

FOUR SEASONS MESSENGER

JANUARY 2022

FOUR SEASONS LODGE AT BAKERSFIELD



Lodge
Hours of Operation

**MONDAY-FRIDAY
6AM-9PM
SATURDAY 9AM-5PM
SUNDAY CLOSED**

Upcoming
Holiday Hours

**APRIL 17TH CLOSED
MAY 30TH 6AM-7PM
JULY 4TH CLOSED**

Outdoor Amenities:
Side gate access

**MONDAY-SUNDAY
6AM-10PM**

HOMEOWNER ASSOCIATION FEES:

\$336

**STARTING JANUARY 1ST,
2022*

You can send payment to:
K. Hovnanians Four Seasons at Bakersfield
C/O Union Bank
PO Box 513880
Los Angeles, CA 90051

***Account # must be included on check**

If you would like to sign up for Automatic Withdrawal, the form is available on the website or in the Lodge office.



FIND THE CHRISTMAS TREES!

PARTICIPANTS:

Madeline Adams
Sue Hollingsworth
Kitty Cross

WINNER:

★ Kitty Cross ★

TOTAL NUMBER OF CHRISTMAS TREES: 21

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CITY SOLID WASTE

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SEABREEZE CUSTOMER ESCROW DEPARTMENT

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FIRE DEPARTMENT

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Director

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR BOARD PRESIDENT

Board President Kathy Clark

I can't believe how quickly the Holidays came and are now in the rear view mirror. I am also painfully reminded each year that I am getting older and wish that time would slow down. An old saying is "the closer you get to the end of the toilet paper roll the faster it goes."

The Board in October 2021 approved the new assessments for 2022 which is \$336.00. Please be sure to make your necessary changes so your payments reflect the new assessment. The assessments are due on the first of the month.

Our General Manager, Matthew Kennedy, is making a New Year Resolution to be ***proactive in addressing situations and not be reactive***. This will be a welcome change. Our Board also wants to be proactive in planning for the future of this community.

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR BOARD PRESIDENT (CONT'D)...

The Board's duty is to keep the value of our homes up by providing leadership in addressing front yards, the common areas which include the parkways, the paseo and lodge grounds and facilities. The Landscape Companies are passing on substantial increases for 2022 expenditures which affect labor, supply costs and state regulations which are reflected in our maintenance fees. California's governor, Gavin Newsom, signed a new law that orders state regulators to ban the sale of new gas-powered equipment using small off-road engines (SORE), which includes all lawn and landscape equipment, pressure washers and generators, in 2024. So any new equipment purchased must meet the new regulations.

As I drive through the community and enjoy your beautiful and much appreciated decorations, don't forget to take them down by January 15, 2022.

The Board hopes you and your families have a great New Year.



A DUST BOWL EDUCATION AND ITS AFTERMATH, PART 1

By Kitty DeArmond (Four Seasons Resident)
For The Kern County Historical Society



Leo B. Hart

When he was elected Kern County Superintendent of Schools, in addition to serving the families of local residents, Leo B. Hart was also responsible for educating the many migrant children who had settled in Kern County. Author Edmund Ross Harrington writes of him: "He was a fighter for the underdog, as was shown by his accomplishments in behalf of the migratory children and the children in small rural schools."

Born and raised in Vinton, Iowa on January 19, 1897, Leo attended local public schools. His mother was a teacher and his father owned a plumbing business. During WWI, while serving in Europe, he contracted tuberculosis and was relegated to Arizona to recover. His treatment included the removal of a lung and a kidney. Upon recuperation, Leo attended Arizona State University where he earned Bachelor and Master of Arts degrees.

A DUST BOWL EDUCATION AND ITS AFTERMATH (CONT'D)...

Mr. Hart arrived in Kern County in 1925. He was an instructor in the Kern County Union High School District and at Bakersfield College. In 1927 he became the district's first high school counselor, a position he held until 1939. While in that capacity, he demonstrated his innovative instructional skills. In order to alleviate discipline problems, Mr. Hart instituted the class council form of student government.

In 1939, he was elected Kern County Superintendent of Schools and served two terms. When his first term began, a number of the students were refugees from the southwest dust bowl. Their families lived at the large Arvin Federal Camp created for migrants who had arrived in California searching for a better life. The children were not welcomed into the public school of the area. Hart's solution to this situation resulted in the establishment of the Arvin Federal Emergency School.

