

THE LODGE AT FOUR SEASONS



MESSENGER
APRIL 2023

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

Outdoor Amenities:
Monday-Sunday
6am-10pm

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Seabreeze Customer Escrow Department

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California Water Service

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President's Message

Don Wolfe

March has been another busy month for your Board, Management Staff and Committees. One Committee in particular meets on a weekly basis, and sometimes in between, pushing their project forward. I will leave you to guess which one. Their hard work and dedication, along with all the others, is greatly appreciated.

Our most critical task at hand is the search for a Management Company. Final selection is scheduled for April 26th. We have a lot of work to do between now and then. Do not believe any rumors!

I, for one, am ready to take a few days off. Thankfully, we will all have a chance to blow off a little steam at our Tuscany Night party April 15th. Looking forward to it.

You are likely getting tired of being badgered to turn in your "Age Verification Forms." For those that have, THANK YOU!!! We currently have about 65% compliance. The minimum allowed response is 80%. If we fail to comply, Housing and Urban Development could take our Active Adult Community status. We don't want to mess with those guys.

It is election time again and the call for candidates has gone out. That means new Directors, new Committees and new Officers. Change? Maybe! If you have expertise or energy not being utilized, fill out a Committee Application and get directly involved. Make a difference.

I can't close without again expressing my gratitude for the great job our staff continues to do for us under stressful circumstances.

Don Wolfe

Rule Reminder

POOL & SPA AREAS

With the pool beginning to be heated starting April 15th, we thought it would be a good time to remind you of our Pool Rules.

Hours:

- The pool and spa areas are available during Lodge hours, which are subject to change.
- From time to time, the pool and spa areas may need to be closed for maintenance.
- Children under the age of five (5) years old are not allowed in the pool or spa area at anytime.
- Pool hours for children between five (5) years old and fourteen (14) years old are from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm daily.

Children:

- There must be at least one Resident to accompany and supervise each group of five (5) children or less under the age of fourteen (14) years old. Supervising adult must stay with children at all times.
- A responsible adult who is capable of rendering emergency assistance to a child should the need arise in the pool and spa area must be present.
- Children under the age of fourteen (14) years old are not allowed in the spa at anytime due to health concerns.

Just NOT ALLOWED:

- Glass objects in or around pool and spa areas.
- Incontinent persons of any age.
- Pets, except for service animals as provided for under the American with Disabilities Act.
- Soap, bath oils, soluble sunscreens, et cetera.





MARCH TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance Sheet Summary Report K. Hovnanian's Four Seasons

As of February 28, 2023

	Balance Feb 28, 2023	Balance Jan 31, 2023	Change
Total Operating Funds	95,384.23	80,363.82	15,020.41
Total Reserve Funds	1,888,373.67	1,866,698.49	21,675.18
Total Account Receivables	15,624.39	18,570.58	(2,946.19)
Total Prepaid Expenses	25,218.03	14,295.62	10,922.41
Total Fixed Asset	87,604.34	87,604.34	0.00
Total Assets	2,112,204.66	2,067,532.85	44,671.81
Total Current Liabilities	48,573.41	50,586.87	(2,013.46)
Total Accounts Payable	74,335.51	72,803.22	1,532.29
Total Liabilities	122,908.92	123,390.09	(481.17)
Total Reserves Fund	1,888,373.67	1,866,698.49	21,675.18
Total Prior Years Equity	52,058.26	52,058.26	0.00
Total Owners' Equity	1,940,431.93	1,918,756.75	21,675.18
Net Income / (Loss)	48,863.81	25,386.01	23,477.80
Total Liabilities and Equity	2,112,204.66	2,067,532.85	44,671.81

News from the Nominating Committee

By Sandy Moffett (Committee Chair)

It seems like we just had an election, but here we go again. There are two spots opening on the board; those currently held by Rod Layman and Betty Romm. We thank them for the time and support they have given to the board this past year.

If you were at the Board of Directors meeting, you received our election timeline. But for those unable to attend, please review these important dates.

