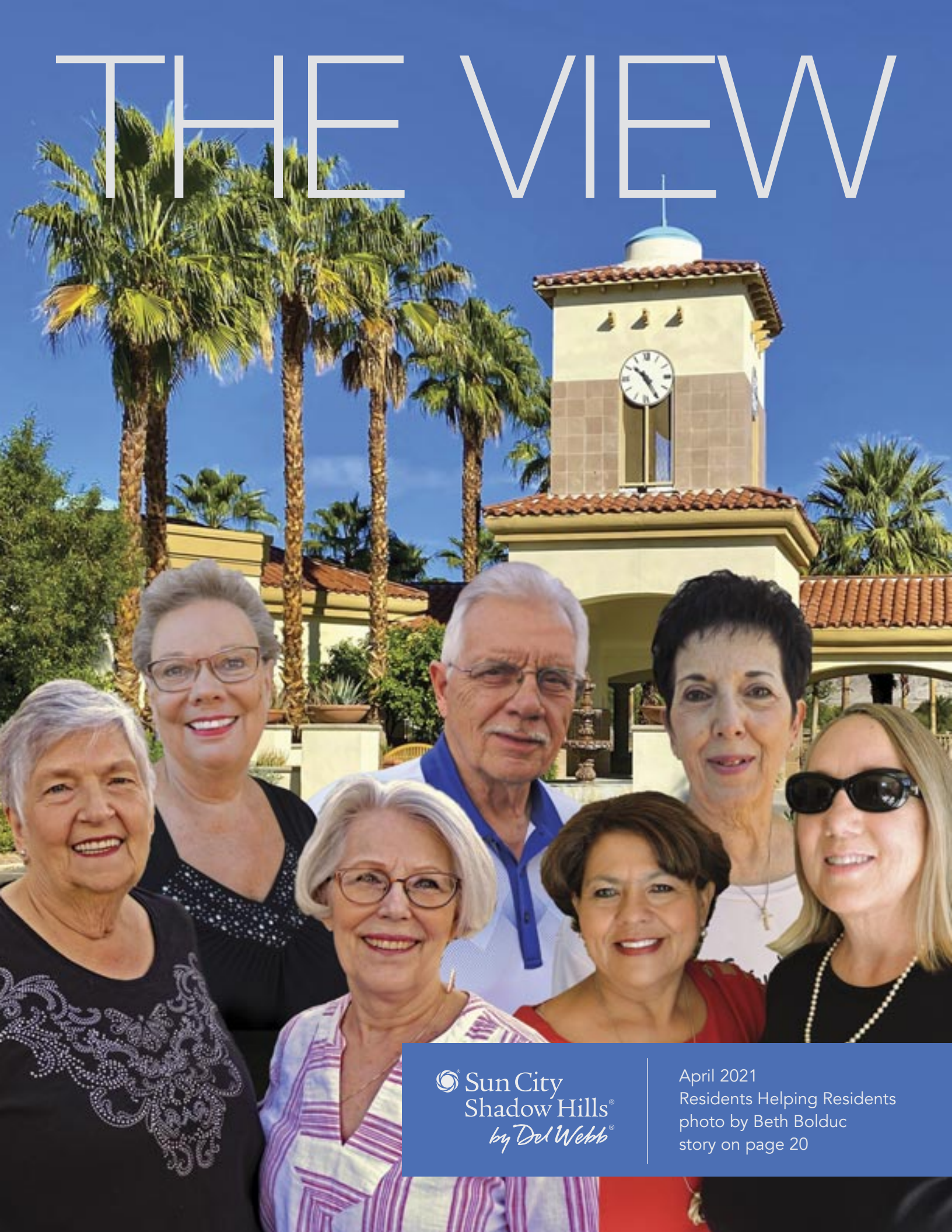


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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

KIM FULLER | PRESIDENT

VOTE, VOTE, VOTE, PLEASE VOTE!

The HOA annual meeting will be on April 6, 2021. I know we are repeating this information, but we need *everyone* to vote. There are only a few days left, so please complete your ballot and put it in one of the ballot boxes in either the Montecito or Santa Rosa Clubhouses. In addition to the Board election, there is one CC&R change and one Bylaw change on the ballot. All ballots must be in before April 6.

The CC&R change on the ballot is in response to a new State law, California AB3182, that went into effect January 1, 2021. Last month I described this new law, which changes the minimum rental period to less than 90 days. Our CC&Rs currently state that the minimum rental period is 90 days. Our HOA is required to follow the new State law even though the CC&Rs say something different so, effective January 1, 2021, our HOA must allow rentals for 31 days or more, not 90.

The new law requires us to change our CC&Rs to conform to the new State provisions. Hopefully, we can get enough ballots in favor of the change but, even if we do not, we will still be required to enforce the new law no matter what our CC&Rs state. Unfortunately, we are not allowed simply to change

the wording in our CC&Rs; *our residents must vote in the change.*

The other provision the Board presented is to change Bylaw Section 4.6.4, Balloting Time Requirements. Our current provision limits the time we can request ballots to 90 days. We are proposing removal of the 90-day limit so the HOA can still request ballots from those who have not voted after 90 days. The goal is to encourage more homeowners to participate and vote by giving the HOA more time to collect ballots. This change does not affect how many affirmative votes it takes to change the CC&Rs or Bylaws. It will still take 51% of all homeowners to make any change. This just allows the HOA additional time to collect more ballots.

There are also four candidates running for two positions on the Board. Linda Aasen and Kim Fuller are running for re-election, in addition to two new candidates, John MacDonnell and Moira MacLeod-Foster. Please be sure to get your ballots in as soon as possible for the Annual meeting on April 6.

Better days are coming, so don't forget, *"it doesn't get any better than this."*

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 Sun City Shadow Hills[®]

Annual Meeting

Tuesday, April 6, 2021, at 9:00 a.m.



Linda
Aasen



Kim
Fuller



"Big" John
MacDonnell



Moira
MacLeod-Foster

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Santiago Corrales

ASSOCIA EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

It is our great pleasure to recognize Santiago Corrales as the Employee of the Month.

Santiago is an Audiovisual Technician and has been with the Facilities Maintenance Department since January 2018. During this time, Santiago has performed a sensational job in all aspects of audiovisual duties.

Most recently, Santiago has been instrumental in setting up the HOA meetings following appropriate COVID-19 guidelines so that staff and Board members have a safe and sanitized room for conducting HOA business. In addition to his normal routines, Santiago has also been coming in early and assisting with the weekly setup of the outdoor fitness classes.

Time and time again, Santiago goes above and beyond, working with the various departments and residents. He is constantly putting in the extra effort to ensure every project is completed with a high level of quality.

Thank you, Santiago, and we commend you for a job well done.

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Design Review Committee (DRC)

BY TED SHETTLER | CHAIR

This month's topic is artificial turf. In the Design Rules (DRs), §5.14 describes the requirements that must be met by installations of artificial turf visible from the street. These requirements are quite comprehensive and are intended to provide guidance for homeowners to ensure that the homeowner receives a high-quality installation from a contractor.

Because installation of artificial turf is a modification of landscaping, whether in the front or rear yards, a Home Improvement Application (HIA) is necessary in either case. When designing an installation of artificial turf, a homeowner is advised to review §5.3 of the DRs, which limits the area of turf to 40% of the front yard's softscape. No such restriction applies to rear yards. In either case, the HIA must include a sample of the artificial turf and a dimensioned drawing showing the proposed turf installation, allowing the Design Review Committee (DRC) to verify compliance with §5.3, which also stipulates that turf may not be installed on a corner lot's side yard.

In addition, the HIA must address the 9 requirements for installing artificial turf in the front yard that are delineated in §5.14.

1. Use of an appropriate soil-stabilizing fabric.
2. Use of porous fabric that does not impede water infiltration into the underlying soil.
3. Installation of underlying aggregate or other suitable base material.
4. Blade length of 1.75 inches, grass blades installed facing the street; total weight at least 55 oz. per square foot.
5. Simulated grass blades made of an appropriate material.

6. Simulated grass blades are to be of a natural-appearing style and color.
7. Backing fabric made of an appropriate, adequately permeable, and vertically draining material or, if horizontally draining, infilled with a non-migrating material.
8. Specifies acceptable infill materials.
9. Artificial turf must be made in the USA.

Some of these requirements are difficult to verify after installation when the DRC makes its close-out inspection. The homeowner-provided sample of the artificial turf is required to delineate the blade length and the total weight per square foot plus verify its manufacture in the USA. At inspection the blade length, color, style, and orientation can be compared to the sample provided with the HIA.

These requirements are intended to help the homeowner obtain a high-quality, long-lasting installation that improves our entire community as well as the homeowner's property. Homeowners are advised to be alert: once when measuring the blade length during the DRC's close-out inspection it was disclosed that a contractor had installed, without the homeowner's knowledge, a different product than that originally proposed.

The DRC asks that homeowners describe how the nine requirements will be satisfied in their HIA. Doing so ensures that the homeowner is aware and has the means to specify clearly a quality installation when soliciting bids. It is the homeowner's responsibility to ensure that the contractor does, in fact, satisfy all the requirements of the Design Rules.

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SUN CITY SHADOW HILLS EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Emergency Preparedness Sub-Committee (EPSC)

BY JEFF KIRKPATRICK | CHAIR

Questions Answered

The Emergency Preparedness Subcommittee (EPSC) frequently fields questions from our community members asking what the HOA and the EPSC will do for community members before, during, and following a disaster. Here is a sampling, with answers.

- Does the HOA have the responsibility and duty to provide for residents following a disaster?

No, the HOA has no fiduciary, legal, or moral responsibility to provide emergency services to its resident members. However, because it is the right thing to do, in 2016 the HOA Board authorized the formation of the EPSC to educate members about community hazards and how to prepare for them, encouraging all residents to harden their homes and become self-sufficient in advance of an emergency. The Board also authorized the recruiting, training, and equipping of a large EPSC Volunteer Team to respond to and assist with community-wide emergencies in lieu of traditional first responders who may be unavailable.

- Will the HOA provide emergency drinking water and food for residents?

No.

- Does the HOA provide first-aid supplies to residents?

No

- Will the HOA provide electrical generators or emergency medical power for residents with medical needs?

No

- Will our street gates function without electrical power?

Yes. Every one of our five gate-sets (Jefferson, Shadows, Monroe, Madison, and 40th) have automatic battery-driven backup systems that will allow resident access/egress. These will function until either the batteries run out of energy or the electricity is restored. Our two main gate houses are prewired for the use of portable electric generators, and a generator and fuel are cached at each one. Our contract Security personnel have been trained in their use. This system has worked admirably over the last few years and is regularly maintained and tested.

- Does our contract Security vendor have reaction plans to deal with community-wide emergencies and coordinate with the EPSC?

Yes. Evidence of such plans were required and examined in contract RFPs.

- Does our community have its own Emergency Operations Center (EOC), and what is its purpose?

Yes. Located on Sun City Boulevard between the tennis courts and golf course, this nondescript permanent facility houses a great variety of equipment and supplies to be used by the EPSC Volunteer Team as it responds to broad emergencies (like a large earthquake) within the community. Team members are trained in and practice Incident Command System (ICS), First Aid, CPR, Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), emergency radio communications, generator management, and Windshield Survey Team techniques. The EPSC has a fully stocked generator and fuel trailer and is prepared to set up four first aid stations.



Residents have a plethora of emergency preparedness materials available to them located on the HOA website and within the Montecito Clubhouse lobby. Log online and see:

<https://www.scschca.com/emergency-preparedness-sub-committee/>

Please become an EPSC Volunteer
and become prepared!
It really is quite easy!

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From The Library

BY CINDY DEGRAF

As this article goes to print, the Montecito Library is open for business! It is so nice to be able to pick out a few books again. You can visit the library, but please keep a few items in mind...

- The library hours are 9 am – 4 pm, Monday through Saturday – closed Sunday.
- Only one person at a time should be in the library.
- Please limit yourself to 15 minutes maximum if others are waiting.
- Returned library books will go into a bin to be sanitized before being placed back on the shelf.

Please note: Because of current logistics and volunteer availability, **we are NOT taking new donations at this time – returns only, please!**

We will continue to adjust as the situation improves or declines. Please be sure to socially distance while coming and going. Masks are required.

Please contact Barbara Perler at 760-772-4484 or baramp@verizon.net if you have any questions or comments about the library.

As always, thank you to all who support us. Keep reading, and stay safe.

Finance Advisory Committee (FAC)

BY BILL WETHE | CHAIR

Work Completed

During the months of February and March 2021, the FAC and FAC Subcommittee continued its work with the Board as well as with DRM and Troon management on behalf of the Association including:

- Review and recommend Board approval of the 2020 audited financial statements. Audited financial statements were approved by the Board February 22, 2021 and issued by the Auditor on February 24, 2021.
- Review and recommend Board approval of the 2020 income tax returns.
- Review and recommend Board approval of the Association's unaudited January and February 2021 financial statements including the:
 - financial statements and supplementary schedules.
 - combining and combined financial statements included in the Treasurer's report.
 - summary financial information on financial position and results of operations included in the General Manager's report.
 - condensed Association financial information to be published in *The View* magazine.
- Review of the year-to-date variance analysis prepared by the General Manager on the:
 - 2021 Operating Fund revenues and expenses.
 - 2021 Replacement Fund expenses for the purchase and replacement of common area real property components and inter-fund transfers to the Operating Fund for the purchase and replacement of common area personal property and equipment components.
- Review and written recommendations on the 2021 Forecast (2+10) of the Operating Fund and Replacement Fund compared to the 2021 Budget.
- Preparation of the Management Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) of the 2021 Forecast (2+10) provided to the Board.
- Review and written recommendations on proposed BAFs for the expenditure of funds for the replacement or major repair of real and personal property common area components identified in the Reserve Study.