Upon his retirement, Mr. Hart became an educational consultant to the Republic of Korea. From 1949-1959, he served as the superintendent of the small, rural Pondham Union School District. According to author Jerry Kirkland, "Hart was one of Kern County's most innovative and highly esteemed educators...who developed a unique instructional plan which he called the Pondham Project. The plan called for children in grades five through eight to be taught a variety of special interests subjects each Monday, with basic subjects being taught the other four days of the week. The Pondham Project was extremely popular and successful."

To honor this iconic educator, the Panama Buena Vista Union School District dedicated the Leo B. Hart Elementary School on November 18, 1988. Additionally, CSU Bakersfield has established the Leo B. Hart Memorial Scholarship to support its teacher credential program. Leo B. Hart died in 1989.

As Edmund Ross Harrington eulogized in 1969: "Leo B. Hart was a man of ideas and enthusiasm. He began many improvements while serving as county superintendent of schools, and was able to inspire his staff to carry them out with enthusiasm. A number of the activities he started while superintendent are being continued today."

A DUST BOWL EDUCATION AND ITS AFTERMATH (CONT'D)...

His greatest contribution was the establishing of cooperative services and mobile classrooms to bring an enriched instructional program to the smaller schools. He was a fighter for the underdog as was shown by his accomplishments in behalf of the migratory children and the children in small rural schools.”

The Weedpatch School

Note: In his 1992 book “Children of the Dust Bowl,” author Jerry Stanley explains: “The term ‘Okie’ is used . . . as the Okies used it in the 1930s. Although used by others as a term of abuse, to the Okies themselves it meant pride, courage, and a determination to accept hardship without showing weakness.”

In 1936, in order to house migrant workers, the Works Progress Administration constructed the Arvin Federal Government Camp, also known as the Weedpatch Camp. Local citizens did not accept Okie kids in public schools, and the Vineland School District objected to money being spent on them. On the school grounds, these newcomers were ridiculed for what they ate, what they wore, and how they spoke. Violence towards them was commonplace.

The state expected school districts to deal with the rising tide of migrant pupils without additional financial support. However, the schools were failing both the new arrivals and local children. Many migrant children were held back a grade due to environmental issues and not a lack of mental aptitude. The two major environmental factors were poverty and ill health.

A DUST BOWL EDUCATION AND ITS AFTERMATH (CONT'D)...



Children at the Weedpatch Camp had a friend in Leo B. Hart. He visited with them on a regular basis and believed they deserved the same opportunities as other children. They needed their own school, a different school, with a broad curriculum, where they could learn practical skills, as well as the basics. A place where they could gain self-confidence and pride in a school that was their own.

In April 1940 the Vineland School District declared an emergency of overcrowding. Kern County Superintendent of Schools Leo B. Hart proposed to remove the migrant students and establish an emergency school. At no charge to taxpayers, Weedpatch School would eliminate overcrowding and discipline issues. The Vineland School Board supported this proposition. Leo B. Hart leased for \$10 from the federal government a ten acre field next to the Federal Camp. As Jerry Stanley describes it: "Weedpatch School started with no grass, no sidewalks, no playground, no equipment, no toilets, no water, no books, no teachers. It started, Leo remembered, with two condemned buildings that had been in the field for years and with 'fifty poorly clad, undernourished, and skeptical youngsters.' "

Leo and his wife Edna traveled the county soliciting donations of materials and supplies. Vocational training would be an important part of the curriculum at the Arvin Federal Emergency School. The objective began implementation one September morning in 1940. According to Stanley:

A DUST BOWL EDUCATION AND ITS AFTERMATH (CONT'D)...

"In the field next to Weedpatch Camp the odd-looking stretch of land was marked by piles of bricks, boards, and boxes of whatnot. Leo met with the teachers he had hired and introduced them to the fifty children from Weedpatch Camp whose parents had agreed to let Leo have them for the day. Then he told them all to get to work. They did. Brick by brick, board by board the children of the Dust Bowl, eight teachers and Leo B. Hart built Weedpatch School."

Central to the school would be committed teachers. Leo visited several colleges and universities to recruit educators of basic skills who were also interested and willing to teach a broad and rich curriculum: plumbing, typing, carpentry, electrical, masonry, animal husbandry, home economics, as well as staffing and cooking in the school cafeteria. The curriculum would reflect "what the children wanted become, not what they were."

Building the swimming pool.

Edmund Ross Harrington, quotes Hart: "In this school, the children helped build the school buildings, operate a school farm and a school nursery, and built a swimming pool for school and community use. The value of this school in rehabilitating a generation of unfortunate youngsters has never been equalled. The community that had threatened to drive the migrants out, and who resented their presence, came to accept them as part of the community and to work with them on a friendly cooperative basis. Graduates of the school became leaders in high school."

