

# THE LODGE AT FOUR SEASONS



MESSENGER  
MAY 2023

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

Outdoor Amenities:  
Monday-Sunday  
6am-10pm

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## Animal Control

Phone (661) 326-3436

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## President's Message Don Wolfe (BOD)

On November 17th, 2022, the Board of Directors approved a motion to develop and implement an RFP for Management Services. An RFP Committee was established consisting of Lorenzo Alvarez, Kathy Clark, Janice Scanlon, and Bill Ferguson as Chair. Nine vendors were solicited, and we received six proposals which were thoroughly vetted by the Committee.

At the March 29th General Session Meeting, the Committee Chair turned over the six proposals to the Board along with the Committee's comments, ratings and recommendations. The Committee was thanked for their time and expertise and, happily dismissed.

After reviewing the six proposals and the comments of the Committee, the Board invited the top four to be interviewed. The interviews took place on April 11th and 12th. Subsequently, the Board met, and, after due consideration, voted unanimously to retain the services of Seabreeze. The on-site staff, improved relationships, continuity, and prices were key factors in the decision.

We are currently under contract with Seabreeze until August 1, 2023, with the opportunity to extend the agreement at current rates until December 31st, 2023, and then again from January 1st, 2024, to December 31st, 2024. (Staggering the effective dates allows us to get the management contract in sync with the Budget cycle effective January 1st, 2024).

Seabreeze proposed several changes to our contract going forward as part of their response to the RFP. During the interview we pointed out several changes we would like to see implemented. Therefore, we will be meeting with Seabreeze to develop an updated contract. We intend to have the contract ready for approval by May 31st.

Don Wolfe  
President

## A Few Words From Your Treasurer

Bill Ferguson (BOD)

At last week's board meeting you were told that Seabreeze would continue as our management company. This five-month process started with the formation of an Ad Hoc committee (A committee temporarily established to resolve a specific issue) on 12/7/2022.

The committee developed a Request for Proposals (RFP) and sent it to nine prospective vendors. These candidates were narrowed down to six finalists which were invited to tour our facilities and submit proposals. Following receipt of their proposals and in person presentations, the committee's comments and ranking along with the proposals were forwarded to the BOD.

The top four were invited to BOD interviews which resulted in the selection of Seabreeze as the best choice. This task is not yet finished as we still must complete contract negotiations prior to both parties' acceptance.

Now I would like to talk about our reserves. Except for landscaping, the contribution to reserves is our largest expense amounting to 18.2 % of our budget. Each month we contribute \$32,572 from our operating funds. Through March that totaled \$97,716 and that is an impressive amount. Our year-to-date reserve expenses were \$51,344.76. With nine months of reserve contributions ahead, we will have available \$339,552 for the remainder of the year .

As we are trying to build up our reserves and improve the percent funding from last year's 53.2%, the look ahead of project needs is concerning.

As most of you are aware, we are making major improvements in the parking area landscaping and have committed \$115,875 for phase 1 of the project.

## A Few Words From Your Treasurer

Bill Ferguson (BOD)

The 2nd phase of our street's slurry seal this year will cost \$32,615. This along with other items identified on the reserve analysis will bring the 2023 total expenses to just under \$270,000. This should cause us to end the year with a reserve balance of over \$1,970,000 which will result in a projected funding level of 46%.

Hopefully, as has been the case in the past, some of the projected repair/replacements may be delayed to 2024. If that indeed winds up being the case, we will increase this funding level projection. I know that's a lot of data, but I want to keep you all informed.

A new subject: The February finance package included some encouraging data. Our operating cash increased by almost \$24,000 in spite of our income being under budget by \$4,000. Fortunately, our expenses were also under budget by \$15,398.

To follow up on my "burn rate" discussion of last month, it has improved slightly. Now with \$119,368 in operating cash and our two-month expense averaging \$19,502, we have a six and a half week buffer. Not that great and still needing improvement, but last year at the end of March we had only five and a half weeks of buffer. As always, this is taken into consideration with every expenditure while we continue to monitor the burn rate and work towards improvement.

Once again, thanks for reading my "some words" 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



## **APRIL TREASURER'S REPORT**

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

As of March 31, 2023

	<b>Balance Mar 31, 2023</b>	<b>Balance Feb 28, 2023</b>	<b>Change</b>
Total Operating Funds	119,367.63	95,436.23	23,931.40
Total Reserve Funds	1,906,836.58	1,888,373.67	18,462.91
Total Account Receivables	19,008.91	15,624.39	3,384.52
Total Prepaid Expenses	21,869.08	25,218.03	(3,348.95)
Total Fixed Asset	87,604.34	87,604.34	0.00
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>2,154,686.54</b>	<b>2,112,256.66</b>	<b>42,429.88</b>
Total Current Liabilities	58,442.57	48,573.41	9,869.16
Total Accounts Payable	77,060.68	74,335.51	2,725.17
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>135,503.25</b>	<b>122,908.92</b>	<b>12,594.33</b>
Total Reserves Fund	1,906,836.58	1,888,373.67	18,462.91
Total Prior Years Equity	52,058.26	52,058.26	0.00
<b>Total Owners' Equity</b>	<b>1,958,894.84</b>	<b>1,940,431.93</b>	<b>18,462.91</b>
<b>Net Income / (Loss)</b>	<b>60,288.45</b>	<b>48,915.81</b>	<b>11,372.64</b>
<b>Total Liabilities and Equity</b>	<b>2,154,686.54</b>	<b>2,112,256.66</b>	<b>42,429.88</b>

# RULE REMINDER

## **POOL/SPA**

### **Pool/Spa 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 must be present who is capable of rendering emergency assistance to a child should the need arise in the pool and spa area.
- Children under the age of fourteen (14) years old are not allowed in the spa at anytime due to health concerns.