- Review and recommend Board approval of the January and February 2021 bank statements, bank reconciliations, and investment account statements.
- Regular meeting of FAC held on March 19, 2021, via audio and video conference call.
- For the Board meeting on March 29, 2021:
 - Preparation of the FAC monthly written report to the Board.
 - Review of the General Manager's monthly written report to the Board.

Work in Process

- Insurance renewal as of April 22, 2021.

FAC Members

Thank you, Bob Giovannettone, for serving on the Committee from June 2019 through February 2021. We appreciate the contributions and recommendations you made. Now, FAC has six members; and we have Board approval for a total of nine. So we have three openings, and we would love to hear from you. We are looking for owners who have a background including accounting and financial reporting and an interest in serving on the FAC or on the FAC Subcommittee. Please contact the author if you would like to discuss completing an Advisory Committee Interest Form.

Further Information

Additional FAC Members: Larry Anderson, Bob Jester, Jerry Cavoretto, Mike Whelan, and Bruce Marley.

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Health & Fitness Advisory Committee

BY HEIDI WORCESTER



Pickleball Popularity Continues to Rise

Invented in 1965, the popularity of pickleball has soared in recent years. Today, there are well over three million “picklers” in the U.S., making it one of the country’s fastest-growing sports. Even talk-show host Ellen DeGeneres became addicted to the sport, which is a combination of ping-pong, badminton and tennis.



Left to right: Jeannie Mock, Robert Dickneite, Rich Scales, and Tom Gierat

The popularity of pickleball has grown in SCSH, too. On any given morning, you’ll find quite a few players on the Santa Rosa courts whooping it up and having a grand ol’ time. There’s no pandemic isolation for these folks; and it’s a great way to make new friendships, stay in shape, get some cardio activity, and best of all have FUN!

Because of COVID restrictions, Pickleball Club members haven’t been able to meet for club activities such as get-togethers and tournaments; but you’ll still find them actively engaged in the sport every day of the week. If you’re going to have an addiction, this is a great one to have.

Tom Gierat, President of the Pickleball Club, started playing four years ago. What attracted Tom to the sport were the people. *Picklers* have fun, so much fun that there’s no question as to why it becomes addictive. And oh, the competition! Players can be quite competitive, but they’re also very kind and complimentary to each other. It’s an invigorating activity that incorporates strategy and mental acuity to improve your play.



Robert Dickneite returning the ball. He’s a great smasher, too!

If you’d like to learn more about this exhilarating activity or just try it out, contact Tom Gierat at tgpickleball@gmail.com. He will answer your questions and, if you’re interested, put you in touch with one of several pickleball-playing residents who enjoy coaching and teaching. Getting expert advice and instruction is helpful in learning the sport and avoiding injuries by using proper movements. Tom can also provide names of players at similar skill levels to play with.

The best advice for getting better in this sport is practice-practice-practice and drill-drill-drill. As Tom might say, don’t forget to “dink early and dink often.”

Upcoming Events

- April 9 & 23, 10:30 a.m. | Online Alzheimer’s Support Group Meeting
- Online Eisenhower Health Lectures | Register and view list of lectures: www.scszca.com/eisenhower

Resources & Feedback

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DESERT BUNNY HOP

BY GINA STAR POLLACK

Sometimes I feel like “Gina in Wonderland.” Eager to greet the day, I open the shades and say “good morning” to chirping sparrows, soaring butterflies, prickly pear cactus plants, and zippy roadrunners. Of all the lively creatures that visit my backyard, the fluffy cottontail rabbit is my favorite.



I named my friend Sherlock because his button nose is always sniffing the air for clues. Some days Sherlock brings a friend, Watson, and I feel safe with this crime-fighting rabbit duo guarding my aloe trees from dreaded webworms.

I get excited watching Sherlock leap through the spiky plants, nibbling tidbits of leaves with his whiskers twitching. His long, soft ears, round watery pink eyes, and puffy white tail stir my imagination; and I’m more creative on days when he pops in. I believe that rabbits bestow good luck and anticipate hours filled with sunshine and fun when he hops into my morning.

Rabbits have been fascinating people all over the world for centuries. The bouncy creatures star in books, movies, songs, and TV commercials. They usually represent good luck, prosperity, abundance, and fertility. Rabbits are springtime animals and are symbolic of renewal and fruitfulness in many European cultures.

The rabbit is the fourth animal in the Chinese Zodiac and is thought to be the luckiest of all the twelve

animals. People born in The Year of the Rabbit will be blessed with attracting wealth, good fortune, beauty, and intelligence.

Dreaming about rabbits means you have a positive outlook on life and connotes luck, success, and magical powers. If it’s a white rabbit, the purpose is to steer you in the right direction when making choices. Rabbits have speed and an intelligent nature, so they remind us to strive to find the strength within ourselves when confronting dangers.

Rabbits have a nocturnal lifestyle and are sometimes linked to the moon and the concept of rebirth. They possess unique eyelids and can sleep with their eyes open. This trait gives them the aura of being mythical creatures who possess magical abilities.

The legend of the Easter Bunny became popular throughout Europe in the 19th century. Rabbits give birth to a big litter of babies, so they became a symbol of new life. In German folklore, a game originated for parents to decorate and hide Easter eggs so children would enjoy searching for the gaily colored eggs.

Each year to celebrate Easter, my Dad gave me a delicious chocolate bunny. I still miss the joy of tearing open the cellophane wrapper and breaking off a bunny ear, anticipating the first mouth-watering, sugary bite. Sometimes I buy myself a Godiva chocolate bunny, but it just doesn’t taste the same as Dad’s sweet gift.



I remember special nights reading bedtime stories from *The Tales of Peter Rabbit*, written and illustrated by Beatrix Potter. The books told charming tales of a mischievous young Peter Rabbit who is chased by Mr. McGregor after sneaking into his vegetable garden. Peter Rabbit escapes and returns home, where his loving mother gives him soothing chamomile tea and tucks him into bed.

Alice in Wonderland is one of my favorite books. Alice fell asleep in a meadow while enjoying a picnic with her sister. She awakened when the White Rabbit scurried past, muttering about losing something. Intrigued, Alice followed him down a rabbit hole as he checked his pocket watch and grumbled, "Oh my ears and whiskers, how late it's getting!"



Alice and the March Hare enjoy the Mad Tea Party

In the story, the White Rabbit is always late and appears endearingly nonsensical. His hurrying and scurrying represent the spark of curiosity that galvanizes Alice's spiritual awakening. She follows and searches for the White Rabbit throughout Wonderland, epitomizing her quest for knowledge. Whenever Alice loses faith during her journey through Wonderland, the White Rabbit races past again, reenergizing her to keep moving forward.

The March Hare is the yang to the White Rabbit's yin. Hares are larger than rabbits and have longer, black-tipped ears. The March Hare is a trickster who hosts

the outdoor tea party in Wonderland. He is loud and rude, and he enjoys belittling Alice, warning her, "If you don't think, you shouldn't talk!"

Hares are shapeshifters in Gaelic folk stories, appearing and disappearing like ghosts hiding in the heather. The March Hare's wild, madcap chases and rowdy boxing matches in Wonderland are typical of the hare's antics in the month of March, which is courting time.

In modern culture, rabbits are depicted as fun and energetic characters. Bugs Bunny, Roger Rabbit, the Trix cereal rabbit, and the Energizer Bunny entertain us with their witty dialogue and slapstick actions. Bunnies also represent sex and sensuality, like cartoon vamp Jessica Rabbit and the Playboy Bunnies who glamorized magazines, restaurants, and parties.

In the 1950 movie *Harvey*, James Stewart plays Elwood Dowd, a peculiar, alcoholic man whose best friend is a 6 ft. 3.5 in. tall invisible rabbit named Harvey. Elwood's sister tries to have him committed to a sanatorium, so the doctors can give him a serum to stop the hallucinations. At the end of the movie, Elwood's sister accepts her brother's eccentricities, and he and Harvey stroll away together into the sunset.

The theme of the movie is to accept other people's coping devices, even if they may seem odd to you. As we have all learned during the pandemic, any healthy and safe activity that gets us through the weeks and months of isolation at home should not be judged or laughed at by others.

When the world opens for fun gatherings again, I look forward to attending dance parties in the Montecito Clubhouse ballroom. I will request that the band play the Bunny Hop Dance. So, get ready to form a line, place your hands on the waist of the person in front, and "Put your right foot forward, put your left foot out. Do the Bunny Hop, hop, hop, hop!"

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MY QUEEN'S GAMBIT

BY ARNOLD CHOY

One of Netflix's most exciting shows, *The Queen's Gambit*, is a series about nine-year-old chess prodigy Beth Harmon, who eventually becomes the World Chess Champion in her early 20s. My wife, Margaret, and I were so into this new series that we watched all seven episodes in two thrilling nights. At the conclusion, we wanted more, a lot more; but I read there will be no second season.

It's a pity because this series is being touted as the "best sports movie ever." I watch a lot of sports movies and I must confess that this is a very, very good one. You don't really need to know how to play chess – the story just flows through episodes seamlessly. And one movie critic even observed, "How can this show be so good with hardly any sex in it?"

On the first night, when we finished episode three, a confused Margaret (who does not play chess) asked, "Did you know what was going on with all of the chess jargon as well as the intricate moves and strategies?" I slowly shook my head to clear my thoughts before I answered because I was so swept up in my own memories of playing in many tournaments as a youngster.



The Queen's Gambit opening moves

"Do you remember when I told you my Dad taught me how to play chess when I was about six or seven years old, and we played games every night, including weekends?" I replied. "When I heard the actors mention the Sicilian Defense, the Caro-Kann Defense, and the Reti Opening as well as the Queen's Gambit, I didn't recognize them until I saw them on the TV screen. Then I realized I knew some of those strategies because Dad had taught them to me — although I never knew they had names. In fact, the Marshall Attack (with the pawn and horse opening moves) is one of my favorites, and I have used it many times in tournament play." Margaret was quite impressed with my prowess and overall knowledge of the game.

My own "Queen's Gambit" began in 1958 as an eight-year-old, when I won my first chess qualifying tournament at the Chinese Recreational Center in San Francisco's Chinatown. That qualified me for the City Championships the next weekend in Golden Gate Park, at venerable Kezar Stadium. I vividly remember beating my second opponent in four moves, which was one of the first things that Dad taught me. Boy, was he embarrassed. I ended up winning the championship and proudly showed Dad my shiny 1st Place medal.

During the week leading up to the event, Dad and I played many games and he pushed me all the way, at times attacking and at other times playing stout defense. Some of you may remember there was a daily chess puzzle in the local newspapers, which basically showed pieces strategically placed on a board with a caption that read, "White to mate in six moves." Well, every day when Dad got home from work, he set up his chessboard and then proceeded to solve those puzzles BEFORE dinner was ready. He was that good.

And when Dad and I sat down, he played without the most powerful piece on the board, his queen. That was supposed to even the playing field, but I think I may have beaten Dad only about two times in my lifetime.



White to mate in six moves

In next year's City Championship, I won the nine-year-old division quite easily, soundly trouncing five or six overwhelmed opponents, who proudly represented their local Rec Centers spread throughout SF. After repeating this feat in the 10-year-old division, I was now a three-time City Champion; and my head and ego swelled larger each time I told the story of how I demolished and demoralized my competition. Nobody could even come close to my expertise — except Dad, that is.

Another year passed and this time, as a rather cocky 11-year-old, I entered the 12- to 13-year-old division. I stormed into the competition with confidence and, I thought, the game to back it up. But then I surprisingly



Playing in official chess tournaments (although I never played with a clock)

lost my first match. I made one little tactical error, and my opponent took advantage of it and won handily. Struck with despair but with adrenaline overflowing, I couldn't wait for my second match. Unfortunately, I was soundly beaten again. This epic disaster continued throughout the day as I did not win a single match.

Quickly leaving the building, I didn't say anything or look at anyone. I didn't even stick around for the awards ceremony. I was depressed, dejected, and in a very foul mood. Yeah, I was a sore loser; I was not accustomed to losing at a game that I had dominated for the past three years. Taking the long bus ride home, I was in denial: they didn't beat me, I beat myself with poor play and wild, undisciplined tactics.

In one Netflix episode, a young Beth Harmon suffers her first major defeat in the finals of the U.S. Chess Championships; and she responds by taking drugs and alcohol. Well, I could relate to that because that is exactly how I felt after losing badly — minus the drugs and alcohol, of course. When you are young and seemingly invincible, losing is tough to deal with mentally as well as physically.

