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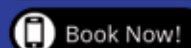
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CORRECTION: In last month's Breeze, we printed an article about tree-trimming and inadvertently omitted the author's name. That article was written by Jessica Weber.

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MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

By Kathy Craven, Board Vice-President

Happy fall y'all! This year has flown by so quickly. We are now in my favorite time of year. The air has a chill in it and pumpkin spice is everywhere and in everything. We can start having comfy fires and enjoy the season with Thanksgiving as the ending to autumn.

This past year has included many changes to our community. We have entered into a contract to install solar at our three facilities. This work is currently on track to begin April 2024. Once in place, the HOA will have a consistent estimate of our electricity cost and can budget accordingly for the next 25 years.

In addition to our solar project, we entered into an agreement to settle our construction defect lawsuit with the builder K. Hovnanian. We will have more information once the process in the courts is complete and we should see repair work begin in early 2024.

Over the past several months, the Board of Directors has worked to complete a Strategic Plan that was initiated in the Community Planning Committee (CPC). This Strategic Plan will be provided to all residents in our annual budget that is mailed to each home in late November. Highlights will include both our mission and vision statements, along with all of our committee charters. A special thank you goes to Pat Wayne who donated her time and expertise in putting this together. She worked with the CPC to ensure we have an excellent working document for our residents. The idea is to provide this document every two years to keep the information current and relevant. Hats off to everyone involved from our committees, FirstService Residential, and our Communications Committee for their editing skills.

As a reminder, the heat in both The Courts and The Lodge pools is turned off as of Oct. 31 each year. For anyone brave enough to utilize either pool and chip the ice away to swim, enjoy. For the rest of us the pool at The Summit will continue to be heated along with all three spas.

Budget meetings are currently underway; the Board and Finance

Committee are working to set the 2024 budget. Per Civil Code, the budget needs to be completed and voted on by the Board in the November meeting and mailed by the end of November. For the past five years the HOA has been setting the budget, we have balanced the budget to within one to two percent each year. This is an amazing feat when you consider we work with a \$5.7 million budget. Many corporations would love to be this accurate! As of the September budget (the most current month as I write this), we were still at a net income of \$146,272, meaning we currently are operating under budget. This number changes each month and should come out to a balanced budget by the end of the year.

The Board, along with the Contracts Committee, in keeping with our fiduciary duty, issued Request for Proposals (RFPs) to several landscape companies. We received five responses back and evaluated the pricing, work to be done, and any incentives offered to determine which one would be best for our community. After discussions and reviewing a lot of material, the Board awarded the contract for 2024 to Park West. The Board all agrees that it is incumbent upon us to look at all contracts every three to four years and go out for a RFP. This keeps us, and our vendors, on our toes.

The Board meets the second Thursday of each month at 1 pm in the Ballroom and we encourage everyone to attend and see the workings of the association. Per civil code, the Board cannot engage in conversation with any homeowner input. If you prefer to meet with the Board in a less formal setting, Meet with the Board is a more intimate setting where the Board can engage in conversation with you on almost anything you wish to discuss (exceptions include any issues currently in litigation). Meet with the Board is the third Wednesday of each month in the Ballroom at 2 pm.

Thank you all for reading this long article; we had a lot to cover! If you have any questions or concerns, I can be reached at kathycravenbod@yahoo.com or at (714) 722-1301. Have a great month and be kind to one another.



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

NOVEMBER IS A GOOD MONTH TO:

- Reset irrigation timers
- Clean showerheads
- Check dryer vent for debris
- Check weather-stripping

WINTER HOURS

Nov. 1 marks the start of winter hours for the Association. The outdoor pool heaters are turned off but the spas are heated all year. The Summit hours are updated to 7 to 7 pm daily. The Courts hours are 8 am to 8 pm daily. The Lodge hours remain at 7 am to 9 pm daily.

SEPTEMBER DOLLARS AND CENTS

At the September Board meeting the following projects and bids were approved:

- Salt Creek/Clark Creek Tree Removals - \$1,920

- Additional Holiday Lighting - \$4,000
- 20 ft Maintenance Ladder - \$1,400
- Staff Office Chairs - not to exceed \$1,500

ASSOCIATION ALERTS

We have used email with the Daily Report for several years. We recently upgraded our service with the eblast vendor to also have text alerts. If you would like to be on the email and text alerts, you can email issues@fourseasonsbeaumont.org or go to <https://mailchi.mp/fourseasonsatbeaumont.com/sms-signup>

REMINDERS

A reminder I give at each Open Session Board Meeting is to slow down. Once you are home behind the gates speeding or not stopping at stop signs will only save you a few seconds of time. Speed limits are 30 mph on the Circle, 25 mph on all side streets and 15 mph in parking lots. Please slow down and drive responsibly. If you are a pedestrian, please use the sidewalks.

Meetings

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Executive Session
General Session
Committee Chairs

DAY

11/9
11/9
11/6

TIME

9a
1p
10a

SUB-BOARDS

Canine Corral Council
Communications Board

11/6
11/1

10a
10a

COMMITTEES

Architectural Review
Community Planning
Facilities
Finance
Landscape
Safety (includes EPC)
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DAY

11/1, 15
11/28
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BANNING WAREHOUSE UPDATE

By Jerry Monahan, Board President

Nothing much has changed at this time. The court date is Nov. 17 with Judge Hopp, and preparations are continuing by the Pass Action Group and its legal team. There are no details on the time of the court hearing, but PAG will update us for the Daily Report.

The PAG Group have Pass Action t-shirts that are being sold for \$20 each. If you are interested in purchasing a t-shirt, you can contact

Harry Finigan at (210) 240-7028.

As more information becomes available, we will be updated by a member of the PAG team.

The PAG Board of Directors thank everyone who have supported and continue to support the efforts to stop the Banning Pointe Warehouse Project.

PHOTO ASSIGNMENT

GOOD SPORT, GREAT MEMORIES

We would like to invite you to participate in our Sports Memories Illustrated pictorial. If you have a picture from the past or present that illustrates you participating in sports, please submit with a caption. Email to FourSeasonsNews@yahoo.com and if you have any questions, please call Courtney at (909) 797-3647. The deadline to submit is Dec. 6.

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Activities Corner

By Cindy Graves

November is such a great month of cooler weather and preparing for the upcoming year. Please make a note that on Wednesday, Nov. 8 at 6 pm in the RCN we will be having our Annual Events Lottery for Clubs, Groups, and Classes wanting special events in 2024. Come prepared with a first, second, and third choice date, in case your hoped-for date gets taken by another group. If you are not changing your regular meeting times in 2024, you do not have to come to this meeting; your current meeting days and times will simply roll over into the next year. For residents looking for 2024 private party reservations, we will not be booking private parties until after Nov. 10 to be sure we're all squared away with the Club, Group, and Class dates.

On Thursday, Nov. 9 at 3:30 pm in the Ballroom, we will be hosting an HOA Town Hall Meeting to hear about what's going on in Riverside County. Supervisor Yxstian Gutierrez for District 5 of the Riverside County Board of Supervisors will be filling us in on the latest news. Everyone is welcome to come listen.

Saturday, Nov. 11 is a full day of recognizing and honoring our wonderful Four Seasons Veterans. From 10 am to 2 pm we will be holding our Veterans Day Car Show. This will be a packed show of some of the most beautiful cars you've ever seen! D.J. Dave will be emceeing the day and there will be prizes and food for extra festivity. We need your help to vote on these beauties, so be sure to come check it out.

We will also be presenting a "Four Seasons Hometown Heroes" display in The Lodge, where you can see and read about some of your Veteran neighbors. This display will be up for the entire Veterans Day weekend, so you can pick which day is most convenient for you



to spend some time.

We will complete our Veterans Day with a "Twilight Tribute" at the Veterans Park at 4 pm. This will be a short service to take the opportunity to remember those that served our country. Please join us as we take a moment out of

our busy day to come together in unity. There will be a cake reception immediately following the service at The Summit. Again, everyone is encouraged to attend.

Be planning ahead for our December Holiday Extravaganza with shows on the evenings of Friday, Dec. 1, Saturday, Dec. 2 and a matinee on Sunday, Dec. 3. Tickets are free, but will be required for your day of choice. Tickets will be available for pick up the last part of November. Stay tuned for more specific details in the Activities Blast and next month's Breeze. I just wanted to give you a heads-up for planning.

I hope all of you have a memorable Thanksgiving. I am more thankful for you than you'll ever know; your love, support, and encouragement have meant the world to me and I am forever grateful for this incredibly wonderful Four Seasons family!

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Monday, November 6 10:30 a.m.

Thursday, November 9 10 a.m.

Tuesday, November 14 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday, November 15 10:30 a.m.

Friday, November 17 10:30 a.m.

Tuesday, November 21 10:30 a.m.

YUCAIPA

Monday, November 6 1 p.m.

Tuesday, November 14 1 p.m.

Tuesday, November 21 1 p.m.

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Beginning Wednesday, Nov. 1, the Winter Wish Program is again asking for your compassionate participation in the 2023 Winter Wish Gift and Food Drive.

To participate in this year's gift giving, simply select a paper tag and check the tag out with the front desk. Return the wrapped gift with the attached tag you chose to the desk attendant absolutely no later than Friday, Dec. 1 at 5 pm.

DID YOU KNOW?

DID YOU KNOW that special events are held in the Bistro on occasion? This is an extra savory tidbit of information as these special events are often "off the menu" and not advertised on our *Breeze* calendar. Recently, the Bistro held a night of table-side magic, in which diners got personal interactive displays of trickery while enjoying their meals. On the first Tuesday of each month, residents can enjoy the soothing sounds of the Smooth Combo jazz band. Every Wednesday, The Bistro hosts a pianist. And of course, who can forget the regular rambunctious sounds of Bistro Bingo! hosted by Gail Games. Contact The Bistro directly for dates for the unique events or read our tri-weekly Activities Blast email.



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Spotlight on The Bistro's Mike Miller and Joslyn Elsass



MIKE MILLER, OWNER AT THE BISTRO

When the pandemic hit, thousands of restaurants closed in California including Michael "Mike" Miller's Woody's 1950s-style Grill in Grand Terrace. But Mike didn't let that stop him from feeding people who were hungry.

"I hated letting my employees go, but we were closed to the public during that time," said Mike. He did however feel a calling to feed the homeless. He began with 30 people, and it grew to more than 100. Even though the pandemic is over, he still feeds about 30 needy people at his Woody's location.

Mike has the Four Seasons Bistro contract and provides a large menu at The Lodge seven days a week. He said that things are going well, especially during the special-activities meals, but he would like to reach out to the rest of the community.

"We have about 400 regular guests, but we would like to add more from the approximately 3,000 people who live here," he said.

He is a native Californian who grew up traveling in a Marine family. He began his career in food service and has done all the jobs from dishwasher to owner. His biggest learning experience was with the three-year Black Angus training program.

Mike is quite philanthropic, and donates to several charities including Carol's Kitchen with which he hopes to become more involved since they also feed the homeless.

"I am blessed with a great staff," he said and feels that three locations are enough at present. He also owns Pizza Q in Colton. "It's a tough business," he said, and he keeps quite busy running all three.

JOSLYN ELSASS, MANAGER

If Joslyn Elsass were asked, "How many people are there in your family?" she would probably answer, "Dozens." Joslyn, manager of the Four Seasons Bistro, loves her job managing and waitressing.

"I honestly feel that you (her customers) are all part of my family," she said while taking a few minutes from her very busy morning's jobs. She arranges schedules, replaces people who are sick, does some ordering and generally oversees the running of The Bistro.

She is often seen zipping from place to place in The Bistro in her familiar khaki jeans with her blond hair pulled up in accordance with the Board of Health rules. Her colorful tattooed arms are the

product of her upbringing. "My mom has the same tattoo on her chest that I do," she said. She watched horror movies in her youth and has several immortalized on her body.

She is a "horse person" and has spent hours riding her horse at dawn through some of the beautiful canyons in the area. At present, her horse was moved to Arizona with her grandma and she only gets to ride occasionally.

She would like to go back to college with hopes of a career in forensics. For now, she is very happy with her great job and big Bistro family. ~ *Andrea Henderson*



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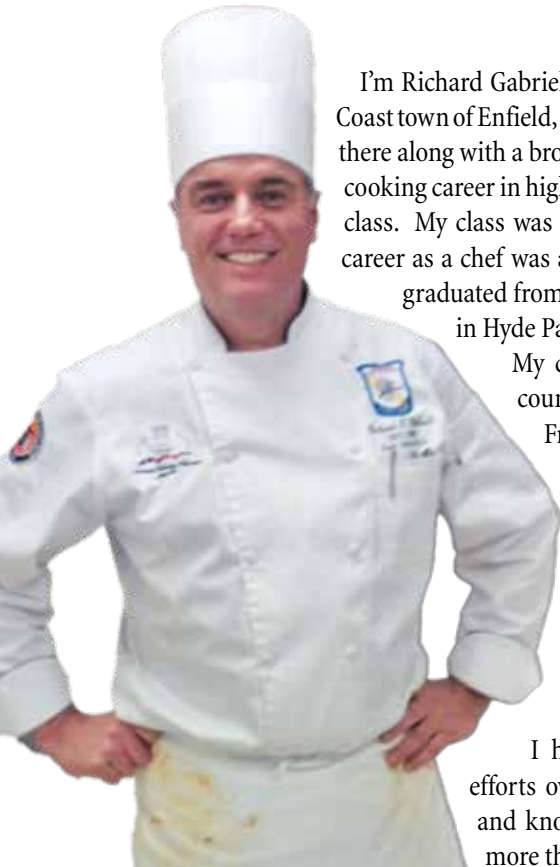
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I'm Richard Gabriel, a transplant from the quiet East Coast town of Enfield, Connecticut. I was born and raised there along with a brother and three sisters. I began my cooking career in high school in a fledgling food service class. My class was the first to take that course. The career as a chef was appealing to me so I enrolled and graduated from the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, New York, in 1977.

