodge. Our next meeting is Jan. 12, 2023. Quilters of all levels are welcome. We also have our Sit N' Sew that day from 9 am to 4 pm. If you want company or extra hands as you sew, piece, cut, or layer your quilts, come along. For more information, contact Mary Moody-Cox at (808) 430-7469 or 4seasonsquilters@gmail.com. ~ Penny Key



## KNIT & CROCHET GROUP

We meet Tuesday mornings 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 interested in learning how to knit or crochet. Please email me if you have any questions. ~ Marlene Doyle, marlened3333@gmail.com

## CRAFT GROUP

Don't miss out on making some creative projects this month. Come join us, we meet on Thursdays at 10 am in The Lodge Arts & Crafts Room. For more information, contact me at christimason02@yahoo.com or (951) 486-1091. ~ Christi Mason

## CERAMICS CLASS

Happy New Year! Ceramics Class has something for the novice crafter looking for a new hobby or someone who has experience and wants to create unique designs or pieces for friends and family. In addition to individual projects, we offer class projects throughout the year to teach new techniques.

Come and join in the fun. Drop by the Arts & Crafts Room to see our monthly ceramics class schedule and learn more about our

upcoming class projects. We meet Wednesdays from 1 to 4 pm. Please see the class schedule for any exceptions.

A certified instructor and/or an experienced team lead is available to support your crafting needs. Participation is at your own pace and frequency.

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We have outstanding the women in this Bible study and want all Four Seasons Breeze readers to know it. Not only are they consistent attendees, but their wisdom and comments add immensely to each class study. If any of you amazing women out there would like to join this remarkable us, please come by the Game Room any Friday at 10:30 am for a great discussion and learning from each other.

We are presently studying the Book of Proverbs, compiled by King Solomon, and also contributed to by King Hezekiah. Since some of the proverbs are difficult to interpret or understand, the women have been challenged to "rephrase" the proverbs to better understand them today. Some of the "rephrases" have been enlightening and

beautiful, and some have been very clever, eliciting laughter. Thank you to all the ladies who so diligently study each lesson.

We will finish Proverbs sometime at the end of March 2023. We meet on Jan. 6, 2023, with a very amazing lesson time: the ladies will be volunteering to share some of the miracles they have experienced in their lives. It will be an exceptional experience for sure.

This Bible study is non-denominational, and any version of the Bible is accepted. Please consider joining this amazing group of beautiful women of God. ~ Eileen Gilbert-Antoine, (951) 922-6829 or [egcellent@msn.com](mailto:egcellent@msn.com)

## BEREAVEMENT GROUP

Happy New Year! Hope you had a wonderful holiday season with good food and great family and friends. But, I know that not everyone's holiday was perfect. For some, a family member might have been ill, recently diagnosed with a disease, or passed away. For others there might have been a past illness or death that was felt more strongly over the holidays. If any of these situations happened to you, consider joining the Bereavement Group. The group is made up of friendly people just like you. They have experienced illness to themselves or others or have dealt with a loss. You can come and listen to what others are saying and feeling or you can participate to

whatever level you are comfortable. The participants have a wealth of knowledge to share and would love to hear your story.

The Bereavement Group will be meeting in January on Mondays, Jan. 9 and Jan. 23. Starting in February, we will be meeting on the first and third Mondays of the month. We meet in the RCN Room #3 from 1 to 3 pm. If you have any questions or want to let me know you are coming, call Becky KG at (951) 524-0215 and leave a message. I will call you back. Or, you can email me at [beckykg\\_1@yahoo.com](mailto:beckykg_1@yahoo.com). ~ Becky Kotzin-Gustafson

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## MIXED MEDIA ARTS

This is the perspective of the artist of the month, Linda Rau: *"At this time of year, we like to find things that calm us from stress that the holidays do to us. It's scientifically proven that being around water can calm the soul. So, why not fly to Hawaii and lie on the beach for a week or head to the country and fish on the pond of an old mill. I really enjoy painting scenes that include water, even though I'm still learning how to paint water to show waves, currents, waterfalls, and the stillness of a pond. Then there's reflections! We are fortunate here at Four Seasons to have a few water features to paint, but also because we have Rob Kelman and his Mixed Media class. Painting is also calming to the soul. Rob guides us through our compositions and provides advice and suggestions when we need them. We also learn from the other artists in our class, since everyone is so helpful and encouraging."*

*"So, if you need some stress relief and can't get away for a week in Hawaii or escape to the countryside, come join us!"*



Classes are on Mondays from 10 am to 12 pm and/or on Wednesdays from 6 to 8 pm. There is a nominal \$5 fee per person, per session. If you have any questions, call Rob Kelman at (951) 992-9156. ~ **Rob Kelman**

## PERFORMING ARTS CLUB

We head into 2023 with our excited Performing Arts Club (PAC) members and led by new officers Pat Wayne, Claudia Rozzi, and Laurie Naliboff.