When I finally got home, Dad was anxiously waiting for me; but he knew I didn't win by the long, sad look on my face. I told him how badly I had played and how good the competition was at that age level. Dad just smiled and said, "You've still got a lot to learn, and perhaps next year you could become a champion once again." I didn't answer immediately but, as I turned to go to my room, I said, "I quit. I hate chess and don't want to play anymore." And true to my word, I actually did stop playing competitive chess tournaments; and I didn't really miss it.

Occasionally, I still play chess with Dad and he still gives me his queen. But he still beats me quite easily.

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THE GETTY: THE ULTIMATE BLEND OF ART AND ARCHITECTURE

BY RALPH OLSON

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California resident Jean Paul Getty (1892-1976) was only 23 years old when he made his first million dollars in the oil industry. Always reinvesting his oil money, Getty was also an avid collector of fine art, believing it brought a civilizing influence to society. Throughout his adult life, Getty strived to make art available for the public's education and enjoyment. In 1954 he transformed his Malibu ranch into an art museum and later expanded it to include a Roman Villa.

Even though Getty was a frugal man, after his death, his legacy provided hundreds of millions of dollars to create and run a new Getty Center. His estate was settled in 1982 and, a year later, the J. Paul Getty Trust purchased a 110-acre hilltop site in Southern California overlooking Los Angeles and the Pacific Ocean.



The most recent appraisal for The Getty was \$3.85 billion for the building and land, not including the art. Photo courtesy of architecturalassociate.com.

The next great challenge was to find a world-renowned architect to tackle the task of designing and constructing the costliest art institution ever built on American soil. Thirty-three architects were in the running and, by the fall of 1984, Richard Meier, known for his work on art museums and government buildings in the U.S. and Europe, was chosen for this monumental project.

Meier knew he could not tackle this task alone and formed an architectural team, which he headed, along with a museum interior designer and a landscape architect. Obstacles were everywhere including zoning restrictions, soil conditions, neighborhood concerns, and many invisible factors. This required constant conceptual and design revisions.

Another huge consideration for the architects was that building a major museum to house art collections worth billions had to be done in a very safe way to protect them from fire and earthquakes. And before groundbreaking could begin in 1989, every piece of construction equipment had to be stationed on the Getty site to avoid moving it through the surrounding neighborhoods.

The Getty architectural team deferred to the site's topography to organize the buildings, landscaping, and open spaces. Some 16,000 tons of beige-colored travertine from Italy was the primary material, split along its natural grain to reveal the texture of fossilized leaves, branches, and other features. Expansive sheets of glass and 40,000 off-white aluminum panels were chosen to complement the colors and textures of the stone. Meier chose this color scheme from among 50 minutely varied shades, and he had to negotiate with and obtain approval from local homeowners associations.



The Getty offers stunning views of city, mountains, and ocean.

Although the Getty's site was thought to be relatively stable during an earthquake, the Northridge quake of 1994 caused hairline cracks in the steel framework and resulted in a major construction delay to retrofit the framework. In fact, the Getty Center might now be one of the safest places in L.A. during a crisis! A one-million-gallon water tank beneath the Center along with rations to feed people for several days would be vital if it were cut off by an earthquake or wildfires.

When the museum finally opened to the public on December 16, 1997, both tourists and locals flocked there in droves; and reservations were required for the first three years. Because of height restrictions, half of the Getty Center's six stories are below ground. Visitors park in a seven-story underground garage.

One of the Getty's most magical design elements is the computer-operated, three-car tram which whisks visitors from the street-level parking all the way up the hill to the arrival plaza. Steps lead up to the main doors of the rotunda building, which houses information desks, orientation theatres, and museum shops. The rotunda opens to the south onto a terrace that links all five museum pavilions.



The Getty draws 1.8 million visitors annually. Photo courtesy of travelcaffeine.com.

The Getty's collection of over 450 paintings from 1300 – 1900 can be viewed under natural lighting conditions in four pavilions. Many visitors marvel at how the paintings are displayed. One said, "The light illuminates them to such a stunning effect that you will never see in the electronically lit museums of Europe."

The West Pavilion is home to photographs and drawings from all over the world including 800

sketches by European artists like Leonardo da Vinci, Michelangelo, Rembrandt, and Van Gogh. European sculptures and manuscript masterpieces of the world are on display in the North Pavilion. In addition to the stunning sculptures inside the museum, 28 modern outdoor sculptures capture the imagination of visitors while numerous fountains provide "white noise" as a background.

The landscaping of the Getty is also breathtaking with the 134,000-square-foot Central Garden as the focal point. There are over 500 varieties of plant materials that are always changing and never used twice. A fountain near the restaurant flows toward the garden and then falls into the north garden wall. The designers used rocks and large boulders of different sizes inside the streambed to alter the sounds of the flowing water. A maze of azaleas floats at the center of a large circular pool which is surrounded by a walkway so that visitors can view the garden from every angle.



The Getty as seen from the central garden. The landscaping at the Getty is a work of art in itself.

Requiring over a decade and \$1 billion to build, the Getty stands out as one of L.A.'s most significant cultural institutions. Always perceived as the city of beaches and Hollywood, the Getty has transitioned L.A. into a cultural destination as well. Admission to the Getty is always free and parking your car is \$20. And try to choose a nice clear day so you don't miss the stunning views.

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HEALING THE WORLD

READ WITH ME

BY JULIE HARRIS

It doesn't take long to realize that the Hispanic population in our Coachella Valley keeps many of our major industries running smoothly. Better employment opportunities brought many Hispanic families here for an improved life. But along with this influx of Spanish-speaking people came cultural and language challenges, especially for children attending school who are living in homes where no English is spoken.

Many of our schools were floundering in their attempts to teach English to these children given today's budget and staff constraints. But where there is a need, there is often a person or an organization that comes to the rescue.

How It Started

Roberta and Clay Klein first heard about the educational needs in our East Valley from their pastor, Father Howard Lincoln of Sacred Heart Church. In 2004, they met with the Coachella Valley Unified School District Superintendent and learned the District had been using English-speaking volunteers, to the extent they could find them, in schools where there



Roberta and Clay Klein, Founders

were no English-speaking people in the community. But the program needed a boost.

The Kleins requested their pastor's assistance in recruiting volunteers, and Father Lincoln readily agreed. The Superintendent offered to provide buses to transport volunteers from cities in the western desert to the East Valley if the Kleins were able to find enough volunteers.

The initial group of volunteers all came from Sacred Heart. A tour of Mecca Elementary School was organized for the first 200 who expressed interest, and from that group came the first 75 volunteers to participate in the program.

Some Statistics

- Around 98% of Spanish-speaking families in Mecca live at the poverty line and don't speak English at home.
- When Read With Me started here in 2004, the high school graduation rate was 51.1%. In 2016 it had risen to 86.1%.
- At the 4th grade level, children become involved in gangs and drugs, often finally learning to read while incarcerated in prison.

Read With Me Mission Statement

Our mission is to bring volunteers to schools that serve disadvantaged students to help them develop to their maximum potential.

Our primary effort is to provide English-speaking role models for children who are in need of individual assistance in learning to become fluent in English.

How It Works

Read With Me tutors are typically retired part-time Coachella Valley residents, some with special skills who help specific students go beyond the basics. They generally work the full school year from September through June.

Before COVID-19, a teacher would assign individual volunteers to selected students to listen to them read, assisting them with pronunciation and comprehension in the classroom.

With the Coronavirus lockdown, everything changed. Now a volunteer picks a day of the week to be available and then registers for a specific elementary school. The school assigns the volunteer to a classroom, where the volunteer joins the teacher's Zoom meeting with students for about two hours per week. The teacher places the volunteer, along with one or two students who need help, into a Zoom breakout room and assigns the instructional materials.

Sometimes the volunteers work one-to-one tutoring a student, and sometimes there is one tutor for two students. Testing shows that students with tutors make 50% more progress. Surprisingly, the one-to-two equation has proven just as successful as working one-to-one because it is even more fun for the students to engage with one another on their assignments.

New volunteers receive a phone orientation and they review various presentations, as well as training videos. Through these orientations, the volunteers learn about different techniques like high-frequency words, phonemic awareness, leveled reading with age-appropriate books, fluency practice, spelling word sorts, or simple alphabet and sound work. The teacher lets each volunteer know which techniques should be used with which student.

Read With Me now provides volunteers from 11 sponsoring churches to 14 different schools. The schools are all in areas of high poverty where most parents are untrained in academic English. They love their children but cannot help them.

What They Need

When the program started, there were only a very few volunteers at the schools in the East Valley. Last year there were 900. Now, because only remote tutoring is possible during COVID-19, there are 200 tutors. However, the Read With Me staff is hopeful that



schools will be able to open this September. They want to add 700 volunteers when children are back on campus, so they will begin actively recruiting in June. Becoming a volunteer requires a background check and proof of COVID-19 vaccination. The program requires that volunteers live in the Coachella Valley, either part- or full-time.

Read With Me also has a children's book donation program. Because the organization is able to purchase books at a greatly reduced rate, monetary support is more helpful than book donations. The program is looking for opportunities to partner with other organizations to hold fundraisers for purchasing books.

For more information about volunteering, fundraising, or donating, visit their website at www.readwithmevolunteers.com, or contact Sherri deBoer, Administrator, at readwithmesd@gmail.com or 760-567-1830. You can also contact Bob Furring at rfurring@aol.com, who is working with the organization coordinating volunteer recruitment.

In the September issue, there will be a short follow-up article highlighting Read With Me volunteer efforts for the 2021-22 school year. I would welcome the opportunity to include a brief testimonial from a resident who is currently volunteering with this organization.

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RESIDENTS HELPING RESIDENTS

BY DENNIS SHEEHAN

PHOTOS BY BETH BOLDOC

It does not necessarily take a pandemic for our neighbors to reach out to help those in our midst who are in need. Many of our residents have a history of serving their communities well before they moved to Sun City Shadow Hills. So, when Lifestyle sent out a call last spring to organize such an effort, a number stepped up to volunteer once more. Here are a few of their stories.



Bernie Dubbert

BERNIE DUBBERT spent his previous 15 years in Paradise, CA. He was one of the lucky ones who had a home still standing following the devastating Camp Fire of November 8, 2018. Months after the fire, Bernie decided it was time for a change after so many of his friends had lost everything and relocated to other areas.

While in Paradise, Bernie was a member of SIRs (Sons in Retirement), a men's organization popular in Northern CA whose mission is to enjoy retirement and support each other. While there, Bernie formed a group of volunteers called SIRs Helping SIRs. After coming to Sun City Shadow Hills, Bernie joined Solos, a chartered club for singles that is also geared to enjoying retirement. When COVID-19 began to affect our community, Bernie reached out to Solos to form a volunteer group that makes welfare checks on people and that provides limited, non-medical assistance when needed.



Pat Rosandich

Much the same could be said of **PAT ROSANDICH**, who stepped forward since those fateful days of March 2020. Pat has given freely of her time to grocery shop, run errands, and even walk a dog for her neighbor.

Both Bernie and Pat say they are available to take on more if residents have a need, whether or not the coronavirus persists.

Many residents are familiar with the chartered club here in Sun City Shadow Hills, Needles & Pins. With 75 members, the club's president for the last three years has been **JOAN KIENING**, who succeeded **CHERYL TAYLOR** in this leadership role.



Cheryl Taylor and Joan Kiening of Needles & Pins

Joan brings good old-fashioned Midwest USA friendliness to both our community and the club. As soon as COVID-19 required a "mask mandate," Joan organized a club effort to provide over 400 masks to three nursing homes in Indio. Cheryl followed up by coordinating club and community members to provide over 2,350 face masks to Sun City Shadow Hills residents from March through May 2020.

Both women say much of the work the club did last year was possible because our HOA Board reimbursed the cost of fabric for the masks and because the That's Entertainment Club, run by resident **Julie Johnston**, provided financial support for materials and equipment.

Joan and Cheryl report that Needles & Pins also furnished knitted or crocheted blankets and quilts to veterans at the VA Hospital and Loma Linda Medical Center, Shelter From The Storm, Coachella Valley Rescue Mission, and the Galilee Center in Mecca. Over 100 hats and knitted blankets were distributed

to new mothers in gift bags for their infants born at JFK Hospital.



Cheryl Croonquist

CHERYL CROONQUIST has lived in Sun City Shadow Hills for more than a decade and is no stranger to volunteerism here. Cheryl has helped manage the resident kiosk that was once a fixture at the Montecito Clubhouse, has judged the annual Sun City Shadow Hills car show, was a resident organizer of the golf cart

parade during Thanksgiving week, and has met many residents while assisting at the Lifestyle desk on Wednesdays.

So delivering some groceries for neighbors since the pandemic struck is, Cheryl says, not a big deal. She would take on more in a heartbeat.

A resident who has been continually active in not only Sun City Shadow Hills but throughout the Coachella Valley is **MARIA BLUE**. With the onset of the



Maria Blue

pandemic in April 2020 and the need for PPE (personal protective equipment), under the leadership of SCSH resident Linda McDonald, Maria plus a few friends and "sidekicks" like **Barbara Jo "BJ" Johnson** started making masks with materials as simple as paper towels and rubber bands. Over the course of two months last year, the

women delivered 4,000 masks to Eisenhower Medical Center and units of the National Guard.