4/18/2023 at 5:00 p.m. – Nomination Deadline

5/8/2023 – Pre-Ballot Notice date 6/2/2023 – Vote List and Candidate Registration List Correction Deadline

6/7/2023 – Meet the Candidates Night

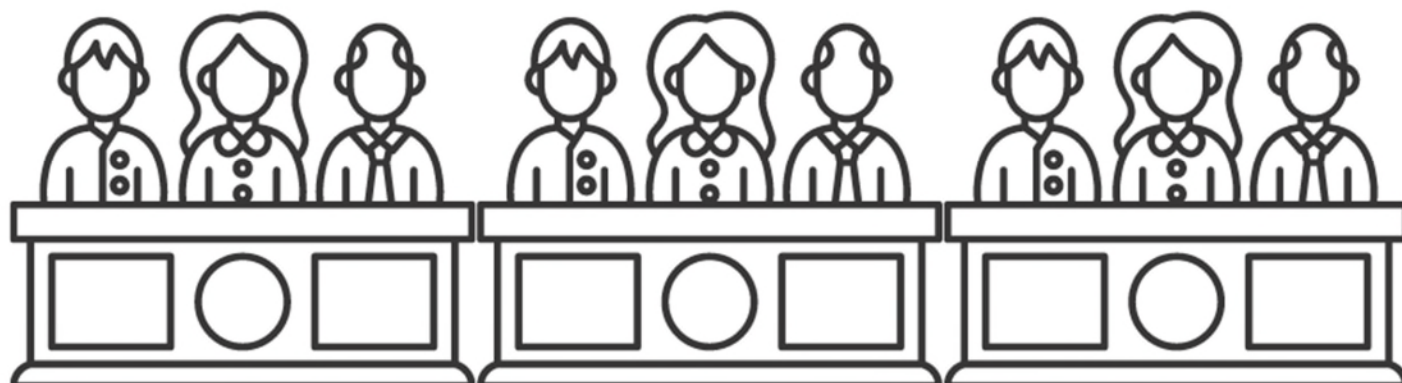
7/12/2023 at 6:00 p.m. – Election

7/27/2023 – Election Results Deadline

As a member in good standing of our community, you have the right to be a part of this important process. Please consider running for a position on the board.

Thank you.

Sandy Moffett, Committee Chair



News from your ARC Neighbors

By Sandy Moffett (Committee Member)

“Only in California” as they say. One day we’re in sweaters, and the next shorts and flip-flops. I can’t wait to get back into the pool!

Have you loved the rain? I have, but I know there are many who have been displaced, and for those people, I pray for safety.

As we begin to prepare for Spring, I am drawn to the garden. I love to get my hands in the dirt and plant veggies. They seldom grow for me, but the process is still cathartic. Enjoy your walks, and greet your neighbors as we begin to emerge from winter hibernation. Remember that **Each Day is a Gift.**

Sandy Moffett – Resident

**Each day is a gift
Placed at the foot of our beds
For us to find when we wake**

**What is inside is a secret
Until we make the choice
To sacrifice the colorful wrapping
To get to the treasure inside**

**Let go of the “what if”
The questions
And brave the unknown**

**Conquer the fear
Open the gift
Embrace the possibilities
And share the joy
Of what you’ve been given
Sandy Moffett ©**

Edward Davis Townsend, Part 2

By Kitty DeArmond (Four Seasons Resident)

A Mournful Journey



Edward Davis Townsend (August 22, 1817- May 10, 1893) was Adjutant General of the United States Army from 1869 to 1880. His biography on Find a Grave eulogizes him as follows:

“The grandson of Vice President Elbridge Gerry, Townsend was educated at Boston's Latin School before graduating from the United States Military Academy in 1837. He was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the Second U. S. Artillery and served as that regiment's adjutant and participated in the Second Seminole War and the relocation of the Cherokee. In 1846 he was transferred to the Adjutant General's Corps and assigned to duty in Washington,

D.C. He served on the Pacific coast from 1851 to 1856, after which he returned to Washington for the remainder of his career. In February 1869 he was promoted to Brigadier General and became Adjutant General. He retired in 1880. He died in Washington in 1893 after an accidental shock from a cable car and is buried at Rock Creek Cemetery in Washington DC.” According to Malcolm Edwards, editor of *The California Diary of General E. D. Townsend*, he was “the unheralded confidant and advisor of presidents, generals and politicians during and after the Civil War.”