My career path took me to platinum country clubs, fine dining in French and Italian restaurants in Connecticut and New York including the Ritz Carlton Hotel on Central Park South. I decided to switch paths and taught for 11 years at the Culinary Institute in 1989. I have participated in food competitions my whole life, both nationally and internationally.

I have won several awards for my efforts over the years, but the friendships and knowledge that I gained were worth more than anything else.

I raised a family in Bethel, Connecticut. I have three young men ages 38, 35 and 33. My eldest son, John, is a corporate pilot for the Tishman Architectural Company and flies a Gulfstream 650. My second son, Bob, is in marketing in Virginia. My youngest, Jeffrey, works for Kraft Foods as a Category Manager in Chicago and was just married in July 2023. My boys have made me a grandfather with three grandsons and a lovely granddaughter.

I came to California in 2011 to teach Culinary Arts at Riverside City College where I am presently a faculty member and I plan on retiring in December 2024.

Lisa and I met on Match.com in 2012. The interesting part was that her profile was not supposed to be able to be seen, yet I was able to wink at her. We met and are still going strong. I am very fortunate that the glitch allowed me to view her. I'm happy for our good fortune.

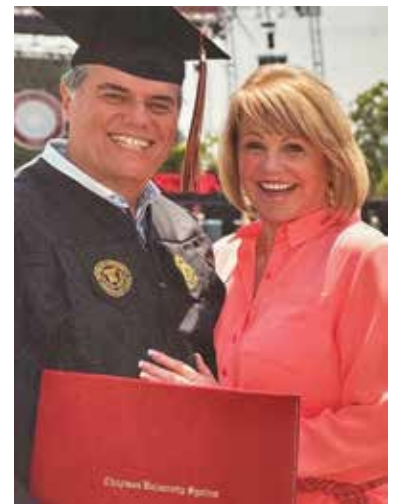
We moved here during the mass power outage in Beaumont in August of 2021. Lisa fell in love with the listing of our house and we moved rapidly to set up a showing. We made an offer that was accepted and we were happy beyond words.



Rich (center) teaching at the Culinary Institute of America in New York



Lisa on her 2000 Harley Davidson Road King



It took Rich 20 years to get this Bachelor's and it means more to him than his Master's

Love

Hi, I am Lisa Johnson. I was born in the San Fernando Valley to two wonderful, loving parents. My sister is eight years older and also lives in a 55+ in Newhall, California. I was a precarious child to say the least. At age 11, I brought half of my entire class from 6th grade to my home during lunch and we were deemed lost by the afternoon; at age 13, I "borrowed" my father's VW Bug. The consequence of the joyride ended my short-lived dance lessons.

In high school, I found other interests to keep me busy. I was the captain of the gymnastic team competing in "all round" events. I was voted head cheerleader and I did the choreography for all the seven girls and guys. Upon graduating, the class voted me "Best Dancer."

After graduation, I worked for an insurance company while teaching gymnastics at my old high school. I did not have a credential so I received a special permission from the Board of Education. I also attended night school.

After raising my son, it was my turn for fun. One of the things I wanted to do was scuba dive. I went to school in Costa Mesa and did my open water dive in Honduras. I received my PADI and SSI certifications in Honduras. I went back there twice; it was a wonderful experience. I also had the opportunity to dive in Cabo San Lucas.

In 1999, I purchased a 2000 Harley Davidson Road King and put 52,000 miles on it before selling it two years later. On the way to Sturgis, South Dakota, going across the Mojave Desert the temperature was 115 degrees. We stopped for gas and I almost passed out even though I had special cooling clothing. One of the other riders caught my bike, and I was put into the refrigerated section of the 7-Eleven to cool down. The other long trip I took was to Harley's 100th Anniversary in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Sometimes we rode 600 miles a day. This time I crossed the Mojave Desert at 3 am. On the ride, I had a blowout on my back tire. Thank goodness it was not the front tire or I would not be here to write this!

My boss at one of the companies I worked for volunteered me for a tennis tournament even though I did not know how to play. My neighbor taught me how to play in three weeks and placed third in the lower division. I fell in love with tennis. He also took me to Western Connection in San Dimas and taught me the two-step. When a friend saw me dance, he decided to give me West Coast Swing lessons for a birthday present. It is still

my favorite dance. My mother was a ballroom dancer from Bangor, Northern Ireland. I have a trophy she won in Ireland. She had it re-silver plated and gave it to me for a Christmas present. I will always treasure it.

I used to dance every Friday night at the Crazy Horse in Costa Mesa and occasionally at InCahoots in Fullerton. I was invited to join an invitation only class that met on Wednesday nights at the Press Box in Westminster. This allowed me to do ballroom dances like the Cha Cha, Two Step, Nightclub Two Step, Swing, Argentine Tango, West Coast Swing, and Waltz every month. I was in the Advanced Class and we performed monthly for the other classes and guests.

I loved my career, even though it was time consuming with a lot of travel; one company was in Malta. I worked from home and was the only person representing the West Coast. My U.S. office was based in Waterbury, Connecticut. I always worked on high-end cosmetic and skincare packaging. Some of my customers included Sephora, Dermalogica, and Murad. I supplied the start-up line for one of my favorite customers, celebrity esthetician Kate Somerville.

Tired of only working and not really having a social life, I joined Match.com. Rich and I met for breakfast after the New Year and have been happily together ever since.

When I looked for a place to retire, Four Seasons intrigued me because of all the activities, including dancing. We love our home and our community. I began attending the dance classes and joined the Let's Dance Club. I thoroughly enjoyed being part of a team organizing the dinner dances.

I was asked to join the Social Committee. Decorating tables for my personal dinner parties has always been enjoyable and now, I get the opportunity to decorate a huge ballroom. Next year I will be taking over as chairperson. Big shoes to fill as Loretta Ramsey has done a fabulous job for the last five years. My experiences and the committee members will help me face the fun challenge. ~ Edited by Elizabeth Westbrook



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THE OLDLYMPICS

It's that time of year again. Besides cooler weather and pumpkin time, the Hemet OLDlympics rolls around every year in September and October, and has for the past 38 years. It's the time of year to test your devoted daily workout results and add some competition to your athletic skills ... plus it's all for seniors, of course. The photo is an indicator of Four Seasons residents who participated in the 2023 Oldlympics this year (except for a few that missed the awards banquet and this photo shoot). Doesn't this pique your interest? Check out the various areas of skill-testing: shuffleboard, table tennis, tournament blackjack, swimming, golf (9 or 18 holes), pinochle, scrabble, pickleball, chair volleyball, tennis, bingo, billiards, bench press, bowling, Texas hold 'em and myriad track and field events. Most of these events are divided into mens, womens, and age groups which are 55-59, 60-64, 65-69, 70-74, 75-79, 80-84, and 90-94.

Now that you're super interested, and are already on board and

want to know where and when to register, here's more data for you to consider: our very own "Olympians," some of whom are in the photo below, are very proud of their incredible medal winnings. Gold = G, Silver = S and Bronze = B

Jesse Aceves (2G); Pete Antoine (3G, 2S); Janine Baker (1G); Richard Carrasco (1G, 1S, 9B); Macy Chan (1G); Jim Dobos (2G, 1S, 2B); Gracy Luna (1G, 3S); Hilario Luna (1G, 1S, 1B); Greg Messick (4G, 2S, 4B); Niles Sundstrom (2G, 9S, 1B); Rony Tordesillas (1G); Perry White (1G, 1B); Sally White (2S, 1B).

Better yet – some of these people are more than likely your friends or neighbors. Ask them how much fun it was.

So start training now for 2024. Feel free to call Valley-Wide Recreation and Park District, 901 Esplanade (P.O. Box 907), San Jacinto, CA 92581, (951) 654-1505, whose awesome employees plan each event. Hope to see you there. ~ Eileen-Gilbert-Antoine




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By Steve Benoff

I've almost never been a good student. At Beverly Hills High School my grades were middling, but I was a track star – the fastest sprinter in the school. I proudly wore my letterman's jacket as I had woefully little else to be proud of. In college, my grades were again average while I spent most of my free time doing theater projects. (In those days, you didn't get unit credit for such activities.)

My four years in post graduate resulted in a master's degree in theater arts and little else. But my first year at USC Law was the outlier. In a class of 120, I finished at 19 and was rewarded with placement on the Law Review. (The subsequent two years were a return to form.) Unfortunately, I didn't know of my success until the end of the summer of 1969 so, instead of taking a job at a law firm, I responded to a posting at the USC student center to install a sound system in the Hollywood Hills home of an SC graduate.

That launched what was then a part-time activity of installing whole-house audio systems on the west side of LA. I operated Steve Benoff Stereo through the rest of law school and even when I was a lawyer and corporate officer of Flying Tiger Airline and its parent Tiger International. Those five years were both successful and unsuccessful and I ended up running my audio business full time.

As an aside, all the stereo installation companies at the time were adjuncts of a storefront business. I didn't see the point of paying rent when I could just operate out of my home. So, I became the first "trunk slammer" in LA and perhaps the country. That term was used in a derogatory fashion for decades until it now describes many people in the audio/video business.

I operated Steve Benoff Electronics (installing not only audio, but video, cameras, phone systems, and networks) for 40 years, installing electronics in fancy homes all over Southern California (back then it wasn't the burden to drive the freeways as it is now).

When I retired and we moved to Four Seasons, I felt my home should have an entertainment system much like the ones I'd been installing for decades. So that's what I did. And that system has stayed essentially as installed since we moved in in 2006.

But as I know only too well, sometimes electronic systems don't always work perfectly. Rarely is it a total system failure. Sometimes one or two elements of the system stop working. I'm not talking about a component such as a TV or A/V receiver failing. I'm talking about an otherwise working component not responding to system commands as it used to. I guess I need to explain the A/V systems I've installed for decades usually had just one remote control for the entire system. Furthermore, the remote did not itself emit the infrared (IR) light that most components respond to. Instead, it uses radio frequencies to communicate to a central controller which sent those IR commands to components located remotely.

But what happens when those components don't respond as they should? That's when troubleshooting comes into play. I'm talking about a problem I recently experienced. Sometimes the problem can be traced to the control system itself. In my case, I had two TVs

which weren't responding to IR commands seemingly being emitted by the control system. I know the TVs work properly because they respond to their IR remotes. So, how do I know if the system is sending IR commands as it should?

Aha! I'm finally getting to the name of this column. I need to know if the tiny IR emitters wired into my system which are attached to the front of these TVs is actually emitting an IR signal. Well, it turns out there's an app for that. I searched the app store for IR detector and found nine of them. None seemed to be designed for my particular purpose. Apparently, there is a market for those concerned about night-vision cameras. Such cameras depend on IR light invisible to the naked eye. But these are apps that use your phone's ability to detect IR light.

While I'm not concerned about hidden cameras, I can use the app to see if the emitters in my A/V are sending out IR light commands. So, I pushed buttons on the remote control with one hand while holding my phone with an IR detector app active on its screen. Sure enough, the button press did not result in an IR flash from the emitter. With this information, I traced the problem to the program which controls the whole system. I made some changes and corrected the problem.

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

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 Saturday, Nov. 11, 10 am: Veterans Day Car Show
 Saturday, Nov. 11, 4 pm: Twilight Tribute at the Veterans Park
 Saturday, Nov. 18, 2 pm: Rainbow Group Movie
 Monday, Nov. 20, 9 am: New Year's Eve Ticket Sales Begin

Oh, the Places We Go!

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



Celebrating my 75th birthday in Pennsylvania August 2023. Visited a few covered bridges in North East PA known as the Jim Thorpe area. Also visited Valley Forge National Park with family. Submitted by Mike Lilly.

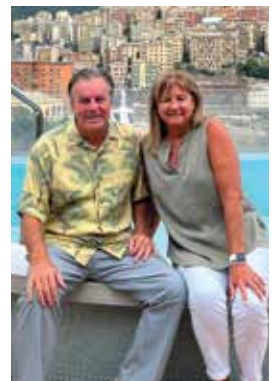
Frank and Jackie Bott and Helen Lindstrom in Dublin Ireland. They toured the city and saw the ND /Navy football game. We went to Cork to visit the Blarney Castle and climbed 188 steps to kiss the Blarney Stone!



In October, residents Linda Stratton and Bill Ullrich took a New England/ Canada cruise that started in Baltimore and ended in Quebec City



Daniel and Carol Ward traveled for a month to Europe in June. We visited Lisbon, Portugal for a week and then departed out of Barcelona for a three week Mediterranean cruise. We visited Italy, Turkey and Greece. Top photo: Istanbul, Turkey; middle photo: Kusadasi, Turkey; Bottom photo: Genoa, Italy



Oh, the Places We Go!

I recently returned to my birthplace and hometown in Alabama for a high-school reunion and used it as an opportunity to visit and re-visit the area's sites. Situated on the lovely Tennessee River, the area now known as the Quad-Cities, includes the cities of Florence, Muscle Shoals, Tuscumbia, and Sheffield. Florence is home to the University of North Alabama; the only Frank Lloyd Wright designed house in Alabama; and the birthplace of W. C. Handy, credited as the father of the Blues. Ivy Green, the birthplace of Helen Keller, is in Tuscumbia. The water pump at right is the place where Helen learned her first word... "water."