In December, our own Merry Minstrels sang for residents at the holiday show on Dec. 2 in The Lodge Lobby and throughout the community during the season.

Upcoming is the May show, *Remember when Rock was Young*. There will be auditions Jan. 15 from 2 to 4 pm in The Lodge Ballroom. Please look for flyers in The Lodge and on the e-Blast.

For any newcomers to Four Seasons, this club supports volunteers from our community who love to perform by singing, acting, doing tech, staging, producing, etc.

This year, PAC will be active with three shows and some fun nights. These shows are all free to residents. Our calendar is set for 2023 so just keep us in mind.

We are always looking for new volunteers familiar with audio visuals, i.e., lighting,



sound, etc. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me or any officer.

Our next meeting will be in the RCN Main Room on Monday, Jan. 9 at 6 pm. Please support the new officers and see what is happening next.

Get your name on the mailing list if it is not already on it.

For info or you wish to be involved, contact Marianne Bugni, PAC Chairperson, at (920) 517-2739 or email [lamarib77@gmail.com](mailto:lamarib77@gmail.com). ~ **Marianne Bugni**



L-R: Claudia Rozzi, Jerry Monahan, Dan Hazeltine, Gary Sifter, Tom Olsen, Steve Schwinn, Bob Lucas, Marianne Bugni; on the guitar is Mike Bugni



## SEASONED SOLOS

The Seasoned Solos began the month with breakfast at Patsy's in Banning. The food was all fresh and tasty, the service was excellent, and the conversation among us was very enjoyable.

A small group went to the Lifehouse Theater in Redlands for a performance of *Noah*. The musical was enjoyed by all, followed by a meal at The Spaghetti Factory.

Dinner at the Tartan Room in Redlands has always offered great food and they did not let us down. It is such a wonderful and relaxing place for friends to gather and enjoy the food and each other's company.

We had a huge turnout for our birthday lunch at Steer 'n Stein in Hemet, another place for great food. We have always enjoyed making the short drive and the birthday girls enjoyed a special ice cream treat.

The last activity was a drive to the Mission Inn to enjoy The Festival of Lights in Riverside. The group had a wonderful time, beginning with the miracle of finding street parking very close to the event. The lights are always amazing, no matter how many times you go. It was wonderful to see the vendors and entertainment return this year, adding to the happy holiday feeling. The weather was perfect and the crowds were small.

The Seasoned Solos is a wonderful group of single people who enjoy having fun and happy times with friends and forming new friendships. On our outings, we learn something new about each

other and have found common interests in other groups or clubs within our beautiful Four Seasons community. Come join us at our next meeting on Friday, Jan. 6 at 6 pm in The Lodge Arts & Crafts Room.

For information, please contact Joyce Olson at (951) 850-3055 or Nyla Cheely at (951) 285-7112. ~ *Nyla Cheely*



*Joyce Burmester and Phyllis Kates*

## CROWN DIVAS RED HATS

At our November event, the Crown Divas started the holiday season by making wreaths. Our talented crafter, Diva Lady Glitter, taught us just how much fun it could be. Did you know you could make pretty wreaths for different holidays out of socks? For our Christmas wreaths, we used wire wreath frames, scissors, colorful green, red, and white socks, ribbons and boughs, small Christmas ornaments, and glitter.

The atmosphere was like a busy and fun Santa Claus Workshop. While exchanging creative ideas with one another, we treated ourselves to some delicious appetizers, desserts, and beverages. When completed, each Diva's wreath had its own personal touch and no two were alike. You could tell the Divas were proud of their wreaths. They expressed their excitement to show them off, and rightly so. Thank you Lady Glitter for making the art project a learning and fun experience. Good job Divas! Happy holidays from the Crown Divas. Sugar mama [irmabsromero@gmail.com](mailto:irmabsromero@gmail.com). ~ **Irma Romero** (Sugar Mama) [Irmabsromero@gmail.com](mailto:Irmabsromero@gmail.com)





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## FISHING CLUB

You've got to be kidding me. I got a virus in November and I was still sick in December. Now is the time to trout fish and I have not wet a line. My fishing friends have been calling me to go fishing and I can't even get out of bed. One way or the other I am going to go fishing this year.

