

# THE LODGE AT FOUR SEASONS



MESSENGER  
FEBRUARY 2023

Lodge Hours of Operation:  
Monday-Friday 6am-10pm  
Saturday-Sunday 9am-5pm

Outdoor Amenities:  
Monday-Sunday  
6am-10pm

# IMPORTANT CONTACTS

## Four Seasons Lodge

Phone (661) 873-0580  
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www.fsbhoa.com

## The Beauty Bar

Phone (661) 873-0581

## Landscape Concerns

Email: help@cmlandscapeinc.com

## K. Hovnanian's Customer Service

Phone (800) 767-1676  
www.khov.com/homeowner-services

## Seabreeze Customer Escrow Department

Phone (800) 232-7517

## California Water Service

Phone (661) 873-7260

## Animal Control

Phone (661) 326-3436

## City Solid Waste

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## 2022-2023 Board of Directors

Don Wolfe

President

Rod Layman

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Treasurer

Bill Ferguson

Betty Romm

Secretary

Lorenzo Alvarez

Director

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## A Message From Your President

Don Wolfe

Last Wednesday we held our first Board of Directors meeting since December 7th, that does not mean the Board, Committee Members and staff have not been working hard on behalf of the HOA, they have. The Committees have been meeting regularly, some several times in the past month. they have been working on many interesting, important, and sometimes critical issues. Those issues being tackled include budget, finance, emergency preparedness, long range landscape maintenance, rules and regulations, website enhancements, management services and social events to name but a few.

Of special note, effective January 24th, we have a new General Manager, Ms. Leanna Cutler. Leanna has a long history in HOA Management, including a stint as our General Manager a few years ago. We will be scheduling a "meet and greet" for Leanna in the immediate future.

Additional good news , after serving as Acting General Manager for 6 months, Emerald Newquist has happily agreed to accept the position of Assistant General Manager. Thank you, Emerald for carrying the heavy load for us all that time with a smile on your face.

Filling out our roster are Saretha Headley, Property Services Coordinator, Valerie Ruiz, Activities Coordinator, and Veronica Star and Tranece Barnes, Lodge Attendants. The Board looks forward to working with this great team on your behalf. Please give them an occasional smile and "thank you".

Finally, a thank you to Seabreeze for assisting us with acquiring this excellent team while staying within our staffing budget.

Don Wolfe  
Board of Directors President



THANK  
YOU



## JANUARY TREASURER'S REPORT

### Balance Sheet Summary Report

#### K. Hovnanian's Four Seasons

As of December 31, 2022

	<u>Balance Dec 31, 2022</u>	<u>Balance Nov 30, 2022</u>	<u>Change</u>
Total Operating Funds	65,221.96	80,599.30	(15,377.34)
Total Reserve Funds	1,848,887.32	1,824,042.33	24,844.99
Total Account Receivables	14,185.77	16,693.39	(2,507.62)
Total Prepaid Expenses	15,189.62	4,748.44	10,441.18
Total Fixed Asset	87,604.34	87,604.34	0.00
Total Assets	<u>2,031,089.01</u>	<u>2,013,687.80</u>	<u>17,401.21</u>
Total Current Liabilities	59,193.78	50,285.67	8,908.11
Total Accounts Payable	70,949.65	78,387.67	(7,438.02)
Total Liabilities	<u>130,143.43</u>	<u>128,673.34</u>	<u>1,470.09</u>
Total Reserves Fund	1,848,887.32	1,824,042.33	24,844.99
Total Prior Years Equity	125,929.14	125,929.14	0.00
Total Owners' Equity	<u>1,974,816.46</u>	<u>1,949,971.47</u>	<u>24,844.99</u>
<b>Net Income / (Loss)</b>	<u>(73,870.88)</u>	<u>(64,957.01)</u>	<u>(8,913.87)</u>
<b>Total Liabilities and Equity</b>	<u>2,031,089.01</u>	<u>2,013,687.80</u>	<u>17,401.21</u>

## A Few Words From Your Treasurer

Bill Ferguson

Hello again. We now have the year end financial report, let's see where we are and once again look back to see where we financially did well or what went wrong. This is important as it allows us an opportunity to change our ways so that we don't make the same mistakes again, and might also reinforce some of the correct decisions that we did make.

The final difference between the budgeted and actuals is \$73,870.88. Last month I projected that it should be about \$53,000 and I was wrong (sorry). It turned out that the income's, that is the membership assessment, outstanding balance at year's end was \$50,449.82. This was not enough to fully explain the difference but it also was not insignificant as it was 3.9% of the budget.

Our outstanding balance is starting to be under control. Compared to last month it was reduced as a result of a home sale and the partial recovery of that lien.

