

# THE LODGE AT FOUR SEASONS



MESSENGER  
JANUARY 2023

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

Outdoor Amenities:  
Monday-Sunday  
6am-10pm

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Phone (661) 873-0581

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Email: help@cmlandscapeinc.com

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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

Phone (661) 326-3114

## Fire Department

Phone (661) 326-3911

## Police Department (non emergency)

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### Don Wolfe

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### Rod Layman

### Vice President

### Betty Romm

### Secretary

### Treasurer

### Bill Ferguson

### Lorenzo Alvarez

### Director

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MADELINE ADAMS**



## A Message From Your President

Don Wolfe

As I am writing this message, another year is fading from memory. "Time flies" is an old cliché but it is true. The older, I get, the slower I get and the faster the clock seems to move.

Like always this time of year, the waning days of December have been spent returning gifts, buying 70% off holiday decorations, smiling at strangers, patiently waiting our turn in endless lines, and saying, "Happy Holidays", "Merry Christmas", "Happy New Year", "Happy Hanukkah", and "Happy Kwanzaa". Tis the season to be jolly and inclusive!!

During these days of fellowship and celebration, it is important that we pause and reflect on those less fortunate and remember them in our hearts, thoughts, and prayers.

Looking past New Year's Day, 2023 is already shaping up to be a very busy year for our staff and all the volunteers who have signed on to serve our Four Seasons community. Without their tireless contributions, we could accomplish nothing. A big "THANK YOU" to all of them.

Here are a few things to look forward to in the coming months:

\*We are working to have a new General Manager on board by the end of January, giving relief to Emerald and her staff as well as continuity at the helm for Four Seasons.

\*The RFP Committee is in full swing developing a draft RFP, draft Management Service Contract, and a list of qualified and interested vendors to solicit. Bill Ferguson, Committee Chair, will give a status report during the next General Meeting.

\*The revised CC&Rs and Rules and Regulations documents are getting close to being released for Member review. Thank you, Rules and Regulations Committee.

\*The Emergency Preparedness Committee, chaired by Van Mount, had it's first meeting last week and hit the ground running. We have high expectations.

\*The Website Committee, chaired by David Keene, is off to the races with lots of ideas for enhancing our website. My role clearly is to stay out of their way!!

**TO ALL THE MEMBERS OF FOUR SEASONS BAKERSFIELD, HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!**

Don Wolfe  
President



## **DECEMBER TREASURER'S REPORT**

### **Balance Sheet Summary Report K. Hovnanian's Four Seasons**

As of November 30, 2022

	<b>Balance Nov 30, 2022</b>	<b>Balance Oct 31, 2022</b>	<b>Change</b>
Total Operating Funds	80,599.30	116,665.58	(36,066.28)
Total Reserve Funds	1,824,042.33	1,803,857.20	20,185.13
Total Account Receivables	16,693.39	13,514.12	3,179.27
Total Prepaid Expenses	4,748.44	1,143.94	3,604.50
Total Fixed Asset	87,604.34	87,604.34	0.00
Total Assets	<u>2,013,687.80</u>	<u>2,022,785.18</u>	<u>(9,097.38)</u>
Total Current Liabilities	50,285.67	69,722.40	(19,436.73)
Total Accounts Payable	78,387.67	94,693.25	(16,305.58)
Total Liabilities	<u>128,673.34</u>	<u>164,415.65</u>	<u>(35,742.31)</u>
Total Reserves Fund	1,824,042.33	1,803,857.20	20,185.13
Total Prior Years Equity	125,929.14	125,929.14	0.00
Total Owners' Equity	<u>1,949,971.47</u>	<u>1,929,786.34</u>	<u>20,185.13</u>
<b>Net Income / (Loss)</b>	<b>(64,957.01)</b>	<b>(71,416.81)</b>	<b>6,459.80</b>
<b>Total Liabilities and Equity</b>	<b><u>2,013,687.80</u></b>	<b><u>2,022,785.18</u></b>	<b><u>(9,097.38)</u></b>

## A Few Words From Your Treasurer

Bill Ferguson



Hello again and welcome to 2023.