As some of our residents are aware, Meals on Wheels assists some of our neighbors. Yet, Maria and BJ assembled and delivered complete holiday meals for approximately 30 neighbors at Christmas time. This was possible thanks to **Rosalind Miller**, who donated two turkeys and side dishes.

When not undertaking major tasks like these, the women also run errands to pick up groceries for folks in our community. And they have a social network that is organized around "who wants to walk today."

Maria's resumé includes board membership at RAP Foundation (Regional Access Project Foundation). This is a Riverside County Board of Supervisors initiative

that assists CV Volunteers in Medicine, county mental health efforts, plus school and youth and senior programs among others. As a proud Rotarian, "what may I do to help the community?" is a large part of how Maria Blue – and her many friends – organize their priorities each day.

Caring SCSH residents like these make kindness a priority every day, and they are not alone in assisting their neighbors.

Many of us just need a helping hand once in a while, and it could be just across the street or around the corner. Visit this Lifestyle page at any time to ask: www.scszca.com/stayconnected.

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On the Cover



Top row: Cheryl Croonquist, Bernie Dubbert, Pat Rosandich
Bottom row: Joan Kiening, Cheryl Taylor, Maria Blue, Barbara Jo Johnson

THE FIRST TEE OF THE COACHELLA VALLEY

BY BOB FIRRING AND ARNOLD CHOY

From Coach Bob

The First Tee of the Coachella Valley is a local chapter of a national organization (active in all 50 states) designed to introduce golf to children who otherwise probably would not play. Although the organization's headquarters is at The Golf Center in Palm Desert, they teach some of their classes at The Lights in Indio.

First Tee thinks of itself as a life skills class taught through the game of golf. The program is designed for ages 7 to 18, but there are exceptions. Also, no student is turned away because they can't afford it.



A typical class starts with stretching and loosening up. It moves on to teach a golf fundamental plus a core lesson and then touch on golf rules and etiquette. The volunteer coaches are mentors, and they lead with open-ended questions designed to be relevant both on and off the course.

These are the Nine Core Values:

What We Deliver: Life Skills

PLAyer Level Core Lessons
1. Welcome and Showing Respect
2. Courtesy toward Others
3. Responsibility for the Course
4. The Necessity of PLAyers
5. Working Teamwork
6. Developing Confidence
7. Using Good Judgment
8. Playing with Excitement
9. Living with Attitude

The synergy of the First Tee Program:



I have played with high school kids from the program and, in addition to admiring their skill level, I was very impressed with how easily they talked to adult strangers. This is a very uncommon skill in our video game-themed world.

We have many golfers here who love the game and want to give back. The First Tee is very worthy of your consideration for volunteering or donating.



All kids are invited to join in on the fun.

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From Coach Arnold

I just started my third year (and this is my wife, Margaret's, fourth) volunteering to support the First Tee Program of the Coachella Valley. The classes we coach are held every Thursday from 4 – 5:30 pm at The Lights in Indio, and they run for nine weeks. Margaret and I usually work with the PLAYer 3s who are 7 to 8 years old and are generally new to the game of golf.



A PLAYer 3 student on the driving range

Originally, we thought that we would be searching for the next Tiger Woods or Nancy Lopez, but we quickly realized that this program was much more than just teaching golfing skills. Yes, we helped the students with their various golf shots and putting strokes but, more important, we became enamored with the 9 Core Values of the program.

When it was time to discuss a day's core value, it was truly memorable and fantastic to see the students'

faces light up as they waited their turn to speak about what the value meant to them and provide an example. And, kids being kids, they all had something different to say, especially about how the core value affects their family life.



Practicing social distancing with their hula hoops and masks

At the end of the weekly Thursday session, our volunteer "reward" was to have each smiling student approach us one by one, shake our hands, and say, "Thank you, Coach Arnold!" and "Thank you, Coach Margaret!" That always just made our day! (Note: *This thank you process was curtailed because of the pandemic.*)

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Interesting Things I've Grown in My Backyard

A New Feature Planned for *The View*

Tell us about unusual items you have cultivated in your backyard. Our readers would love to read about your vegetables, beautiful flowers, exotic plants, or other interesting horticultural accomplishments! If selected, we'll prepare your contribution for a future issue.

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A HOUSE FIRE'S AFTERMATH

STORY BY DENNIS SHEEHAN

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There was a house fire in Indio in the midst of the pandemic last December, early in the month. Nothing highly unusual to report...the family was displaced and most of their possessions lost, tragedies that only a very few of us can actually wrap our minds around.

Yet our community suffered, too. One of the CalFire firemen who responded when his station received the call is no stranger to Sun City Shadow Hills. Like all his brethren, Anthony Reyes rotates duty between all the fire stations located in Indio, including the station just outside our gates that receives nearly seven calls a day to serve our community: Station #4 (Avenue 40 and Madison Street). So some of you may have already "met" Tony Reyes in an hour of need.

Fireman Reyes did what his training and eight years of service demanded of him. He got inside the structure to secure human beings and start fighting the flames from within. In doing so, he exposed himself to horrific heat. As a result, Reyes suffered third-degree burns on his hands, his back, and his feet (a boot was off his left foot when his team rescued him).



Anthony Reyes recovering from a second surgery

Reyes is recovering from a second surgery on his hands and must have a third. Hand mobility is quite obviously a big concern, given the physical demands on all firefighters to be able to perform effectively. Sadly, there is great doubt that Fireman Reyes will be able to return to duty because of his injuries and the physical demands of his dangerous job.

Anthony Reyes has a family: daughters Gracie, 16 years, and Alana, 14; and son Andrew, 12. Their father's very doubtful status has made this very moment their urgent hour of need.



Back-in-the-day with son Andrew (today, age 12)

The CalFire firefighters of Station #5 (located off Golf Center Parkway) have set up a fund to make it extraordinarily easy for anyone to donate:

www.forcefund.org

Click on the "Fireman Reyes" tab

Because he has unselfishly served our community when we required assistance, and given the precarious time right now for his family and its young children, Fireman Reyes could certainly use a helping hand from each of us.

Please donate whatever you are able, now. His family will surely thank you!

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WHAT'S SO GOOD ABOUT LAUGHING?

BY BETH BOLDOC

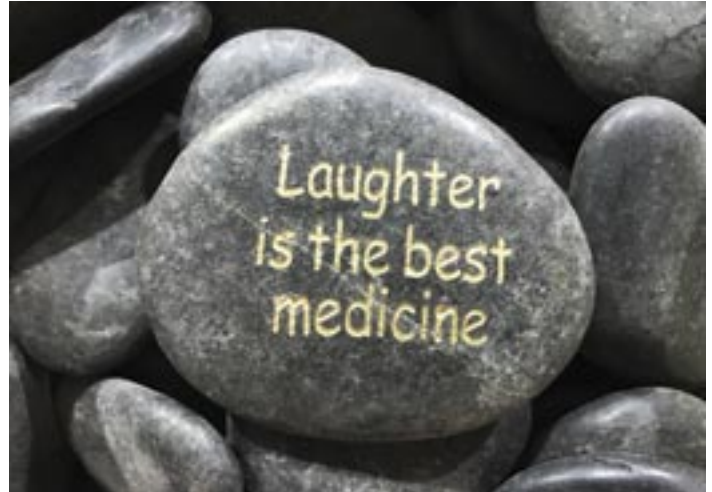
My husband and I ride bikes around the SCSH complex for exercise and just to “get out of the house” because of the COVID-19 pandemic restrictions. One morning we were passing by the tennis courts near the Montecito Clubhouse and heard a high-pitched joyous burst of laughter that went on for quite a while. It was like a wave of happiness that rolled over us and lightened our hearts. We found ourselves laughing along.

So, I got to thinking...are there any health benefits to laughter? Turns out, according to Google, there are! Physical benefits include: increasing blood flow, stimulating positive endorphins that improve mood, and strengthening the immune system. Laughter can also relieve pain, and it even burns calories!

Mental health benefits include: distraction from emotional stress, anger and depression; elevating the mood of those around you; and promoting lighthearted human interaction, which adds to one's overall well-being. A little humor can also give us a more positive perspective.

So how do we find humor in this stressful time in our world? Below are some popular suggestions. You might have to push yourself at first. It might seem a little artificial, but what have you got to lose? Did I mention laughter burns calories?

Notice humor in everyday situations. Don't be afraid to make fun of yourself or laugh at something silly that happens. How about looking for a joke book, comedy movie or stand-up comedian online or on YouTube? Try the SCSH website (scshca.com/stayconnected) for



jokes, quotes, and fun activities. Be sure to share your jokes and laughter with friends and family.

Noting these remedies, I dug out my favorite “silly” book, *The Book of Useless Information* (there's a series of these books). Here are a few excerpts to get you started:

- Spider Monkeys like banana daiquiris.
- Men get hiccups more often than women do.
- A can of Spam is opened every 4 seconds.

One study I read touted the benefits of faking smiles and laughter until they become real. Start spreading some laughs around, and you will see what they mean. Laughter is contagious. You don't need a mask, and there's no vaccine required. Like a smile, it's free and it feels good to share it.

So, get out there and have fun. Pass around your smiles and laughs. Don't make me come over there and tickle you! Experience how wonderful it feels to have a good belly laugh!

Did I mention it burns calories?

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HAPPY HOMEOWNERS – WATCH OUT FOR FAIRY TALES!

BY MARITA BARKER

PHOTOS PROVIDED BY THE AUTHOR

It all started very simply. My husband and I wanted to update our kitchen and our master bathroom. The work began pretty much as I had expected, although I felt my heart fluttering at times. Plastic and tarps were draped all over everything in the living room and dining room. Plastic was wrapped around the chandelier and other hanging lights; the sink and old appliances were removed. And of course, there was the contractor's assurance that it would all be done and beautiful in about two weeks. This was Fairy Tale Number 1!



The entrance to my closet was blocked and the bedroom was full of plastic. No sleeping in there for a while! I was already wondering how my 6' 4" husband and I would manage in the queen bed in our guest room. The shower was being demolished and floor tile was being taken out. Next, the master bathroom toilet was removed. That's when I found out that those toilet manufacturers also tell a "fairy tale" when they say the half-inch wax ring included is all that's needed. We fell for it seven years ago when the previous one was installed. It was the minimum recommended, and we

should have used a much better seal to really do the job. I call this my Fairy Tale Number 2!

When the tile people pulled out the old toilet, they found it had leaked and caused damage to the drywall. Mind you, not just a little, but a lot! We discovered mold!!! The mold was attacked vigorously with a killer spray. It reminded me of the commercial for roach killer on TV when they scream "Raid!" and run. I did not see the mold run, but I saw it turn white.

And just like on the *Property Brothers* and *Love It or List It* shows on TV, they always find more that needs to be fixed. The wall leading from the water closet to the master bedroom, as well as the bathroom, had to be removed about two feet up from the floor. Some studs had turned to mush and needed to be replaced – what a mess. I was horrified! No wonder my allergies were driving me nuts when I went to bed at night. I kept cleaning and vacuuming and chasing imaginary dust balls, even in my dreams, trying to get my allergies under control. And all along, the culprit was in my wall!

I was beside myself. I called my grandson in Michigan, who is a tile contractor, and asked for his advice, hoping he would drop everything he was working on there and come to my rescue. Of course, that was not realistic, but he gave me assurances that what was being done was the right thing to do, which at least gave me some peace of mind.

Finally, this emergency was taken care of and we were moving right along. The studs were replaced, and drywall was repaired and texturized. Dust, mess, dust, mess. Surely, I felt I was on one of those TV shows. Where was the wine? The stronger stuff was in the pantry and I couldn't get to it!

I had picked the shower tile, shower floor, and a beautiful pattern for a ribbon and a niche based on a



Bathroom in progress



Bathroom after

gorgeous display at the tile store. The display in the store was beautiful and just what I had envisioned. I couldn't wait! The tile was going up and, to my disbelief, it looked nothing like the display in the store. As a matter of fact, I wanted to throw up! It was obvious the display in the store had been done by someone picking only the best of many tiles from each box and I was dumb enough to fall for it. Let's call this Fairy Tale Number 3!

The tile came down and the unused part was returned to the store. Of course, there was now money wasted for the tile that had to be removed. Thank goodness our contractor offered to go with us and guide us to a much better option – and the shower is now beautiful!

Then, I ran back to the store to find the right grout, and when I came back the floor tile was halfway done.

Somewhere there was a mix-up. Instead of the light color porcelain tile we chose, they were installing a dark thin ceramic tile. It looked like dark leather, and I was looking for the cowboy that was going to use it as a saddle and hopefully ride far away with it.

I said to myself: will somebody please pinch me and wake me up from this nightmare before the saga continues?

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ROADSIDE SERVICE, HIGH ABOVE US?

BY GEORGE ERHART

Maybe I'm obsessed with heights. I climbed Mt. Shasta (14,162 ft.) on my 16th birthday and, while in pilot training in the Air Force back in 1956, my instructor and I tried to see how high we could fly our jet. (We were shooting for 50,000 ft. but only made it to 49,500.)

Most people don't know that satellites must make adjustments in order to maintain their desired orbit, and each adjustment requires the use of fuel. I didn't know this until recently, so I did a little research about some very unusual events happening above us right now and even more imaginative things planned for the future.