A DUST BOWL EDUCATION AND ITS AFTERMATH (CONT'D)...



The Weedpatch School was recognized as one of the greatest educational projects conducted in the state. National leaders of education visited the school because of its great impact on the problem of educating migrant children. It also created a close working relationship between the workers and the community.

According to state law, Emergency Schools are only authorized to operate for five years. In 1944 the Weedpatch School was absorbed by the Vineland School District. After the earthquakes of 1952 much of the school needed re-building. The name was then changed to Sunset School.

**Part Two of “A Dustbowl Education and Its Aftermath”
Continues In Next Months Issue of The Messenger**



Four Seasons Lodge

2022 SAVE THE DATES

Craft Hobby & Collections Fair - January 22nd

Chili Cook-Off- February 5th

Community Walk for Health - March 12th

St Patrick's Day- March 17th

Community Yard Sale - April 16th

Tuscany Night- April 23rd

Community Shred Day - May 21st

Volunteer Appreciation Lunch - June 28th

Golf Cart Parade & Ice Cream Social- July 2nd

Homeowner Meet & Greet - August 13th

Annual Pool Party-September 17th

Holiday Craft Bazaar - October 1st

Autumn Nights- October 8th

Halloween Party- October 29th

Veterans Day Dinner - November 11th

Holiday Gift Exchange- December 3rd

New Year's Eve Party- December 31st

**NEXT OPEN SESSION
BOARD MEETING IS
JANUARY 26TH AT 6PM**

**ZOOM INFORMATION WILL BE SENT
OUT VIA EMAIL CLOSER TO THE BOARD
MEETING DATE.**

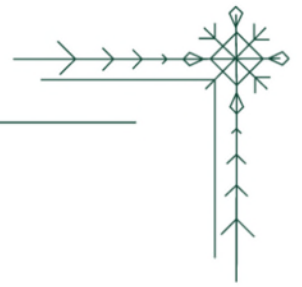
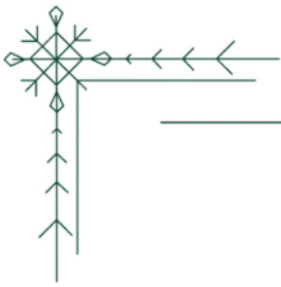
**YOU ARE ALWAYS WELCOME TO COME
AND JOIN IN PERSON AS WELL.**

**NEW TEMPORARY
GATE CODE**

Effective January 1st, 2022

**YOU WILL RECEIVE CODE VIA
EMAIL
OR
YOU CAN CALL THE LODGE
FRONT DESK**

Please remember to never give your personal gate code out, this code can be given to delivery drivers, repairmen, etc. However, if you are not comfortable with that you can always have them call you from the call box to let them in with the push of 9 on your phone.



Fruitcake Cookies

Submitted by - Steve West (*Resident*)

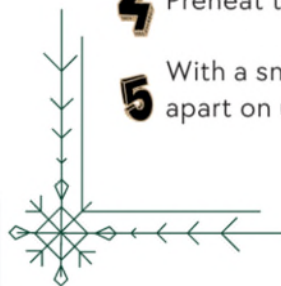


Ingredients:

- 1 cup dried figs
- 1/2 cup raisins
- 1/2 cup candied cherries, coarsely chopped
- 1/2 cup dried apricots, coarsely chopped
- 1 tablespoon honey
- 2 tablespoons dry sherry
- 1 tablespoon freshly squeezed lemon juice
- 3 cups chopped pecans
- Kosher salt
- 1/2 pound (2 sticks) unsalted butter, at room temperature
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cloves
- 1/2 cup superfine sugar
- 1/3 cup light brown sugar, firmly packed
- 1 extra-large egg
- 2 2/3 cups all-purpose flour

Directions:

- 1** Snip off the hard stems of the figs with scissors or a small knife and coarsely chop the figs. In a medium bowl, combine the figs, raisins, cherries, apricots, honey, sherry, lemon juice, pecans, and a pinch of salt. Cover with plastic wrap and allow to sit overnight at room temperature.
- 2** In the bowl of an electric mixer fitted with the paddle attachment, cream the butter, cloves, superfine sugar, and brown sugar on medium speed until smooth, about 3 minutes. With the mixer on low speed, add the egg and mix until incorporated. With the mixer still on low, slowly add the flour and 1/4 teaspoon salt just until combined. Don't over mix! Add the fruits and nuts, including any liquid in the bowl.
- 3** Divide the dough in half and place each half on the long edge of a 12 by 18-inch piece of parchment or waxed paper. Roll each half into a log, 1 1/2 to 1 3/4-inch thick, making an 18-inch-long roll. Refrigerate the dough for several hours, or until firm.
- 4** Preheat the oven to 350 degrees.
- 5** With a small, sharp knife, cut the logs into 1/2-inch-thick slices. Place the slices 1/2-inch apart on ungreased sheet pans and bake for 15 to 20 minutes, until lightly golden.