**Correction to last month's posting.** My explanation of why the outstanding balances is allowed to become so large was in error and corrected by Dianne Davega. Thanks Dianne.

**Paragraphs seven and eight should be replaced with:**

*The association will immediately file a pre-lien on a property that is delinquent 45 days; and a lien Notice of Data Availability (NODA) will be filed and recorded if the assessments remain unpaid after an additional 45 days. When the unpaid assessments alone reach \$1800 there will be a filing and recording of a Notice of Default (NOD); followed by the recording, publishing and posting of a Notice of Sale (NOS) by a Trustee on the court house steps. The association will seek to collect the delinquent dues, as well as the costs and fees of collection.*

*The delinquent homeowner will have numerous opportunities to repay the outstanding debt prior to such sale, but –the delinquent owner must request in writing to meet with the Board to enter into a repayment plan. A payment plan will represent a portion due each month of the past due amount, as well as payment in full of the current month due. A default in the plan reinstates the collection process.*

*Should the homeowner file bankruptcy, Chapter 11 allows for repayment to the association determined by the court. Chapter 7 is not pursued as the cost exceeds the potential gain. It is fully the intent of the association to regain the money owed to the association and to protect the financial security of your HOA.*

## A Few Words From Your Treasurer

Bill Ferguson

I tried to explain last month why not addressing the assessment delinquencies are detrimental to our income estimates. I'll be working with our financial advisor in preparation of the 2024 budget process to explore ways we can ameliorate this problem when we project our income.

Our annual expenses were over budget by \$76,743.19. Several large ticket items contributed to the overage. Landscape Maintenance, our largest expense at 31.4%, had a budget for 2022 of \$586,080. We had over spent that budget by \$91,656.16. Recreation itself, only 0.3% of our budget, was over by \$5,143.80.

Fortunately, there were several offsetting savings. Our utilities were under budget by \$23,540.02 and Lodge staffing was under by \$101,649.61. As I have said previously, the final budget is a process of give and take and it usually averages out.

Once again, thanks for reading this and please send me any of your thoughts and questions. I will answer them candidly and as accurately as I can either personally or in next months "Words".

Send your responses and questions to: [billfergus@aol.com](mailto:billfergus@aol.com). Again, I intend to offer more financial thoughts next month.

Bill





**A Day at the Races  
Bus trip to Santa Anita  
Saturday, March 18th**

**Bus leaves Solera at 8:30 AM**

**and returns at 9:00 PM**

**All day parking is available at Solera**

**Cost: \$40 per person**

**Includes transportation, bingo on bus and bus driver tip**

**Extremely limited seating. First come, first served.**

**Your seating arrangements at the race track can be made at Santa Anita's website:  
[www.santaanita.com](http://www.santaanita.com) Or by calling the track at 626-574-6366**

**Deadline: Friday, March 3rd**

**For more information:**

**Barbara Eagle at 661-364-3975 at Solera**

**Sherry Davis at 661-900-5696 at Four Seasons**

**Sherrie Huckaby at 661-699-6216 at Rio Bravo**

**IMPORTANT: The organizers, Solera at Kern Canyon HOA, Four Seasons HOA and Rio Bravo HOA are not responsible for any loss, theft, damages, etc.**

**Participate at your own risk. Absolutely no refunds after March 3rd.**

**If a waiting list is formed you may sell your seat on the bus.**

# Emergency Preparedness Committee

## What Would You Do in an Emergency?

The Emergency Preparedness Committee has been hard at work developing a community disaster plan. One important part of the plan is coordinating a community-wide evacuation.

Have you ever considered what you would do if you were suddenly told that you had to evacuate your home? Would you be prepared?

The Four Seasons website ([www.fsbhoa.com](http://www.fsbhoa.com)) has a new page called “Community Emergency Plan”. The page is still under development, but you can already find some helpful information:

- *Emergency Kit packing list*
- *How to create an emergency plan for your household*
- *Smart911*
- *ReadyKern emergency notifications*

Evacuating your home can be especially difficult if you have required medical equipment, use an assistive device for mobility (wheelchair, cane, walker, etc.) or if you do not drive or have access to a vehicle. It’s a good idea to practice a run-through to see how long it would take you to leave the house with all necessary items. If you need assistance to be able to evacuate in a timely manner, please call the Lodge Office (661) 873-0580 to add your name to the Evacuation Assistance List. The Emergency Preparedness Committee will be assigning volunteers to help neighbors on the list.

Do you know a neighbor who will need help? Spread the word and encourage them to add his/her name to the Evacuation Assistance List. Are you able to help others? Consider being a volunteer and assisting a neighbor to safely leave their home in an emergency.