I hope everyone had a great Christmas and send a Happy New Year's wish to all. Hopefully all my fishing buddies got new rods and

reels under the tree. I will be 71 in March and I hope I can still drive to fishing spots. I may have to get one of those electric scooters so I can get around the lakes. As long as I can throw my bait in the water, I will be in tall cotton. Tight lines to all my fishing friends and remember, never take good health for granted. ~ **Richard Carrasco**, [ricarrasco52@gmail.com](mailto:ricarrasco52@gmail.com)

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## HORSESHOE CLUB

Happy New Year everybody! It was a difficult December with Covid, flu, and what-not running rampant, postponing club parties and canceling other events. However, we trudged on and enjoyed the holidays as best we could. Now, for the fun part of it all, we get to take all those decorations down and put them all away for next year. I'm looking forward to getting back to our regular routine of playing

## BOCCE CLUB

Happy New Year to all. I'd like to thank all of our Bocce players for their continued support for our group. We had a good year with some new players joining us throughout the year. Looking forward to 2023.

Bocce Ball plays at The Summit on two courts overlooking the surrounding valley. We play Tuesdays and Fridays at 9 am. All are welcome to join us and have some fun.

If you want to learn the game, please come to The Summit. For info, contact me at [hanknegrete16@yahoo.com](mailto:hanknegrete16@yahoo.com) or call/text (909) 747-7087. ~ **Hank Negrete**

horseshoes every Wednesday morning at 9 am at the beautiful Summit venue. Try something new in 2023. Come on out and join us. I promise you won't be disappointed. Our contacts are Ron Erickson at (951) 846-3288, [rejlrickson@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rejlrickson@sbcglobal.net) and Gary Christi (951) 845-0520, [goldtoy@earthlink.net](mailto:goldtoy@earthlink.net). ~ **Ron Erickson**



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## PICKLEBALL

Happy New Year from the Four Seasons Pickleball Club! We sure ended 2022 with a bang: a Four Seasons pickleball tournament not only for our members but ALSO pickleball players from outside our community. It was a huge success. We had 46 players vying for those coveted medals. Not to mention the great raffle prizes. Kelly Vucinic was the tournament coordinator. She, along with several very giving volunteers (with a special shout out to - Maggie Domico, Lydia Luna, Nancy Barnaby, and Gale Wardenski), organized and pulled this huge event off without a hitch. The end of 2022 also involved our highly-anticipated holiday extravaganza. As usual, it was well-attended and full of delicious food (catered by our very beloved Stacy from Kopper Kettle), topped off with lots of fun and fantastic dancing.

I cannot start this year off without taking time out to remind everyone that it takes a village to run a Four Seasons club and that village is our very special and dedicated Pickleball Steering

Committee. Our 2022 Committee included: President, Jesse Aceves; Co-chairs, Nancy Barnaby and Jim Allard; Communications, Marty (aka Martha) Keys, Yundell Montalvo, and Julie Staynor; Event, Kelly Vucinic and Lydia Luna; Instructors, Nancy Hessin, Daniel Edwards, and Jeromee Liebenberg; , Secretary, Irma Peterson; and our Treasurer Maggie Domico. Thank you each and everyone of you! You all are so devoted to making this club the big success it is, not to mention all the many volunteer hours you give.

If you don't play pickleball, make a New Year's resolution to come out and play. We have a new kiosk in front of the pickleball courts that has lots of Pickleball Club info, including all the information you will need to get started.

See you on the courts! ~ *Shelley Allard, shelleyallard@gmail.com*

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## TENNIS CLUB

As the old adage goes... time flies when you're having fun. Well then, I must be having a lot of fun living here in Four Seasons. I can hardly believe the year 2023 is already upon us! So, I hope you all feel the same way.

Due to the pandemic in the past three years, the holidays didn't really feel like holidays at all. However, Thanksgiving and Christmas in 2022 seemed more similar to pre-pandemic years. People were out Christmas shopping and enjoyed meals with family and friends, just like old times. Hopefully you all enjoyed the holidays and quality family time as much as I did.

With that, here's wishing everyone a healthy and happy 2023. Cheers and let's play tennis! See you all at The Courts. Visit our website for more info: <https://sites.google.com/view/tennis-fourseasons/home>. ~ **Stan Lam**, (714) 757-2141, [slamcpa@gmail.com](mailto:slamcpa@gmail.com)

## WATER VOLLEYBALL CLUB

December was a special time for the club as we held our inaugural Christmas Gala in the RCN Main Room. More than 60 members and guests were able to attend this black tie event. The tables, in a black and gold palette with a decorative centerpiece, were designed and made by Vicki Manderino and Janine Rohrbacker. A delicious meal was catered by our own Bistro at Four Seasons staff, and we were entertained by a fantastic Sinatra Tribute Show. Thanks to Dave Rohrbacker for providing music for the evening. Also, we would like to thank



our sponsor Power Pros Pest Control for their donation to our Gala.