GOOD TO KNOW – FROM YOUR ARC FRIENDS

Sandy Moffett – Resident

Most of our generation was taught respect for people and property was a given. We called each other Sir and Ma'am, never sassied an adult and didn't dare take what didn't belong to us.

Today, things are very different. Gates, locks and security systems are the norm. But in real life, those things only keep out the honest people. The ARC committee discussed this at the last meeting after hearing from Diane Baker who walks our neighborhood for exercise and recreation. She has been in touch with our liaison for the Bakersfield Police Department Neighborhood Watch and is concerned about some unlit or poorly lit areas in our community. This also brought up discussion about individual home security systems.




Steve West, the ARC Chair is doing research on security solar lights. We want to stay away from systems that are so sensitive if birds fly by, the motion detector will go off and look like a disco dance floor. We are also concerned about those mounted in such a way that while they light up your yard, they may also shine into the windows of your neighbors.

For those considering purchasing a system, know that the committee is looking for solutions that will fit into the HOA standards and we hope to have some suggestions after the next meeting.

JANUARY 2022

LODGE HOURS: MONDAY-FRIDAY 6AM-9PM

OUTDOOR AMENITIES: M

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wedn	
<p>Committee Meetings & Club Times are Subject to Change</p> <p>Check with Lodge for most current information</p>				
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2 CALENDAR

SATURDAY: 9AM-5PM SUNDAY: CLOSED
 MONDAY-FRIDAY 6AM-10PM

Monday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<p>POOL CLOSED</p> <p>MONDAYS & FRIDAYS</p> <p>6AM-10AM</p>		<p>1</p> <p>LODGE CLOSED</p>  <p>HAPPY NEW YEAR</p>
<p>Pickle Ball 8am Fitness 8am Yoga 9:15am Lunch 1pm Classes 5:45pm</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Beginners Pickle Ball 8am Bridge 1pm Bingo 6pm</p> 	<p>7</p> <p>Advanced Pickle Ball 8am Dance Fitness 8am Chair Yoga 9:15am Advanced Pickle Ball 5:30pm</p> 	<p>8</p> <p>Beginners Pickle Ball 8am Computer Club 9am</p>
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DECEMBER BOARD MEETING RECAP

By Daniela Rosales

On Wednesday, December 1, 2021 the Board of Directors held a General Session Meeting.

The following was approved or discussed:

-Secretary's report including Executive Sessions Report and General Minutes from October 27, 2021, were approved.

-November 2021 Financial Report was approved.

-Approved Committee Recommendations:

1. Landscape:

A. Copenhagen Retaining Wall in the amount of \$6,379.87.

B. The Lodge area: install sod and plants in the amount of \$8,939.98.

2. Facilities:

A. Install the entire Association name on the monument walls.

B. Purchase a pool table not to exceed \$10,000.00.

C. Install a door in the office not to exceed \$10,000.00.

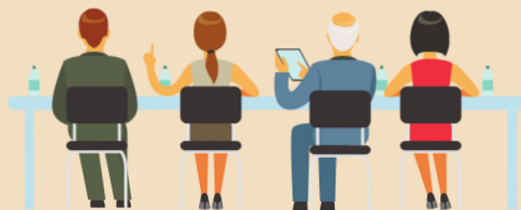
-Under New Business the following items were approved:

1. Beginning January 3rd, 2022 new lodge hours: Mon-Fri 6a-9pm, Sat 9am-5pm, Sun Closed.

2. Holidays Hours

3. 2022 Board of Directors Meeting Dates

4. Private Event Special Request-December 5th, 2021





NOVEMBER TREASURER'S REPORT

	Balance Nov 30, 2021	Balance Oct 31, 2021	Change
Total Operating Funds	192,738.41	198,657.63	(5,919.22)
Total Reserve Funds	1,753,013.49	1,734,904.87	18,108.62
Total Account Receivables	7,840.30	10,605.35	(2,765.05)
Total Prepaid Expenses	1,331.39	880.68	450.71
Total Fixed Asset	97,521.34	97,521.34	0.00
Total Assets	2,052,444.93	2,042,569.87	9,875.06
Total Current Liabilities	38,619.84	39,458.13	(838.29)
Total Accounts Payable	123,373.59	123,023.19	350.40
Total Liabilities	161,993.43	162,481.32	(487.89)
Total Reserves Fund	1,753,013.49	1,734,904.87	18,108.62
Total Operating Fund	95,363.22	95,363.22	0.00
Total Owners' Equity	1,848,376.71	1,830,268.09	18,108.62
Net Income / (Loss)	42,074.79	49,820.46	(7,745.67)
Total Liabilities and Equity	2,052,444.93	2,042,569.87	9,875.06

LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE

By Jann Klein (Landscape Chair)

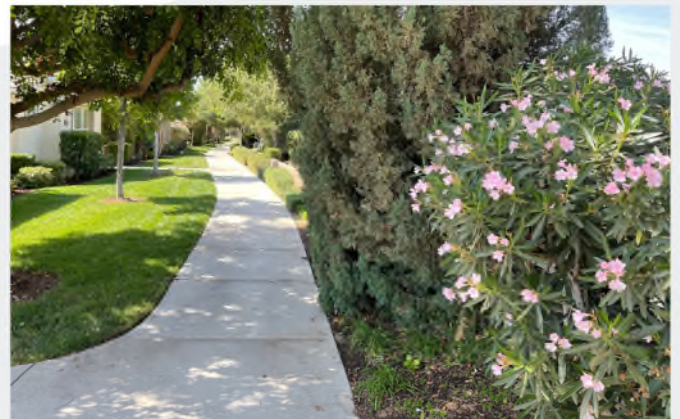
On behalf of the Landscape Committee I would like to wish everyone in the Four Seasons community a very Happy New Year! There is always a lot happening within the community and this committee will continue to enhance and improve our environment as we move forward in 2022.

A very special thank you for all of the support we received during the front yard retrofit and enhancement project, your continued support kept the project moving forward until completed.

Moving into 2022 we are hoping to improve the Paseo, with the help of a Landscape Architect as this area has not seen any improvements for years and for those who look at it daily they are requesting that we do something (they feel that out of sight out of mind). We have had several meetings regarding this mile long area and those suggestions and concepts will be taken into consideration as we move forward. We will continue to keep the community involved as we work on a design.

Again, from the committee members, and myself, we wish you a very Happy New Year!

Jann Klein, Chair
Landscape Committee



THE GATE KEEPER

By Sandy Moffett (Resident)

I love living in Four Seasons. When we moved into this community, we were told how friendly everyone was. We were told there were folks who would reach out if we needed something and to be prepared to be waved to as we passed by our neighbors. While I knew this to be true, it was reinforced on a recent chilly Sunday afternoon.

Our Sunday school class, The Encouragers, had reserved the ballroom for a Christmas luncheon. We had a special code for our folks to get through the security gate, but so many were worried they wouldn't remember the number, I offered to "man the gate" and be the "button pusher." Of course, there were residents coming through the gate at the same time. One by one, they stopped, rolled down their windows and asked if I needed help. Assured that I was fine, they smiled and went on their way.

I'll say it again. I love living in Four Seasons.

Laughter Along Our Path

By Manya Carney (Four Seasons Resident)



At Four Seasons, Lost and Found items are displayed for one day before everything is donated to a local thrift store. This is done so homeowners can browse through the lost items and claim what is theirs. Nobody claimed a pair of fancy schmancy sunglasses that had been in the Lost and Found for several months. A fashion-conscious homeowner tried the sunglasses on and modeled them for everyone in the room. She was told by a "rational" homeowner that she might as well take them because they were going to Goodwill anyway. "If someone recognizes them, you can give them back!" she reasoned.

4 months later while driving around wearing the fancy schmancy sunglasses, the fashion-conscious homeowner stopped to visit with her neighbor...a former Police Officer. He walked back into his house and mentioned to his wife that their neighbor had the exact pair of sunglasses he used to own... the ones he lost a few months earlier.

Busted!!!

MONTHLY RULE REMINDER

By Management

Pets

Please refer to your Rules & Regs; pg 12

- All pets of a Resident or guest must be kept within an enclosure or enclosed yard of adequate height and strength to prevent escape.
- Each Resident shall be responsible for any damage to a person or to property caused by any animal kept as a pet within their Residence or brought into their Residence by guests or other individuals.
- Do not allow your pet to relieve itself within any portion of another Resident's yard, or any common grounds area.