**Emerald Newquist**  
Emergency Preparedness Committee Staff Liaison



# Rule Reminder

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*Please remember to submit an ARC Application **BEFORE** making any type of architectural plans or changes.*

## A. Architectural Plan Submittal

This document describes the process for obtaining ARC approval and provides guidelines for working through the process.

After initial backyard installation, any improvements that are viewable from the common area, require a permit from the City of Bakersfield; or impact any neighbor, require submittal of a new application to and approval by the ARC, as applicable per CC&R's.

All necessary forms are provided in the appendices and/or are available on the HOA's website (fsbhoa.com) or at the Lodge front desk; including extension forms for extenuating circumstances.

## C. Where to Submit Plans

K. Hovnanian's Four Seasons at Bakersfield Lodge  
Staff Liaison to the ARC  
10500 Toscana Drive  
Bakersfield, CA 93306  
Phone: (661) 873-0580  
Fax: (661)873-0579

## Vehicles and Parking

- There is no parking of a vehicle (except a recreational vehicle) on community streets between the hours of 11:00pm and 6:00am daily.
- Any motorized vehicles or trailers parked in a driveway cannot be extended into the sidewalk.
- 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.



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Level: Medium

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# He Lost His Temper And Hit It Rich

By Kitty DeArmond (Four Seasons Resident)

*From Legends of the Kern River Valley published by The Kern Valley Sun, and published with their permission.*



When John Harley hit the diggings on the Upper Kern back in the 1850s he wasn't exactly what you might call rolling in money. And in order to satisfy the gnawing demands of an empty tummy he took on the job of swamping out a local saloon. That was how he came to meet a man known only as Big Bill, and it was Bill who started John on the road to success.

Big Bill was known around the Keyesville-Whiskey Flat area as a bully who delighted in tormenting those who couldn't, or wouldn't, fight back. As John was only 17 when he arrived at the

the mines he immediately became fair game for Bill's tricks. But John had a temper and he didn't take much teasing before he came back swinging. Bill ducked the punch and then laid the youngster out cold for a few moments.

John came to, groggy and still angry, and headed for home to get a shotgun. He waylaid Bill and left him on the ground full of buckshot. Then his anger wore off and was replaced with a realization of the enormity his offense. He packed his belongings and scooted for the hills to hide out from a posse he was certain would follow and bring him to justice. For a few days he wandered aimlessly around the mountains north of Keyesville and finally settled down to permanent camp. This camp was on the bank of a stream, and more to pass the time away than in hope of finding anything, John began to pan. To his amazement he hit color in every pan.

He staked out a claim but had to get down to Keyesville to file it. There had been no signs of pursuit and he thought that maybe things had died down. So he decided to chance slipping into town. To his amazement the first person he met was Big Bill. Bill was not only alive, but the buckshot had only grazed him. He thought the whole thing was a big joke and had even developed an admiration for the kid who dared to fight back.

They became close friends. Bill helped the kid file his claim and went back to help him work it. When the mine developed, Bill became the superintendent and both men realized a tidy income from it for years to come.

The dump of the mine may still be seen from downtown Kernville - the mine which may never had been discovered if a teenager hadn't lost his temper.

## He Lost His Temper And Hit It Rich CONT.

The Kernville Chamber of Commerce is hosting the 66th annual Whiskey Flat Days on President's Day Weekend, February 17-20, 2023. According to their website: "It's a leap back to the good ol' Wild West Days when the area was settled by gold miners, cattle ranchers and trappers. Join us when Kernville reverts to its old name 'Whiskey Flat' for four nostalgic days of fun for the entire family. Parade, Wild West Daze Rodeo, Wild West Encampment, Carnival Rides, Frog Jumping contests, Whiskey Flat Mayor Contest, Food & Craft Booths, Epitaphs, Costume & Whiskerino Contests, Line Dancing, Pet Parade, Blue Grass & Country Western Music, Art Show, Gunfighter Skits, Kids Activities, Games, & much more!"



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# Valentine's Day

<b>arrow</b>	P S C D F J E S A F T B P Z O H T O E S	
<b>candy</b>	U O I Z N D L T E C G Z A Z L R A N R T	<b>bear</b>
<b>cinnamon</b>	F E B R U A R Y I I Z U W L A Q I B O N	<b>chocolate</b>
<b>cupid</b>	S D R A C D B N G H K E N E L T F E S E	<b>February</b>
<b>fourteenth</b>	H Z V J R N N F O E W O H H N O E A E C	<b>flowers</b>
<b>huge</b>	H P I N K A Z C N T G O O E A Q O R S K	<b>friend</b>
<b>roses</b>	E T Y D M C R Y T A L I L C C F U N Y L	<b>red</b>
<b>balloons</b>	U L N O S R E W O L F A F J P U X G S A	<b>heart</b>
<b>gift</b>	W V N E S W J R E O V G C T C D P E W C	<b>Valentine</b>
<b>white</b>	D O K S E N D Z V C D M J I G N D I R E	
<b>necklace</b>	Z Z G F V T G X O O F P W O Y E Q Q D B	
<b>love</b>	K U V N C Z R A L H A R R O W I B Y S Z	
<b>pink</b>	H U G A W W G U K C R W Q V E R B Q O I	
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*K. Hovanian's Four Seasons at Bakersfield  
Community Association, inc.*