Our winter pool volleyball season is in full swing, meeting indoors at The Summit on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from 11 am to 1 pm. We are always looking for new players. All ages, heights, and skill levels are welcome. If you're looking for a low impact activity and having fun and laughs with your friends and neighbors, then water volleyball is the sport for you. Come join us! ~ **Mel Harkin**, [odeegos@yahoo.com](mailto:odeegos@yahoo.com)



*Christmas Gala raffle prizes*

## PADDLE TENNIS

Happy New Year! We currently have a group that gets together for paddle tennis at 2 pm on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays. Again, anyone can get a group together for a fun day of paddle tennis any day during normal Lodge hours. Reservations are not needed. We are happy to teach anyone wanting to try paddle. We have a great group of folks. Some of us also play tennis and pickleball. We look forward to seeing you in 2023. ~ **Lizzie Carbajal Gallegos**, [Jpaez111555@gmail.com](mailto:Jpaez111555@gmail.com)

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# TABLE TENNIS

## **Player of the Month: Perry White**

*Where were you born?* I was born in West Covina, Calif. but our family didn't live there long. From the age of three to 17, I grew up in San Jose, Calif.

*When did you move into Four Seasons?* Sally and I moved to Four Seasons in August of 2015. Previously we had lived in Independence, Calif..

*What attracted you to Four Seasons?* We visited our friends, Dennis and Diane Gray, several times after they retired and moved here. We loved the beauty of the Four Seasons community and activities that were offered here.

*What field did you work in before you retired?* Before moving here I pastored Sierra Baptist Church in Independence.

*What are some of your favorite activities at Four Seasons?* I enjoy active things like ping pong (aka table tennis), pickleball, paddle tennis, and occasionally tennis. I also enjoy sedate activities like playing card games as well as billiards.

*To what interesting places have you traveled?* I never thought I would be able to travel much but I have been blessed to be able to travel far more extensively than I ever dreamed. I traveled to Israel three times. I have also been to Turkey, Egypt, Kenya, England, China,



Canada, Mexico, and all 50 states.

*How did you get started playing ping pong?* My parents gave me a ping pong table for my 13th birthday. When I was in college I played occasionally at the student lounge.

*What do you enjoy most about ping pong?* I enjoy ping pong in a room where there is plenty of space to move around. I like to lob a lot which seems ridiculous to advanced players but it helps my defense plus provides me with opportunities to have a nice slam. People like to make fun of my slams and pretend that the little ball hurts when they are hit, but really it is all about the fun of connecting well and getting good exercise.

*Would you encourage other residents to join our ping pong club and why?* I do encourage others to play ping pong. It is a great sport that can be played year round. I know that many people are hesitant to try because even the intermediate group seems too advanced to play. But most people are very understanding and encouraging. I know they have been for me.

We play ping pong Monday through Saturday from 2 to 4 pm at The Courts. Come join us or contact Niles Sundstrom (818) 826-1380 or nilstrom@gmail.com for more information. ~ **Niles Sundstrom**

# TOPS

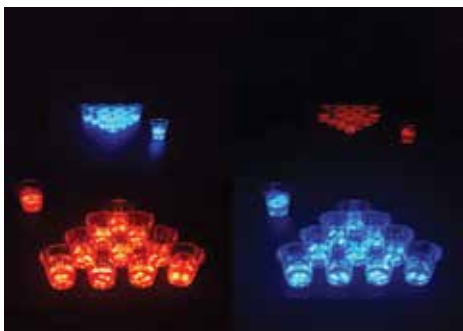
We are looking forward in time because of the new year, but TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) members did a retro look at what our bodies were like 50-60 years ago and how that affected our health.

We found that simple household chores took many more calories each day, but high-rise parking structures with malls make us walk less after parking our cars. We talked about which modern devices we might try to do without in an effort to get more exercise. Someone suggested cleaning and chopping fresh veggies and fruit instead of buying the expensive pre-cut variety would be cheaper, more healthful, and would burn a few more calories. Even using a broom instead of a leaf blower on the driveway would be great exercise.

Keep in mind that a lot of our daily activities are the result of habit. If you do something every day or several times a week for four to six weeks, it can become a new habit for you that may keep you more active without having to think about it. And even if it's only occasionally, you'll still burn a few extra calories.

This month's "Thinner Winner" was Andi Henderson with Nyla Cheely in second place. They lost the most weight. This happens with exercise, mindful eating, motivation, portion control, new recipes and meeting attendance. Congratulations you two.

You may find that TOPS can help you as well. We meet on Tuesdays at 8:30 am in the Ballroom. For more information, call Andi Henderson at (918) 497-6491. ~ **Andi Henderson**



# NIGHT BEER PONG

The Night Beer Pong group is expanding our play hours as we enjoy shorter days this winter. We play Mondays, Wednesdays, Sundays, Tuesdays, Saturdays, and Thursdays, and Fridays from 5 pm to 2 am, or until the last person goes home, at The Summit.