Governments launch satellites for many reasons such as research, spying, and communications. But, more and more, commercial enterprises are entering the business (think communications, research, and mapping like Google Earth).

These commercial satellites are very expensive, each costing hundreds of millions of dollars; and when they run out of fuel, they become useless. So what happens to these pieces of junk floating around above us?

The more sophisticated ones are programmed to use their last fuel to thrust them 185 miles farther from



Communications satellite orbiting Earth at sunrise

Perhaps these experiences had something to do with why I was so intrigued after I read an article about what unmanned satellites were accomplishing way up above us in outer space. What's happening up there was so "mind-blowing" to me that I thought our readers might find it intriguing and almost unbelievable.

Did you know there are approximately 2,200 satellites orbiting overhead? Have you ever wondered what happens when they run out of gas, poop out, or otherwise become useless? If I tell you it's possible to rescue these aging spacecraft with a "tow satellite" or by sending up a "refueling satellite," would you think I'm making this up?



Space satellite orbiting earth

earth where they enter what is called “the graveyard orbit” (where geo spacecraft go to die). Others eventually enter the earth’s atmosphere; the smaller ones burn up before reaching earth, and the larger ones are programmed to crash into an unpopulated area in the South Pacific also called “the graveyard.”

Launching satellites is extremely expensive, but successful commercial satellites generate millions of dollars of revenue per year. Unfortunately for the company owning them, when they run out of fuel and head for the graveyard, this source of revenue is lost forever.

Recognizing this situation, you might not be surprised that some enterprising engineers saw a business opportunity. Just think, if there were a way to prolong the life of these satellites, the owners would be willing to pay big bucks to keep them in operation.

Fast forward to February 24, 2020, when Northrop Grumman launched a robotic spacecraft named MEV-1 in pursuit of its “client,” a \$200 million satellite named IS-901, which had run out of fuel and had been sent to the space graveyard. At this point the engineers hadn’t figured out how to refuel IS-901. So instead, they planned to grab it and tow it into a new orbit.

Even though the operators were 22,000 miles away in Virginia, they actually accomplished this feat on April 2, 2020, when MEV-1 grabbed IS-901 and then towed it back into service in a new orbit. The two craft will remain hooked up for five years, when IS-901 will be released to go back to “the graveyard” and MEV-1, the “tow truck in space,” will move on to its next client.

Almost sounds like science fiction or a crazy idea, doesn’t it? It was hard for me to believe that this seemingly insurmountable task has already been accomplished! I guess everyone was pleased with the results because on August 15, 2020, another “tow truck,” MEV-2, was launched to rescue another satellite.

So what’s next? Plans are well underway to launch OSAM-1, a “roadside service satellite,” to refuel orbiting satellites before they run out of fuel. The OSAM-1 spacecraft is scheduled to launch in 2023. If all goes as planned, its robotic arms will grab the \$500 million Landsat 7 satellite (launched in 1999); then OSAM-1 will cut away the other craft’s insulation blanket, snip the locking wires around the fill/drain valves, and unscrew its fuel cap. OSAM-1 will then add 254 lbs. of fuel to Landsat 7 and replace the fuel cap, thus allowing Landsat 7 to remain in orbit for many more years.



Satellite above the Earth makes measurements of the weather parameters and movement trajectory as it monitors a hurricane.

Of course, these are very simplistic descriptions of extremely intricate, complex tasks performed in outer space without a human being present. If I have intrigued you, I suggest you explore this subject online in much greater detail and watch demo videos of the MEV-1 mission, including actual photos of the docking. Just Google these terms: MEV-1 Satellite, or OSAM-1, Mission Extension Vehicle.

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LIFESTYLE UPDATE

CONNIE KING | LIFESTYLE DIRECTOR

Many of our residents have expressed gratitude for the library's reopening. Everyone is complying with the guidelines to ensure the safety of all, which we greatly appreciate. The library volunteers are busy reshelving books, while the staff continues to follow sanitizing guidelines.

Lifestyle presents the return of Music 2 My Ears, virtually, on Saturday, April 10. The band, Rhythm Method 4, will perform a one-hour pre-produced concert featuring a variety of recognizable and popular songs. Visit our Stay Connected page to access the link:

www.scszca.com/stayconnected

The comedians who performed for our Friday Night Funnies on March 12 put on quite a show. Residents enjoyed a night of clean comedy, and we look forward to continuing to provide a platform for everyone to enjoy a variety of entertainment.

Our first Rock 'n' Roll Bingo Night was held on March 17, and it was a success! Residents were entertained by their own private DJ who kept the game and prizes entertaining and challenging. Prizes were awarded to the top four winners. Shadows Restaurant provided the corned beef and cabbage, and Lifestyle provided the fun!

Lifestyle invites you to share some "fun facts" with your neighbors and friends on our "Did You Know?" section. We hope you are enjoying the programs so far, and we look forward to hearing from you.

Thank you, as always, for your support.

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Fun Again in the Future!

Send us a photo of one of your favorite activities that you are looking forward to resuming when the community reopens. We will feature it on our Stay Connected page.

Email your photo and a short description to:
lifestyle@scszca.com



A group photo from our trip to Hearst Castle a few years ago. We look forward to our next excursion!

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE RETURN OF

MUSIC TO MY EARS

Saturday, April 10 | 6:30 p.m.

Visit the Stay Connected Page for more information

www.scsorca.com/stayconnected

FREE VIRTUAL PERFORMANCE BY:



WINGS N' THINGS & BURGERS BY SHADOWS RESTAURANT

PREORDER BY: WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7TH. 760.772.4342

Discussion Forum Club presents:

Mayor Elaine Holmes Unveils New Changes Coming to Indio



Elaine Holmes is a veteran of Indio City government. She has actively pushed for policies and development that will benefit our residents and economy greatly.

- Economic impact of COVID at a city level (and resulting response from the city i.e. recovery assistance)
- Economic development - What's moving, what's paused.
- Water & rent assistance due to Covid
- Small business aid, Indio MarketPlace



Elaine Holmes was born and raised in Glendale, California. She has been an Indio business owner since 2004 and owns P.J.'s Desert Trophies & Gifts in downtown Indio. She is a veteran of the business world having been the Global Sales Manager for Sprint International, and International business development and marketing for Flour Daniel Corporation. She earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree from the California State University Long Beach.

When: Thursday, April 8, 2021
Time: 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Where: Zoom

To join our DFC mailing list email Marlin.Lapides@gmail.com

SCSCH Performing Arts Club 'Hilda's Yard' TICKET REFUND PROCESS

BEGINNING Monday, January 25, 2021

Please note: ALL RETURNS MUST BE MADE BY THE ORIGINAL TICKET PURCHASER ONLY

Before coming to the Montecito Clubhouse:

1. Place all purchased tickets in an envelope along with your **Name, Address, Email address and Phone number**
2. Indicate on the front of the envelope, the **day(s)** your ticket(s) are for – eg **Thursday, Friday, Saturday, or Sunday...list all applicable**
 - We strongly suggest you save a copy of your tickets

At the Montecito Clubhouse:

- Place your envelope in the **'Hilda's Yard'** Refund box provided at the Lifestyles Desk
 Contents will be collected by our volunteers every **Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays**

After submitting:

1. Your tickets will be verified and refund processed.
2. You will be contacted to arrange for pick-up of your Refund.

Note:

SCSCH Volunteers are completing this task and there are hundreds of tickets will require processing.

Please be patient - it may take some time to receive your call...

WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT AND CAN'T WAIT TO ENTERTAIN YOU 'LIVE' AGAIN!!

Sun City Shadow Hills Community Singers "Sing, Sing, Sing" The Big Band Beat Concert TICKET REFUNDS NOW AVAILABLE

TICKET REFUND PROCESS

Before coming to the Montecito Clubhouse

1. Place all purchased tickets in an envelope along with your: **Name, Address, Email address & Phone number.**
2. Indicate on the front of the envelope: **Community Singers Ticket Refund Request.**

At the Montecito Clubhouse:

1. Place your envelope in the **"Sing, Sing, Sing"** drop box provided at the Lifestyle Desk.
 - ❖ Contents will be collected each Wednesday.

After submitting:

1. Your tickets will be verified and refund processed.
2. You will be contacted to arrange for pick-up of your refund check.

Please be patient – with 400 tickets sold it may take some time to receive your refund contact.

We thank you for your continued support and very much look forward to singing for you "live" again!!

ATTENTION SNOWBIRDS!

Going away for the summer?

Stay up-to-date with the latest happenings at Sun City Shadow Hills by visiting our community website:

www.scszca.com





Want to . . .

**be among the first to know what's
happening in Sun City Shadow Hills?
Sign up for the Monday email blast!**

Fill out the Announcements by Email Request Form online at www.scsorca.com/emailsSignup or stop by the HOA office to sign up.

You will begin receiving our weekly email blast each Monday morning, letting you know what is happening in our community that week. You will also receive critical alerts.

 Sun City Shadow Hills®



FITNESS UPDATE

FERNANDO CURIEL | HEALTH & FITNESS COORDINATOR

April is Stress Awareness Month! It has been around since April 1992, but this year it seems to be particularly important. Learning to handle stress and discovering ways to deal with it can go a long way to living a healthy and upbeat life.

What is Stress?

Stress can be defined as the level at which you feel overwhelmed or unable to cope because of pressures that seem unmanageable. A small amount of stress can be helpful. It can motivate you to act and get tasks done. But too much stress can cause negative effects such as changes to your mood and body.

What Are Signs of Stress?

Some common signs of stress include:

PHYSICAL	MENTAL	BEHAVIOR
Headaches	Worry about future or past	Eating more or less
Muscle tension or pain	Being forgetful	Avoiding others
Fast heartbeat	Feeling irritable	Sleep difficulties
Dry mouth	Feeling low	Being short-tempered

What Causes Stress?

SITUATION	EVENT
Not sleeping enough	Being diagnosed with an illness
Health issues	Losing someone
Family problems	Leaving the hospital after a long stay
Money worries	Going to court

Tips to Cope with Stress

The CDC provides some basic concepts to help you manage stress:

- Take care of your body – eat healthier foods, exercise daily, get plenty of rest, and give yourself a break if you feel stressed.
- Discuss your struggles with a friend or a trusted source.
- Avoid alcohol and drugs.
- Recognize when you need more help.

Small changes to your everyday living can help you live a healthier and more positive life.

Contact the author at fernando.vidalcuriel@associa.us.

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ALL OF OUR FITNESS TUTORIALS!**



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- ✓ **CLICK ON THE "FITNESS VIDEO LIBRARY" ICON**





FOOD & BEVERAGE

MARIO CHAFFINO | FOOD & BEVERAGE / CATERING MANAGER

JEFF JACOBSON | EXECUTIVE CHEF

Here we are, almost at the end of spring in the Coachella Valley. The weather has been favorable, and we want to remind everyone that the patio is open for diners. We hope that the health restrictions are lifted soon so we can host everyone inside, as well as outside, again. We would like to thank everyone who has come to dine on the patio, ordered takeout, and had food delivered to their residences. We appreciate all of you and we are glad to be here for you.

We had our St. Patrick's Day specials going last month. It was fun to see some of our residents get into the Irish spirit. It was a fun time.

This year we celebrate Easter April 4. We will have limited seating on the patio and all of our Easter specials will be available for takeout or delivery. Please make reservations early if you would like a seat on the patio.

Weekend breakfast begins earlier on Saturday and Sunday, now starting at 8 am, and served all day. Come early and enjoy Bloody Mary's and Mimosa's on the patio.

For all you Grill Masters out there, this month Shadows will continue the "Grab, Go, and Grill" menu. This includes rotating choices of pre-seasoned chicken, fish, or steaks, served with all the fixings, for you to take home to grill and enjoy. If you would like Shadows to offer something specifically, please make a reasonable request by contacting Chef Jeff at jjacobson@troon.com.

We want to remind all our residents to bring their **Resident Cards** when dining at Shadows Restaurant.

For the safety of our staff, Shadows delivery service hours will continue to end at 5 pm until further notice. Current delivery hours are: 10 am – 5pm, Monday – Sunday.

Please visit the link below to view all the latest news, menus, and Chef Jeff's weekly dinner specials. We will update this information as needed.

theshadowsrestaurant.com/news

Contact the authors at mchaffino@troon.com
and jjacobson@troon.com.