Now that we're done with '22 it's time to look back and see where we financially did well and what went wrong. This is really important as it allows us to change our ways so that we don't make the same mistakes again, and to also reinforce some of the correct decisions that we did make.

We don't have the final results for 2022 yet, but we do have the financial data through November 30, and overall it looks pretty good. Here are some examples of where we "guessed" correctly with last year's budget (as I have said before, a budget is little more than an educated guess).

So far, the results are that we came in with the difference between the budgeted and actuals with an error of less than 3%, a total net loss of about \$53,000. This error is not too bad, but it needs examination.

One of our continuing problems, when constructing our budget, is that we claim that our income includes our total membership (479) times our annual per member assessments. This, in reality, is wishful thinking as each year we continue to have delinquencies in payments. As an example, we ended November 30, with a \$52,000 outstanding balance which alone accounted for a 2.7% budget deficit.

Why do we allow this? The budget income, like the expenses, are a projection. In an attempt to provide the best number, we project what we consider to be our assured income. We cannot know what the delinquencies will be in the future so no guessing for those is allowed. Typically, this may result in about a 2% error which is reasonable and usually can be covered by overestimating some of the expenses (because these, we can "guess" their future impact). Fortunately, the final budget is a process of give and take and it usually averages out.

## A Few Words From Your Treasurer

Bill Ferguson

Why are the outstanding balances allowed to become so large? This also needs an explanation. We vigorously challenge the offender's balance, but we must work within constraints. There are rules and they are specified in article 2 of the Davis-Stirling Common Interest Act (beginning with civil code 5650).

As an example, we cannot move with legal action, towards a lien until the amount of the delinquent assessments, exclusive of late charges, fees, interest and costs of collection is more than \$1,800 or they are at least 12 months delinquent. Until that time, we continue to add to their ledger both the fines and interest in response to their late payment and these continue throughout the process which increases their outstanding balance.

Once we do attach a lien there are other hurdles that may cause us to eventually write off most of what is due as bad debt. We are only able to recover, at most, the past dues not including the fees or interest. Also, we by law, are not first in the queue for any recovery. We fall in behind the state, the county, the banks and any lenders. Another stumbling block, which we are currently experiencing, is that a member has filed for chapter seven bankruptcy which also will affect the HOA's ability to collect. We do have the option to hire a bankruptcy attorney, but this usually is throwing good money after bad.

It's a long road and the final result is never regaining all of what is owed to us. Sorry I'm leaving you on a bad note, but this is what goes on as we continually try to protect the financial security of your HOA.

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



# Rule Reminder

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## Architectural Standards

*Please remember to submit an ARC Application when 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.

### **B. ARC Meetings**

K. Hovnanian's Four Seasons at Bakersfield Community Association Architectural Review Committee meets monthly (please check newsletter calendar for date and time). The date and time of the meeting is subject to change as determined necessary by the ARC members and will be posted as needed. Applications are due by 2pm, four business days prior to the ARC meeting in order to be included on the ARC's agenda.

### **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



# Brain Teaser

There are 6 words hidden throughout the image below, can you find them all?



## Kern's Libraries, Voters, and an Act of God

By Kitty DeArmond (Four Seasons Resident)

*Written by Gilbert Gia, local historian, past president of the Kern County Historical Society and author of Race, Sports and Black Unity, 1975-1988. Reprinted with permission of the author.*



In 1900 Truxtun Beale built Beale Memorial Library at 17th Street and Chester Avenues in remembrance of his father, General Edward Fitzgerald Beale. He deeded it to the City of Bakersfield. In 1910 Kern County supervisors approved a library system for the county. Voters funded it with a two and one-half percent property tax, and branches opened at Randsburg, Glennville, Oil Center, Delano, Maricopa, and Pattiway, a few miles south of Maricopa. In 1923 the city and county libraries merged, and headquarters were set up in the courthouse basement.

Alfred Harrell, owner and editor of *The Bakersfield Californian*, favored a new home for the library. In 1934 Kern County supervisors took up the cause. Harrell wrote:

“Culturally, the library has demonstrated its value as a center of enlightenment and literary entertainment which is its main purpose. It is on institutions such as this that enlightened and high-minded citizenship is fostered, and for that reason it is an important and necessary part of civil life. Although other public works and services may show tangible results, none is more necessary and desirable than the imponderable values that come to a community through the spread of enlightenment. In the end, the culture of the community is the measure of its real importance. No happier New Year greeting could have been received than the announcement that the Public Works Administration has allotted \$274,000 for construction of the county library building in Bakersfield.