Parking

Please refer to your Rules & Regs; pg 13

- There is no parking of a vehicle (except a recreational vehicle) on community streets between the hours of 11:00pm and 6:00am daily.
- A recreational vehicle, may be parked on or in an owners driveway so long as it does not extend into the sidewalk or on the street in front of the owners lot so long as it does not obstruct the flow of traffic or present a safety hazard, for up to twenty-four (24) hours in a calendar month.
- Any motorized vehicles or trailers parked in a driveway cannot extended into the sidewalk.
- An RV owner may petition the Board Annually to designate the street parking space immediately in front of the owner's lot for extended parking privileges and to be reserved for the owner's exclusive use for up to 96 total hours (4 days) per month. In using these hours, the RV owner may not park for longer than 48 continuous hours at a time. (A copy of the petition is included in the appendix.)
- Homeowners may use the Lodge Parking Lot for overnight or after hours parking of a vehicle by obtaining a Temporary Lodge Parking Permit from the Management Company. Temporary Lodge Parking Lot Permits may be issued for a period of up to seven (7) consecutive days per calendar month and must be displayed prominently on the vehicle dash. The Board has designated 5 Auto and 2 RV parking spaces to be used by Owners, which are assigned on a first-come, first-serve basis only.

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Neighbor 2 Neighbor - Margaret DeArmond & Donna Holtzclaw

The Neighbor 2 Neighbor Club is sponsoring the 2nd annual Hobby, Craft and Collectors Fair on Saturday January 22, 2022 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm in the Ballroom at the Lodge. Four Seasons residents are welcome to display their collections, crafting projects, any hobbies or special interests. This is a wonderful opportunity for neighbors to visit and learn from each other. Past displays have included: model trains, succulents, artwork, books, sewing projects, needlework, quilts, and miniature whiskey bottles. Some displays may have items for sale. Look for the flyer for more information on signing up for a display table.

AND....A TACO TRUCK WILL BE AVAILABLE THAT DAY FROM 11:00 TO 1:00!

As the weather gets colder, the Dream Center foster youth are always in need of jackets, warm clothing, and blankets. Please contact the club leaders if you would like to make any donations or you can leave items in the Neighbor 2 Neighbor Club basket in the Arts & Crafts Room.

Our next club meeting is Tuesday, January 11th at 1:00 pm in the Lodge Arts & Crafts Room.

All community members are always welcome to attend.

Margaret DeArmond, 661-304-0093, mdearmond@mac.com

Donna Holtzclaw, 661-303-6649, donnaholtzclaw@yahoo.com



The Dream Center is the one-stop resource center for emancipated foster youth.

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Social Committee - Donna Tillmann (Committee Member)



As I write this, the rain is coming down and "Baby, it's cold outside!" I just love this change in the weather. We even had a few days when the mountains were covered with snow and you could see for miles in every direction.

The Gift Exchange last month was a big success and fun was had by everyone in attendance. Mr. And Mrs. Clause were the highlight of the afternoon, with stories to tell and songs to sing. Thank you Keith and Kathy (and Carol on the piano) for helping to get us all in the holiday spirit. The desserts were mighty yummy too!

Hope everyone that attended the New Year's party had a good time. Getting dressed up, sharing food and drinks with friends and neighbors, and dancing the night away, while staying right in your own back yard, is a great way to bring in the New Year!

We are busy planning some fun events for 2022. Although we are still in the planning stages, we have a few things on the calendar already. We will be having a Chili Cook-Off on February 5, so get your famous recipes ready. Watch for information on this event and mark you calendars now.

In March we will be having a St. Patrick's Celebration on Saturday the 19th. The Dinner Club and Social Committee will be doing this event together. Stay tuned for more details.

On April 23 we will be having our Tuscany Nights once again. This events is one that is always well attended and enjoyed by the community.

So, there you have just a few of our upcoming events that you can mark on your calendar for 2022. We hope to have some new and different events coming up as well, so be ready to have some fun this year.

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In closing, on behalf of each Social Committee Volunteer, we would like to wish you all a very happy and healthy new year. HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYONE!!!

Sincerely,
Donna Tillmann: *Volunteer*



Chair Yoga Class - Melanie Yates (Club Leader)

Chair Yoga Class
Monday-Wednesday-Friday mornings at
9:15 am

We have changed up our class a little bit. We found our first video classes a little more challenging than we were ready for so we are now using video instruction for chair yoga. These classes are just our speed!

If you have any questions, call or text Melanie Yates at 661-703-0740.