For those of you who haven't played beer pong, just think, "Hey! Do I like fun? Also do I like beer?" then come on down and join us. We are also serving pretzels and disinfect our ping pong balls once in a while. ~ **Joe Blow, joeblow@yahoo.com (909) 213j329**



## 8-BALL CLUB

Your Four Seasons 8-Ball Club wishes everyone at Four Seasons a healthy, happy, and prosperous 2023. We practice on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 6:30 to 9 pm. We meet on the first Wednesday of each month, an 8-Ball Tournament on the second Wednesday of the month, and a 9-Ball Tournament on the fourth Wednesday of each month.

We have been back to playing two additional 8-Ball Tournaments each month with Solera Oak Valley — one there, on the second Monday of the month and one here on the fourth Monday of the month.

In December, we played two tournaments with Solera, getting our second and third win to cap off our 2022 season. Congrats to all those who competed. Solera's address is 1615 Fairway Drive, in Beaumont.

In October's 8-Ball Tournament, we

had 12 players compete ending with Doug Strenger as the winner and John Johnson as runner-up. In November's 8-Ball Tournament, we had 13 players compete, finishing with Larry Rice as the champion and Joy Collins as the runner-up.

Eight players competed in October's in-house, 9-Ball Tournament. Larry Rice came from the loser bracket to defeat Bella Capra to win the tournament. Thirteen players competed in November's in-house, 9-Ball Tournament. In the third round, Rick Steckler lost a match but returned to meet Larry Rice in the final match. Larry was able to win this final match and Rick was runner-up.

For info, contact one of our officers: Captain Del Lyles, Sr. (951) 845-5114 or Co-Captain Larry Rice (951) 236-1156. If no one answers, just leave a message and one of us will get back to you. ~ **Larry Rice**



*John Johnson and Doug Strenger*



*Larry Rice and Joy Collins*



*Larry Rice and Bella Capra*

## WILD BUNCH BILLIARDS

The Wild Bunch Billiards Group would like to wish everyone a happy New Year!

If you want to play serious, competitive pool, we invite you to come by the Billiards Room on Fridays from 12:30 to 3:30 pm and join in the stimulation of competitive play. We invite Sun Lakes and Solera to join us, and they bring their best game for some exciting competition.

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

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## SHUFFLEBOARD

Here's hoping that everyone had a safe, healthy, memorable, and happy holidays and are looking forward to a fabulous 2023. We continue to play shuffleboard on Monday and Saturday mornings at 9 am at the four new courts, located in a quiet setting at The Lodge, behind the swimming pool and next to the paddle tennis courts. All of the end-of-the-year holidays probably included much eating, so joining in an easy activity that provides a little exercise and fresh air, could be exactly what we all need.

Shuffleboard is an easy game to learn and one can become proficient at playing this game fairly quickly. Our games usually last about an hour or a little more. We choose different teams each time that we play. That allows us to keep the competition challenging and the games interesting. We play for fun, but, of course, everyone likes to win. We have a great group of residents who play regularly, and we



are always happy to have a new player join our "shuffleboard family." So after your morning coffee and/or breakfast, come out and join us. Again, get some fresh air, a little exercise, and some socializing with other like minded residents, by joining us on Monday and/or Saturday mornings at 9 am. We are especially excited to welcome new players and encourage some of our former players to return.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at (310) 948-1693 or email me at [mrtmj@aol.com](mailto:mrtmj@aol.com). I am looking forward to seeing you at the shuffleboard courts! ~ **Marty Rotman**

## 4X4 SEASONS

Our Four Seasons 4x4 Club wishes all of you a happy and enjoyable New Year.

Looking back at 2022, we had a ball together. We have new members, continuing members, and guests who have all contributed to our outdoors fun. We have room for you! Our members' 4x4 rigs run the gamut — Jeeps, trucks, Hummers, stock, lifted, whatever — come check us out.

Thank you all for enjoying the great outdoors with us and helping make our 4x4 Club a success. We look forward to a great 2023 with a few camp outs and several day runs.

If our group sounds like fun, please join us. We meet on the second Tuesday and plan

a day run for the second Thursday of each month. January's meeting date is the 9th and our day run will be the 12th. For info, contact Brian Fusilier, (909) 215-2778 [bfusilier@verizon.net](mailto:bfusilier@verizon.net) or Scott Snyder, (562) 714-7252

[scottdonaldsnyder@gmail.com](mailto:scottdonaldsnyder@gmail.com).