Following the April 14, 1865 assassination of President Abraham Lincoln, Townsend was in charge of the Guard of Honor which escorted President Lincoln's body from Washington D.C. to Springfield, Illinois. According to History.com: “Lincoln's funeral train traveled through seven states and 180 cities. Approximately 300 people accompanied Lincoln's body on the 1,654-mile journey, including his eldest son Robert. Also on the train was a coffin containing the body of Lincoln's son Willie, who had died in 1862 of typhoid fever at the age of 11.”

The following is a copy of the letter Townsend wrote to his wife Annie while performing that somber duty:

Edward Davis Townsend, Part 2 CONT.

Cleveland, Ohio April 28, 1865

My darling Annie

We have arrived thus far on our mournful journey. It has been one long funeral, and the people are all chief mourners, weeping, literally weeping, for a father. It is impossible to describe or imagine the scenes we pass through by day and by night.

Of course at the principal towns where we tarry several hours there are fine processions, and imposing displays. But that's not all. At every railroad depot, hamlet, and wayside cottage, the people all turn out to show all the marks of respect and love they can invent. At Rochester, for instance, there were fifty thousand people out at three o'clock in the morning. They had a band to play solemn music and a choir sang a dirge. At many places committees of ladies have brought exquisite wreaths and bouquets to lay on the coffin. There are torch-lights, bonfires, bells tolling, cannon firings, tableaux, bands of girls dressed in white with black scarfs over their shoulders.

Oh, I can't tell you now, one half. The most affecting part is to see the silent shedding of tears as the hearse car, or hearse passes. Men and women weep at the sight.

One most remarkable feature is that the assassin is never alluded to, nor his deed. There is no vengeance. The wretch is lost sight of in the absorbing grief at the nation's loss. And where is the murderer! Hunted out of swamps like a wolf and shot down! Shot through the head, as he shot his victim. Wonderful retributions! I am glad he is not taken alive to be tried, with lawyers to awaken mawkish sympathy by pleas of insanity; with theatrical speeches to act out the horrid drama. Let him die in memory as he was driven from life - like a wild beast of prey.

Now you wish to know how I am bearing the journey. I am very well, and so far have no fear of ailing. I rest and sleep every chance I can get, by day or night. It is by far the hardest duty, the most severe trial I ever had, but I hope to go through it all safely. I fear I cannot get home before the 10th of May, but hope I may. Our party is very agreeable. We have splendid cars with lounges and berths and every comfort. The people overflow with hospitality and kindnesses. And now good-bye. Kiss the boys and girls for me and best love to all. Your devoted Edward

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

“Celebrate, celebrate, dance to the music.”

Our board, last night unanimously approved Phase 1 of a three phase project to refurbish the parkways on the western half of our community. A total of 21 streets which have been parkway embarrassment for 6 or 7 years will now be made to look just like the parkways on the eastern side.

The landscape committee has been working on this much needed face lift for seven months. A huge effort on the part of the board and committee along with about a dozen others has resulted in an economically sound and practical resolution of a bad condition for our entire neighborhood. The parkway phase 1 construction will start shortly and take about 6 weeks to complete.

My sincerest thanks and appreciation are extended to the Board, Staff, Finance Committee and the Landscape Committee, they acted in unity, saw the problem, and began the process of repair. Unity in our community is a very important. They saw possibilities not problems, a desirable future not a present mess, and chose to take a positive attitude rather than a negative approach. The result: unity in the community.

My wife, Eileen, expressed it well last night, “Are we perfect, no!-----” I would like to encourage everyone to step up and think of what we each of us can do to transfer those (all to natural, negative feelings) into solutions to make it better.

The landscape committee will be dark in April, back in May. I encourage anyone who is interested in making our neighborhood better to join us.

With deepest thanks:
Mike Callagy



BOD February Recap

Emerald Newquist - Assistant General Manager

On Wednesday, March 29, 2023, the Board of Directors held a General Session Meeting. The following was approved or discussed:

- Approval of Secretary's report including Executive Sessions Report from March 29, 2023; and General Minutes from February 22, 2023 and March 1, 2023.
- February 2023 Financial Report was approved.
- Consent Calendar included four Ballroom Reservations and 1 request for pod storage extension.
- Committee Reports and Approved Recommendations:

Social:

- a. Santa Anita Races, March 11th was a successful collaboration with Solera and Rio Bravo HOAs. The Social Committee plans to schedule more joint events in the future.
- b. Tuscany Nights, April 15th, tables of 6 and 8, \$5 per person, live music.
- c. Upcoming bus trip to Tehachapi in June for wine tasting and dinner, date TBD.