The area is also noted for its rich music traditions. Muscle Shoals is home of FAME Studios and the Muscle Shoals Sound Studio (pictured far right), among others. Soul music, such as Percy Sledge's "When a Man Loves a Woman" was recorded at FAME. A few rock groups and musicians who have recorded there include: Arthur Alexander, Paul Anka, Bono, Clarence Carter, Aretha Franklin, Etta

James, Alicia Keys, The Osmonds, Wilson Pickett, Lynyrd Skynyrd, Candi Staton, and The Rolling Stones. A very interesting free documentary "Muscle Shoals: The History of FAME Studios/2013" is available on YouTube.com. ~ Submitted by Norma McGee



Four Seasons residents Bill and Carol Hull, Cindy Schwinn and sister, Denise Baker, at the White House



Cindy Schwinn at Caernarfon Castle in Wales



Ben and Tippi Shelton took a summer road-trip in September. They RVed from Niagara Falls to Yellowstone. It took three weeks and it was an amazing trip. Top left photo: The Sheltons at Dignity Statue in South Dakota; Top right: Ben at Yellowstone; Bottom left: Tippi with the largest piggy bank in Casey, Illinois

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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5 Private Event Ballroom All Day Trivia Night 6:30p	6 Life After Loss 1p Choir Group 3p African American Cultural Club 6p	7 Karaoke 5:30p Classic Film Group 6p	8 Community Awareness General Session 10a BOD Exec. Session 1p Western Movie 2p Annual Events Lottery Meeting for Clubs & Groups 6p	9 Musicians Guild 3p Town Hall 3:30p BOD General Session 6p Italian Amer Club 6p Classical Music Group 7p	10 Car Show Prep Mtg 5p	11 Hometown Heroes Display All Day Veterans Day Car Show 10a Twilight Tribute at Veterans Park 4p
12 Hometown Heroes Display All Day Counter Culture Cinema Club 6p	13 Life After Loss 1p Choir Group 3p	14 Book Club 9:30a Computer Club 10:30a Writer's Club 1p 4x4 Club 6:30p	15 Meet with the Board 2p	16 Musicians Guild 3p Taste d'Vine 6p	17 Barn Burners 5p	18 Rainbow Group Movie 2p Karaoke 5:30p
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CLASS, GAME, EXERCISE SCHEDULES

Below schedules may change, cancel, or reschedule at any time. Check with The Lodge front desk or fourseasonsbeaumont.org 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	M/Sat	8a
*Beginners Conditioning	T/Th/F	8:30a
*Total Body Conditioning	M/W	8:30a, 9:30a
*Kickboxing Cardio	Sat	9:30a
*Chair Yoga	W	5p
*Yoga	W	6p
*Zumba	T/Th	9:30a

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
Cornhole	T	5p
*Water Aerobics (pool closed during class)	M/W/F	11a
Water Volleyball (pool closed during play)	T/Th	10a
	Sat.	1p

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
Handbell 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
PAC	2nd M	6p
Photography	1st Th	6:30p
Quilting Enthusiasts	1st Th	1p
Sit 'n Sew	3rd Th	9a
TOPS Weigh In	T	8:30a

Activities

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

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COMMUNITY AWARENESS

At our September meeting, we were fortunate to have a presentation on the history of the Four Seasons Conservancy by Len Tavernetti, Chairman of the Ad Hoc Conservancy Committee.

During this presentation, Len provided us with information on the Conservancy adjacent to our property. We learned that in June 2004, by resolution of the Beaumont City Council, a habitat conservation area was established to be managed, monitored, and maintained in perpetuity within the Potrero Creek drainage area – Trail A, Trail B, and Trail F follow the Potrero Creek conservation area from Potrero Bridge to Highland Springs.

The HOA's responsibilities in the Conservation Area include:

- Quarterly site inspection, fencing, and signage maintenance
- Major trash removal
- Erosion repair
- Maintenance of the irrigation system and management of irrigation

- Quarterly non-native species eradication and weed control in the buffer zone
- Maintenance of hardscape features in the easement

We owe our thanks and gratitude to Len Tavernetti whose dedicated oversight has been instrumental in helping to maintain the natural beauty of our Conservancy.

In October, we had a presentation by Luren Dickinson, Beaumont Library Director, who discussed plans for the renovation and expansion of our hometown library facility. In November, the Beaumont City Fire Marshal, will provide us with an update of the fire maps for our community.

For your information... It is important for EMS first responders to be able to find addresses. When your light bulb burns out on your house numbers, it becomes difficult for EMS to find the appropriate address. Therefore, it is important for the house numbers on your garage to be illuminated. The following information provides the information on the correct light bulb



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needed to replace a burned-out bulb. The light bulb can be ordered on Amazon but is also available at Do It Best on 6th Street in Beaumont.

We would like to thank our Block Captains and Community Awareness (formerly Neighborhood Watch) Committee members for all they do to help keep our community safe. ~ Frank Hilberg, hilbergfrank@gmail.com

CANINE CORRAL COUNCIL



The black dog in this photo is Riley, a new member to the Corral. He is a seven-month-old Giant Schnauzer. He has boundless energy. His play is exhausting Reyna on this bright morning.

This is what the Canine Corral (in other places called a dog park) is all about. Dogs need socialization just like children do. They learn dog behaviors and limits from each other. If a dog doesn't want to play, he will first show his teeth and growl. If the behavior continues, he will snap at the pesky dog, which in dog behavior means no, stop. The pesky dog usually moves on to find another dog willing to play. To date, we have had no fights between dogs in the Corral. Young dogs also learn to interact with other pet parents and to not be afraid of other people.

It is the responsibility of the pet parent to help their dog learn limits of behaviors unacceptable to other people (like jumping).

The Canine Corral is self-funded. No funds come from the HOA. So, we are having a "Yappy Hour" social in the Game Room on Nov.

2 from 4 to 6 pm. Please join us. There will be wine and snacks for you to enjoy. There will be raffle baskets for your dog and some for people too. No dogs allowed as this is a people only event. The Council members will be on hand to answer any questions you may have and applications for membership will be available. The first year is only \$40 per dog and the next two years are \$30 each. The Corral is open daily from dawn to dusk for you and your pet to enjoy.

Please mark your calendar for our "Yappy Hour" social on Nov. 2. It is a great chance to connect with other dog owners and meet new friends. ~ Martha Franck, Co-Chairman, marthafanck@icloud.com



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ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

Why does the ARC recommend that homeowners only use licensed contractors? It's really very simple. ARC is trying to protect the interests of the community and its homeowners.

California state law allows unlicensed contractors to perform services if the total of the work is below \$500 for labor and materials combined. That means if the material used, regardless of who supplies it, and the amount charged by the worker(s) exceeds \$500, the person doing the work is required to have a contractor's license.

For example, if a homeowner is remodeling their kitchen and the total cost of the project is \$6,000, a license is required. If the homeowner chooses to sublet the flooring installation for a cost that is less than \$500, the flooring installer will still need a license since the total project exceeds \$500. This requirement also applies if the homeowner purchases the material, and the labor cost is less than \$500, the contractor will still need a license.

Many homeowners hire someone to perform work without knowing if the contractor is licensed or not. Often unlicensed contractors charge lower prices for the same project.

There are significant risks to hiring an unlicensed contractor. These include the property owner being liable for injuries the unlicensed contractor and their workers may incur if the unlicensed contractor does not have workers' insurance.

Use of an unlicensed contractor may result in denial of insurance claim(s) for later damage to the home. For example, a homeowner used an unlicensed contractor to install a shower as part of a bathroom remodel. Years later the homeowner was replacing the carpet in an adjoining room and discovered that the shower drain had been leaking for several years causing damage to the walls and the foundation. The insurance company denied the claim because the contractor who installed the shower was not licensed.

Unlicensed contractors are unable to obtain building permits and typically perform unpermitted work. The homeowner has no assurance that the work done complies with building codes or is safe.

California law requires sellers to disclose unpermitted work to future buyers. While this information is rarely provided by the sellers to the buyers, should the buyer later discover the unpermitted work the seller could be sued for fraud and other damages. Recently a California court found that a home that was sold for \$950,000 had several unpermitted building projects. The court found that the value of the house at the time of the sale was \$150,000 and required the seller to refund \$700,000 to the buyer.

Are you willing to take these risks to save a few dollars? Obtaining a contractor license is not difficult. It requires proof of experience, passing a written examination and providing proof of insurance and a performance bond. Any contractor who is required to have a license and does not have one is violating the law. Do you want someone who refuses to comply with the law working on your home and putting you at risk for substantial financial and emotional loss?

You can ensure that any contractor you hire is licensed and has state mandated insurance by looking up the contractor or company on the Contractor State License Board website www.cslb.ca.gov.

The website not only verifies the possession of contractor's license it lists the workers compensation insurance and liability insurance

carrier. It also lists the issuer of the required performance bond. The website also lists any complaints made against the contractor and if they have been resolved.

An unlicensed handyman can do work that does not permanently attach to a dwelling, change the plumbing or electrical systems, or change the structure of the dwelling. Typical handyman work includes hanging framed pictures, changing batteries in smoke detectors, flushing water heaters, installing shelves, maintaining existing landscaping (mowing), and simple repairs.

While you are responsible for any work performed on your own home and property, the HOA has the same responsibility to protect your investment in the common areas of the community. The Board of Directors takes this responsibility very seriously. FirstService Residential, the management company hired to perform the day-to-day tasks under the supervision of the Board, uses a third-party company to ensure that every contractor who performs work on the common areas in the community is licensed, insured, and bonded. This company also ensures that the licenses and other required items are current at the time any work is done.

In conclusion, ARC continues to urge you to only use licensed contractors to perform work in your home and on your property. It is for your own protection.

Please consider attending an ARC meeting to see what we do. We meet the first and third Wednesday of each month in the RNC Conference Room at 8:30 am. ~ Steve Cooley, (801) 815-5302, cooleyaudit@gmail.com

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CONSERVANCY

What is a conservancy? According to Merriam-Webster, a nature conservancy is an organization or area designated to conserve and protect natural resources. The Nature Conservancy developed out of a scholarly organization initially known as the Ecological Society of America (ESA). The ESA was founded in 1915, and later formed a Committee on Preservation of Natural Areas for Ecological Study. As the organization grew, the organization focused largely on buying as much land as possible in the name of conservation with little scientific research conducted on land before being purchased. Purchases were to be an effort to keep forests in productive timber management and protect the area's clean water and abundant fish and wildlife habitat, while promoting continued public access to these lands for fishing, hiking, hunting, and other recreational pursuits.

Because of their interest in undeveloped land, developers, loggers and miners became involved in the conservation goals. Together with elected public officials they soon worked out mutual benefits for both interests. Developers would set aside parcels for preservation (usually forests or streams) and funds for conservation efforts and receive tax credits for these donations. It became a win-win scenario.

Over time the practice became abused. Developers would set aside unbuildable land regardless of its conservation value to receive these credits. The developers would then attempt to assist Mother Nature in creating an environment conducive to forests and thriving streams. Unfortunately, once started, these artificial conservancies required continued attention and resources to survive.

The land area that became our Four Seasons Beaumont community contains such a "Conservancy" area. This Conservancy traverses our community in a south-easterly direction from Potrero just west of our main gate to south of our Crooked Creek Gate at the Edison easement at Highland Springs. When we walk along our Trails A & B and the eastern section of our Edison Easement, we are in the Conservancy.

Because preservation of the original natural landscape did not promote a forested "Conservancy" conducive to would-be home buyers, the builder's development plan provided for supplemental plantings and irrigation for the first five years of construction. At that point, all irrigation fixtures were to be removed and the Four Seasons Beaumont Conservancy would be returned to Mother



Nature's watering for perpetuity.

However, at the end of the initial five years of construction, it was evident that supplemental watering was needed for ongoing survival of the many small trees and shrubs in the Conservancy. Our builder requested and received approval to continue using the installed irrigation system that is still in use today. Continuing to provide water beyond what Mother Nature historically provides has allowed the Conservancy's trees and shrubs to flourish beyond what this area would have normally sustained.

In case you have ever wondered about what we are doing with our Conservancy today and what it costs annually to maintain, stay tuned for a future article from your Conservancy Committee. ~ Len Tavernetti, ltavernetti@hotmail.com

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SAFETY COMMITTEE SAFETY 4“ALL” SEASONS

Unsafe driving is a common concern and theme brought up by residents. Here are a few reminders to help keep our community safe.

- 25 miles per hour is the maximum speed limit on roadways within our residential districts.
- 30 miles per hour is the maximum speed limit on Four Seasons Circle.
- Stop at all designated STOP signs.
- Yield to vehicles that have entered a roundabout. Note: When entering a roundabout, only drive in a counterclockwise direction!
- Yield to pedestrians.
- No distracted driving! Put away your cell phones and other electronic devices while driving.

With the return to Standard Time, daylight is in short demand. Therefore, if you are walking at night or in the early morning hours, please wear light colored or reflective clothing and carry a flashlight. Also, be mindful of vehicle traffic on the streets and stay on the sidewalks whenever possible. If you need to walk in the street, always walk facing the opposing traffic, and if in a group, walk single file.

Don't FALL Behind! Review Your Safety Checklist

TIME TO CHANGE YOUR CLOCKS: Remember, Daylight Saving Time ends on Sunday, Nov. 5. As a reminder, clocks are to be set back one hour...so plan accordingly!

This is also an excellent time to review the following safety checklist:

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

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

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

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

- A communications plan to outline how your family members

will contact one another and where to meet if it is safe to go outside.

- A shelter-in-place plan if outside air is contaminated. FEMA recommends sealing windows, doors, and air vents with plastic sheeting.

- A getaway plan including various routes and destinations in different directions.

- Also, make sure your first aid kit is updated.

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

REMEMBER: Sign-up for our next “CPR SUNDAY” class.

There are two classes available on the scheduled CPR Sunday. One class meets from 12 to 1 pm followed by another class from 1 to 2 pm. A sign-up sheet can be found on the clipboard by the Theater in The Lodge Lobby.