## Kern's Libraries, Voters, and an Act of God CONT.

It will be financed by the Public Works Administration in the form of a loan of two-thirds of the total sum, repayable over a long period of years and low interest, and by a Federal grant of one third, or about \$90,000, as a gift to the county. From the financial point of view, nothing could be more satisfactory or more economical.”

The election of 1934 came at a low point in the Depression. Prospects were poor for the measure's passage. It needed a two-thirds vote for approval, however just 33% of voters turned out, and the majority of them voted “No.” Library headquarters remained in the basement for the next eighteen years.

In 1940, the system had fifteen permanent branches and many temporary ones in post offices, businesses, schools, and private homes. By then, headquarters had occupied the basement for thirty years, and in that time never had enough enough space.

The earthquakes of 1952 forced a move. For the next five years, library headquarters operated out tents and other temporary facilities. A new Kern County Courthouse was completed in 1957, and Kern County Free Library moved to the east ground floor, the current location of Kern County Jury Services

In 1988, thirty-one years later, a dedicated library structure was built at Truxtun Avenue and Q Street. It retained the original 1900 name, Beale Memorial Library.

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### Happy Holidays From Your ARC Friends Sandy Moffett - Committee Member

Where did the year go? Seems like just yesterday I was filling out my 2022 calendar, and now it's time for the new one.

What will 2023 bring? Who knows. We can only plan and dream, hope and pray. So, with that in mind, we wish you all a Happy, Hopeful, Blessed New Year.

Sandy Moffett - Resident



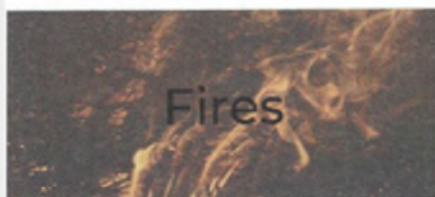
## November Safety Tip by Rodger Barnes (Four Seasons Resident)

I thought for this month I would share with you KERN READY. It is a part of the Kern County Fire Department office of emergency services. You may have seen their building Located on Panorama Dr at Mt Vernon, across from Bakersfield College with all the antennas.

It was designed to keep you informed by email, phone or other means in case of Earthquakes, Severe Weather, fires, floods or evacuations orders. I have been of this systems since inception. Easy to sign up. Look at the info below for more details and how to sign up. Its free.

### SIGN UP TODAY!

To receive essential information quickly in a variety of situations. Such as:



**READYKERN**

### NEED HELP OR MORE INFORMATION?

Call the Kern County Information and Referral Services hotline number at 2-1-1.

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**November Safety Tip by Rodger Barnes (Four Seasons Resident)**

# How to sign up for ReadyKern:

*To sign up online:*

Go to [www.ReadyKern.com](http://www.ReadyKern.com) and follow the screen prompts.

*To sign up by mail:*

Complete this form and return by mail to the address provided below.

(Fields with the \* are required.)

\*FIRST NAME:

\*LAST NAME:

BUSINESS NAME:

\*PHYSICAL ADDRESS:

\*CITY:

\*STATE:

\*ZIP CODE:

\*PRIMARY PHONE #:

SECONDARY PHONE #:

\*CELL PHONE #:

\*LANDLINE PHONE #:

PRIMARY E-MAIL ADDRESS:

SECONDARY E-MAIL ADDRESS:

TDD/TTY DEVICE #:

<sup>1</sup> TELECOMMUNICATION DEVICE FOR THE DEAF/TELETYPEWRITER:



**MAIL TO:**

KERN COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES  
Attention: ReadyKern Program  
2601 Panorama Drive, Building B  
Bakersfield, CA 93306