*Presented by the Social  
Committee*

# Chili COOK OFF

SATURDAY  
FEBRUARY 25TH, 2023

1:00PM IN THE LODGE  
BALLROOM

\$5 per person  
(\$2 for an extra hot dog)  
big hot dogs & potato  
salad provided!



Limited to 10  
contestants  
1st, 2nd & 3rd  
Place!

*Outdoor games will be  
available, along with  
social fun*

DEADLINE TO SIGN UP: 2/16/23  
DEADLINE FOR REFUNDS: 2/16/23



*For more information:*

PLEASE CALL THE FRONT DESK  
AT (661) 873-0580

# TACO TUESDAY!



**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21ST  
6PM IN THE BALLROOM**

## **CHOOSE FROM**

- **\$11 -3 TACOS, RICE & BEANS**
- **\$15 -3 TACOS, RICE & BEANS, 1 MARGARITA**
- **\$20 -3 TACOS, RICE & BEANS, 2 MARGARITAS**
- **\$5 -PER MARGARITA**

**CASH ONLY**

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Street Tacos & Margaritas  
choice of meat: Carne Asada, Chicken, & Chile  
Verde

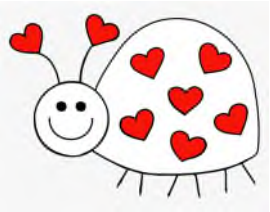





Sign up & pay at the Front Desk

**DEADLINE FOR SIGN UPS/REFUND: FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17TH**

Committee Meetings & Club Times are Subject to  
Change, Check with Lodge for most current information

# FEBRUARY 2020

**LODGE HOURS:** MONDAY-FRIDAY 10:00am-10:00pm  
**OUTDOOR AMENITIES:** MONDAY-FRIDAY 10:00am-10:00pm

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
			<p>1</p> <p>Advanced Pickle Ball 8am Dance Fitness 8am Chair Yoga 9am Canasta 1pm Dance Fitness 5:45pm</p>
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		<p>Beginners Pickle Ball 8am Bridge 1pm Crafters Club 1pm <b>SOCIAL COMMITTEE 1PM</b> Coffee w/ a Cop 5pm Bocce Ball 6pm</p>	<p>Advanced Pickle Ball 8am Dance Fitness 8am Chair Yoga 9am <b>LANDSCAPE 10AM</b> Veterans Club 11am Canasta 1pm Dance Fitness 5:45pm</p>
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19	20	21	22
	<p>Advanced Pickle Ball 8am Dance Fitness 8am Koffee Klatch 8:30am Chair Yoga 9am Ladies Luncheon 11:30am Pinochle 1pm Dance Fitness 5:45pm</p> 	<p>Beginners Pickle Ball 8am Bridge 1pm Crafters Club 1pm Bocce Ball 6pm <b>Taco Tuesday 6pm</b></p> 	<p>Advanced Pickle Ball 8am Dance Fitness 8am Chair Yoga 9am <b>BOD MEETING 6pm</b></p>
26	27	28	
	<p>Advanced Pickle Ball 8am Dance Fitness 8am Koffee Klatch 8:30am Chair Yoga 9am Plant Slant 10am Pinochle 1pm Dance Fitness 5:45pm</p> 	<p>Beginners Pickle Ball 8am Bridge 1pm Bocce Ball 6pm</p>	