Below are photos of our day trip to Long Canyon taken by Scott Snyder. See you all in January. ~ **Brian Fusilier**







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# MOTORCYCLE CLUB

It's time to look back and to be grateful for another year of memorable miles on the road. When I retired in 2016, I was aware of the Four Seasons Motorcycle Club (MC) and would occasionally see members setting out on Thursday mornings for their weekly ride. I guess that was when the motorcycle bug hit me. I had never been on a motorcycle before but it sure looked like a fun way to spend part of my retirement. Over the next 90 days, I took a couple of motorcycle riding courses (which I highly recommend for first-time riders), bought my first motorcycle which was a very tame Honda NC700x, and headed out on my first Thursday ride with the club. Bob Howard turned out to be my mentor and I am forever grateful. He kind of took me under his wing, giving me guidance and tips, helping me learn the basics. I remember that first club ride like it was yesterday; it was actually my first ride venturing out of Beaumont. We were a group of about seven riders and our destination for the day was Pala by way of Lake Henshaw. After that ride, I knew I was hooked. It's been nearly six years and roughly 60,000 miles on the road since that first ride and I am now on my third motorcycle. My current ride is a Harley Davidson Softail Deluxe — quite an upgrade from that first Honda.

I still look forward to our Thursday rides for a couple of reasons. First, I just love to ride! Second, I have made such good friends over the years with the

club hanging out with my motorcycle buddies. Terry Humble, Tim Mixon, Joe Bert, and Mark Leary are regulars on our Thursday rides. Not only are they my riding buddies, they have become some of my closest friends. In addition to our Thursday rides, the club goes on multi-day rides each year. Over my six years of riding, these trips have taken me to Northern California, Utah, and Arizona, plus shorter multi-day rides to the central coast, Death Valley, and Kernville to name a few; lots of memorable rides shared with Terry, Tim, and Joe. Mark is our newest member, having joined the club about a year ago. I already have close to 5,000 miles on the road with Mark and he too will be joining us on multi-day rides next year.

So, what's in store for 2023? We are already talking about destinations for our multi-day trips. I would love to head up the California coast to Northern California. Utah has also been discussed and Arizona keeps coming up. Whatever we decide, our plan is to get in two roughly five-day trips and a couple of two or three-day trips. And, of course, we will continue to go on our weekly Thursday rides.

If you are new or somewhat new to riding, like me, or if you are a veteran rider like most of the guys in the club, consider joining the MC. It's all about sharing the love of riding with good friends. Yes, retirement has been good. ~ **Jim Ayala**



*On our way to the White Mountain range in Arizona*



*Rain! Taking shelter near Pinetop, Ariz., waiting for a storm to pass through*

# E-BIKE CLUB

The e-Bike Club held its first meeting in November. We decided not to meet in December, since so many people were busy with the holidays.

While we are still new and haven't had contact with everyone who will join us, we determined that our immediate goals are to start some fun rides, learn existing bike laws, and explore how to get better bike racks installed at The Lodge, Summit, and Courts.

We welcome all who are currently riding in groups to join us. We can include your group and work to meet your needs.

We will ride on the first Thursday of the month. Our first ride will be on Jan. 5 beginning at 11 am.

Come and join us. For more information, contact Steve Cooley at cooleyaudit@gmail.com or (801) 815-5302. ~ **Steve Cooley**

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## PAN

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## PHASE 10

We hope to see more fun-loving card players join us in The Lodge Game Room on Tuesday, Jan. 10 and Tuesday, Jan. 24 from 2 to 4 pm. Start 2023 playing Phase 10 with friends.

There have been the usual faithfuls, but we would love to see more join us to play this fun game. Snacks are provided.

The goal is to complete the 10 phases that are established for the game, one round at a time. These phases include sets of cards (all the same number) and runs (cards in a sequence). There are also Wild cards and Skip cards during play.

Thank you for your support.

If you have any questions, please contact Marianne Bugni at (920) 517-2739 or email lamarib77@gmail.com. ~ **Marianne Bugni**

## DOMINOES

We have a tie for the month of November. Vernon Bell and Jesse Dimmer tied at 14 games. Vernon was leading, but because he misses Dominoes on Wednesday, Jesse had a chance to catch him. Congratulations, Vernon and Jesse. We play every Wednesday and Friday in the Game Room. For more information, contact Reggie at (951) 743-3584 or Jesse at (951) 769-2035. ~ **Wondell Collins**



Vernon  
Bell tied for  
November's  
winner

## RUMMIKUB

Do you miss playing your favorite tile game, Rummikub? We sure miss seeing friends and making new ones while playing this fun, fast-paced game.

We play in the Game Room at The Lodge on Mondays from 2 to 4 pm. We welcome pros and newcomers alike and are always happy to teach the game to anyone who is interested. So come out and meet your neighbors and have a great time.

If you have any questions, I can be reached at retiredatlast@outlook.com. ~ **Caryn McSweeney**

## HEARTS

All are welcome. The game is played with a deck of 52 cards, no jokers. We play three, four, or five at a table. Scheduling is not necessary. We play on Tuesdays at 6 pm in The Lodge Game Room. A group has played here at Four Seasons for nine years. Seating is random draw, no partners, individual scores. It is easy to learn, harder to win. Players will teach. Games last for approximately two hours. Lowest points win. If you have any questions or would like to become the contact person for Hearts, please contact The Lodge front desk.