Finance:

- a. The Finance Committee reviewed the Association's reserve fund and financial ability to pay for the Landscape Parkway project in the three phases (phase 1 in 2023/phase 2 in 2024/phase 3 in 2025), and for the mulch for the front yards proposed by the Landscape Committee. They determined that it is a financially sound plan to meet the Association's maintenance responsibility.

Landscape:

- a. Parkway Project Phase 1: Install fescue sod and PVC spray irrigation system on the following parkways: Francois, Besancon, Gratz, Kingsport, Naples, and Petersburg. Total Phase 1 cost \$115,875.
- b. Francois and Besancon Front Yard Repairs in the amount of \$3,345, which will address a number of front yard issues from uneven yards to missing plants, and unacceptable turf.
- c. Spare 3HP motor purchase for irrigation/booster pump (a backup in the event that a booster pump fails in the middle of a summer period) in the amount of \$2,925.
- d. Mulch for all the front yard flowerbeds for the homes in the Association in the amount of \$25,000.

Facilities:

- a. Wrought-iron fence painting project is underway.
- b. Bids have been obtained for the next phase of street sealing.
- c. New pole-pads have been installed in the pickleball court.

BOD February Recap CONT.
Emerald Newquist - Assistant General Manager

Nominating:

- a. Members are encouraged to run for the Board of Directors. Deadline to turn in candidate nomination form is on April 18th at 3:00 p.m.
- b. Inspector of Election services in the amount of \$1,500.
- c. Sign placement at North and South Gates: "Be the Change You Want to See: Run for the Board of Directors." Committee signs will not allow candidate signs to be placed in the common area.

Rules & Regulations:

- a. CC&Rs Draft 5 approved to be sent to the County for review of recordability and Townhalls to be scheduled prior to CC&Rs election.

I.T.:

- a. Router/firewall purchase in the amount of \$369.
- b. 10 new security cameras to cover Lodge blind spots for a total of \$685.

Emergency Preparedness:

- a. Four Seasons Community Emergency Preparedness Handbook for residents to be made available on the www.fsbhoa.com website, sent electronically to members, and copies will be available to pick up at the Lodge front desk.
- b. The Emergency Preparedness Committee completed its task and is disbanded.

Adhoc RFP:

- a. Proposals have been received and the Committee presented the Board with recommendations.
- b. The Board will review contracts and conduct interviews.
- c. The RFP Committee completed its task and is disbanded.

Under Old Business the following items were approved:

1. Board of Directors Guidelines for Committees and Committee Charter revisions tabled to further consider member feedback.

Under New Business the following items were approved:

1. Water Volleyball Net approved in the amount of \$300.

Safety Tips & Driving

by Rodger Barnes (Four Seasons Resident)

Although I have talked about safe driving within and outside of our community, it is worthwhile mentioning it again with a few more tips.

We all age differently, and for this reason, there is not one recommended age to quit driving. So how does one know when to stop driving or for that matter to keep on driving? To help decide, ask yourself:

- Do other drivers often honk at me?
- Have I had some accidents even if just “fender benders?”
- Am I having trouble seeing road signs, exits, or lane lines?
- Am I still flexible enough to turn my head to check mirrors and blind spots comfortably?
- Have physical conditions or medications slowed my reaction time?
- Do I get lost frequently, even on familiar roads?
- Do cars or pedestrians seem to appear out of nowhere?
- Am I often distracted while driving?
- Have family, friends, or my doctor said they’re worried about my driving?
- Am I driving less these days because I’m not as sure about my driving as I used to be?
- Do I have trouble staying in my lane?
- Do I have trouble moving my foot between the gas and the brake pedals, or do I sometimes confuse the two?
- Have I been pulled over by a police officer about my driving?

If you answered “yes” to any of these questions, it may be time to talk with your doctor or family members about your driving, or to consider a driving assessment.