# 023 CALENDAR

POOL CLOSED

MONDAYS & FRIDAYS

6AM-10PM

Y 6AM-10PM SATURDAY-SUNDAY: 9AM-5PM

ES: MONDAY-SUNDAY 6AM-10PM

Monday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>all 8am</p> <p>5pm</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Beginners Pickle Ball 8am Art Club 9:30am Bridge 1pm Bingo 5:45pm</p> 	<p>3</p> <p>Advanced Pickle Ball 8am Dance Fitness 8am Chair Yoga 9am Website Committee 9am Shred Day 12pm Game Night 1pm Advanced Pickle Ball 5:30pm</p> <p><b>ARC APPLICATIONS DUE—2PM</b></p>	<p>4</p> <p>Beginners Pickle Ball 8am</p>
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<p>Ball 8am m</p> <p>45pm</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Beginners Pickle Ball 8am Art Club 9:30am Book Club 10am Bridge 1pm <b>FINANCE COMMITTEE 1pm</b> Bingo 5:45pm</p> 	<p>17</p> <p>Advanced Pickle Ball 8am Dance Fitness 8am Chair Yoga 9am Website Committee 9am Game Night 1pm <b>EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE 2PM</b> Advanced Pickle Ball 5:30pm</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Beginners Pickle Ball 8am</p>
<p>all 8am</p> <p>PM</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Beginners Pickle Ball 8am Art Club 9:30am Bridge 1pm Bingo 5:45pm</p> 	<p>24</p> <p>Advanced Pickle Ball 8am Dance Fitness 8am Chair Yoga 9am Website Committee 9am Bunco 1pm Advanced Pickle Ball 5:30pm</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Beginners Pickle Ball 8am Computer Club 9am <b>Chili Cook-Off 1pm</b></p> 
			

## **BOD January Recap**

### **Emerald Newquist - Assistant General Manager**

On Wednesday, January 25, 2022 the Board of Directors held a General Session Meeting. The following was approved or discussed:

- Approval of Secretary's report including Executive Sessions Report and General Minutes from December 7th, 2022.
- November and December 2022 Financial Report was approved.
- Consent Calendar included 1 Ballroom Reservation for a Memorial.

Committee Reports and Approved Recommendations:

- Social:
  - a. Chili Cook Off, February 25th.
  - b. Santa Anita Races, March 18th.
  - c. Tuscany Nights, April 19th.
- Landscape:
  - a. Replacement of dead trees in the amount of \$1,665.00.
- Facilities:
  - a. Treadmills – 3 Sprit Fitness CT850 treadmills in the amount of 16,000.00
- Rules & Regulations:
  - a. Restated Election Rules approved and will be posted for 28-day community comment period and review before adoption at General Session March 1, 2023.
- I.T.:
  - a. Broken cable replacement in the amount of \$1,320.00
- Emergency Preparedness:
  - a. Frank Blakely appointed as a new member of the committee.

Under Old Business the following items were approved:

1. Lodge Reservation & Rental Agreement

Under New Business the following items were approved:

1. Save the Date – 2023 social calendar

From your friends at The Landscape Committee  
Mike Callagy - Committee Chair

We live in a unique and beautiful community. Part of that uniqueness is our front yard landscaping. Our front yards, the lawn and planters, along with the parkways are maintained by our association, unlike other HOA communities. These services are provided by a landscaping company; currently C&M Landscaping. Our association monitors the landscape company and administers the contract for services, by a member of staff. That is a huge responsibility.

Sometime, this month, drive around our community, every street, and try to number the trees, plants and shrubs. Then walk down the Paseo and do the same. Counting all of them would be very challenging.



In addition, imagine monitoring our integrated irrigation system utilizing both drippers and spray nozzles; a system, which includes 12 metered connections to the domestic water supply, 22 controllers and north of 720 stations/valves, you raise the level of difficulty from huge to, well, overwhelming. Okay, I'm glad you asked.

“Yes”, you can help our staff, the landscape company and yourself all at the same time. Our administrative staff, has developed a notification system which makes the task of monitoring much simpler and and we can help.

First, pick up some pink flag sticks at the lodge for use on your property, including the parkway. Any time you notice, in your front yard or parkway, a dead or dying tree, plant, shrub, lawn or irrigation problem, including the parkway, put a pink flag in it. Next, report the problem to staff by email or note, taking a picture if possible. Your efforts will aid the staff, landscape contractor and the landscape committee, big time, in identifying problems. Our community budget includes funds for this type of repair and/or replacement. It cost you nothing, just some awareness and a little effort will make a big difference, for everyone.

At the January Board meeting, the landscape committee submitted the west side parkway completion project for Board direction. This project will correct the west side parkway problems.

Okay, that's it. See you round our beautiful community.

Mike Callagy,  
Landscape Committee member

# CLUBS & CLASSES

## From your friends at The Social Committee Donna Tillman - Committee Member

Happy New Year everyone. I pray this coming year will bring good health and blessings to each of you.

Didn't January seem as though it just flew by? I really think the older we get, time passes us by way too quickly. We just have to be sure to count our blessings and live each day to the fullest.

Speaking of living life to the fullest, we have our Chili Cook-Off coming up on Saturday, February 25th. We are looking for 6-10 contestants to bring us your "Prize Winning" Chili. Cost for this event will be \$5.00. Please stay tuned for all the details coming out soon. There will be prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners. The first place winner will have their name added to our Chili Cook Off Plaque that is located in the Cafe area of the lodge. This event will prove to be a fun-filled day of lots of good food.