In addition to the CPR Sunday Classes, you can also call, text, or email A J Reilly to set up a class at (951) 522-9975 or reilly58@me.com

As a reminder, the Safety Committee meets on the first Tuesday of the month at 10 am in the RCN Conference Room. We encourage you to attend the meeting should you have any concerns or if you would simply like an update on our ongoing safety projects. Also, please drop by if you are interested in joining the Safety Committee. We are always looking for energetic new members. All the best. ~ Frank Hilberg, hilbergfrank@gmail.com

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SOCIAL COMMITTEE

We hope everyone has enjoyed all the entertainment this year. We have no events this month as we are getting ready for our biggest event of the year — our New Year's Eve Party on Dec. 31. This year's theme is the Roaring 20s. Tickets go on sale Nov. 20 at 9 am in the Ballroom. Tickets are \$75 per person and are non-refundable. It will be assigned seating.

There's no place you can go for only \$75 on New Year's Eve and tickets are expected to sell out. If any tickets remain, they'll be available to non-residents two weeks before the event.

In addition to party favors, games, door prizes, five raffle baskets (be sure to bring extra cash to help with our fundraising efforts), there will be a contest for the best Roaring 20s outfit.



Doors will open at 6:15 pm and champagne and appetizers will be served until dinner, which starts at 7 pm. Bring your favorite beverage. Ann Taylor will cater again this year. We'll also have a free photo booth with 1920s

props. Tony Zambrana is our DJ and master of ceremonies.

So put on your flapper dresses and pinstripe threads and help us ring in the new year; it's going to be the cat's pajamas! This is my last year leading the Social Committee so I look forward to sharing this night with you. I've had a great three years entertaining you.

Thank you for all your support and for helping Social Committee be a huge success this year. ~ **Loretta Ramsey**, lorettaramsey@aol.com, (714) 803-6744

FINANCE COMMITTEE

During the Finance Committee's regular monthly meeting, the financial statements for August 2023 were reviewed and recommended for Board approval. In addition, the Committee reviewed expenditure proposals, and reviewed investment recommendations to move maturing investments to higher yield FDIC insured instruments. Highlights of the April financial statements are: Total Cash is \$12,446,681 including operating cash of \$2,291,823 (checking and CDs) and reserve assets of \$10,154,858. Our total year-to-date income is \$148,272.

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, Nov. 28 at 1 pm. The Finance Committee reviews and discusses many issues that you may have questions about, and we welcome those questions. I would encourage all residents to become more familiar with the finances of our fantastic community, especially at this time of year when we are working on the budget for 2024. 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. Our meetings are held in the RCN Conference Room.

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



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

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

Puzzles created by Ray Geiser. Solutions on Page 70

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Happy Thanksgiving! We would like to give thanks to all of our gorgeous clients! Every one of us at The Salon appreciates your patronage. Come in and check out our Christmas jewelry!

Cheers Four Seasons! The Salon wants to connect with all the residents of Four Seasons. Each month we'll be featuring members of our community who receive services at the Salon. This month the spotlight is on the Taste d'Vine Wine Club.



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EXPRESSING GRATITUDE

Thank you to all the people who make this wonderful magazine. I pay for subscriptions that are not half as well done as the Breeze is. Anonymous

I'm thankful to The Bistro staff for being so kind to us and to their cook who makes my awesome breakfast burrito! Luke S.

Thank you to Liz and Phil for all the time and hard work you donate to our community. The Latin Beats Dance was muy caliente! Anonymous

Bistro's Joslyn is the hardest worker I've ever seen. She's smart as a whip and always makes us feel welcome, even when they're busy. Anonymous

Brandon Arner has stepped up so quickly in his new facilities role. He brings fun and laughs to every area he comes in contact with and we are grateful for him. Shannon S.

I'm very grateful for all the fun events we are able to enjoy here. I've made incredible memories at so many dances and parties. It must be a lot of work to manage, so thank you to the staff who make it happen. Anonymous



This is a thank you to the San Geronio Hospital in Banning. In August, I had the unfortunate diagnosis of Osteomyelitis in my lower spine. I am finishing the antibiotics and heading toward recovery.

The triage nurses were extremely busy with a constant flow of ER patients, but they were courteous and helpful. I saw many anxious people like myself, just waiting for the doctors and news.

During my stay, I spent many uncomfortable hours in triage and the ER hospital room and was told I would need to stay in the hospital for a week. I knew I HAD to have more comfort than what was provided. My wonderful husband brought me my beloved travel pillows from home which provided the additional comfort, rest, relief of back pain, help with sleeping, etc.

Due to this experience, I have implemented a personal project, "Pillows for Patientz."

The goal is simple: to provide patients with extra comfort during their hospital stay. So I purchased 20 Roll and Go pillows from MyPillow and sent them to the hospital triage. I have a partnership now with the ER department to deliver pillows weekly and have another 40 pillows on the way with a variety of pillowcases. The ER nurses provide these pillows to patients in need.

Hopefully, this will bring the patients comfort, whether in the hospital or at home with the pillow.

This will be an ongoing project for me, with MyPillow offering some assistance. The pillows could be given to nursing homes or anyone in need. The pillows are delivered to my house, unpacked, put into pillowcases, then delivered. If anyone is interested in helping or needs more information, please contact me, Marianne Bugni, at lamarib77@gmail.com or (920) 517-2739.

If you have seen an act of kindness or have received one, please share with the community.

Let's spread gratitude! Email your gratitude to FourSeasonsNews@yahoo.com or go to The Lodge Lobby and fill out a gratitude note and put it in the box marked "The Box of Gratitude." Thank you.



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*This is Sophie looking too cute today!
Submitted by Chris Korotko*



My name is Rocket, and I love relaxing at home with mom and dad, aka Rick and Lynn Jahnke



Kai is smiling because he's in our motorhome traveling to camp in Utah with friends. He loves to travel, especially in our rig. Submitted by Nanette Scott



Gunsmoke and Duchess Williams. Duchess is a new addition to the Williams family. She has made herself at home taking over the dog bed and toys. Submitted by Ann Williams



Above: Superman and SnowWhite, bonded siblings adopted in 2022, enjoying the fresh air! Submitted by Kay Barrett



At left: Little Bijou is the sweetest cat I've ever worked for! Submitted by Trish Owens



If you have any questions, please feel free to call or text me at (951) 275-7081.

VODKA SHOTS

I had to include a recipe for those who like an appetizer or dessert that has a bit of a kick. For super shots, omit the cold water and add a full cup of vodka. Makes 10 Jello shots.

INGREDIENTS

- 10 2-ounce plastic cups with lids
- 3-ounce package Jello, any flavor
- 1 cup boiling water
- 1/2 cup cold water
- 1/2 cup vodka

DIRECTIONS

1. Separate the cups and lids. Place the cups only on a baking sheet, set aside.
2. Pour the Jello powder into a heatproof medium bowl or 4-cup liquid measuring cup.
3. Pour the boiling water over the powder and stir until the gelatin is completely dissolved.
4. Pour in the cold water, if using, and the vodka. Stir once more to combine.
5. Pour the Jello mixture into the plastic cup, filling no more than 3/4 full to make sure there is enough clearance for the lids.
6. Refrigerate for 2 hours or until set.
7. Put a lid on each cup and store until ready to serve.



JELLO & GELATIN

Clearly, Jello and gelatin have maintained their popularity for well over a century. Gelatin was patented in 1845 and Jello was trademarked in 1847. However, the first written reference to gelatin was in 1682. I received several recipes utilizing these products which are incredibly versatile and relatively easy to make.

Pineapple & Cottage Cheese Jello Salad

Joni Truelsen submitted this family favorite which is served at most holiday meals.

INGREDIENTS

- 16-ounce container cottage cheese, small curd
- 3-ounce package Jello, any flavor (Joni uses lime Jello)
- 15-ounce can pineapple, crushed or pieces, well drained
- 8-ounce carton Cool Whip, thawed

DIRECTIONS

In a large mixing bowl, combine the cottage cheese, Jello powder, and drained pineapple together, stirring until well mixed. Then gently fold in the Cool Whip until all ingredients are well combined.

Cover and refrigerate until set, at least 1 hour or overnight. You can use different flavors of Jello with any fruit you prefer, such as red Jello with fruit cocktail or orange Jello with mandarin oranges.

TOMATO ASPIC

Kirk Freyermuth has always had an affinity for tomato aspic. He submitted the following tomato aspic type gelatin salad. It is from a book published by the Seven Up company in 1961. The picture in the book shows the mold garnished with additional sliced olives.



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| 1 envelope unflavored gelatine | 1 7-ounce bottle 7-Up |
| 1/2 10 1/2-ounce can undiluted bouillon or consommé | 1/4 teaspoon Worcestershire Sauce |
| 1 cup tomato juice | 1 cup stuffed olives, sliced |

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Dissolve gelatine in bouillon. Heat tomato juice to boiling and stir into gelatine mixture. Stir in 7-Up and Worcestershire Sauce. Chill until slightly thickened. Stir in olives. Pour into a 1-quart ring mold and chill until firm. Makes 6 servings.

LEMONADE JELLO MOLD

Becky Kotzin-Gustafson submitted the following family favorite.

INGREDIENTS

- 2 small or 1 large package of lemon Jello
- 3 cups boiling water
- 6-ounce can frozen lemonade concentrate
- 8-ounce package Cool Whip, thawed

DIRECTIONS

In a large heat-proof bowl, completely dissolve Jello in boiling water and mix in the lemonade concentrate. Refrigerate until soft set (jelly-like consistency). Fold in the Cool Whip. Pour into a six-cup mold. Refrigerate until set. Unmold and serve.

FS VETERANS PARK

November is a special month for veterans. While every month is a time to honor our veterans, November stands out as special not only for our families but for us as well. Separation goes with the job for military service and sometimes it is very lengthy with missed family events. But the pain of this absence from the home front is more acute during this holiday traditionally celebrated at family dinners.

For military families, a Thanksgiving dinner in the mess hall is an opportunity to meet other in a similar situation. If we are stationed overseas or at sea, the dinners are always banquets with the cooks outdoing themselves with great cuisine. For a lucky few, entertainers from the home front may mingle and take letters and wishes back to our families.

Marines celebrate their birthday on the 8th as only they can do with salutes and toasts to their storied history. Other service members want to be a Marine — at least for that one day.

Across our wonderful country, in communities large and small, parades are the order of the day. Floats, old vehicles, and marching



veterans pass children and old-timers waving flags and saluting. It somehow makes all the sacrifice worthwhile.

On Nov. 11, 1919, President Woodrow Wilson issued a message to his countrymen on the first Armistice Day, in which he expressed what he felt the day meant to Americans. In 1945, World War II veteran Raymond Weeks had the idea to expand Armistice Day to celebrate all Veterans, not just those who died in World War I. Congress amended the bill on June 1,

1954, replacing “Armistice” with “Veterans,” and it has been known as Veterans Day since.

While the holiday is commonly printed as Veteran’s Day or Veterans’ Day in calendars and advertisements, the United States Department of Veterans Affairs website states that the attributive (no apostrophe) rather than the possessive case is the official spelling “because it is not a day that ‘belongs’ to veterans, it is a day for honoring all veterans.” ~ *Len Tavernetti, ltavernetti@hotmail.com*



COMMUNITY GARDEN CLUB

Join us on Saturday, Jan. 13 at 10 am in the RCN for our next free speaker event: Gardening and Critical Benefits to your Well-Being and Health. The physical benefits have been well documented, but researchers are spotlighting the ways that gardening supports our mental well-being. These benefits are of value to all of us as we age, whether we physically work in our gardens, or just enjoy our natural surroundings. In addition, we will discuss what to do in the garden during the winter months for our area. In the meantime, enjoy the holidays!

For questions, contact ppwayne1@outlook.com. ~ *Pat Wayne*

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CARS & COFFEE

Our October Cars & Coffee meeting did not have a large number of attendees as the community garage sale was the same day. The car nuts who did show up enjoyed beautiful weather and great conversation with other car enthusiasts. Craig and Susan Weber made it with their absolutely beautiful 1968 Meridian Blue Pontiac Firebird (above left). According to Susan, the Firebird was purchased new by her mother in 1968, and has been in the family since.

Anthony "Babalu" Zamora arrived in his 1956 Chevy four-door sedan (above right). Anthony is a very proud Vietnam Veteran who has owned his Chevy since 2004.

Reminder: The Four Seasons Veterans Car Show will be on Veterans Day, Saturday, Nov. 11. If you wish to enter your car, truck, or motorcycle, please complete the entry form available at The Lodge and return with the \$30 registration fee no later than Oct. 31 to The

Lodge front desk. Staging will begin at 7 am.

There will be food from The Bistro, music, and announcements by D.J. Dave Rohrbacker, and raffles throughout the show. Awards will be given to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place for each vehicle class. There will also be a special Ladies Choice Award for Best of Show. So ladies come out and vote for your favorite vehicle. Spectators are encouraged to come and view the amazing display.