How to check and improve your driving skills

Are you concerned that your driving skills are declining or could be improved? Consider the following:

- Have your driving skills checked by a driving rehabilitation specialist, occupational therapist, or other trained professional. The American Occupational Therapy Association maintains a national database of driving specialists, or you can ask the Department of Motor Vehicles or your doctor to recommend someone who can test your driving skills.
- The American Automobile Association’s (AAA) RoadWise Driver Course is designed to help older adults adjust to age-related physical changes to extend their safe driving career.

Safety Tips & Driving CONT.

by Rodger Barnes (Four Seasons Resident)

- Try an online self-assessment, such as this one from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), to gauge your abilities.
- Ask your family and friends for feedback about your driving, including any concerns.
- Take a driver safety course. Some car insurance companies may even lower your bill when you complete this type of class.

I hope we all have many more motoring years in our future, if not I have found this community very willing to help our neighbors get around town.

Don't forget that many alternatives exist to get us to our designations like Lyft, Uber and others. Get has personal Van service.

CLUBS & CLASSES

Dinner Club - Eileen & Mike Callagy (Club leaders)

A huge thanks to all of you who came to the February dinner. We received many compliments on the food provided by Mossmans. As usual, it was a great time to get to know some new neighbors and visit with friends in our wonderful community.

A huge thanks to Linda Hofer who does our centerpieces and also to Ruthie for the beautiful piano music we got to enjoy before dinner.

Mark your calendars: our next dinner will be on JUNE 17TH . The menu will be announced in next month's newsletter.

Future dates are August 5th and November 4th.

Please remember to invite your neighbors, family and any other guests to join us.

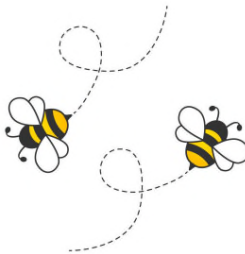






Thanks to all of you who continue to support this club!



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

APRIL 20

LODGE HOURS: MONDAY-FRIDAY
OUTDOOR AMENITIES

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
			
2	3 Advanced Pickle Ball 8am Dance Fitness 8am Koffee Klatch 8:30am Chair Yoga 9am EXECUTIVE MEETING 10AM Pinochle 1pm Dance Fitness 5:45pm 	4 Beginners Pickle Ball 8am Bridge 1pm Crafters Club 1pm SOCIAL COMMITTEE 1PM Bocce Ball 6pm	5 Advanced Pickle Ball 8am Dance Fitness 8am Chair Yoga 9am Veterans Club 11am Canasta 1pm Fireside Happy Hour 2pm Dance Fitness 5:45pm
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16	17 Advanced Pickle Ball 8am Dance Fitness 8am Koffee Klatch 8:30am Chair Yoga 9am Pinochle 1pm EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE 2PM Dance Fitness 5:45pm 	18 Beginners Pickle Ball 8am Bridge 1pm Crafters Club 1pm Mosaic Pottery Class 1pm Bocce Ball 6pm Taco Tuesday 6pm 	19 Advanced Pickle Ball 8am Dance Fitness 8am Chair Yoga 9am Canasta 1pm Mosaic Pottery Class 1pm Fireside Happy Hour 2pm
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3 CALENDAR

POOL CLOSED

MONDAYS & FRIDAYS

6AM-10AM

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

Monday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<p>1</p> <p>Beginners Pickle Ball 8am Community Yard Sale 7am</p> 
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Broken Into New



MOSAIC Pot Workshop

Back By Popular Demand



Workshop by: [Susie Yslas 661-802-1243](tel:661-802-1243)

When: April 18th & 19th

Where: Lodge Craft Room

Time: 1:00pm – 4:00pm

Your spot will be reserved upon receipt of \$45.00, Pay Susie on or before April 11th. Class is limited to Fifteen available spaces. I take Venmo, Zelle, or PayPal if it is convenient for you.

DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS APRIL 11TH.

****Lets have some FUN and get CREATIVE****

Two-day class, all supplies will be furnished. We will be using broken plates, glass beads and tiles, for our decorative items that have been broken up for you. Everything you need to complete your project will be furnished. If you have a plate of your own that you would like to incorporate, please contact me prior to the class.