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

# JANUARY 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><b>LODGE CLOSED</b></p> 	<p>2</p> <p>Advanced Pickle Ball 7am            Dance Fitness 8am            Koffee Klatch 8:30am            Chair Yoga 9am            Pinochle 1pm            Dance Fitness 5:45pm</p> 	<p>3</p> <p>Beginners Pickle Ball 7am  <b>SOCIAL COMMITTEE 1pm</b>            Bridge 1pm            Crafters Club 1pm            Bocce Ball 6pm</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Advanced Pickle Ball 7am            Dance Fitness 8am            Chair Yoga 9am            Canasta 1pm            Dance Fitness 5:45pm</p>
<p>8</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Advanced Pickle Ball 7am            Dance Fitness 8am            Koffee Klatch 8:30am            Chair Yoga 9am  <b>IT Committee 9am</b>  <b>RULES &amp; REGS 10AM</b>            Pinochle 1pm  <b>FACILITIES 1PM</b>            Dance Fitness 5:45pm</p> 	<p>10</p> <p>Beginners Pickle Ball 7am            Bridge 1pm            Neighbor2Neighbor 1pm            Bocce Ball 6pm</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Advanced Pickle Ball 7am            Dance Fitness 8am            Chair Yoga 9am  <b>LANDSCAPE 10AM</b>            Veterans Club 11am            Canasta 1pm            Dance Fitness 5:45pm</p>
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# 023 CALENDAR

POOL CLOSED

MONDAYS & FRIDAYS

6AM-10AM

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

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

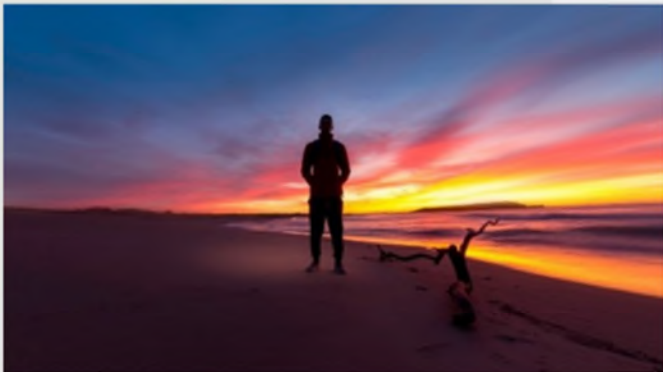
Monday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>all 7am</p> <p>5pm</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Beginners Pickle Ball 7am Art Club 9:30am Bridge 1pm Bingo 5:45pm</p> 	<p>6</p> <p>Advanced Pickle Ball 7am Dance Fitness 8am Chair Yoga 9am Website Committee 9am Game Night 1pm New Homeowner Orientation 2pm Advanced Pickle Ball 5:30pm <b>ARC APPLICATIONS DUE - 2PM</b></p>	<p>7</p> <p>Beginners Pickle Ball 7am</p>
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From your friends at The Landscape Committee  
Mike Callagy - Committee Chair

The Man in the Arena

*“It is not the critic who counts: not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles or where the doer of deeds could have done better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by the dust and sweat and blood, who strives valiantly, who errs and comes up short again and again, because there is no effort without error and shortcoming, but who knows the enthusiasms, the great devotions; who spends himself for a worthy cause; who, at the best, knows, in the end, the triumph of high achievement, and who, at worst, if he fails, at least falls while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those timid souls who know neither victory or defeat”.*

*Theodore Roosevelt April 23, 1910*



I am sure that the members of the Four Seasons Landscape Committee, one and all, would not compare themselves with the “Man in the Arena” described by President Roosevelt, but, in fact, they have dared to step out, to help, to improve the living environment for our community, one and all.

I extend my thanks and gratitude for their contribution and effort to make our group of houses, homes. The process of unifying and leveling the landscape in our entire community is proceeding and coming together. Slowly, yes, but steadily and thoughtfully. The committee is hopeful that we can bring an acceptable and approvable plan for the parkways and Paseo to our Board in January 2023. This is difficult work and tempers have flared, direction has been, at times, uncertain, but our determination has not waivered. Bottom line, our community will be improved and value added.

I am also very thankful for all the community members who have attended our meetings, adding value and ideas. We are very blessed to live where we do. This is a wonderful community with a whole lot of loving and caring friends. Thank you so much for your participation.