Cars & Coffee meets the first Saturday of each and every month at 9 am at The Lodge parking lot. Our next meeting is Nov. 4. Please join us for coffee, donuts, and great conversation with fellow car nuts. For more information, call Frank Morales at (951) 203-4578, fmoralesjrinc@aol.com, or Rick Morales at (951) 255-4710, onemth53@yahoo.com. ~ **Frank Morales**

TAILS & TRAILS - ALL PETS

Annual Four Seasons "Walk For The Animals" Nov. 4

Our residents love animals. Whether it's the wildlife roaming the hills and trails here, or if it's the nearly 1,000 pet owners with little four-footed sweeties snuggling next to your feet. To celebrate the love so many of us share for our fur babies, Tails & Trails is excited to announce the annual "Walk for the Animals." Registration is \$30 and benefits the Ramona Humane Society. Last year's event was attended by close to 200 pet lovers in our community and their dogs and raised over \$5,000 for our animal shelter! This year, the walk begins at 9 am on Saturday, Nov. 4 outside The Lodge. Prior to kicking off the Walk, those who have registered to attend will receive the popular "Walk for the Animals" t-shirt and enjoy coffee and snacks provided by Farmer Boys. Walkers and their pets will head east around Four Seasons Circle, up Green Creek, ending back at The Lodge to enjoy music and line



dancing with DJ Dave Rohrbacker and our resident line-dancing instructor Janine Rohrbacker. Registration comes with one entry to win one of dozens of incredible raffle items. Attendees are encouraged to bring cash to purchase additional entries and other cool items. Last year's raffle prizes included overnight stays at Soboba Casino, gift dinners to local restaurants, and dozens of baskets filled with prizes from wine to movie tickets. This year's

raffle prizes promise to be even better. Ramona Humane Society is the animal shelter used by the city of Beaumont, and since we are such an animal-friendly community, we know you'll agree there is no better recipient of our support than our local shelter. You can register at the event or save time by registering online at: <http://rebrand.ly/walkfortheanimals2023>. ~ **Wayne Disher and Vivian Walker** vivr@sbcglobal.net

BIRDING CLUB

Many of us like to think that birds we see are beautiful, often majestic flashes of color with a song that brighten our days. But there is a group of birds that show a different side: the birds of prey. This category refers to carnivorous birds that feed on other animals. Their other name, raptor, means “to seize or take by force.” Birds of prey are fast and strong, with eyes that can find their victims from far away. They have talons that can grab and kill, and beaks designed for tearing flesh.

The Great Horned Owl, whose picture we have featured in previous articles, is a bird of prey spotted regularly in the community. They have keen eyesight and hearing, and make great use of secrecy and stealth, camouflaged where they roost during the day, often on Trails A and B, and at night as they swoop down to hunt for tasty rodents, frogs, snakes, small birds, and even skunks. (Their sense of smell

isn't that great, apparently...)

Another raptor of Potrero Creek is the Cooper's Hawk that nests frequently near The Lodge. The adults are easy to see with their large heads, broad rounded wings, and long tails. On our club walks, we have even spotted some baby fledglings as they took off from their cottonwood tree nest and learned to fly. These same trees have also been the resting place for a large group of migrating Swainson's Hawks on their way to their winter home in Argentina, and for an intimidating flock of Turkey Vultures on their way through our area.

So don't forget to look up to the sky and trees around you for some of the thrills provided by birds of prey. For more information about the Four Seasons Birding Club, please contact Gerrie Karczynski at gerrie201516@gmail.com. ~ **Kathy Hull**



Cooper's Hawk at Four Seasons, picture by Linda Miller



Turkey Vultures at Four Seasons, picture by Kathy Hull



Cooper's Hawk at Four Seasons, picture by Gerrie Karczynski

BOOK CLUB

Our Book Club selection for Nov. 14 is *Cooking for Picasso* by Camille Aubray. Here is a brief description provided by Doug Streuber, who will be leading the discussion: “In the spring of 1936, Pablo Picasso flees Paris, his wife, and his mistress for a picturesque seaside Provencal village (true story!). There, he lives and paints quietly under an assumed name. Seventeen-year-old Ondine is assigned by her parents, who run a local eatery, to cook lunch for this stranger patron every day in his villa. She records his culinary likes and dislikes and is gradually drawn into a life-changing relationship; she learns about art and he teaches her that cooking is art as well. Intertwined in this story is a secondary, modern-day narrative, featuring Ondine's granddaughter, Celine, as she learns that her grandmother once cooked for Picasso. Celine travels to France, trying to learn about the relationship, while ostensibly taking a cooking course run by a famously temperamental chef. The author produces a vivid and interesting picture of Picasso and doesn't shy away from his personal entanglements. The parts of the novel set in Provence are full of enjoyable descriptions, particularly of Picasso's painting and of French cuisine. As part of the Book Club discussion, we will look at the paintings Picasso worked on during this escape, including his masterpieces *Guernica* and *Les Femmes d'Alger*.”

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





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What are you waiting for!!? If you sing, act, or are a behind-the-scenes person, come to a meeting and see what we are all about. So many fun-loving members welcome you.

We continue to grow as a club and a source of free entertainment to our community with various shows throughout the year. All are welcome to come to a meeting with socializing and snacks. Besides general business, our President, Pat Wayne, usually has something fun planned with audience participation.

It's late November and we don't know who's playing Scrooge in the holiday show. Is it debonair Dan Hazeltine or the feisty Mike McQueen? To make matters worse, Cratchit can't seem to remember his lines. Will opening night be a rousing success that propels the show to Broadway or a total disaster that leaves the club in ruins? Join us on Dec. 1, 2, or 3 for the world premier of *A Dickens of a Christmas Carol*. You will also enjoy holiday music performed by the Four Seasons Singers to open the show. Stay afterwards for refreshments and a sing-a-long.



Up to four free tickets per household will be available at The Lodge front desk on Monday, Nov. 20.

ANNOUNCEMENT FOR 2024: Coming next spring is the musical/comedy show *The Four Seasons of Menopause*.

It is a comedy show which will include skits for men as well as women. The skits will have several lines to memorize as well as a song and movement/dance around the stage. Most skits will include four actors. There will also be parts for non-singers as well as jobs for stage hands, sound, and lighting.

Auditions will be held in the Ballroom on Sunday, Jan. 7 at 2 pm. It would be preferred that you audition with anyone with whom you want to perform. For instance, if you want to be in a skit with three of your friends, make sure you come and sign up together. Check this spot next month for further information.

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We will show you how to do some easy 'moves' that you can master quickly. So you can have fun, be at ease, and feel like you have been dancing most of your life. You will learn easy and specific steps so you can finally get up there and dance.

For the month of November, we will concentrate on slow and fast dances with a little Swing and Latin mixed in. While this is not going

to make you look like Fred or Ginger, you will look smooth and feel confident by the time the month is over. You will not want to miss this incredibly special and unique opportunity. Please come join us in November to get ready for all the holiday parties and dances you will be attending.

"Let's Dance!" Social Dance Club meets in the Ballroom every Monday evening with FREE open practice and review from 6 to 6:30 pm. The cost is only \$10 per person for professional instruction and you are welcome to stay for the entire session. The instructors are flexible and adjust to the needs of the class.

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

COUNTRY LINE DANCING

Our Christmas Dinner Party is Dec. 8 in the Ballroom. Doors open at 4 pm for social hour. A dinner buffet will be served at 5 pm. Music will be provided by Elizabeth and Phillip Westbrook from 6:15 to 8:30 pm.

Menu: Tri-tip beef and chicken Marsala with scalloped potatoes, mixed vegetables, Waldorf salad, French bread, butter, coffee, iced tea, and carrot cake. All this for only \$24. This is a BYOB affair.

This party is open to any resident and guests over 18 years of age.

Reservations must be made and paid for in advance by Dec. 1. A table for ticket sale will be a table set up in the Ballroom on Nov. 14, 21, and 28. You can purchase your tickets for the dinner between 2 and 4 pm on one of those dates. All payments must be made by check.

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JEWISH CULTURE CLUB

The Jewish Cultural Club presents our Hanukkah gift to you ... this year's Hanukkah party and show: "Two Jewish Dads and their Daughters" music and comedy and a no-cost dessert reception.

The JCC presents a Hanukkah celebration in the Ballroom on Dec. 10 at 5 pm. The evening includes the comedy and music of "Two Jewish Dads and their Daughters." Featuring Perry Goldstein, Zev Brooks, and their daughters Aria Goldstein and Jaq Brooks, with the live music of Orange Jews, and special guests Brad Malinowski, Jeff Stein, and Cindy Graves.

In addition to the show, the audience will be treated to the sweet

tastes of Hanukkah with a dessert reception. And, of course, the traditional Hora Circle dance, all at no cost. Pick up your free tickets at The Lodge front desk starting Nov. 1 to reserve your seats.

The evening is guaranteed to entertain. Celebrate Hanukkah and light the Hanukkah candles with us.

Questions? Contact Perry at perry.goldstein@gmail.com. ~ **Perry Goldstein**

KARAOKE

September was a great month for karaoke. We had many new singers and people are trying new songs each month. Everyone seems to like the new "in the round" format that brings the audience closer to the singers much like a lounge atmosphere. As a reminder, karaoke is held every first Tuesday and third Saturday of each month starting at 5:30 pm. October featured Scaryoke!

If you haven't tried karaoke, come out and scratch it off of your bucket list. Karaoke is about having fun with your friends and making new friendships, not being the best singer in the world. For information, call Dave at (909) 712-2292. ~ **Dave Rohrbacker**



Bob Kapel shows his love for Kellie



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AFRICAN AMERICAN CULTURAL CLUB

Wow, it's fall y'all, and we are moving on into winter season like a flash.

Did you know that the three-light traffic signal, automatic elevator door, gas furnace, clothes dryer, blood bank, laser treatment for cataracts, and home security systems were invented or improved by African American innovators?

I'm sure you remember reading about famous inventors like Thomas Edison, Alexander Graham Bell, and Henry Ford in school. But did you ever read about the inventions of Granville T. Woods, or Garret Morgan in school?

Fortunately, these two innovators received recognition for their inventions. Unfortunately, many Black inventors who contributed to America's technology were omitted from history books.



Following are a few of the many Black inventors whose contributions benefited our society.

In 1884, Granville Woods developed a railroad telegraph that transmitted messages through static electricity between moving trains. He also created the "telegraphony" a device that allowed users to transmit voice or Morse code messages. His 50 patents earned him the nickname "the Black Edison."

In 1969, George Carruthers perfected a powerful ultraviolet

camera/spectrograph that accompanied the Apollo 16 mission to the moon. It provided high-quality images of the earth from the moon's surface which led to new theories about the birth of stars and influenced global efforts to control air pollution.

Otis Boykin (1920-1982) invented a control unit for pacemakers that administered electric stimulation to regulate the heartbeat.

In 1987, Dr. Shirley Jackson, a noted physicist, paved the way for caller I.D and the touch-tone phone.

Garrett Morgan (1887-1963) invented the three-light traffic system in 1925. The two-light system only featured a red and green light, so Morgan filed a patent for a yellow "warning" light.

In 1988, Patricia Bath, M.D., invented the laserphaco probe, a device and technique for cataract laser surgery.

Dr. Charles Drew (1904-1950), a surgeon and medical researcher in the field of blood transfusion, blood storage, and mobile blood-donation stations that provided injured soldiers on the front line with lifesaving blood plasma.

Many Black inventors struggled through hardship and poverty and still prevailed.

Hope you didn't miss our Jazz Under the Stars program; it was great. Thanks to Howard Shelton and his team for a job well done.

AACC's last event of the year is our Christmas Gala, which is Dec 9; watch for the flyers. Tickets are on sale now and they are going fast.

For more info, contact W. Valentine, President, at (951) 544-1606. ~
Jacqueline White

ITALIAN AMERICAN CLUB

Last month's cooking demonstration was postponed to Oct. 12 and showcased Italian foods. It was a lot of fun and the dishes shared by our members were very good.

The November meeting is scheduled at The Courts for Nov. 9 but the time is not available as of this writing. Barbara Dipoma will email all of our members confirming the time of the meeting. The Steering Committee is still planning the activities of that meeting and information will be in the email sent to all members.

As we approach the holiday season we will be traveling, shopping, and spending time with our families and friends. Be safe during the holiday season and be part of many happy memories of the season.

The Italian American Club is open to all residents of Four Seasons. You do not have to be Italian to join our group or to come to our meetings. We would love to have you come visit with us. To all our members and everyone at Four Seasons, we hope we will see you at one of our meetings soon.

The Steering Committee wishes everyone a happy and safe Thanksgiving.

Non Vedo L Ori Di Vederti Presto (Looking forward to seeing you soon). ~ *Barbara Dipoma*, (805) 377-2616, and *Jerry Monahan*, (951) 212-8898

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CLASSIC FILM GROUP



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The Classic Film Group is hosting its very first “Nightmare After Halloween” musical on Nov. 28 and Dec. 5 at 6 pm in The Lodge Theater. It’s the 30th anniversary of Disney/Tim Burton’s classic *The Nightmare Before Christmas*.

Jack Skellington, the pumpkin king of Halloween Town, is bored with doing the same thing every year for Halloween. One day he stumbles into Christmas Town and is so taken with the idea of Christmas that he tries to get the resident bats, ghouls, and goblins of Halloween Town to help him put on Christmas instead of Halloween — but alas, they can’t get it quite right.

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in every sense. The film has a wonderful storyline and character. It’s childlike for the kids and outlandish for the adults. Jack is a charming character. Who would ever think that a musical about the overlap between Halloween and Christmas would work? However, it does work with the songs not exactly being Christmas - or Halloween - classics, but fitting the dark mood of this film perfectly.

Don’t miss the Wednesday Matinee/Western Group on Nov. 8 at 2 pm in the theater for the last of the *Magnificent Seven* trilogy, *Guns of the Magnificent Seven* starring George Kennedy and James Whitmore. ~ **Paul Plamondon**, 4seasonsmoviegroup@gmail.com

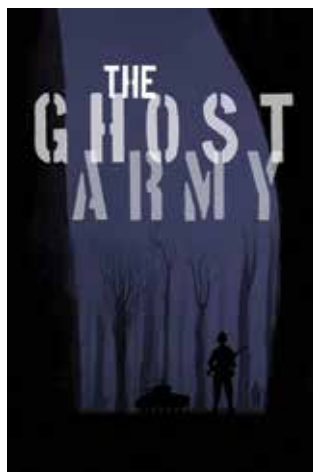


COUNTER CULTURE CINEMA CLUB

NOTE: Announcing a permanent change in the club’s screening schedule – starting this month, there will be only one screening per month, on the second Sunday of the month.