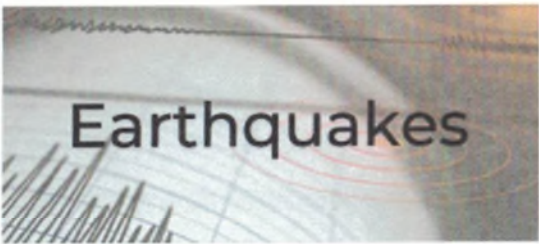
Wear comfortable clothing. We will get *messy*.

Feel free to bring a snack and what you would like to drink.


Hope you will join us.

SIGN UP TODAY!

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




Earthquakes




Severe Weather



Fires



Floods



Evacuations

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To sign up online:

Go to 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 #:

¹ 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

CLUBS & CLASSES

Computer Club - Dave Keeney (Club Leader)

Next Meeting: Saturday, April 8th, 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.

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)

Yes! You can do Chair Yoga! Chair Yoga is beginner-friendly and 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.



CLUBS & CLASSES

Social Committee

Donna Tillman (Four Seasons Resident)

April showers bring May flowers is how the saying goes. If April is anything like the past couple months have been, we are going to be seeing some beautiful blossoms around the neighborhood. This rain has been something else I tell ya!

The bus trip to Santa Anita on March 18th proved to be a big success. Everyone had a wonderful time and the three communities seemed to all get along great. We are looking forward to planning some more bus trips with the folks from Rio Bravo and Solera in the near future.

We are praying the weather is warmer (and drier) for our upcoming Annual Tuscany Night on April 15th. This night always proves to be a fun evening of great food, drink and fellowship with our neighbors. For your listening entertainment we will once again have Nick and Isaiah performing for us. Be on the lookout for information on this event.

On June 10th we are planning a bus trip to the Tehachapi Wine and Cattle Winery. We have been here before and a great time was had by all. Watch for more information on this trip. Seats will be limited so be sure to sign up as soon as sign ups start.

And of course we look forward to our Annual Golf Cart and Two-Wheelers Parade every year for the 4th of July. This year we will be having our parade on Saturday, July 1. There will be prizes for best decorated vehicle, along with some type of food and beverages after the parade. Stay tune for information on this fun event.

That's all for now, but next month we will give you a glimpse of events planned for the next several months.

In closing, I want to remind everyone that the Social Committee is always open to ideas and suggestions for new and different things to do and places to go. Please turn suggestions in to the suggestion box if you think you have a good idea. On behalf of this years Social Committee, we are so grateful to this community for all of your support and help each and every time we have an event. The success of our events is dependent on your participation and we thank you for that.

Until next month, stay well and I hope to see you around the neighborhood.

Sincerely,

Donna Tillmann
Social Committee Volunteer

SOCIAL COMMITTEE PRESENTS



Tuscany *Night*

\$5 PER
SEAT

SATURDAY,
APRIL 15TH, 2023

Entertainment by
Nick & Isaiah

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6:00PM-9:00PM

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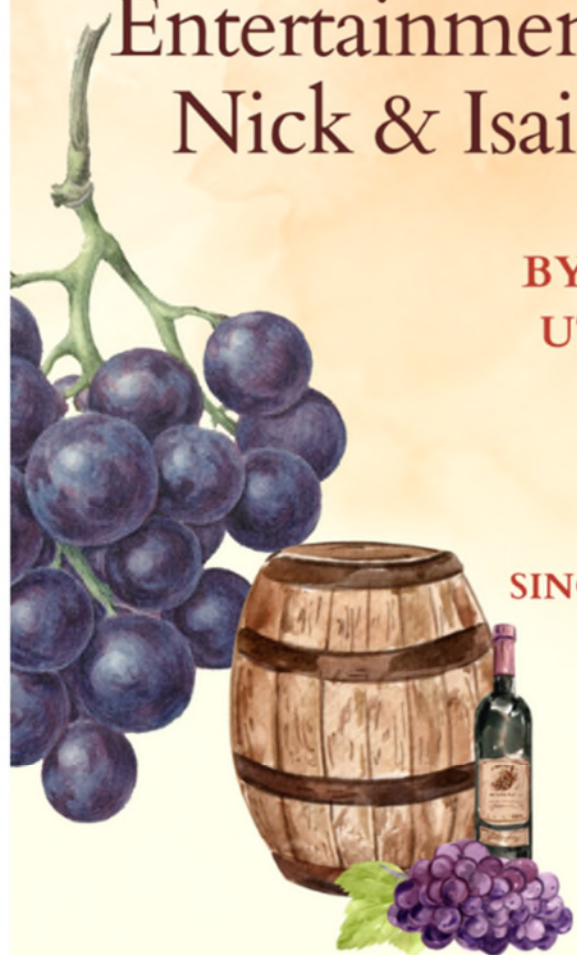
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CLUBS & CLASSES

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

The 3rd Annual Dream Center Raffle Fundraiser will be held on Friday, May 19, 6:00 - 7:00 pm and Saturday, May 20, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm in the Lodge Ballroom. A number of our community members have offered to donate a raffle item. Thank you!