Hours of Operation

SHADOWS RESTAURANT

Indoor & Patio Seating

Monday – Friday: 10 am – 7 pm

Saturday & Sunday: 8 am – 7 pm

Take-Out Hours: 10 am – 7 pm

Delivery Hours: 10 am – 5 pm

Orders must be received by 4 pm

GOLF SNACK BAR

7 am – 3 pm

SANTA ROSA BISTRO

6 am – 3 pm

MONTECITO CAFÉ

Closed

SHADOWS

DELIVERY & TAKE OUT MENU

BREAKFAST & ALL DAY MENU: 10A-7PM

DELIVERY: \$25 MINIMUM WHICH WILL INCLUDE 15% GRATUITY
FOR ORDER, PLEASE CALL SHADOWS - 760-772-4342

BREAKFAST

EGGS BENEDICT - 13.50 SATURDAY AND SUNDAY ONLY

toasted english muffin, topped with poached eggs, canadian bacon, and hollandaise sauce

TWO EGG BREAKFAST - 8.50

bacon, sausage or ham, country potatoes, hash browns or fruit and toast

BUILD YOUR OWN OMELET - 12.95

3 eggs, choice of american, cheddar, pepper jack or swiss, tomato, spinach, onions, mushrooms, bell peppers, bacon, ham, sausage or jalapeños

BREAKFAST BURRITO - 11.50

eggs ham bacon onions peppers country potatoes and cheddar cheese wrapped in a flour tortilla

SMOKED SALMON PLATTER - 14.95

served with a toasted bagel cream cheese, tomato, onion, and capers

PANCAKES - 6.50

served with maple syrup, butter

OATMEAL - 4.50

brown sugar, dried cranberries, butter and milk

SOUP & SALAD

AVOCADO SHRIMP LOUIS - 15.95

tender shrimp tossed in our louis dressing with avocado, tomatoes served on mixed greens

LAKE TAHOE SALAD - 13.95

herb chicken over mixed greens with dried cranberries, avocado, bleu cheese and tomatoes tossed in our balsamic vinaigrette

COBB SALAD - 13.95

mixed green topped with chicken bacon, avocado, tomato, boiled egg and bleu cheese with choice of dressing

CALIFORNIA NICOISE SALAD - 15.50

fresh spinach tossed in our honey lime vinaigrette with marinated ahi tuna, avocado, mandarin oranges, haricot verts, red pepper & fried wonton strips

ASIAN CHICKEN SALAD - 13.95

lo Mein, snow peas, carrots, scallions, peanuts, red peppers, Napa cabbage and ginger sesame dressing

PAR 3 SALAD - 13.75

chicken salad, tuna salad, egg salad served atop mixed greens and tomatoes

TRADITIONAL WEDGE SALAD - 9.00 / HOUSE SALAD OR CAESAR SALAD - SMALL - 6.50 / LARGE - 9.50

CUP SOUP/CHILI 5.50 / BOWL SOUP/CHILI 6.50

WRAPS

TURKEY CRUNCH WRAP - 13.75

roast turkey, swiss cheese, lettuce, tomato, pecans and cranberry mayo

SOUTHWESTERN CHICKEN WRAP - 13.75

grilled chicken in a flour tortilla with lettuce, pico de gallo, guacamole, pepper jack cheese and chipotle mayonnaise

VEGGIE WRAP - 13.75

sautéed julienne vegetables in a flour tortilla with lettuce, tomato, swiss cheese and garlic aioli

ALL WRAPS COME WITH A SIDE

Sandwiches

THE ULTIMATE REUBEN - 13.95

corned beef piled high on grilled rye with swiss cheese, sauerkraut and russian dressing

SHADOWS CLUB SANDWICH - 13.95

ham, turkey, bacon, swiss cheese, lettuce, tomato and mayonnaise on your choice of bread

THE GRINDER - 13.95

ham, salami, pepperoni and swiss cheese served on a grilled hoagie roll with shredded lettuce, tomato pepperoncini served with a garlic basil aioli

FRENCH DIP - 13.95

tender roast beef on a french baguette with swiss cheese. served with warm au jus

TUNA MELT - 13.75

white albacore tuna grilled on choice of bread with cheddar cheese

CLASSIC B.L.T. - 11.95

choice of bread / add avocado - 2.00

SHADOWS BURGER - 13.95

½ pound Angus burger on a brioche bun with lettuce, tomato, onion, pickle and choice of cheese. add bacon - 2.00 avocado - 2.00

THE ULTIMATE SHORT RIB SANDWICH - 13.95

tender short rib on your choice of grilled bread with swiss, cheddar, and pepper jack cheese with caramelized onions served with horseradish sauce

HALF SANDWICH & DAILY SOUP (CUP) - 11.50

ham, turkey, tuna salad, chicken salad swiss cheese, lettuce, tomato and mayonnaise on your choice of bread

HALF SANDWICH & DAILY SOUP (BOWL) - 12.50

ham, turkey, tuna salad, chicken salad swiss cheese, lettuce, tomato and mayonnaise on your choice of bread

All Sandwiches Come with A Choice Of Side

SWEET POTATO FRIES - 5.00

PARMESAN TRUFFLE FRIES - 4.50

CAJUN FRIES - 4.50

FRENCH FRIES - 4.50

ONION RINGS - 5.00

FRESH FRUIT - 5.00

COLE SLAW - 4.00 / KETTLE CHIPS - \$2.00

SMALL PLATES

AHI TUNA KAMACHI - 15.95

asian marinated tuna with cucumber, avocado and fried won tons

CAJUN POPCORN SHRIMP - 9.95

served with cajun remoulade and cocktail sauce

CHEESE QUESADILLA - 7.50

sautéed onions, peppers, cheese blend, guacamole, sour cream and pico de gallo add chicken + 6.00

CHICKEN WINGS - 9.25

6 jumbo wings served with celery sticks. choice of buffalo, bbq, sweet chili or honey mustard

ASK ABOUT OUR SPECIAL OF THE DAY

DESSERTS & BEVERAGES

APPLE CRUMB CAKE - 8.00

CHOCOLATE DECADENCE CAKE - 8.00

CHEF'S CHEESECAKE - 8.00
Ask about today's flavor

KEY LIME PIE - 8.00

SOFT DRINKS / SODAS - 3.00

ICED TEA - 3.00

SMALL JUICE - 2.75

LARGE JUICE - 4.75

COFFEE - 2.50

HOT TEA - 2.50

HOT CHOCOLATE - 2.50

MILK - 2.50



GOLF OPERATIONS

ROLLAND VAUGHN | GENERAL MANAGER, SHADOW HILLS GOLF CLUB

Starting off with another reminder, COVID-19 Golf Procedures are provided for your review on our website. Go to www.shadowhillsgolfclub.com and click on "COVID-19 Info" in the middle of the page, or go to this direct web address:

www.shadowhillsgolfclub.com/covid-19-info/

This is the best way to keep up to date with any changes that have been made as we will continue to update regularly.

Also, don't forget that the South and North Golf Shops have a fantastic assortment of apparel and equipment for golfers and non-golfing homeowners. Throughout the year we offer special sales. Email blasts are sent out to promote these sales, so if you do not receive them, be sure to contact us so you can be added to the email list. There will be another sale for the Easter Holiday at the beginning of April, so be sure to get your shopping done early in the month for the best selection.

Finally, a reminder to all our golfers that the golf gods favor those who fix ball marks and fill divots. Food for thought if you've ever wondered why some golfers get all of the good bounces on the course.

Thank you again for your support. You may contact us at any time with questions or feedback.

Contact the author at rmvaughn@troon.com.

Hours of Operation

NORTH COURSE

6 am – 5 pm

SOUTH COURSE

6 am – 5 pm

PRACTICE FACILITY

6 am – 5 pm *

* South Course Putting Green, North Course Putting Green, and Driving Range will be available for non-playing golfers at 10 am. Short game area at south side of range is open anytime, but golfers must use their own balls. South side driving range is closed and for instruction only. Last bucket sold at 5 pm.

MONTECITO PUTTING COURSE

All social distancing guidelines apply. Closed Tuesday and Thursday mornings until 10 am for maintenance. Participants must use their own putter and golf balls. Only individual foursomes are allowed, no group or club events. No guests allowed.



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IF YOUR CLUB'S OFFICERS HAVE CHANGED, PLEASE SEE THE LIFESTYLE DESK AND FILL OUT THE NEW OFFICERS FORM. 760-345-4349 EXT. 2120

As *The View* went to press this month, all activities within the community are still suspended indefinitely due to the coronavirus outbreak. Please check the community website at www.scschca.com/coronavirus for updates and current information.



Club Activities via Zoom

The following Chartered Clubs and Resident Groups continue to operate virtually via Zoom. Please refer to their articles for more information about participating in their activities.

Chartered Clubs

- Camera Club
- Genealogy Club
- Men's Golf Club
- Needles & Pins
- Performing Arts Club
- Readers Ink
- Solos Club
- Ukulele Strummers
- Writer's Club

Resident Groups

- Democrats
- Hadassah

Normally, our club meets every Monday and Wednesday evening at 7 pm in the billiards room, but many members arrive early for practice. If you would like to take billiard lessons, our club member Bryan Murray (760-674-7009) provides instruction on Monday mornings at 10am for no cost. We also have friendly and competitive tournaments once each month at a cost of \$5 per player. We did not play our monthly tournament in January due to the closure of the billiards room. The next tournament to be played will be a singles eight ball contest with the winner's name to be displayed on the plaque in the Montecito Clubhouse.

We hope to be opening the club as soon as permitted. Join us at the Montecito Clubhouse on Monday and Wednesday evenings. Our club leader, John Hemphill (760-636-1924) will get you set up. We look forward to meeting you and having you as a member of our club!



Billiards Club



Have you wanted to pick up that pool cue for years but have just never gotten around to it, or never had the opportunity? Your moment has arrived! Our beautiful billiard room at the Montecito Clubhouse is home to six beautiful nine-foot tables. Our club allows you to play with men and women of all levels of experience.



Bocce Buddies

Come and meet a nice group of residents who enjoy the game. It does not matter if you have never played before, we can teach you how to play.

We play bocce at the Montecito Clubhouse. Log on to scschca.com and see the "Clubs" calendar for the exact times. All are welcome to play and join our club. There are no membership dues.

We have five bocce courts at the Montecito Clubhouse and two courts at the Santa Rosa Clubhouse. The club plays year-round in foursomes and groups of six.

If you want to play bocce at any time other than when the club meets, bocce balls are available for your use at the Fitness desk.

For more information, please call Rick Halla at 760-347-9676.



Bridge Club

We would like to extend a warm welcome to all the newcomers to our wonderful community. We hope we can greet you in person in the near future.

Our Bridge Club plays duplicate bridge on Wednesday and Thursday evenings. We offer a bridge boot camp for beginners and anyone wanting to improve their playing skills.

Hopefully, we will once again be able to play bridge at our beautiful Montecito Clubhouse. We will let you all know as soon as we are able to gather and play.

We wish all blessings for Passover and Easter. For more information, contact Denyse Raskin at 714-697-1599 or djraskin@frontier.com.



Camera Club

Our members continue to stretch their creative muscles using a variety of software such as Photoshop/Lightroom, Luminar, Topaz Labs, Photoshop Elements, and more. The Camera Club shares ideas at our two weekly Zoom meetings: Wednesdays at 3 pm for the Basic/Intermediate Post Processors and Fridays at 3 pm for all levels that feature a rotating weekly theme. The meetings include discussions of camera equipment, recent photos, and different post processing techniques. If you wish to participate in any of our Zoom meetings, go to our website, www.scsccameraclub.com and join the club.



This month's photo by Annie Blackburn is titled "Honey Truck."



Canasta Club

Due to the state's stay at home order, the Canasta Club is dark until further notice. Once we are allowed to reopen, please join us in the Mirada room of the Montecito Clubhouse at 1 pm on Fridays and spend an enjoyable afternoon playing Canasta. Whether you have played Canasta for years or are just learning, all are welcome. For more information, please email Beverly at beverlymirsky@yahoo.com.



Ceramics Club



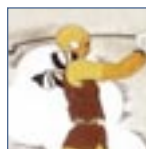
Ceramics Club members in January 2020

Ceramics Club is alive and well in spite of being on a very long hiatus.

As soon as we are able, we will be back full force, working on our projects to be completed in our kilns. We look forward to that time, as well as seeing new members of our SCSH's community join us in our friendly and productive club.

Email: scshceramics@hotmail.com

Attn: Adam Roberts



Classy Niners

Social distancing is still in effect and each golfer must ride in her own cart. The schedule continues to be Tuesday starting times begin at 8 am, with staggered tee times. Tuesday golfers have a choice of playing 9 or 18 holes. Friday tee times are staggered beginning at 12:30 pm. On the second Tuesday of each month, we will celebrate a themed "Dress-Up Day." The theme

will be announced prior to the event and everyone is encouraged to wear their favorite fun-themed outfit.

The Classy Niners welcome golfers of all levels of experience. Be sure to check out our website at www.shclassy9ers.com for details regarding the club, including membership, handicaps, signups, and other pertinent information. Please contact Barb Mason at 562-477-3165 or barb90713@gmail.com if you would like to join a fun group of ladies.

Stay healthy and safe everyone!



Community Singers

Wishing each of you in Sun City Shadow Hills a Happy Passover and Easter, from everyone in Community Singers.

Our mission Statement:

- To provide seasoned and unseasoned singers with opportunities to have fun with vocal/choral music.
- To provide opportunities for singers to hone their vocal and music skills.
- To provide performance and service opportunities for the group.

We are hoping that we will be singing together in September and look forward to making beautiful music for our wonderful community.

Any questions please email our president, Geri Butler, at gbutler414@gmail.com.



Couples Golf

Happy April everyone! Your Couples Golf Club Board has been hard at work on our 2021/2022 season. All the facilities have been booked and play dates arranged and we are now in the process of finalizing our membership application form. This will be available sometime in August or September on our website.