The Cinema Club has screenings on the second Sunday of each 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 screening for this month, on Sunday, Nov. 12 at 6 pm, is the film *The Ghost Army* (USA 2013, 1 hr. 8 min., English). Here is a brief description from IMDb.com: “During World War II, a hand-picked group of American GI’s undertook a bizarre mission: create a traveling road show of deception on the battlefields of Europe, with the German Army as their audience. The 23rd Headquarters Special Troops used inflatable rubber tanks, sound trucks, and



dazzling performance art to bluff the enemy again and again, often right along the front lines. Many of the men picked to carry out these dangerous deception missions were artists. Some went on to become famous, including fashion designer Bill Blass. In their spare time, they painted and sketched their way across Europe, creating a unique and moving visual record of their war. Their secret mission was kept hushed up for nearly 50 years after the war’s end.”

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. ~ **Micki Rosen**



TASTE D’VINE

The holiday season is upon us. It begins with Thanksgiving, and it ends with New Year’s Day. It’s a time to reflect about the past year and make plans for the upcoming year. It’s time to bring family and friends together to give thanks for our good fortune.

With that being said, our good fortune this month is Monserate Vineyards and Winery. We are thankful that they will be educating us on their winery and fine wines. Monserate is located in Fallbrook, Calif. Their vineyards sit on the old Fallbrook Golf Course which closed in 2016 and was purchased for the winery. In 2017, more than 70 acres of vineyards were planted and in 2020 the first vintage was bottled. Monserate concentrates on Italian varietals. ~ **Gino Domico**, gdomico@gmail.com

CROWN DIVAS RED HATS

The Crown Divas' September event was spectacular! We treated ourselves to see Cirque du Soleil in Palm Desert. With our red hats and purple attire, we were ready to see one of the fabulous shows for which they are so famous. It started off with music and singing. Then actors appeared wearing colorful costumes and were dancing around the stage. We saw acrobats on stage and aerial artists flying high above our heads. It was a fabulous show, from beginning to end.

Trees are starting to turn from green to reds, oranges, and browns. It must be autumn and the Divas' calendars are already filled with more fun events. ~ *Irma Romero (Sugar Mama) Irmabsromero@gmail.com*



CLASSICAL MUSIC CLUB

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



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“BELIEVE ...” WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY

In our continuing study of Acts, our lessons in October encompass how the Lord helps Paul get to Rome and shows how Paul wades through the political arena and is protected as he endures various threats to his life. We see Paul as never cowering, even though he was severely mistreated. Indeed, Paul was warned by the Lord of the trials he would endure for Jesus’ sake. As we have read and studied Acts, we see Paul’s growth, commitment, humility, strength, endurance, and tireless teaching of the principles of Christianity.

On Nov. 10 and 17 we will briefly study 1 Peter, who was the head of the early church. On Nov. 24, we will be dark in observance of the continuation of the Thanksgiving holiday (i.e., Black Friday). On Dec.

1 and 8, we will briefly study 2 Peter. On Dec. 15 we will hold our yearly Christmas party after a brief sharing time, with a potluck, games, prizes, gift exchange, and other surprises in the RCN Building. We will then be dark until Jan. 5, 2024, at which time we will begin the study of the Book of Ezekiel in the Old Testament.

If any of you beautiful Four Seasons women are interested in joining an amazing group of Godly women to study God’s Word with us, please come by The Lodge Game Room any Friday at 10:30 am. Since this is a non-denominational study, any version of the Bible is acceptable. Please come and share blessings with us! ~ *Eileen Gilbert-Antoine*, (951) 922-6829 or egcellent@msn.com

LIFE AFTER LOSS

When you lose someone or something you care about, you may struggle with the loss and loneliness. The feelings you have are normal, a part of being human, and may last for quite awhile. You need to remember not to judge your feelings, just to have and/or endure them. Don’t put yourself on a timeline. Grief takes whatever amount of time you need it to take. There is no right or wrong amount of time. Try not to indulge in negative self-talk such as “You idiot, are you crying again!” or “Why don’t you want to go to the party? Are you going to hide out forever?” Instead, you need to be kind, loving, and supportive of yourself.

Little by little you will get better but don’t be surprised by setbacks. You won’t be as lonely, won’t cry as much, and at some point, may feel

like reaching out to neighbors and family members. You may be able to resume some former activities or look into trying some new ones.

So if you have suffered a loss and want help dealing with your pain and with walking your new path, consider joining this supportive and caring group. You will feel connected to people who have gone through similar experiences and find comfort being with them and sharing in their experiences and yours.

We meet on the first and third Mondays of the month at 1 pm in RCN Room 3. If you have any questions, call Becky KG at (951) 524-0215 or email beckykg_1@yahoo.com or reach out to Byron Thomsen at (909) 936-7097 or email Byron.thomsen@yahoo.com. All contact is confidential. ~ *Becky Kotzin-Gustafson*

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MIXED MEDIA ARTS

This is the perspective of the Artist of the Month, Sherry Mounts. “Even though I have painted for 45 years I have never had any formal instruction. I wanted to, but just couldn’t work it into my very busy schedule. I promised myself that when I retired, I would take an art class. I was elated to find out that our community had an art class. Soon after moving in, I attended a class. At the first meeting, the instructor, Rob Kelman, told me that he starts all of his students the same way: by drawing three pictures — an elephant, a landscape, and a structure.

“DRAWING? Yikes! I don’t draw. I have never drawn. Needless to say, my anxiety and fear of failure kept me from joining the class. My inner voice, my harshest critic, was stopping me before I even began.

“For the next two-and-a-half years, I peeked through the class windows and read every article in the *Breeze* about the class. Finally, I decided it was time to take a risk and embrace the challenge. Once again, I walked into the class and this time I became a student. I got past my three drawings and, because I am enjoying it so much, I have even drawn a few more subjects. I also just bought a set of watercolor pencils and I’m determined to master this medium.”

Classes are Mondays from 10 am to 12 pm and/or 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**



FOUR SEASONS SINGERS

We are so happy to be singing together again. We have learned our new music and in November, we will be putting the finishing touches on our performance. We will be starting off the Holiday Shows on Dec. 1, 2, and 3 in the Ballroom. Hope to see you there.

If you would like to join the Singers, would like to have your name on my email list or if you have questions about our group, call (951) 797-3466 or email me at bawasco@dc.rr.com. We meet at 3:15 pm in the Ballroom near the piano. ~ **Barbara Wasco**



The Singers at December's USO Holiday Show

RAINBOW GROUP



In November, we will be showing *Carol* with Cate Blanchett and Rooney Mara. The movie is described as being about “two women from very different backgrounds who find themselves in an unexpected love affair in 1950s New York.” The date, time, and location are available on the Rainbow Group’s Facebook page and via the Rainbow Group’s email list (rainbowgroup@myyahoo.com).

We are organizing a fundraising activity for The Trevor Project. This nonprofit organization provides suicide prevention and crisis intervention services for LGBTQ young people. More details will follow.

Bayard Rustin is this month’s selection for the Famous LGBT Americans series. We have all heard of the March on Washington in 1963 where Martin Luther King gave his famous “I Have a Dream” speech. However, we are less likely to know that the event was organized by an African American gay man, Bayard Rustin.

Rustin was born in 1912. His family was engaged in civil rights activism which was the basis for his own commitment to civil rights. He was a Quaker and a life-long pacifist. In 1947, he helped organize the first Freedom Ride which sought to test the Supreme Court’s ban on racial discrimination in interstate travel. He was arrested for

violating state laws regarding segregated seating on public transportation.

In 1963, he was appointed the planner of the March on Washington. The March focused on civil rights legislation, desegregation of schools, and housing and employment discrimination. An estimated 250,000 people participated. The Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965, both direct results of the March, were signed by President Lyndon Johnson.

In 1977, Rustin met Walter Naegle. It was love-at-first-sight for them, and they became partners. In the 1980s, Rustin became more open publicly about being gay. In a 1987 interview, he said, “I think the gay community has a moral obligation ... to do whatever is possible to encourage more and more gays to come out of the closet.” During the AIDS crisis, he argued that AIDS could only be addressed by changing attitudes about the disease and those living with it.

Rustin died in 1987. Cheyney University of Pennsylvania, which he attended, honored him with a posthumous “Doctor of Humane Letters” in 2013. That same year, President Barack Obama awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom posthumously to Rustin. Accepting the award was Walter Naegle. ~ *Dan Hazeltine and Frank Galvan*

TRAVEL GROUP

We look forward to enjoying the holiday spirit at the Farmers Market and the Grove ... a shopper’s paradise. Join us for an unforgettable holiday shopping experience with our travel group on Nov. 15! Our much-anticipated holiday shopping trip is set to take place at the Farmers Market and the Grove, promising a day filled with excitement, laughter, and fabulous finds.

The adventure begins promptly at 9 am when the bus picks us up at The Lodge. From there, we will embark on a delightful journey to the Farmers Market and the Grove. Brace yourselves for a day of shopping, where you can explore a wide array of unique and charming items. The Farmers Market offers an abundance of choices, ensuring you’ll find the perfect gifts for your loved ones this holiday season. And fear not about your purchases – our bus has ample space to accommodate all your treasures.

Feel free to indulge your taste buds at one of the many delightful eateries within the Farmers Market. Whether you crave international cuisine or local delicacies, there’s something to satisfy every palate. Enjoy a leisurely lunch on your own, recharging your energy for more shopping adventures.

As the day winds down, we’ll depart for home at 4 pm, laden with our newfound treasures and cherished memories. Rest assured, our journey back will be as comfortable as the ride there.

Due to the festive season, our travel group won’t be holding meetings in November and December. Please mark your calendars for January, as we have something special in store for our members. We’re thrilled to announce that a representative from Colette Tours

will be joining us with two extraordinary trips tailored just for you. Don’t miss out! Join us in January and be part of these exciting adventures.

For more information about our upcoming events or membership details, feel free to reach out to Joni at (661) 390-5512. If you have questions about your membership or need to update your information, please email Irene at irenewelker55@gmail.com.

As we dive into the holiday season, we hope you enjoy the festivities and make beautiful memories with your loved ones. Wishing you all a joyous holiday season, and we look forward to reconnecting with you in the upcoming year. Safe travels and happy holidays! ~ *Joni Truelsen jonitruelsen@yahoo.com*

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A group of Seasoned Solos and a few additional friends took a tour of Garner Holt Productions in Redlands. Garner Holt Productions is the world's leading creator of audio-animatronics for theme parks around the world



SEASONED SOLOS

Some of the outings the Solos enjoyed last month included a visit to our local 2nd Street Cinema to see Gran Turismo, birthday lunches at ClaimJumper and BJ's Brewhouse, a visit to the Idylwild Museum and a tour of Garner Holt Productions, creator of state-of-the-art audio-animatronics for theme parks worldwide. Some of the future outings we're planning include a visit to the Reagan Library to view

the Auschwitz Exhibit, and possibly a tour of the Mission Inn. If you're single and would like to join us for outings like these, we meet on the first Friday of each month at 6 pm in The Lodge Arts & Crafts Room. For more information, please contact Phyllis Noreika at (310) 739-5256 or Joyce Olson at (951) 850-3055. ~ *Phyllis Noreika*

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WRITERS' CLUB

"MUSIC HATH CHARMS ..." ET CETERA.

I have always been a sucker for musicians.

It started early for me. After he married my mother, my dad sang in the bathtub and on the radio (KDON San Jose). He was a happy man.

Mom led the Congregational Church choir in Soquel. She loved to sing too, but the choir gig mainly was to win over her new in-laws, who feared their son had married a Kentucky hillbilly. (They had the Kentucky part right.)

Daddy met Mom at Santa Cruz High. I met my musician at Pleasant Hill High.

Davey played the sax. The high school marching band was great, but when the band teacher added jazz to the curriculum, things started swingin'.

Davey played in both bands, but when the Marching Band needed a tall guy to lead it, at 6'3", he was the only choice.

I think it was the uniform that sent me panting. (Did I mention I was also a sucker for a man in uniform?) His height was a plus, too. When I was a junior, I was 5'9", and most high school boys were shrimps. Davey's only drawbacks that I could see were that he was a sophomore and he had a girlfriend.

It started innocently enough. The fall play had several male roles,

and being in high school, only a few boys showed up to try out.

In desperation, the drama teacher broadcast his need for boys to fill the male roles, and brave young Neil answered the call and persuaded his best friend, Davey, to come along for moral support.

The teacher took one look at Davey and decided to cast him as the father in the play.

I got the role of his teenage daughter.

Davey, Neil, and I often had milkshakes at the local drive-in after rehearsals. Davey had his license and automobile access, so we would hang out and talk for an hour or so. (I had to sit in the backseat, but that put me close to the driver.)

A few years later, Davey and I married and produced two more musicians: a daughter (singer with a heavenly voice) and a son (drummer ... he discovered drummers got the girls).

Now, I am married to a bass player/poet, and I sing in the garden. Frequently.