### **Access:**

- Homeowners are to use the Fitness Center Doors for entry and exit to the pool/spa areas at all times.

### **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.

## A Note From Your Nominating Committee

By Sandy Moffett (Committee Chair)

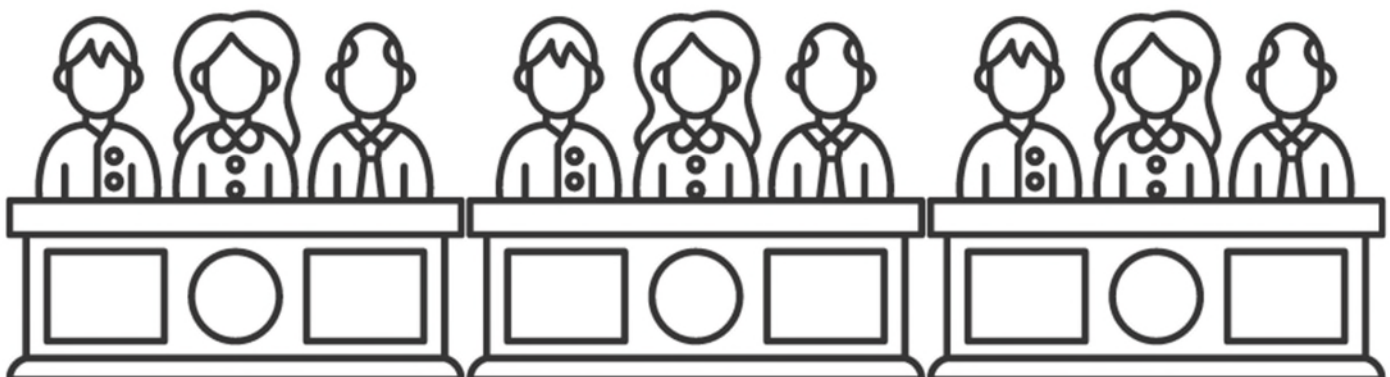
**It was announced at the April board meeting that we have seven candidates who have put their name in the hat for the two open board positions. Isn't that wonderful? So good to see our community stepping up to help where needed. It is an honor to represent, and I'm proud that so many want to be part of the process.**

**The next big step is the "Meet the Candidates Night" on June 7th. We would like to see everyone who is physically able attend this meeting in the ballroom. After all, how can you vote for someone if you don't know what their platform is?**

**In addition, if you would like to submit questions for the candidates, you may do so. Please remember that questions cannot include inappropriate or accusatory comments or attempt to defame anyone's character. The nominating committee will review your questions and include as many as time will allow. You also have the opportunity to speak with the candidates after the meeting.**

**We look forward to seeing you soon.  
Remember ~ "Be the change you want to see."  
Vote for the Four Seasons Board of Directors.**

**Sandy Moffett – Committee Chair**



## News from your ARC Neighbors

By Sandy Moffett (Committee Member)

Happy May! Isn't this time of year amazing? The pool is ready and waiting for you, and the volleyball net has been made ready for rousing games! Flowers are blooming and we hesitate to pull weeds just in case they are flowers in disguise.

You may have received a letter about maintenance to the outside of your home. These letters were generated by an inspection from an outside company. If you have any questions or you feel that the items in your letter are incorrect, please email the Facilities Committee Staff Liaison, Saretha Headley, at [saretha.headley@seabreezgmt.com](mailto:saretha.headley@seabreezgmt.com), and she will schedule an exterior review with you and a member of the Facilities Committee or a Board Member.

Just a reminder that any changes or additions to the exterior of your home or the common area must be approved by the ARC. This includes the placement of front yard security cameras and lights, as the lights could be an infringement on your neighbors.

Page 13 of the Architectural Standards and Procedures states: *"Flood Lights/Motion Lights: Allowed with ARC approval and Neighbor Awareness Notification."* Page 14 of the Architectural Standards and Procedures states: *"In designing any structure subject to the Architectural Standards, any intrusion upon a neighbor's privacy or use or enjoyment of a neighbor's residential lot, including the passage of light or air to an adjacent residential lot and/or residence, shall be kept to an absolute minimum."*

We have a wonderful community, and we want to be kind and considerate to all of those around us.