The first event in 2021 is the Annual Welcome Back Potluck Social and this will be held on November 6, 2021 from 4 – 6 pm in the Montecito Ball Room. So mark your calendars.

Our first play date is Sunday, November 7, 2021 and stay tuned to future *View* articles and the Couples Golf

website (www.shcouples.com) for more information on our membership application form, the Informed Consent Agreement, and the process for becoming a new or returning member of the Couples Golf Club.

If you have any questions, please contact Rob Quilley, President at scshcouples@gmail.com.



Creative Arts

Spring is here and so are a lot more vaccines, hopefully by now many of you have been able to receive yours. It's wonderful to think we will be able to gather again in the not too distant future. In the meantime, check out some of our members artwork on our online "Virtual Art Wall." The link to the website is www.scshta.com/artwall.

If you're interested in drawing, watercolor or acrylic painting or any other type of art consider joining the Creative Arts Club once we're allowed to safely gather again. Typically, we meet twice a week, Mondays and Thursdays, 9 am – 12 pm in the Montecito Clubhouse.

If you have any questions or would like more information about the club please contact our Vice President, Wendy McElroy, at 714-222-6495.



Dance Club (Shall We All Dance)

The Shall We All Dance club is on hiatus until social mingling is again permitted. In the meantime, turn on a YouTube video for the dance of your choice, dance at home, and have a ball!



Do the Bunny Hop!



Desert Gardeners

Our club welcomes gardeners of all levels. Programs run from November through April. Until the fall, you may enjoy the following walkabouts: free admission to stroll the Sunnylands gardens, Wednesday – Sunday from 8:30 am to 4 pm; ticketed tours include Landscape, Estate Bird Watching, and Historic Walk. Visit www.sunnylands.org for tickets and details. There is also free admission to the Eric Johnson Memorial Garden and the Faye Sarkowsky Sculpture Garden, located behind the Palm Springs Art Museum in Palm Desert at Hwy 111 and El Paseo.

Visit our website at www.scszdesertgardeners.com to be added to our mailing list and for a wealth of gardening information or contact Dayle Durbin, President, at 206-595-9125 (cell and text).



Desert Life

Desert Life is a congenial group of “Ladies” (men are more than welcome) who meet for lunch on the third Tuesday of every month. We are entertained/informed by a speaker on a subject of interest to residents of Sun City Shadow Hills and the Coachella Valley. The luncheons are held at Heritage Palms which is a five-minute drive from SCSH.

Each month a local charity will submit their “wish list” of items needed. On a totally voluntary basis our members bring these items to the luncheon and our Outreach Chairperson arranges delivery. While donations are strictly voluntary, we are always amazed at the generosity of our members.

Due to COVID-19 we unfortunately have no idea when our events will resume. When we do resume, we will need volunteers for a new board. Think about how much fun you could have planning luncheons and speakers, etc., etc. without spending your own money.

New residents of Shadow Hills, please join us one time without having to join. *The View* will list upcoming dates when known. Please call Marie DeVito, treasurer, at 312-909-0446 for any additional information.



Discussion Forum

This month we feature:
Elaine Holmes, Mayor of Indio



Thursday, April 8, 2021
7 – 8 pm via Zoom

We have continued to meet during this COVID-19 lockdown via Zoom.

Mayor Holmes will update us about new changes coming to Indio. As a veteran of over 10 years in Indio city government, she has actively pushed for policies and development that will benefit our residents and economy greatly. Elaine’s many council assignments include serving as a member of many committees in Indio and throughout the Coachella Valley.

She will speak about the economic impact of COVID-19 at a city level, economic development, what’s moving, what’s paused, water and rent assistance due to COVID-19, small business aid, and the Indio Marketplace.

Community members have asked if we could showcase SCSH residents who would have interesting experiences to share. We have done that with our free programs this year.

If you or someone you know, has an interesting story to tell, we would like to hear from you for next year’s programs. Contact Michael Mercurio at mmercurio999@gmail.com or 760-342-8108

To get the link to the Zoom meeting, email your request to Martin.Lapides@gmail.com.



Games Plus

Games Plus was formed to play various games.

ALL GAMES ARE SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE DUE TO COVID-19.

BINGO | First Friday of the month at Montecito Clubhouse. Doors open at 5:30 pm with games starting at 6:30 pm. Paper sells for \$5 for 10 games. There are two special games to purchase for \$3. A free door prize raffle comes right after intermission. You must be 18 years old to play. *Cash only and small bills are appreciated.*

SCRABBLE/OTHER GAMES | Mondays of each week at the Santa Rosa Clubhouse from 1 – 3:30 pm.

MEXICAN TRAIN | First and fourth Wednesday of the month from 2 – 5 pm at the Santa Rosa clubhouse. Cathy Nielsen is the contact person and should be contacted if you plan to play. Her email is mcathynielsen@gmail.com or phone at 760-522-3092.

HAND & FOOT | Thursdays at Santa Rosa Clubhouse. Please arrive at 12:15 pm to play at 12:30 pm. Kathy Reid is the contact person. Her number is 760-469-2335.

If you have any questions regarding the above games, contact Pat at 310-433-0714.



Genealogy Club

The Identification of Jane Doe Via Genealogy: Part 2

Jane Doe's nude, nearly skeletonized remains were found on August 30, 1987 near Anaheim, CA. Decades later, all the authorities had was a DNA sample.

Then, the DNA Doe Project (DDP), working through the Orange County Sheriff's Department of Anaheim, California, identified Anaheim Jane Doe as Tracey Coreen Hobson. On January 17, 2019 the Sheriff's Department announced the positive confirmation of the identification. Tracy, who was 20 years old at the time she disappeared in the summer of 1987, was a former Anaheim La Mirada High School student and Anaheim resident.

Tracy's identification was made possible by the work of DDP volunteers using genetic genealogy. Because genetic genealogy is not yet accepted as a legal form of identification, it can only be considered a lead in an investigation. The Coroner's Office then used forensic dentistry to legally confirm Tracy's identity. The Sheriff's Department is now focusing on the investigation of Tracy's homicide and bringing her killer to justice. Visit the DDP website: dnadoeproject.org/case/anaheim-jane-doe/.

Genetic genealogy can also help you find your ancestors. For more information check out our club website at www.scshgenealogy.com.



Gin Rummy

The Gin Rummy Club meets every Monday at the Santa Rosa Clubhouse in the Newport Room. Games start at 1 pm, and we play until finished. Depending on how many players there are, games can end anywhere from 4:30 – 5:30 pm.

If you play Gin Rummy or would like to learn, please contact Marie DeVito at 760-636-5593. We are a fun group, and all are welcome.



Hiking Club



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Unfortunately, due to COVID-19, we will *not* resume hikes this fall. Once we have a start-up date, we will post it on our website at www.scshta.com/hiking.

If you wish to join our club so you're ready once the season begins, please visit our website and follow instructions in the Welcome Letter at the bottom of the opening page.



Kings & Queens

Obviously, these have been trying times for us all! We will take direction from the Lifestyle Desk in regard to when we will be able to resume play and keep you posted! So, take care and let's do what we have to do to beat this enemy.

The name of the game is *POKER!* Kings and Queens Card Club is open for play throughout the year giving you the chance to join in.

WHO | Shadow Hills residents looking for a good night out with friends and neighbors.

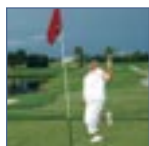
WHEN | Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays; 5 pm starting time

WHERE | Santa Rosa Clubhouse

WHAT | Dealers Choice (Omaha, Stud, Hi Low etc.)

We're always looking for new players from our Shadow Hills community. Immediate seating available. So, let's all shuffle up and deal!

For more information call Mike at 760-698-2790.



Lady Putters

Happy spring to all!!! As I write this article, we are still waiting for the Lifestyle department to give us the ok to resume play. When that happens, you will receive an e-blast from our club president as to when and how putting will proceed. You can also refer to our website.

When we do resume, we will meet Monday mornings in the Capistrano Room of the Montecito Clubhouse. Check in times to be announced. We invite all women of our community to join us. You may play once as our

guest, all you need is a putter, a ball, and a desire to meet new friends and have fun.

We invite you to check out pictures of all the fun and latest information on our website at www.shputters.com or contact our club president Maureen Whittaker at maureenwhittaker@verizon.net or 760-342-1260.



Lively Liners

Lively Liners has suspended all classes and activities because of the COVID virus until we are cleared to continue. Things are definitely looking more positive this month, however. With our county potentially moving to the "red tier," we are anticipating more relaxed guidelines for our activities and clubs. So, hang in there! We will keep you updated as these changes permit us to move forward with dance classes and other activities. We miss our classes, teachers, and the camaraderie and fun we all share in dancing. We look forward to seeing everyone again just as soon as it's safe. In the meantime, stay well and keep dancing at home. The dances and links to step sheets and demos can be found on the Lively Liners website: www.scshtlivelyliners.com. See you all soon!



Mah Jongg

The Mah Jongg Club will remain inactive for the foreseeable future, until the Montecito Clubhouse is again open for our club play. Our regular play is every Wednesday from 12:15 pm to 3:30 pm, at the Montecito.

As we watch spring unfold its beauty and see the anticipated COVID vaccinations well underway for everyone, we may see the day ahead when we will all be back playing Mah Jongg in the Clubhouse.

Until that time, please be safe, wear a mask, continue social distancing, and enjoy the beautiful month of April.

For more information about the Mah Jongg Club, contact President Joan Schwarz at 760-610-1561.



Men's Golf Club

Here's what's happening in the Men's Golf Club:
The 2020-2021 Season

- Congratulations to Jim Kerekes and Alan Anderson who won the overall Team Match Play Tournament.
- We had an exciting and very competitive Club Championship this year.
- Congratulations to our new Club Champion – Rod Chiupka!
- Other winners included:
 - Jurgen Gross – net white tee Champ
 - Mark Frampton – net green tee Champ
 - Bob Israel – super senior Champ
- The Golf League Championship and the Shadow Hills Cup Tournament were played in March and the winners will be announced next month.
- Our Thursday events have gotten very good participation. Sign up, it's a great way to meet your fellow members, play some competitive golf, maybe win some \$\$, and definitely forget about COVID for a few hours.

General Meetings

- Two new Board members have been elected for terms starting next fall. Please welcome Steve Aasen and Bob Robinson!
- Our next general zoom meeting will be April 21 at 9 am. We've got some important information and we'll be giving away some great prizes!
- If you haven't yet joined the Men's Golf Club, you can contact the Membership Chairman, Randy Thomas at randythomas2012@gmail.com. He'll get you signed up.

Stay well, we're looking forward to seeing you on the course!



Needles and Pins

Hello spring! Soon we will see the spring desert flowers in all their splendor. Seeing the colors of spring are so inspiring to our members. It brings a sense of happiness, a new beginning of sorts, especially now that we can relate with the possibility of this dark cloud

of Covid winding down for us. We are inspired to start using the new spring colors of fabrics and yarns that we have acquired for our upcoming charity projects. If only we could meet once again in the Montecito Clubhouse that would really make it feel like a new beginning. We know it's coming soon.

If you are interested in joining a club and have just a little knowledge of sewing, knitting, crocheting or embroidery, please come check us out when we return to the clubhouse. We will help you if you need it, or maybe you have something you can share with our members.

We will meet Sundays from 9 am to 5 pm, Mondays from 12:30 pm to 5 pm, and Wednesdays from 9 am to 1 pm.

Contact Joan Kiening, president, at 708-805-9783 for information.



Oke Dokey Karaoke

Come and have a ball. Show the world the entertainer that you are or want to be. It's great fun for all. Whether you think you have a great voice or you can't carry a tune, it's the opportunity to have fun singing outside the shower, without worrying that you are going to embarrass yourself. You can sing by yourself or with a partner or group, sing all types of songs or just listen and enjoy. We provide a songbook by song title, by singer or pick your own favorite. Everyone should have a chance in his or her life to enjoy one of their secret wishes. Because, if not now – when?

So, bring along your favorite libation and enjoy the fun and companionship. Contact Alan Voss 209-768-9393 for more information.



Pairs 9-Hole Golf

Pairs 9-Hole Golf Club's mission is to share the love of golf in a "social and friendly way" for those who wish to have a relaxed and fun golf game with others. We welcome singles and couples in all skill levels and handicaps are not required! Games are scheduled the first and third Thursdays of each month and you can play 9 or 18 holes of golf. Tee times start at 12:30 pm in 10-minute increments on the par-3 North course.

Normally after each round of golf, players gather on the patio at the Shadows restaurant for a fun social "happy hour" with your golf group and other club members. As of this issue of *The View*, we are only playing golf and have play dates for April 1 and 15. The 2020/2021 season of the club social hour and event dinners have been cancelled due to the COVID-19 restrictions. A game schedule for the season (normally 12 games November through April end) will be included in an email to you! Email us at scshpairs@gmail.com for additional information; or call Brandon Mason at 310-508-3977.



Pan Club

Welcome to April 2021. Thankfully, we are getting our COVID-19 vaccines. Although we must still wear our masks to prevent infection and spread of the virus, hopefully there is light at the end of this tunnel.

As of this writing, our clubhouses are still closed due to the pandemic and we cannot yet resume our Pan games, but we are all anxiously awaiting a return to our wonderful games and camaraderie. Stay healthy.