~ by *Mary Lynn Archibald*

Four Seasons Writers' Club meets in the RCN Conference Room on the second Tuesday of the month at 1 pm. Text Mary Lynn at (707) 239-4060 for info. ~ *Mary Lynn Archibald, mlarchibald@mac.com*

PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB

Due to travel and life, the Club did not meet in-person in October. We did expand our "Let's Talk Photoshop" Zoom meeting to include a review of members close-up and macro photos. We also covered post-processing of panoramic photos to stitch them together and discussed how to add your name to the photo when exporting from

Lightroom. Our monthly in-person meetings are the first Thursday of the month in the RCN Main Room at 6:30 pm. Our Zoom meeting is the second Thursday of the month at 4 pm. If you have any questions or wish to be added to our mailing list please contact Jacque at jacquesneddon@gmail.com. ~ *Jacque Sneddon*



Trees by John Baeyertz



Hummingbird by Gerrie Karczynski

QUILTING ENTHUSIASTS

Hello! I am writing to you from Kelowna, British Columbia, Canada. The leaves are turning yellow and there is a hint of cooler temperatures; fall is officially here. I am here to assist a fellow quilting teacher, teaching layered portraits and I'm also taking a class on collage quilts. As everyone knows, there was a huge fire on Aug. 8 on the island of Maui. Tragically, the entire town of Lahaina burned to the ground. A request from two different quilt shops on Maui sent a request for help: food, clothes, water, toys, baby items, quilts, and gift cards. Quilters are a very special group and help out when we can. Our group here at Four Seasons sent 24 quilts to Maui. I understand that 24 quilts doesn't seem like a lot, but to those who lost absolutely everything it means a new beginning and renewed hope.

One of our members has some friends who lost everything. The woman, Kristen, and her young daughter were in California when the

fire broke out. Her husband grabbed what he could and ran. The only thing left standing where their home once stood was the hot water heater. Here is the story she provided: "On Aug. 8 my friends Kristen and Andy, residents of Lahaina, lost their home in the fire that spread through Lahaina. When I talked to Kristen, she said the quilt I made them for their wedding was gone along with everything else. I liked the quilt I made them so much, I had made another for myself. I decided to send her my quilt, (I can always make another one for myself). She also wanted one for the baby small enough to travel but could be put on the ground. I sent her four quilts to use or share with other friends or families."

Below is the quilt that Jeri had made for herself and sent to the couple. ~ **Mary M. Moody-Cox**



A quilt Jeri had made for herself and sent to the couple



A beautiful quilt sent to Maui



This is a crib size quilt made by one of our members, also sent to Maui

CERAMICS CLASS

Happy holidays to everyone! In case you missed our Fall Boutique, there is still plenty of time to create your own gifts for family and friends in our ceramics class. You never know what you can make for last-minute party gifts. Join us on Wednesdays from 1 to 4 pm in the Arts & Crafts Room. We laugh, share ideas, and paint. We have many seasoned artists who assist by answering questions and providing guidance. Additionally, there are many pieces to purchase. All equipment is provided. Let us help you get creative. For more information call Loretta Ramsey at (714) 803-6744. Make something beautiful! ~ **Karen Reed, (707) 567-1144**



Pumpkin pictures by Karen Reed at the Fall Boutique



Several completed pieces from residents

KNIT & CROCHET GROUP

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

CRAFTY CARDMAKERS

The Crafty Cardmakers meet on the second and fourth Friday of the month. We make three all-occasion cards, and you only need to bring your own glue and scissors. The cost is \$10 to cover materials. Your cards include envelopes and will be ready to mail.

If you plan to come to class, please RSVP to Patty Grana at granamemories@roadrunner.com or (626) 862-2652 by the Tuesday before the class so we will have enough kits for everyone.

BREAKING NEWS! The group is now offering “Sunshine” services for the community. We would love to send a card if you know a person who has lost a loved one, someone who is ill or alone and just needs to be remembered, or anyone who will be alone for the holidays and would appreciate a holiday card.

Please email me the name, address, and the type of card requested. ~ *Maryalice Chorb*, chorbaparadise@yahoo.com



CRAFT GROUP

We create new and fun projects. Come, visit, or join our group. If you feel you are not crafty, we'll help you! 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*



HANDBELL CHOIR

Dec. 14 at 6 pm is an evening that you won't want to miss. That is the date for the Four Seasons Handbell Christmas Concert and Sing-a-long.

There will be an opportunity, as always, to donate financially if you want. We have some more (bigger) bells since our last concert, so another chance to Adopt-a-Bell.

Part 5 (and final) of the history of Handbells: Handbells are tuned to the 12th overtone series, which allows its characteristic brightness. There are now hand chimes, also. The American Guild of English Handbell Ringers (AGEHR) has now become “Handbell

Musicians of America” with a purpose to educate, exchange ideas and sponsor educational activities. Scores of festivals, seminars, and workshops are held throughout the year, and there are publications such as “Overtones” for information. The benefits and services are for approximately 100,000 current handbell musicians around the world. By the way, a handbell is always referred to as “she,” and a handbell is spelled as one word. The hyphenated form “hand-bell” was originally used, but handbell is a more modern form and is generally accepted as the appropriate spelling. ~ *Kathie Sundstrom*, (303) 903-6850, karhtyn.buck@comcast.net



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WATER VOLLEYBALL CLUB

November is upon us and members of the Water Volleyball Club have begun our winter season, moving to indoor play at The Summit. We meet every Tuesday and Thursday from 10 am to 12 pm, and on Saturdays from 1 to 3 pm.

Several important activities are planned during the month of November. We will hold our annual membership drive this month as well as the renewal of dues for existing members. In addition, this month we will conduct an election to choose officers to represent the club (President, Vice-President, and Secretary).



And save the date, Dec. 10, for our annual holiday gala event! We will be enjoying a delicious dinner, music, and dancing in the RCN from 5 to 8:30 pm. Tickets will be available soon.

If you are looking for a club where you can have some fun and laughs, come check us out. And bring your guests along. We welcome players of all ages, heights, and skill levels. The indoor game tends to be a bit easier for most people since the ball is softer and the pool shallower. Everyone is welcome to join us! For more information, contact Craig Korotko at korotko@msn.com. ~ *Craig Korotko*



Indoor Water Volleyball at The Summit



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LAWN CHAIR VOLLEYBALL

Greetings Four Seasons Beaumont residents. If you haven't heard yet, there is a new club in our village. Welcome to the Lawn Chair Volleyball Club at Four Seasons Beaumont. Many of you have joined us "unofficially" in the past when we played at Seneca Park, but now that we're an official club we play on The Lodge lawn area between the pickleball and paddle tennis courts. Our club only has two rules: you can't get out of your chair during play and you MUST have fun. A big thanks to Club President Dave Rohrbacker and his wife Janine for setting up the club and to Tom Conigliaro and Mike MacQueen for stepping up to act as Vice President and Secretary, respectively.

All you need to play the sport of lawn chair volleyball is a sturdy lawn chair and a desire to laugh with your friends and neighbors at Four Seasons. We currently play every other Thursday evening from about 5 pm until sunset and many participants bring food and

drink to enjoy before the games begin. So if you're looking for a club where you can partake in a bit of friendly competition with very little physical exertion, come check us out. And bring your guests along. Everyone is welcome to join in the fun. For more information, contact Dave at dave.rohrbacker@icloud.com. ~ *Dave Rohrbacker*





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Here's a pic of everyone who played in the September tournament - see if you can spot your fave

PICKLEBALL

Hey, all you wonderful people out there in our treed little hamlet! It's time to get caught up on the goings-on out in the area next to the Ampitheater where all the pocking/smacking/shouting goes on every morning before the rooster crows. We're talkin' Pickleball with a capital "P," and that stands for Powerful fun with all your seemingly innocent and docile neighbors who, it turns out, are positively ravenous predators on the courts. Don't let our stained and faded sweatshirts and frumpy tennis skirts fool you; we're out there having a blast!

By the time this blurb sees the light of day, there'll no doubt be a li'l nip in the air to remind us that there really are seasons other than Are-You-Kiddin'-Me-It's-a-Furnace-Out-There 'round these parts. Our annual Kick Off the Cool Weather tourney was held way back on Sept. 23, and as always, our own Kelly Vuccinic, magnificent-maven-of-all-things, wonderfully organized and equitable, put together a get-together that went as smoothly as a swig of buttered rum by a cracklin' fire on a cold November night.

Ladies' Doubles ≥ 65 (our most golden go-getters) saw neighborhood hotties Kimi Olsen and Renee Brickman bring home

the gold.

Gentlemen's ≥ 65 Doubles splashed hard-fought silver on John Schaefer and Steve Roa, who gave the outlanders all a good whuppin'.

In a storied Mix-'em-up Doubles < 65 match, none other than the likes of hyper-locals LynnRae Dupree and Jim Allard finished in first, beating out exchange students Michelle and Pat Carter who hail from way over in Sun Lakes.

Next was < 65 IOFPs (individuals of the female persuasion) Doubles, which saw typical Four Seasons amazing play from Kelly Boggs and LynnRae Dupree who gold-ed and Shelly (not Jim) Allard and Gayle Wardenski who silvered.

Last, but far from least, came the working-Men's Division, < 65 Doubles. There, Jim (not Shelly) Allard and Jimmy Conner finished in boldly golden style. Our own Keith Linton opened his heart and his game to take in some off-campus help from Mark Oster to capture the bronze. Come on out and join us, Four Season-aire! ~ **Julie McGrath**



This is what it looks like when the sun hits you juuuust right



At right is Kelly V., our absolute favorite tourney organizer this month

SPIN 'N SLAM TABLE TENNIS CLUB

For anyone who doesn't believe that Table Tennis (aka Ping Pong) is a competitive and well-represented activity within the Four Seasons community, you need not look any further than the number of FSTTC members who participated in last month's OLDlympics competition in Hemet.

For those of you who don't follow the various activities outside of our community, the OLDlympics is a multi-sport event that invites seniors from all over Riverside and San Bernardino counties to compete in the various sports they used to play with reckless abandon in their younger days.

Heartiest congratulations to all the Four Seasons ping pong fanatics who put their egos and aging joints on the line to participate in this great event.

The Spin 'n Slam Table Tennis Club is a group that was designed to attract those Four Seasons residents who are serious about and enjoy competing in the sport of ping pong. We meet at The Courts

on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays at 10:30 am.

See you there. ~ **Bob Rubenstein, brube88@gmail.com**

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L-R: Pete Antoine, Rony Tordesillas (Gold in singles), Perry White (Gold in singles & Bronze in doubles), Sally White (Silver in singles and Bronze in doubles), Lilly Staili (Four Seasons Associate), Macy Chan (Gold in singles), Jeannine Baker (Gold in singles), Nancy Wong, Jim Wong (Silver in singles) Kathie Sundstrom, and Niles Sundstrom (Silver in singles)

TABLE TENNIS

Occasionally some of our ping pong players venture outside of Four Seasons to play ping pong at a competitive level. One of those occasions took place on Sept. 27 at the Oldlympics in Hemet. This ping pong tournament against other top players brought out the best in our players as evidenced by their success in taking home a lot of medals, nine in all.

For more information on how you can play ping pong with us, contact Niles at nilstrom@gmail.com. ~ *Niles Sundstrom*

PADDLE TENNIS



Welcome to our newest paddle players: Bob, Greg, and Gloria. On Sept. 30, several paddle players went to Venice Beach to watch the 2023 POP Tennis (Paddle Tennis) US Open National Championships. The American paddle tennis association celebrated their 100-year anniversary at this tournament. Almost 200 total entrants played for two full days. It's always exciting to watch the competition and all the action at Venice Beach. Afterward, we enjoyed lunch in Santa Monica.

Recently, we also have connected with Enthusiastic Paddle Tennis players from The Lakes Country Club in Palm Desert. We hope to have a play day soon with them. Ready to try Paddle Tennis? We welcome all new players. We have a fantastic fun group of players. Send me an email: ecgallegos@outlook.com.

~ *Lizzie Gallegos*



BOCCE BALL



We're heading into fall with, hopefully, the heat behind us. That means our start time is changing. We will start at 9 am now with our usual Tuesday and Friday at The Summit. Thank you to everyone for making our Bocce Group fun and enjoyable.

We have added a few new players to our roster. If you are interested in learning the game, all are welcome. Any questions, please call or text me at (840) 234-6494 or email hanknegrete16@yahoo.com. ~ *Hank Negrete*





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TENNIS CLUB



The weather is getting nice and comfortable outside. The rain has disappeared, and the triple digit temps are gone. Have you been toying with the idea of going out and playing some tennis again, but have always managed to find an

excuse to do it next week? Is one of the following reasons yours?

1. I have never played before – No problem. We have classes/drills on Saturday mornings. Someone will teach you.
2. I do not have a tennis racket – No worries. We have loaner rackets you can borrow.
3. I have not played since my high school days – Good try. You can brush up on your skills during the Saturday morning classes/drills. You will be up and running again in no time.
4. I still work and can't play during the day – We have groups that play in the evening. Simply sign up and you are in to play.
5. I already know how to play and would like to play matches – Well, you're in luck. There are lots of players in our club just like you.
6. I am an experienced player and would like to play competitively – OK, we have a monthly play day in which you can compete against many other players, as well as USTA leagues you can participate in.
7. I'd like to arrange my own hours to play – That's fine. You will meet a lot of players who would like to do the same.
8. I sometimes like to practice my tennis strokes on my own – Well, alright. We have ball machines with which you can do that all by your lonesome.
9. I like playing in tournaments – Great. Our club puts on tournaments a couple of times a year. All you need to do is sign up.
10. I used to be a pro tennis player and would only play with professional caliber players – Well, sorry. You are at the wrong place. Give Roger Federer a call.

Any more excuses? Didn't think so. In other words, no matter what your skill level is, you will fit in.

So, dust off your old vintage wooden racket. Come on out and start playing with us. You will not regret it!

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BEAUMONT BAGGER CORNHOLE GROUP

Have you heard about the fun that has been happening on Tuesday nights at The Summit? The Beaumont Bagger Cornhole Group meets every Tuesday at 5 pm. We play cornhole for an hour and then socialize over dinner.