Computer Club - Dave Keeney (Club Leader)

Next Meeting: Saturday January 8th, 2022, 9:00am
Location: Lodge Theater

Any questions about computers or technology will be discussed. These meetings are intended for non-techies so if you have a question, would like to learn how to do something on your computer or are just curious about something technical, please come join our meetings.

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Ladies luncheon - Annette Harder (Club Leader)

Rio Bravo Ranch was founded in 1861 and is nestled at the base of the scenic Kern River Canyon and includes rolling hills and valleys. The Kern River cuts straight through the ranch land and provides some of the most incredible views of the Central Valley. The Ranch headquarters is now home to Olive & Orange Bistro.

Kelly Smith and Rebecca Dix met in Lake Isabella at the Vintage Peacock, Rebecca's Antiquette. Kelly wanted to open a spot here at Rio Bravo with fresh eating. The girls both have 20 or more years in the service industry. This is a first for both of them doing it for themselves. The dream of serving fresh and healthy food, unforgettable ambiance and friendly service has come true. Kelly and Rebecca are so happy to bring service to the Rio Bravo area and look forward to serving the community. Hours are still changing with plans to have a Sunday brunch and open a couple of evenings.

More scoop on the girls: Kelly has 2 dogs and a few chickens. Becky has 5 boys and a bunch of rescue animals.

What a great turnout we had. We filled the room with 32 ladies all decked out for Christmas. Tables set for a celebration with menu just for us. We kept the girls busy and they did a great job getting us fed with amazing fresh tasting food. They would love to have us back in the fall so we can sit outside in the patio. We just might.

A new year is upon us. January 20, 2022 is a Thursday and we will be going to The Guild House, 1905 18th Street at 11:30am. I have to collect money for this event. The cost is \$30.00 for the lunch.

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Valerie will set up a money pouch to collect the cash and give you a receipt. Sign up sheet and money are at the front desk in the lodge. Meet at the flagpole between 11/11:15am if you need or can give a ride.

Annette Harder/Club Leader
661.599.5676



Book Club - Kathleen Reisig (Club Leader)

Life Among the Savages by Shirley Jackson is our selection for January. Shirley Jackson is known for writing tales that often involve elements of horror, mystery and the occult such as The Lottery and The Haunting of Hill House. But she also possessed a lighter side, one which is delightfully exposed in this witty and warm memoir of her family's life in rural Vermont. With a novelists gift for character, an unfailing maternal instinct, and her incisive humor, Jackson turns ordinary family experiences into brilliant adventures. But does the book expose some of Jackson's darker side?

Read the book and decide for yourself.

The Book Club will meet on January 20 at 10:00a.m. in the Library.
Kathleen Reisig / Club Leader

Scavenger Hunt Committee - Stacy Davis (Club leader)

The Four Seasons Scavenger Hunt Committee is looking for new members who would like to help plan the next scavenger hunt. We meet as needed and are willing to work around your schedule.

If you are interested, please contact Stacy Davis 661-319-4069.



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Veterans Club - Don Bearden (Club Leader)



We've moved! As you know, we have combined our veteran's groups into one, and on Wednesday, December 8th we gathered together at Huckleberry's restaurant, located at 2673 Mt Vernon Ave to celebrate the holidays. We were provided with our own room, excellent service, delicious food, lively conversation, and Keith Clark regaled those in attendance with holidays songs and we all joined in and entertained the entire restaurant. We had 16 veterans, along with their spouses show up for lunch and the room is large enough to accompany more of us, and we hope you'll consider joining us in January. Our monthly luncheons will be held on the second Wednesday of each month @ 11:30 am. Our January meeting will be on Wednesday, January 12th. Our guest speaker will be Joshua Dhanens, Director, Kern County Veterans Service Department. To ensure we have enough literature for all those in attendance, please let Don or I know if you plan on attending and I will provide this information to Mr. Dhanens.

Looking forward to a blessed New Year, with the opportunity of meeting fellow brothers and sisters in arms and hearing from guest speakers. Wishing all of you a blessed Christmas holiday and we'll see you on January 12th.

Don Bearden
President, Veteran' Group
(661) 703-5314

Penny Martinez
Secretary, Veteran's Group
(661) 873-7615

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Sunshine Club - Linda Hofer (Club Leader)

The Sunshine Club is here to help our neighbors. If you are in need of assistance in any way please do not hesitate to contact Linda Hofer via phone, email or text. Her contact information is listed in the directory. Help the Four Seasons Community in identifying neighbors in need due to illness, hospitalization or death in the family.