Paper Crafters

The Paper Crafters Club wishes everyone a Happy Easter. We are still keeping positive thoughts that we will be "open" again so we can share our creativity with our members.

Please get your vaccine so we can all be well.



Once the social ban has been lifted, Paper Crafters will welcome back our members and anyone who would like to express their creative side by joining us for a class. We work on cards for all occasions from "get well" to a card that just says "hello."

When we start classes again, you are invited to attend, make a project, and then decide if you would like to join our group. Membership is \$10 per year. Weekly projects usually range between \$1 and \$3. We meet every Tuesday in the Mirada Room at the Montecito Clubhouse at 12:30 pm to set up. You are encouraged to stay and use the supplies and equipment provided to make additional cards or projects.

Questions? Call our President Diane O'Rourke at 805-216-1818 or ladidi4809@sbcglobal.net.



Performing Arts Club

The Performing Arts Club continues to provide opportunities for residents to obtain refunds for tickets purchased for *Hilda's Yard*. Please refer to the quarter page notice located elsewhere in this edition of *The View*.

As the new board begins their year, I would like to thank outgoing member Beverly Mirsky for her support, both as a board member for two years, and her active participation to the club as a whole. Bev has plans to leave the community and we will miss her.

The 2021-2022 Board will be meeting to determine how to keep our membership engaged, informed, and involved during these uncertain times. Stay tuned!

New members are welcome to join anytime! For further information about the club please contact Judith Bennoch at judithbennoch@icloud.com or 905-394-2660.



Pet Club

Happy April and Spring, pet lovers!



The Pet Club is still on hiatus, but we hope you and your beloved pets are doing well and enjoying the lovely weather. Remember...pets aren't our whole lives, but they make our lives whole.



Rainbow Friends

Happy April Fools' Day! Although who can be "fooled" when there is much to see in the Coachella Valley.

Things are moving forward with the COVID-19 vaccinations, so hopefully things will start to get closer to "normal" sooner rather than later. We will not be

meeting in person until it is safe to do so. Stay safe and stay well.

We are a social club for the LGBT community, family, and friends. For further information, please contact Sue at 949-584-2344 or Ron at 925-785-3258.



Readers Ink

Greetings, All Book Lovers! We are excited to continue Zoom meetings in 2021 until we can safely meet in the clubhouse.

We have chosen thought-proving and fascinating books to read and discuss this year. There is no one way to experience or interpret a novel, so we express our views on plots and characters yet respect everyone's opinion.

At our March Zoom meeting, Gina Star Pollack led a lively discussion about *The Guest List* by Lucy Foley, beginning with an overview of the mystery genre. We will be reviewing *The Return* by Nicholas Sparks at our next Zoom meeting at 2 pm on Tuesday, April 27, 2021. Those members who are Zoom-shy send me their book ranking and a summary of their evaluation for me to read at our meeting.

We invite new members to join Readers Ink and participate in our spirited book appraisals.

Please contact Gina Star Pollack, at 818-455-9939 or email g-starbright99@outlook.com with any questions. Enjoy all that our beautiful desert community has to offer and keep reading!



Solos Club

We are the social club for single residents of SCSH.

Given the current circumstances in which physical gatherings are not allowed in order to safeguard everyone's health, we will not have our regular third Sunday meetings, Mystery Happy Hours, etc., until further notice.

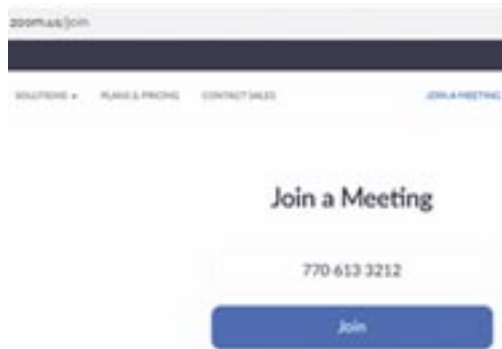
Instead, join us for a virtual happy hour (BYOB!) via Zoom every Friday at 4:30 pm. You must have a

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connection to the internet to participate, but if you need additional assistance, contact us with any operational questions you may have.

1. Open join.zoom.us in your browser.
2. Type in the Solos Zoom meeting ID: 770 613 3212 and click on "Join" to join the meeting.



For membership information, contact Shirley Bunce at 760-345-8121 or bunce.shirley123@yahoo.com. Given that paid members in 2020 have had very little opportunity to enjoy the membership, the club is extending your memberships through 2021 without any additional dues.

Stay well, wear a mask, and social distance. Looking forward to seeing you as soon as circumstances safely allow!



Spanish Club

The Bienvenido Spanish Club would like to invite anyone interested in exploring the Spanish language as well as the regional customs, literature, art, music, clothing, and *food* of countries where Spanish is the primary language. The club presents an opportunity to practice your Spanish with folks of all abilities, from beginner to native speaker. Everyone is welcome!

Normally, the club meets every second and fourth Thursday of the month at 11 am at Santa Rosa Clubhouse Monterey Room. Come and learn about the country's literature, foods, architecture and more!

The club's annual membership fee is \$20. Please email any questions at: scshspanishclub@gmail.com

¡Gracias, Amigos! Espero que puedan participar. Thank you, friends! I hope you can participate.



Table Tennis



Remember what it felt like when you returned to playing ping-pong after 30 years or more? I don't either, but there is light at the end of this "tunnel" even if we don't know what day it is or what time it is... I could say, does anybody really care but, we all do at this point. We used to meet at the Santa Rosa at 11 am on Wednesday and 2 pm on Friday and Sunday, but those times have now become nap time. It could have been snack time if the wheels really were starting to fall off. Eye-hand coordination should be fine as I rip through commercials on my TV DVR remote like an eye surgeon on speed.

Keep the faith table tennis-ians, as hope is on the way and we find new stuff to bellyache about or just enjoy. Someone must have said "things change but always seem to look the same." Wayne Dyer said, "change the way you look at things and the things you look at change." My neck is real sore from looking and changing and waiting for normal, like the tulips and baseball in springtime. It's coming...soon.



Tennis Club

Our Annual General Meeting was cancelled for March so a PowerPoint presentation with all pertinent information was emailed to members. Elections for Tennis Club Board Officers were also conducted via email with new officers to start their 2021-2022 term on April 1. Welcome to our new Board members and thank you to the 2020-2120 Board members. Our daily programs will continue to respect the COVID-19 restrictions until notified otherwise. Be sure to bring

your own water to the courts and a mask if you wish to enter the clubhouse. To join our club, please visit scshtennis.com.



That's Entertainment

Sir-Laffs-A-Lot's Comedy Night is inactive until further notice. Please check future issues of *The View* and the SCSH website for information on when it will resume. If you are interested in helping us organize these events as a member of the That's Entertainment Club, please call Julie at 760-772-0317.



Tutta Bella Vino

ENJOY APRIL FOOL'S DAY WITH WINE!

We are still on hold pending event restrictions being lifted for larger gatherings. However, we are looking forward to a reopening event whenever that might be in this New Year. We will have one of Tutta Bella Vino's exceptional wine specialists excite our palates with that long-awaited tasting of exceptional wines at great prices.



Watch www.scschca.com for Club information on our web-page. We will be posting news on the 2021 dues, the new event pricing for 2021, TBV's 2021 event calendar and other important Club news.

For more info email: tuttabellavino@gmail.com.



Ukulele Strummers

Happy Spring everyone! Our cohort of Ukulele enthusiasts are continuing to meet via Google Meet.

Last month in March, I introduced participants to a focused study of Irish finger-picking style playing! The song that helped push us forward was "The Little Fair Cannavans." A really nice rendition of the song titled as "Ceannabháin Bhána" performed by Dúlamán Voice of the Celts, can be viewed at: https://youtu.be/u2Ha_QhGTvI

This month in April, our meet time will be every Thursday from 2 – 3 p.m. In anticipation that things will be opening up and live performances will become a reality soon, the club will focus on honing our standard repertoire of music including some jazz standards, Broadway hits, Pop-rock, Country music, and Hawaiian Music in preparation to perform at venues across the Coachella Valley area.

If you have a love of music, an interest in studying music in-depth, an interest playing the Ukulele, and desire to perform tunes and use your singing voice along with others, please join us by contacting Josefina Preuit at jpreuit1@gmail.com.

Each week, participants will be sent information about a specific song(s) being highlighted for the day's lesson, including links to artists performing the composition(s) available for your listening pleasure on YouTube. We hope you will join us!

Wishing you a musical and happy April 2021!



Veterans Club

Are you new to Shadow Hills Community? Are you a military veteran? Are you interested in receiving updated information on various benefits available from the U.S. Department of Veterans affairs? Perhaps you would be interested in joining our Veterans Club? Although the Pandemic has kept us from our monthly meetings in the Montecito Clubhouse, we still send emails with information on VA benefits to our current members. We welcome others in our community who are not members of the club to sign up to receive this information as well. Just send your email address to Pete Anderson, club president at petegolf@yahoo.com or call at 760-775-4745 to be added to his email distribution list.

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We know many Veterans are involved in service to the community and we would be delighted to hear about your activities. Please feel free to contact Pete Anderson so we can highlight some of your efforts in future View articles.

Is your American flag frayed or faded from the summer heat and winds? Let the Veterans club be of assistance. Residents can call Larry Smith at 714-401-3772 to arrange to pick up new flags and poles. The Veterans Club offers replacement flags and poles for Phase 1 and 2 homeowners, as well as new flags with poles and mounting hardware for Phase 3 homeowners. You can bring your worn-out flags to Larry or drop them off at the Montecito Clubhouse reception desk, so they can be properly disposed of at the regular burning ceremony held by the American Legion in Indio.



Please pray for our country, the women and men now serving in our military, and all of our Veterans who have served to keep this Nation free. Stay safe during this Pandemic and we look forward to being able to meet in person in the near future.



Women's Golf Club

Congratulations to the winners of the Member/Member Team Tournament.

First and Second Place Gross Winners within their flights were: Weiss/Franco; Donahue/Parker; Koskoski/Ramirez; Crichton/Jackson; Mills/Sanders; Kane/Tate;

Babuik/Lund; Bradish/Thompson; Raposa/Haugen; Aldrich/Peran;

First and Second Place Net Winners within their flight were: Miller/Falk; March/Mossman; Fowler/Rutledge; McCoy/Dailey; Graham/Rea; Renier/Harvey; Allison/Becker; Cauvet/Edgel; Wilcox/Kagy; Nautel/Kelly; Haylock/Green; Junkin/Budik.

We had a very successful Ladies Club Guest Day.

Gold Flight winners were Miller/Knowles and Hutchings/Rechkoff.

Silver Flight First Place winners were Moss/Estren, and Bull/Miller.

Silver Flight Second Place winners were Kelly/Kroll and Thompson/Bolton.

Congratulations to Sharon Rea our Most Improved Golfer.

Coming events are the Club Championship and Play Day with the Classy Niners.

For new members interested in joining us to play 18 holes of golf each Wednesday during the season, please complete an online application and review information on the club website at www.shwgc.com.

Do you have any question regarding renewals or new memberships? Email them to Lynn Heftler at CaLynn50@aol.com.



Writer's Club

Our group is now holding weekly meetings online via Zoom.us until the pandemic is over. The Writer's Club online meetings are every Thursday at 9:30 am. Please email to antiqphoto@gmail.com if you wish to join. You do not need a Zoom account.

We are a group of individuals who enjoy writing. Each member has the opportunity to read one or two pages (double spaced) of their work to the group, and receive ideas, direction, and gentle criticism. Part of being in our club is the encouragement we all get from each other to write on a regular basis.

It's easier than you think to write your own story. Every year millions of great stories disappear forever. It does not matter if you are writing fiction, non-fiction, or memoirs, write a page a day for a year and you have a book!

When you join us, you will meet interesting people and hear their fascinating stories. Try your hand at writing that story you have always wanted to tell. Free membership! How can you go wrong?

For additional information, please email Beth at bethbolduc7@gmail.com or Tony at antiqphoto@gmail.com.

RESIDENT GROUPS

Sun City Shadow Hills Community Association does not endorse or promote any political party, political movement, or religion.



Democrats

Volunteerism is in Her Blood Nettie Washington



Join us for our next meeting on Thursday, April 15, at 6 pm via Zoom.

Nettie will speak to us about growing up in a family with a long history of volunteering in the community.

We are a chartered Democratic club whose focus is on promoting candidates and legislation that reflect our principles. Our members are active in local, state, and national issues.

If you would like to attend our next meeting as a guest, have questions about the club, or would like help with Zoom, please contact Peggy Mathieson.

Email: democratsinscsh@gmail.com

Website: www.democratsinscsh.org

Facebook: Dems in Sun City Shadow Hills



Hadassah

Join Hadassah for a unique speaker program via Zoom, Tuesday, April 6, from 4 to 5 pm. RSVP needed, contact Debbie Orgen at 760-289-7987 to reserve and for more information.

This event is a Pre-Celebration of Holocaust Memorial Day featuring Dr. James A Grymes, author of *Violins of Hope: Instruments of Hope and Liberation in Mankind's Darkest Hour*, published in 2014.

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