If you are donating a raffle item, please contact the club leaders so they can get appropriate information needed for the event.

You will be able to purchase raffle tickets before the event to give you ample time to write your name and phone number on each ticket. Tickets are \$1.00 each or 25 tickets for \$20.00. Remember, you do not need to be present to win.

During the week before the raffle (May 15 - 19), be sure to drop by the Lodge Lobby to see a sample of the displayed raffle items.

We continue to check with the Dream Center staff each month to see if there are special needs that we can meet with our remaining savings. At our May fundraiser raffle, we hope to replenish our savings so we can continue to make these purchases. We so appreciate the many ongoing donations (kitchen basics, small appliances, and clothes) from our community members. Thank you for all the support!

Our next club meeting is Tuesday, April 11th 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
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The Dream Center is the one-stop resource center for emancipated foster youth.

The Neighbor 2 Neighbor Club's Third Annual

**DREAM CENTER
RAFFLE FUNDRAISER**

Tickets: \$1.00 each or 25 for \$20.00

Tickets can be purchased from a club member
or purchased & entered on:

May 19 from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm

May 20 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

Be sure to write your name and phone number on the tickets.

**Raffle drawing will be held
Saturday, May 20th at 1:00 pm**
(you do not need to be present to win)

Raffle Social begins at 12:30 until
the end of the raffle drawing
Please come and enjoy cookies and lemonade

Thank you to our very generous Four Seasons community for
donating raffle items and purchasing raffle tickets.

Laughter Along Our Path

A resident in Four Seasons laughed as she relayed a story to me. Her son-in-law and daughter were in Cancun celebrating their 30-year Anniversary. The husband went downstairs in the all-inclusive resort & talked to the Maitre D' about the special occasion. The Maitre D' arranged for a beautiful bouquet to be placed in the middle of the finest table in the room for the couple.

Fifteen minutes later, the two lovebirds walked down the long staircase into the dining room. The husband was mortified! His table had been given to another couple who were talking, laughing, and enjoying the beautiful centerpiece of freshly cut flowers.

He talked to the Maitre D' about all the prearrangements he had made not even 15 minutes ago.

The Maitre D' apologized profusely and then added, "It's hard when all you tourists look alike!"

Ladies Luncheon - Annette Harder (Club leaders)

Go Grande for Mexican food. One of the quieter success stories is Rancho Grande. It had been over 10 years since the Mexican restaurant moved into Bakersfield. Owner Juan Murillo settled on Stockdale Ave then added locations on Coffee Rd and Olive Dr. We tried out the Olive Dr location last month.



Our 27 ladies were warmly greeted with smiles and Easter decorations. I wish I had a business card to enter the drawing to win the basket! Customer service was exceptional and we kept the staff hopping.

Thursday, April 20 at 11:30am we will be going to Lorene's Downtown, 1531 23rd Street, Bakersfield 93301. Sign up at the front desk. Meet at the flagpole at 11/11:15am if you need a ride or can give one.

Annette Harder//Club Leader

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 April 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 Best Short Stories of Mark Twain by Mark Twain is our selection for April. This collection of eighteen of his best short stories, from the well known to the lesser known, display his mastery of Western humor and frontier realism. He was exuberant and irreverent, but underlying the humor was a desire for social justice. Twain was a master of rendering colloquial speech and helped to create and popularize a distinctive American literature built on American themes and language.

The Book Club will meet on April 20 at 10:00am in the Library.

- Kathleen Reisig Book Club Leader



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

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



Hello Four Seasons' Friends.