Here are just a few dates to save in the coming months:

- April 15 - Tuscany Nights (out on our beautiful patio)
- May 13 - Wine Tasting outing (TBD)
- July 1 - Golf Cart Parade (4th of July Celebration)
- September 23 - Annual Pool Party (w/live band)
- October 14 - Autumn Nights (out on our beautiful patio)
- December 2 - Holiday Gift Exchange
- December 31 - New Year's Eve Party (w/live band)



We are also trying to plan some bus trips with Solera and Rio Bravo this year, hoping to get enough folks to fill a 56 passenger bus. We have Santa Anita up first. This trip will be first come, first serve, and each community will have limited number of seats available.

There you have it for this month everyone. Welcome to all our new neighbors. So thankful for the rain we have had, but praying for other places in California that have been devastated by all the rain. Stay safe everyone. Until next time...

See you around the neighborhood!

Donna Tillmann  
Committee Member

## Dinner Club - Eileen & Mike Callagy (Club leaders)

Happy New Year to all our friends and neighbors:

As we began planning the dates for the 2023 dinner club, we decided to have the dinner club four times in 2023. The dates we selected were chosen so that we didn't interfere with events the social committee has planned. Therefore the 2023 dates are:

- February 11th
- June 17th
- August 5th
- November 4th

The February 11th dinner menu is:

- Stuffed Chicken with Cream Sauce
- Loaded Mashed Potatoes
- Winter Salad (Assorted greens, mandarin oranges, feta cheese, pomegranate seeds, candied spiced almonds and a homemade strawberry vinaigrette dressing)
- Green Beans Almondine
- Rolls and Butter
- Rice pudding with whiskey sauce

Note: Vegetarian plates will be available. Please specify when you sign up.

**WE NEED A 50 PERSON MINIMUM TO MAKE THIS HAPPEN!** You may also invite family and friends who live outside our community.

The price will be \$ 35.00 per person. Tea and water will be provided along with a cheese and cracker hors d'oeuvre tray. Bring your own adult beverage. The doors will open at 5:00 pm and dinner will be served at 6:00 pm

Please encourage your neighbors to give the dinner club a try.

Thank you for continuing to support this club!



# CLUBS & CLASSES

## Computer Club - Dave Keeney (Club Leader)

Next Meeting: Saturday, February 11th, 2023, 9:00 am  
Location: The Lodge Theatre or Zoom



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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## Crafters Club- Nancy McKenry (Club Leader)

Do you love crafting and getting together with friends? If you do, consider joining the Crafters Club meetings every 1st and 3rd Tuesday. We meet in the Arts & Crafts room from 1 pm-4 pm and have a lot of fun!

-Nancy McKenry  
njmckenry@gmail.com



## Chair Yoga Class - Melanie Yates (Club Leader)

A New Year, A New You! Chair Yoga is a great way to stretch and strengthen your body for greater flexibility and balance. Follow along at your own pace and ability. Everyone is welcome to join us on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings at 9:00 am. No previous experience or special equipment required. Questions? Call or text Melanie Yates at 661.703.0740.

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# DINNER CLUB

## MENU

*STUFFED CHICKEN w/ CREAM SAUCE*  
*LOADED MASHED POTATOES*  
*WINTER SALAD*  
*GREEN BEANS ALMONDINE*  
*ROLLS w/ BUTTER*  
*RICE PUDDING w/ WHISKEY SAUCE*



**\*VEGETARIAN OPTIONS AVAILABLE, MUST SPECIFY WHEN SIGNING UP**

**SATURDAY, FEB 11TH**

**DOORS OPEN AT 5PM - DINNER SERVED AT 6PM**

**LODGE BALLROOM**

**FAMILY AND FRIENDS INVITED**

TEA & WATER WILL BE PROVIDED  
CHEESE & CRACKERS HORS D'OEUVRE TRAY  
BYO ADULT BEVERAGE

**\*DEADLINE FOR SIGN UPS: 2/8/23\***

## CLUBS & CLASSES

### Neighbor2Neighbor Club -Margaret DeArmond/Donna Holtzclaw (Club Leaders)

The third annual Dream Center Raffle Fundraiser is scheduled for Friday, May 19 from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm and Saturday, May 20 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Raffle tickets cost \$1 each or 25 tickets for \$20. The drawing for the raffle items will be held at 1:00 pm on Saturday. You do not need to be present to win. Last year there were 37 donated items raising over \$3,000. The Neighbor 2 Neighbor Club members used this money to purchase numerous items needed by the emancipated foster youth as they get established in their first apartment.

Many generous people in our community donated items for last year's raffle such as dinner and wine baskets, wreaths, gift cards, manicure basket, movie snack items, gardening items, ice cream party basket, dog lover items, succulents, items to pamper you, and many more. If you are interested in donating a basket or item for this fundraiser, now is the time to start thinking about those ideas. If you do plan on donating a raffle item, please let us know by May 1st. We would like to know the theme of your item and a general description of the contents.