I pray God’s very best and blessings for your New Year and look forward expectantly to progress in 2023.

Mike Callagy,  
Landscape Committee member

## Facilities December New Business

### Jack King - Committee Chair

Reincorporate Common Area Deposit back into the ARC standards. To do this ARC standards must be amended.

- Deposit was removed because all homes have been sold and backyards have been completed. Now home owners are remodeling their homes and backyards causing damage to roads and common areas. The Association needs CAD reinstated to pay for any damage to road and common areas.
- ARC Standards need to state that all materials be dumped in driveways. Not in the road or left in a trailer on the street.

### Gym Equipment

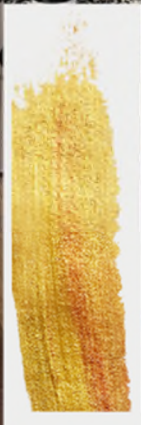
- We currently have 3 treadmills that need to be replaced. 2 treadmills are out of order and 1 treadmill's speed control does not work correctly. Because of the age of these machines parts are not available. Fourth treadmill is still working but will need to be replaced at a later date to match the other three.

This is just the start of the 2023 session. I would like to thank all of the committee members for their hard work. Randy Holtzclaw, Carole Casteen, and Steven England.

Facilities Committee Chair  
Jack King



# HAPPY NEW YEAR





HAPPY  
NEW YEAR



*Four Seasons Community did what they  
do best when they come together and that's,  
have a good time!*

*Cheers!*

*Thank You Social Committee*

# CLUBS & CLASSES

## 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
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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, January 14th, 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.

Any questions text or call Melanie Yates, at 661.703.0740.



## CLUBS & CLASSES

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

The Holiday Home Tour on December 10th was a huge success raising money for the Dream Center and giving our community members a holiday celebration and social time. Thank you so very much to our home tour hosts. It was wonderful to see your beautiful decorations and we appreciate your generosity in opening your home to the Four Seasons community.

- Kat & Lorenzo Alvarez
- Ruth & Jerry Greer
- Betty & Michael Marquez
- Susie Yslas / Van Mounts
- Gail & Charles Vorhees

Neighbor 2 Neighbor Club members are planning on having this Holiday Home Tour again next year. If you are interested in showing your home in December 2023, please contact the club leaders.

We have recently purchased many items for the emancipated foster youth at the Dream Center: jackets, coats, sweats, microwave ovens, hygiene items, and Walmart gift cards for all those attending the Dream Center Christmas party. During the month of January, we will continue shopping for more items for the young adults moving to their first apartment. Thanks to our generous Four Seasons community for making these purchases possible and for the many donations you make from your own homes.

Our next club meeting is Tuesday, January 10th at 1:00 pm in the Arts & Crafts Room.

All community members are always welcome to attend.

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## CLUBS & CLASSES

### *Laughter Along Our Path*

#### Bringing Up the Rear

At the end of each school day, the kindergarten children would form two lines behind me and walk to the bus. They wore bulging backpacks and carried colorful lunch pails. To keep the lines moving in an orderly manner, I held the hands of the two-line leaders. Twenty or more children followed me quacking like little ducks following their mother.

As we walked along, one little girl spoke up, "I want to hold your hand. Why can't I ever hold it?"

I turned around and said, "Oh my goodness. I only have two hands. What if I hold your hand tomorrow?"

"OK then, Mrs. Carney," she said. "I'll just hold your butt!"

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

What a treat to be home for the holidays! The tables in The Lodge ballroom were decorated with Holly and Ivy with treats to take home.

The 35 ladies, dressed in our Christmas best, were welcomed with carols played on the piano by Ruthie and I think I heard some singing from Ida also. David went over the menu and even had a raffle with three ladies winning bracelets. The meal was served quickly by David, Daniel, and Valerie. All was very tasty and even came with a warning that the Sweet Potatoe Soufflé was HOT from the oven. The chef, Glen, made the rounds to each table encouraging us to try all the fabulous table of cookies. David declined the donated bag of money collected for the event knowing the community has a favorite charity. It was unanimous to give the donation to Neighbor to Neighbor.

It's my birthday so it must be January. Let's return to our favorite place.