OMG - it's time to talk about poop! Colon cancer is the second leading cause of cancer in the United States, and that which famously killed the actor who played Jackie Robinson, Chadwick Boseman, at the tragically early age of 42. Colon cancer is one of the most preventable cancers. Yes, screening helps a lot, but diet is a large component. The area of the world with the highest rate of colon cancer is found in Connecticut, whereas the lowest rate is in Kampala, Uganda, a 50 fold difference! Another area of the world with a much lower rate of colon cancer is India, with a 10 times lower incidence than that seen in the U.S. Both Uganda and India have a much lower amount of meat in their diets than we do. As we learn that many diseases are actually preventable, it becomes that much worse to see such great amounts of unnecessary suffering.

See you April 24th.

Fireside Happy Hour
Mary Sullivan - Club Leader

Fireside Happy Hour

On behalf of the Fireside Happy Hour Club, a big THANK YOU to all that came to our first two gatherings. It was nice to meet, chat, enjoy beverages, and many very good bites. Also a big THANK YOU to Keith Clark for leading us in some St. Patrick's Day tunes on March 15th.

Fireside Happy Hour will meet again on April 5th and 15th at 4pm by The Lodge Fireside. Weather permitting we will go outside. Please join us for fun and fellowship.

Around the Community

If you walked around Oslo on March 18th, you might have seen one of the cutest little 5 year old's you've ever seen selling Lemonade. Waylon only wanted one thing for his birthday and that was to make a Lemonade Stand for all his friends, meaning the Four Seasons Community, and he did just that!



CLUBS & CLASSES

Art Club - Norma Niel (Club Leader)



Artwork provided by the Art Club

The FSB Art Club continues to offer classes (fee based) and free art related events for the community. Norma Neil teaches an on-going watercolor class and guest artist and naturalist, Barbara Mattick offers periodic nature based drawing and painting classes suitable for beginning artists. In March she presented two classes on drawing and painting wildflowers and garden flowers .

For March Jan Lemucchi arranged a Sat. Movie matinee of “Where the Crawdads Sing” followed by a discussion of the movie themes, especially the role of art in defining the main character. One take away was the contribution of the stunning cinematography.

For April, Jan has set up a private Four Seasons group for a plein air session with the Tejon Conservancy fore an afternoon to photo, sketch and paint on the Tejon Ranch land. Which will be lead by a biologist.

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Let's Create Today

CLUBS & CLASSES

Veteran's Club - Penny Martinez (Club Leader)

Our March Solera/Four Season Veteran gathering was amazing. We had two representatives from the Kern River Blue Star Moms organization join us, a Ms. Elena Estrella, and a Ms. Patty Sue Keith-Beadle. If you have a service heart for veterans, they're always looking for volunteers, so take some time and check out their website at <https://www.kernriverbluestarmoms.org/> and give them a call to see how you can help make a difference.

To continue our efforts in spotlighting veterans' organizations in Kern County, and educating ourselves on their mission and efforts to improve the lives of our veterans who've served and are currently serving, our April guest speaker will be Ms. Jenny Frank. Ms. Frank is a US Marine Corps Veteran, and Manager, Bakersfield College Veterans Services and Programs and current President of Kern County Armed Forces Support Foundation.

Bakersfield College veteran student populations has grown over the years and they're "committed to establishing a supportive environment and welcoming campus culture for all veteran students, along with their dependents." In December 2019, due to the passage of Measure J, they opened the doors to the Vernon Valenzuela Veterans Resource Center, a 4,700 square foot building, filled with amazing amenities, that is affectionally known as the 'VRC'. To learn more about Bakersfield College's commitment to our Kern County Veterans and their dependents, check out their webpage at <https://www.bakersfieldcollege.edu/veterans>. Armed Forces Support Foundation founded in 2012 mission is to "help by providing financial and non-financial assistance to veterans of all eras in appreciation and recognition of their sacrifices." To learn more about this organization and how you can help make a difference in the life of a fellow brother and sister in arms, visit their website at <https://www.armedforcessupportfoundation.org/> and give them a call.

Our monthly luncheon gatherings are on the second Wednesday of each month at Huckleberry's Restaurant, located at 2673 Mt Vernon Ave, Bakersfield, CA 93306; festivities start at 11:30 am. If you plan on attending April 12th luncheon, please RSVP by Sunday April 9th by either calling or emailing Penny Martinez using the contact information noted below.



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