All proceeds from this fundraiser will be used to purchase items needed by the Dream Center emancipated foster youth as they settle in their first apartment.

Our next club meeting is Tuesday, February 14th at 1:00 pm in the 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.

### *Laughter Along Our Path*

One of my good friends in Four Seasons told me how one day she didn't come to a complete stop when she turned right and then rolled around the stop sign.

Oh, no! The familiar siren screamed! A huge policeman approached her car window. "What do you think you're doing young lady? What did that sign back there say?" He gruffly bellowed.

She had to crane her neck when she turned around to look. She honestly did not know there was a sign. "Uh um... Oh, it says STOP, officer." she answered as pleasantly as she could. He let her go with a stern warning.

Four-year-old Paige was in the back seat. "Who was that Mommy?"

"Oh, that was a policeman."

She innocently asked, "Why did he need your help? Can't he read?"

### Ladies Luncheon - Annette Harder (Club leaders)

The Bakersfield Country Club is a most exclusive golf club. It is set in the hills of northeast Bakersfield with a commanding view of the Tehachapi mountains and the San Joaquin Valley. This vista becomes spectacular as the sun sets and gives way to the glow of the city at night. We were greeted to a warm sunny day and seated in the fireplace room with special music played on the piano by Ruthie. Happy Birthday to Me! The menu was just for Four Seasons served by an efficient staff. We were so spoiled we want to return this month.

That is exactly what we are going to do. Monday, February 20th at 11:30 am we will return to Bakersfield Country Club, 4200 Country Club Drive. Sign up at the front desk. Meet at the flagpole at 11/11:15am if you need a ride or can give one. A big thank you to those that do swing by and give our neighbors a ride. See you on the 20th.

Annette Harder// Club Leader





# Four Seasons Lodge

## 2023 SAVE THE DATES



SHRED DAY - FEBRUARY 3RD  
COFFEE W/ A COP - FEBRUARY 7TH  
DINNER CLUB - FEBRUARY 11TH  
TACO TUESDAY - FEBRUARY 21ST  
CHILI COOK-OFF - FEBRUARY 25TH  
COMMUNITY YARD SALE - MARCH 11TH  
SANTA ANITA - MARCH 18TH  
TACO TUESDAY - MARCH 21ST  
TUSCANY NIGHT - APRIL 15TH  
TACO TUESDAY - APRIL 18TH  
WINE TASTING - MAY 13TH  
TACO TUESDAY - MAY 16TH  
N2N RAFFLE - MAY 19TH & 20TH  
DINNER CLUB - JUNE 17TH  
GOLF CART PARADE - JULY 1ST  
TACO TUESDAY - JULY 18TH  
DINNER CLUB - AUGUST 12TH  
TACO TUESDAY - SEPTEMBER 12TH  
ANNUAL POOL PARTY - SEPTEMBER 23RD  
AUTUMN NIGHTS - OCTOBER 14TH  
VETERANS BBQ - OCTOBER 18TH  
HALLOWEEN PARTY OCTOBER 28TH  
HOLIDAY CRAFT BAZAAR - NOVEMBER 11TH  
TACO TUESDAY - NOVEMBER 14TH  
GIFT EXCHANGE - DECEMBER 2ND  
YULE LOVE US CAROLERS - DECEMBER 2ND  
N2N HOLIDAY HOME TOUR - DECEMBER 9TH  
NEW YEARS EVE - DECEMBER 31ST



Sunshine Club - Linda Hofer (Club Leader)

Compassion.....Care..... Concern

The Sunshine Club is here to help our neighbors and our community. In addition to providing cards and small gifts for those who are ill or hospitalized, the Sunshine Club maintains the plants in the Lodge. Not only are the plants getting proper care, but we also save the community over \$3,000 annually!

A couple of our gals have offered to walk a sick neighbor's dog and occasionally we have supplied meals to neighbors when an unexpected illness or hospitalization has occurred. We have offered rides to the Beauty Bar and special events at the Lodge. Recently we committed to delivering the Newsletter to those who are homebound. Last, but not least our club assists with memorial services in our Ballroom providing linen for the tables and coffee set up. As always, we need the help of the community to identify neighbors in need!

Please contact Linda Hofer (Club Leader), via phone, text, or email, with information or requests.

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## **NEW TEMPORARY GATE CODE**

Effective February 1st, 2023

# **ASK THE FRONT DESK**

We will put out an e-blast as usual. Please remember to never give your personal gate code out. The temporary 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.

We change our Temporary Gate Codes monthly for your security!