## MAH JONGG

Hello all! We are now playing Mah Jongg in the RCN every Friday morning from 10 am to noon. I hope you can join us. The great part is that you do not have to commit to every Friday.

If you are interested in learning this game, we arrange periodic lessons and have a table designated for new players.

If you have any questions or would like to arrange an introductory lesson, contact Terry Hall at Terryhall005@gmail.com. ~ **Terry Hall**

## PINOCHLE FOR FUN

Whether you are a new or an experienced player, we will help you enjoy the game. We meet in the RCN Room #1 every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9 am to noon. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact either Karen Farmer at (951) 313-6149 or Floyd Reid at (951) 317-3127. ~ **Karen Farmer**

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## CANASTA

Join us for an afternoon of friendship and fun while playing a game of Hand and Foot Canasta. We meet on Thursdays in the RCN Main Room from 12:45 to 4 pm. 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**, [pamelamorales26@gmail.com](mailto:pamelamorales26@gmail.com)

## THREE THIRTEEN

Three-Thirteen is a fun and fast-paced card game, played in 11 rounds. A variation of rummy, players meld using runs and sets of at least three cards. The first player to lay all cards down first receives no points. Then the remaining players lay down their cards, either on the first player's cards or their own. Each round uses a progressive, new wild card, from 3 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 to be put on the group email list, contact Simone at [simone@bissada.net](mailto:simone@bissada.net). ~ **Simone Bissada**

## DUPLICATE BRIDGE GROUP

In 2023, we will have a session of Duplicate Bridge on the second Saturday of each month starting at 10 am, provided there is sufficient interest. Please contact me at [kafreyer@frontier.com](mailto:kafreyer@frontier.com) if you are not on our mailing list. ~ **Kirk Freyermuth**

## 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 12 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 Verona Rector at (951) 769-1687. ~ **Lois L. Butler**

## BUNCO

Have you heard the news? Beginning Jan. 8, 2023, Bunco will be every Friday from 1 to 3 pm.

On the first and third Fridays, we play the regular Bunco game in the RCN, Room #3.

On the second, fourth, and fifth Fridays of each month, we will play Wacky Bunco in the Game Room at The Lodge. We've added a few changes to the scoring of the game to keep you on your toes and spice up the game. It's loads of fun!

Anyone is welcome to attend. It's a great way to have some fun and meet new friends. Feel free to contact Cheryl Diego at [kinderbear@msn.com](mailto:kinderbear@msn.com) or Linda Supernaw at [supernaw4@sbcglobal.net](mailto:supernaw4@sbcglobal.net). ~ **Cheryl Diego**

*A small, but fun group of friends including one LUCKY GUY playing Bunco at our after Thanksgiving Wacky Bunco*

## UPTOWN DIVAS BID WHIST

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

## CO-ED BID WHIST

Hey everyone! Frank Turner is my name and playing Bid Whist is my game. I am looking forward to having more players come and join us! The Co-Ed Bid Whist group meets on Tuesdays from 6 to 8:30 pm in the RCN, Room #3. We offer a satisfying game environment filled with skill, good cheer, good-natured 'trash talking,' and some great music. Again, I invite more players to come and check us out. Win or lose... you will have a lot of fun and meet some great folks while playing Bid Whist. New players, whether new to the game or veterans, are always welcome! We look forward to seeing you at the tables. For more info, call Frank Turner (562) 922-9737. ~ **Frank Turner**