Bakersfield has a volunteer Senior Outreach Program which provides services for persons 60 years and older who are: homebound or isolated; in a fragile physical state and/or grief; suicidal or depressed; having issues controlling alcohol and/or substance use; or would benefit from mental health screening or socialization with peers. The Bakersfield coordinator is Martha Juarez and she can be contacted at (661) 868-5022.



Crafters Club- Nancy McKenry (Club Leader)

Crafters Club is meeting again on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday in the Arts and Crafts Room from 1:00pm-4:00pm. We are inviting all community friends who have a portable craft and enjoy social interaction with other crafters to join us.

We hope you can come!

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Dinner Club - Eileen & Mike Callagy (Club leaders)

We hope all of our friends and neighbors had a very blessed Christmas and are looking forward to a wonderful 2022 in our great Four Seasons community!

We are starting this year with our first dinner event on Saturday, January 29th.

Unfortunately, the caterer has experienced price increases, like everyone else, so the price will be \$ 24.00 per person.

The doors will open at 5:30 and dinner will be served at 6:00.

The menu will be:

- Caesar Salad (Romaine lettuce, parmesan cheese, croutons with Caesar dressing)
- Chicken Fettuccini Alfredo
- Roasted Vegetables
- Garlic Cheese Bread
- Cheesecake

Tea, water and coffee will be provided.

Bring your own adult beverage & glass.

**Vegetarian dishes will be available but you need to specify when you sign up.

We ask that you all sign up as early as possible. The last day for sign up will be Wednesday, January 26th.

Thanks to all of you for supporting the dinner club! We hope to see you all on January 29th.

UPCOMING

8 Ball Pool Tournament

The two pool tables in the Lodge Game room have new cloth covers and are ready for our first pool tournament in February. We typically have around 12 - 14 people participate in our two annual tournaments on February 11th & 12th.

We would like to encourage men and women of Four Seasons to join us not only for the tournament, but to learn and participate in the game of pool. We have one lady pool player and really encourage more of our ladies to participate.

We have 4 to 8 people playing at 10:00AM and 2 to 4 people playing at 2:00:PM pretty much daily. Pool players are rated from 1 to 7, and although our Four Seasons players have not been league play rated, my best guess, our players range from 2 to 4.

If you are interested in joining our group or just learning how to play the game, please contact Randy Holtzclaw or Wayne Cox and we will meet you in the Lodge game room.

Contact:

Randy Holtzclaw 661-332-6571 / Wayne Cox 661-336-8277

Neighborhood Watch

As part of our efforts to better secure our community, we have teamed up with my former employer (The Bakersfield Police Department) to establish a Neighborhood Watch Program in Four Seasons. We are looking for folks to get involved to help keep our community safe.

While conducting an assessment of the complex, we have noticed some homes that do not turn on their exterior lights at night. This is because some units were not built with exterior light fixtures in the front other than the light that illuminates the house address.

I also noticed that many of the homes that do have exterior lights fixtures in the front are not illuminated at night. I see that most of the exterior light fixtures are not equipped with a "dusk to dawn" sensor so the homeowner has to remember to turn on the exterior light switch at night.

There is an easy and inexpensive fix so that you can leave the switch on and not have to worry about turning it on or off and without replacing the light fixtures. You can buy LED light bulbs that have built in dusk to dawn sensors. You just replace the old bulbs with these new and inexpensive bulbs and they will automatically come on at dusk and turn off at dawn. It's really that easy. I have them installed in my front yard fixtures. You can buy these bulbs at most stores like Lowe's, Home Depot, Costco, Target, Amazon and probably many other stores that sell light bulbs. I prefer the "daylight" type bulb as it is brighter and clearer than the "soft white" bulbs.

For those who do not have the exterior light fixtures, they also sell light fixtures that are powered by a small solar panel so you do not have to run wiring to the fixture. You can also find those at your local hardware stores. Having a well lit area is one of the best deterrents to those who want to commit crimes.

We are in the beginning stages of this Security/Neighborhood Watch team and welcome any folks that want to get involved. If interested you can contact Diane Baker, Rick Johnson, or myself. My contact number is 661-330-0952 and email is lalvarez506@yahoo.com.

Respectfully,

Lorenzo Alvarez



BELOVED STAFF MEMBER MISSY SHARER ON HER BIRTHDAY - DECEMBER 7TH



Craft, Hobby & Collection Fair!

Saturday, January 22nd, 2020

10:00am - 2:00pm

Lodge Ballroom

If interested, sign-up at the Lodge Front Desk.

A Taco Truck will be available from 11am - 1pm

The event is sponsored by Neighbor 2 Neighbor Club

For more information contact the club leaders:

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