## CLUBS & CLASSES

### Book Club - Kathleen Reisig (Club Leader)

The Grapes of Wrath John Steinbeck's Pulitzer Prize-winning epic of the Great Depression chronicles the Dust Bowl migration of the 1930's and tells the story of the Joads--driven from their homestead and forced to travel west to the promised land of California. Out of their trials and their repeated collisions against the realities of an America divided into Haves and Have-Nots evolves a drama that is intensely human yet majestic in its scale and moral vision, elemental yet plainspoken, tragic but ultimately stirring in its human dignity. A portrait of the conflict between the powerful and the powerless, of one man's fierce reaction to injustice, and of one woman's stoical strength, the novel captures the horrors of the Great Depression and probes into the very nature of equality and justice in America. The Book Club will meet on February 16 at 10:00am In the Library.

- Kathleen Reisig Book Club Leader



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### Plant Slant, a Vegan Book Discussion Group Patsy Ouellette - Club Leader

Plant Slant, a Vegan Book Discussion Group  
4th Monday of the month, 10:00am-Noon, Lodge Library  
Patsy Ouellette - Club Leader (661)205-7324, paouell@earthlink.net



Hello Four Seasons' Friends.

In January, the Plant Slant group learned about Strokes. It turns out that a stroke is basically a heart attack in the brain. Therefore, the same issues that cause heart attacks also cause strokes. A diet which includes saturated fats, ( meat and dairy products) contributes to atherosclerosis, or clogging of the arteries, which leads to high blood pressure, which is a risk factor for a stroke. Another risk factor is diabetes, also a lifestyle disease.

What to do? We learned that a high fiber diet, found in plants, and a diet rich in antioxidants, also found in plants, can have a significant impact on reducing one's chance of experiencing a stroke. That sounds encouraging to me.

### Art Club - Norma Niel (Club Leader)

Art Club will have a watercolor class every Thurs. morning at 9:30. in February meeting in the Lodge Cafe area.

The new watercolor class started Jan. 26th and is currently full though teacher Norma Neil suggests a waiting list will be set up.

Two successful classes on drawing and painting birds were given in January with guest instructor Barbara Mattick who brings a wealth of information about her nature subjects along with guided steps to render the birds. Students completed a watercolor of a hummingbird the first week and a scrub jay the second. In mid-March she will be back with two lessons on flowers. Look for a flyer for dates and time and to sign up.



*"I have been taking water color classes with Norma since June and have improved/learned so much! Norma is a wonderful instructor." -Debby Cline*

*Water color painting brought to you by Debby Cline*

Feb. 11th the Art Club has another free art event to paint your own bouquet of roses. Perfect for a Valentine's Day card. This will be in watercolor and at the beginner's level. The only charge will be \$5 for supplies if needed.

## CLUBS & CLASSES

### *Paint Roses Loose and Free*



FSB's Art Club will have a free watercolor class

Feb 11th at 10-12 in the Lodge Cafe area.

This will be a beginner level project.

To reserve your spot

Contact Norma Neil at Ph. 661 204-4653 to reserve your spot. The class is free . If you do not have any watercolors supplies there is a \$5 materials charge.

# CLUBS & CLASSES

## Veteran's Club - Penny Martinez (Club Leader)

In January, our guest speaker was Mr. Charles "Chuck" Cournyea (pronounced Corn-yea), District 6 Commander with the Department of California Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW). Commander Cournyea is responsible for overseeing 12 VFW posts that covers Kern, Tulare, and San Luis Obispo counties. Their legislative goals for 2023 range from budget, disability assistance and memorial affairs, education, employment, and transition assistance, health care, military quality of life and national security, foreign wars, and POW/MIA issues. Veterans, to learn how you can get involved, upcoming events, resources, visit the Department of California VFW at <https://vfwca.org>. For those of us who did not service in a military conflict, you have the opportunity to join Department of California American Legion, visit the website at <https://calegion.org>, Bakersfield is District 15, Post 682.

Our February veteran gathering will be on Wednesday the 15th. Our next guest speaker will be in March, we'll have a representative from Kern River Chapter of Blue Star Moms come speak to our group. To learn more about this organization, visit their website at <https://www.kernriverbluestarmoms.org>. Our monthly luncheon gathering is held at Huckleberry's Restaurant, located at 2673 Mt Vernon Ave, Bakersfield, CA 93306; festivities start at 11:30 am. If you plan on attending February's luncheon, please RSVP by Sunday, February 12th by either calling or emailing Penny Martinez using the contact information noted below.

If you have any questions about upcoming veterans gathering, just give Penny Martinez a call or send her an email using the information noted below. Looking forward to a blessed New Year, with the opportunity of meeting fellow veterans and hearing from guest speakers.

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