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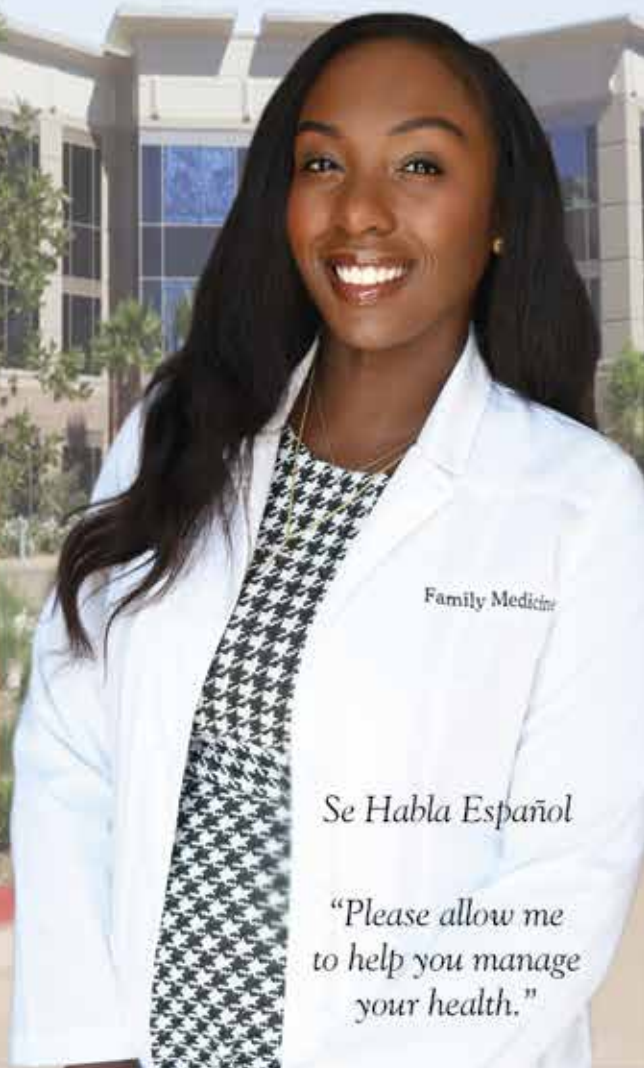
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# GET THE JOKE – WIN BISTRO BUCKS!

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

## LAST MONTH'S JOKE

### FISH CARVERS GROUP

This month we celebrate Christmas, Hannukah, and Kwanza by carving the official fish for the month of December: the trout. Please join us in The Lodge Arts & Crafts Room on the first Wednesday of the month and bring a bar of soap, piece of wood, or gourd and we'll provide the snorkels. As always, we will be serving shrimp cake and tuna-flavored coffee. If you have any questions, please call Gill Blue at (909) 797-3647. We look forward to seeing you there.

~ Gill Blue

## YOUR COMMENTS

*Love this thoroughly entertaining magazine. Thank you to all who make this possible. Laurie W.*

*What? No lobster tails? Harriet H.*

*Wow! I scrutinized the Breeze many times to find this joke - very good! Bob B.*

*I knew something was fishy when it didn't say what time! Patti N.*

*It sounds fishy to me!*

*I almost thought it wasn't a joke. But it has to be! I just hope I'm not offending anyone because I think it is a joke! Linda P.*

## THIS MONTH'S WINNER:

# MARY JANE KOOGLE

## I got the joke!

Resident's Name (first & last): \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

This was the joke: \_\_\_\_\_

We love your comments (about the joke, the Breeze, or whatever's on your mind!): \_\_\_\_\_

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**HARD**

## 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. Immediate family only may place the notice. 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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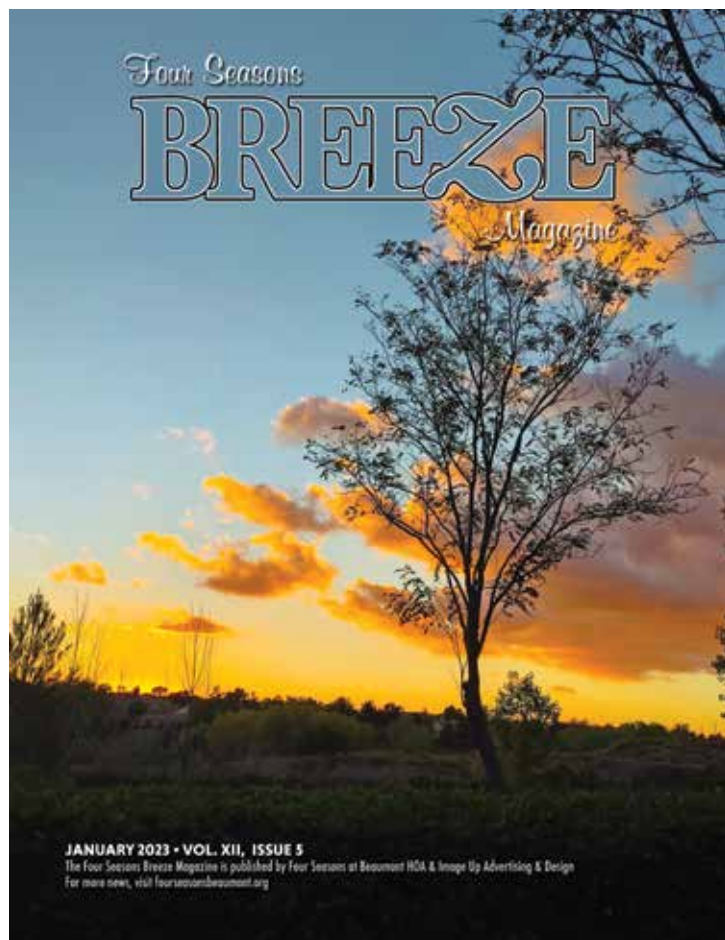
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