Come and try it out! No cost, experience, or equipment needed. Bring a chair and join us as a participant or a spectator. Couples,

singles, or groups are welcomed to play. We choose names for teams to set you up with a teammate for the night. If you want to stay for dinner, bring your main dish for yourself and a dish to share with the group.

Every week, we continue to welcome new friends and enjoy this fun sport. ~ *Pat Barry*

FISHING CLUB

Just as I thought it was going to be trout season, we had another heat wave. This weather is really crazy this year. It is a hard fact that fishing does depend on the weather.

Let me tell you a fishing story that had to do with the weather. Back in the 70s, the Salton Sea was a great place to fish. The weather was crazy back then. The main problem we had fishing the Salton Sea was the wind. The Santa Ana winds would cause white caps on the water, and because the sea was shallow, it became choppy and was impossible to fish from a boat.

It was a windy day so we decided to fish from shore. We were fishing at the North Shore State Park. There was a jetty there and we could catch fish from the jetty. Just as we started fishing, a big wave crashed over the jetty and we were thrown into the water. Because we all could swim, we made it to shore with no problem. We started fishing again and caught all kinds of fish. The moral of this story is: NEVER GIVE UP.

Tight lines to all my fishing friends and remember you can only catch fish if your lines are in the water. ~ *Richard Carrasco, ricarrasco52@gmail.com*



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SHUFFLEBOARD

We have now started the winter hours, which means that we begin playing shuffleboard at 9 am instead of 8 am on Monday and Saturday mornings. So a great way to start getting some fresh air, exercise, and socialization is to come out and play shuffleboard with us. We play at the new shuffleboard courts at The Lodge. They are located behind the swimming pool and next to the paddle tennis courts. We now enjoy our own quiet and somewhat shaded area in which we play.

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



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

We have a great group of residents who play regularly, but we are always looking for new players. So if anyone is interested in joining a fun activity, please just show up on Monday and/or Saturday morning at 9 am. We will give you an introduction to

shuffleboard if you have never played before, or a refresher, if needed.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me. Otherwise, I hope to see you at the shuffleboard courts on Monday and/or Saturday morning at 9 am sharp. ~ **Marty Rotman**, (310) 948-1693, mrtmj@aol.com

CURLY CUES BILLIARDS

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

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



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WILD BUNCH BILLIARDS

Let's hope by the time you read this, the weather is below 100 degrees. If not, the Billiards Room is nice and cool, perfect for a game (or two) of pool.

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

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

and we are always looking for great competition. Some of these players are Joe Spinella, Bob Rector, Mike Corbett, Paul Snyder, Mike Fisher, Scott Frymire, Dave Martin, Gary Condurucci, Brad Hodge, Verina Rector, Gracy Luna, just to name a few.

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.

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

8-BALL CLUB

The 8-Ball Club continues the year with lots of practice and tournaments. The club practices or plays tournaments on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays 6:30 to 9 pm. The club meeting is held 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 the month. The club also plays four team events with Solera Oak Valley (1615 Fairway Dr., Beaumont, 92223) and Solera Diamond Valley (1645 Paseo Diamante, Hemet, 92545) on the first, second, third, and fourth Mondays of each month. Two here and two away. Check the calendar on the 8-Ball Club bulletin board for all the events each month.

The 8-Ball Club would like to welcome two new members Butch and April to the club. A big welcome aboard.

This month's in-house 8-Ball tournament had 14 players competing in the tournament. There were several times when players got rematches. Larry sent April to the loser bracket only to meet April again. April won and sent Larry to the loser bracket to force a playoff. In the third and final match between the two, Larry came away with the win. Congratulations to April for coming in as runner-up in her first tournament with the 8-Ball Club.

This month's in-house 9-Ball tournament had 10 players competing. Scott went undefeated in the winner's bracket until the last match. Larry sent Scott to the loser bracket resulting in a rematch for the final which Scott won. Congratulations to Scott, this

month's 9-Ball champion.

If you're new to the game or have played it before, don't be shy, stop by, pick up a stick, and give us a try. Walk in and ask for Del, Larry, or any of the members who are playing. The 8-Ball Club is always looking for new members who would like to learn and play pool to join us. There is a calendar of our events on the 8-Ball Club bulletin board in the Billiards Room at The Lodge.

If you have any questions about your 8-Ball Club, contact one of the officers: Captain Del Lyles, Sr. at (951) 267-1752 or Co-Captain Larry Rice at (951) 236-1156. If no one answers, just leave a message one of us will get back to you. ~ *Larry Rice*



8-Ball Tournament Runner-Up
April and Champion Larry



9-Ball Champion Scott

BILLIARDS FOR FUN GROUP

We welcome everyone to the BFFG. We meet every Tuesday. The first session is from 11 am to 1 pm. The second session is from 1 to 3 pm. Everyone is welcome. See you there!

For information, call Paul Snyder at (909) 214-9464 or Donna Hendzel at (909) 435-6589. ~ *Donna Hendzel*



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LADIES PUTTERS

The warm summer weather has brought out more ladies joining our group. Besides being low-impact, our group is a high-fun and social activity, and the best part is no experience is necessary. Over the months, we have seen many of the ladies consistently recording lower scores, which is a testament to their desire to improve. Our Bi-Annual Potluck and Awards event always has a few surprises since

we often add special categories to add to the fun. If you would like to come out and join us, we have extra putters and balls. Our 9-hole putting green is located at The Courts, behind the pool area. Our putting days/times are Mondays at 4 pm and Fridays at 9 am. For more information, please contact Bonnie Brown at (951) 337-0833 or Elaine Brown at (626) 589-9791. ~ *Phyllis Kates*

TOPS

The TOPS group (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) discovered something new about weight loss. In an article called "Hacking Our Happy Hormone." It explains that many studies have shown that happiness can help you live longer. It is not just a state of mind, but starts in your body. Positive feelings from exercise, eating a favorite food, or laughing cause your body to release serotonin, dopamine, oxytocin, and endorphins.

You can fool your body into thinking you are happy more easily than you think. Putting a pencil into your mouth pushing the corners of your mouth out to the sides, and biting down, simulates smiling. Your brain thinks this is a true smile, and releases happy hormones.



Our group tried this, and seeing each other with that goofy smile made us really smile and laugh out loud.

Practicing gratitude and generosity have been proven to generate similar levels of dopamine and serotonin as exercise, food, and laughter. Smiling and saying hello to fellow residents while dog walking, or walking from the parking lot into The Lodge can activate your happy hormones. You may find that a group like TOPS can help you as well.

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



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CO-ED BID WHIST

Our club wishes to acknowledge and say farewell to Robert "Big Bob" Manuel (inset), a long-term beloved member and quite talented card player. Bob passed away in September; several members attended his memorial services. "Big Bob," you will be deeply missed.

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

We have an enjoyable time socializing while applying our individual team strategies to win the hand or stop the opposing team from winning. You can almost hear the excited voices of the victors around the tables, as well as the sounds of the Temptations, Herbie Hancock, Aretha Franklin, B.B. King, or Adele – a variety of mellow



music – in the background while we play!

I strongly encourage new players to come out. We will teach you how to play this game. Bid Whist is a variation to the original game of Whist and it involves strategy, card counting, and careful communication with a partner. It is similar in play to Bridge and Spades. Whether you are new to the game or a veteran player, I invite you to come out and play with us!

The Co-Ed Bid Whist group meets on Tuesdays from 6 to 8:30 pm in the RCN, Room 3. We offer a game environment filled with skill, good cheer, good-natured trash talking, and some great music. Win or lose ... you will have a lot of fun and meet some great folks while playing Bid Whist. We look forward to seeing you at the tables! ~ *Frank Turner*

MAH JONGG

Hello all! We are now playing Mah Jongg in the RCN Main Room 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*



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DOMINOES



In a stunning upset, at the conclusion of the monthly final competitive play, LeRoy Wright (photo at left) emerged as the Dominoes champion for September. LeRoy demonstrated his experience and mastery of the game over three other elite players during an evening of skill, suspense, and fun! He has won monthly championships in the past, but not recently. Congratulations, LeRoy, the Dominoes champion for September.

On a more somber note, the Club said farewell to a long term, skilled and beloved member, Robert "Big Bob" Manuel (photo at right). Bob passed away in September. Many members attended his memorial services. "Big Bob," we will miss you.

The Dominoes Club plays every Wednesday and Friday from 6 until 9 pm in the Game Room. We welcome more players, whether new to the game or experienced, to come out and join us for an enjoyable time "slamming bones." Novice players are encouraged to come out from 5 to 6 pm, on Wednesday and Friday, to learn the game.

For more information, contact Reggie at (951) 743-3594 or Jesse at (951) 769-2035. ~ *Roxanne Williams*



HEARTS

We play Hearts every Tuesday at 6 pm in The Lodge Game Room. We welcome new players. If you don't know how to play, we'll be happy to teach you. Seating is done by random card draw. Try your luck at getting all the hearts plus the queen of spades. That takes 26 points off of your score, or if you choose, adds 26 points to all the other players at the table. The jack of diamonds takes 10 points off of your score. Lowest score wins. It is lots of fun and we look forward to seeing you on Tuesday evenings. ~ *Lynette Smilac, smilac1954@gmail.com*

PHASE 10

We hope to see more fun-loving card players join us in The Lodge Game Room on Tuesdays, Nov. 14 and 28 from 2 to 4 pm.

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. Lynette Smilac will fill in for me if needed. If you have any questions, please contact Marianne Bugni at (920) 517-2739 or email lamarib77@gmail.com. ~ *Marianne Bugni*

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*

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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Several of our Bunco group are enjoying lunch, a game of Left-Right-Center, and a little time on the machines at Morongo Casino

BUNCO

You are definitely missing out on the fun if you haven't checked out the Bunco group. We play every Friday from 1 to 3 pm. On the first and third Fridays, we play regular Bunco in the RCN. On the second, fourth, and fifth Fridays, we play Wacky Bunco in The Lodge Game Room. You never know what twists the Crazy Bunco Ladies have in store for you on these Fridays. We've even had birthday and holiday celebrations as well as luncheons at Morongo!

So if you want to add some laughter and new friends to your life, join us on Friday afternoons. Plan on arriving around 12:45 pm because we start rolling those dice at 1 pm. Everyone is welcome (men included)! For more details, please contact one of the crazy Bunco ladies: Linda Supernaw at supernaw4@sbcglobal.net or Cheryl Diego at kinderbear@msn.com. ~ **Cheryl Diego**

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

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 receives no points. Then the remaining players lay down their cards, on either the first player's cards or their own. Each round uses a progressive, new wild card, from 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 your name to be added to the group email list, contact Simone at simone@bissada.net. ~ **Simone Bissada**

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

PAN

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

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**

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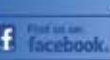
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*My wife Gracy collects giraffes!
(Just kidding.) Hilario L.*

*Imagine 1,000 giraffes at Four
Seasons?! Lol. Ema H.*

*Our dog Kelsey would love a pet
giraffe. Dan H.*

*Will my giraffe be allowed to play
in the canine corral? Kevin L.*

Too funny. Shelene G.

*Whoever comes up with these is so
clever. Mary Jayne K.*

*They might make a great pet since
they sleep standing, you won't have
to worry about them climbing in
bed with you. Karen M.*

THIS MONTH'S WINNER:

LINDA PREUSCHOFF

I got the joke!

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EASY

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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. Be sure to include your contact information in case we need to reach you. Contact information will not be published.



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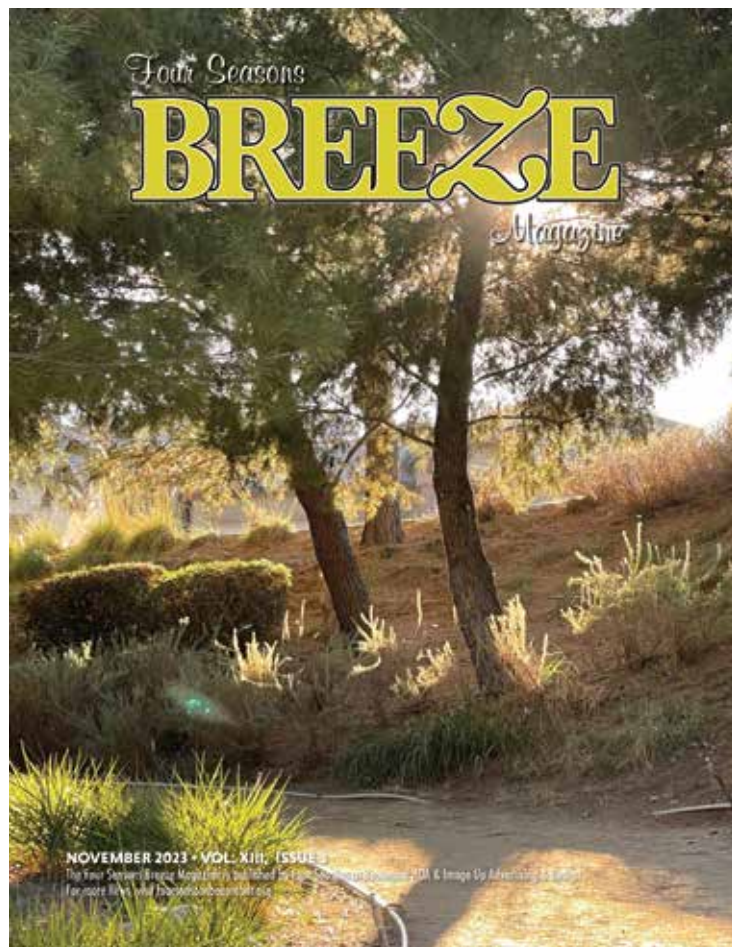
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