On Friday, January 20 at 11:30am we will meet at Bakersfield Country Club, 4200 Country Club Drive. Sign up sheet is at the front desk. If you need a ride or can give one meet at the flagpole between 11/11:15am.

Annette Harder// Club Leader



## CLUBS & CLASSES

### 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 January 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)

Science fiction, mystery, a passionate love story, and a detailed history of Old New York blend together in Jack Finney's illustrated novel *Time and Again* a spellbinding story of a young man enlisted in a secret experiment. Transported from the mid-twentieth century to New York City in the year 1882, Si Morley walks the fashionable "Ladies' Mile" of Broadway, is enchanted by the jingling sleigh bells in Central Park, and solves a 20th-century mystery by discovering its 19th-century's roots. Falling in love with a beautiful young woman from the past, he ultimately finds himself forced to choose between his lives in the present and the past. *Time and Again* is a remarkable blending of the troubled present and a nostalgic past, made vivid and extraordinary moving by the image's of a time that was...and perhaps still is.

The Book Club will meet on January 19th 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  
3rd Monday(December only) of the month, 10:00-Noon, Lodge Library  
Patsy Ouellette - Club Leader(661)205-7324, paouell@earthlink.net



Hello Four Seasons' Friends. We in the Plant Slant Book Group hope you had a healthy and joyous Christmas. We enjoyed sharing healthy, vegan food at our Christmas potluck, but now it's time to get back to work.

For the month of January, we will be starting Chapter Three in the "How Not to Die" book. Chapter three is titled "How Not to Die From Brain Diseases", focusing on Stroke and Alzheimer's disease. If there is a way to diminish the risk of getting either of those, I want to know about it. Perhaps you do to. If so, please join us.

See you next time. Monday, January 23.

## CLUBS & CLASSES

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

The FSB Art Club is inviting any interested residents and their guests to consider the art classes offered here in our community. The small classes offer a lot of individual attention while offering teaching designed around your art goals. The continuing watercolor class, which started in June, will again have a new class start in late Jan. Instructor, Norma Neil, calls it "Watercolor Bootcamp" so new students will quickly learn basic watercolor skills and within a few weeks be joining in the continuing students in painting projects.

Many artists fall between the two groups so you can work on a lesson at your level, with no extra charge and combine a mix of basic and more advanced projects. There are two free classes for the beginners, the first is to audit and perhaps join in a class to experience the flavor. The second class is a shorter class to review the painting supplies you might have, and to see what you will need. Contact Norma Neil [nneil2@att.net](mailto:nneil2@att.net) or by text 661-204-4653. For more information or to register.

Sign ups are being taken for the 2 classes drawing our local birds from nature with Barbara Mattick. See the Nov. Messenger or call Barbara Mattick, Ph. (661) 619-5900 for further information or to register.  
Each class is \$20.



Misty Mountains was the subject for a recent watercolor class. Though still not finished, each student, including the newest ones, delivered a glowing sky breaking through the mist. Teacher, Norma Neil says that "story telling" is part of art and each of these paintings captures a feeling of a special space and time inviting the viewer to explore more.  
Student work shown is by Debby Cline, Jan Lemucchi, Lisa Bradly, Fran O'Brien and Janie Hughes.  
Students regularly share how important learning to paint has become to them.

## CLUBS & CLASSES

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

Happy New Year! It's amazing how fast 2022 went and we're looking forward to a New Year filled with an abundance of blessings. In December, our combined veteran's group enjoyed listening too and singing along with Solera Resident Mark Kohls as he entertained us by playing holiday songs on his ukulele. A good time was had by all, even the restaurant staff and fellow patrons enjoyed the music and sing along; even though we were occasionally off key. Thank You Mark Kohls for taking the time out to entertain our veteran group; it was greatly appreciated and we all left with smiles, a lighter step, and wishing for a white Christmas.

Our speaker schedule for 2023 is set, check out the veteran group display at The Grove clubhouse to learn about our upcoming speakers. Our January 11th speaker will be Mr. Chuck Cournyea, Commander District 6 (Kern), with the Department of California Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW). 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, please RSVP by Sunday, January 8th 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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