Blessings,  
Sandy Moffett – ARC Committee Member

## Believe It Or Not: Inland Boat Travel From Bakersfield To San Francisco Bay Was Once Possible!

By Kitty DeArmond (Four Seasons Resident)

Historians believe native Americans traveled by tule boats from the southern San Joaquin Valley to the Bay Area for trading purposes. During the flood year of 1868 there were reports that a hunter by the name of Ed Harris had traveled by boat from this area to Stockton to sell his pelts.

According to Gerald Haslam in his 1990 book, *The Other California*, "During most years, the fluctuating water of Tulare Lake was plied by steamboats and various other vessels, since the lake sent waterfowl, fish, frogs' legs and even turtles to faraway dining establishments." Journalist and author Mark Arax concurred and wrote that Chinese fishermen in the late 1800s worked Tulare Lake's water for terrapin that made the finest turtle soup that was served in the fancy San Francisco restaurants!

These trips occurred during flood years, long before irrigation canals and flood control methods were in place. To understand how such travel was possible, one needs to understand the geography of the San Joaquin Valley in earlier times.



Again, according to Haslam, "Tulare Lake was once the largest body of fresh water west of the Great Lakes. Formed by the entrapped drainage of four Sierra rivers, the Kings, Kaweah, White, and Tule - its highest level was recorded in 1862. That year it covered 486,400 acres to depths exceeding forty feet, actually swallowing two other significant lakes: the 83,000-acre Kern and 4,000-acre Buena Vista, which trapped drainage from the Sierra's longest stream, the Kern River, in a sub-basin to the south. In fact, the entire southern end of the Great Valley - 120 miles by 50 miles - resembled a primordial sea, its broadened periphery dotted with displaced rabbits and foraging cattle, its shimmering surface darkened by uncountable waterfowl, for this was a linchpin in the Pacific Flyway.

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In most wet years, well into the late nineteenth century, Tulare Lake covered 200,000 acres and measured 75 miles by 25 miles during its high season, ebbing and flowing like a huge tidal pool in the midst of an otherwise desiccated landscape. .Lakes and wetlands were the most unique features of a remarkable geomorphic amalgam known as Tulare Basin: Tulare Lake Basin to the north, Buena Vista Basin to the south.”

San Joaquin Valley elevation varies from about 800 feet at the southern end to sea level in the north. In years of heavy runoff, the Kern River would flood Buena Vista and Kern Lakes, making them one, and that overflow would then join Tulare Lake. In turn, Tulare Lake would increase in size with runoff from the Tule, Kaweah, and Kings Rivers, eventually joining the San Joaquin and Sacramento Rivers in the California Delta and subsequently flow into San Francisco Bay.

Amazingly, in the flood year 1983 two local men, Bill Cooper and John Sweetser, kayaked from the banks of the Kern River, which they accessed near downtown Bakersfield, all the way to Richmond, located on the eastern shore of San Francisco Bay. They were the first to complete the trip using manual power. They did so in slightly over 11 days, the trip made possible because of the ability of the kayaks to navigate through shallow water and portage around obstacles. However, they were not the first to make such a trek.

A similar journey had previously been taken in 1969 by two local farmers and their sons. Each family traveled in a 14-foot, aluminum boat using a 10-horsepower outboard motor. Ken Wedel, with his son Jay, and Herb Spitzer with sons Brent and Ross, completed the challenging trip in only six days.

Both of these expeditions experienced navigation difficulties. Traveling in low lying water made locating landmarks difficult. At times, the travelers were required to back track to locate their positions.

## Believe It Or Not: Inland Boat Travel From Bakersfield To San Francisco Bay Was Once Possible! CONT.

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These adventurers were following in the footsteps of legendary local historian Frank Latta, his son and two of Latta's students from Shafter High School. In 1938, they sailed in their 15-foot skiff the Alta. Equipped with an outboard motor and homemade paddles, Latta's trip was made to publicize the enormous waste of water during heavy runoff seasons and the need for flood control.

According to Aaron Gilbreath in his 2020 book *The Heart of California, Exploring the San Joaquin Valley*, "It isn't clear how Latta came up with his boat trip idea. . . He had learned from one early settler that in 1862 Tejon Creek, south of Bakersfield, ran so high that you could float from the famous Tejon Ranch in the mountains down to the Valley floor, right up into the floodwaters southwest of Fresno. . . Latta wrote in 1937, that he believed the rest of a water trip to San Francisco would have been a simple matter."

On June 19, 1938 Latta's crew launched at the Chester Avenue bridge, floated down the Kern River toward Buena Vista Lake, which led them north to the Buena Vista Slough and thence to Tulare Lake. As author Gilbreath explained, "Ten days later the Alta passed through the delta, a recreational boater's playground and an important shipping corridor. . . A fifteen-foot skiff is a twig on these waters, so the Vallejo Yacht Club escorted the tiny Alta from the delta through the Carquinez Straits. . . The Alta motored past Suisun Marsh, the largest marsh in America. . . to the wharf on the south side of Treasure Island in San Francisco Bay." The explorers had completed the 455 mile trip by water from Bakersfield to San Francisco.

These waterborne expeditions were able to occur in years of exceptional rainfall and runoff. There would be many challenges to again attempt another such trip, but with the assistance of drones to guide the way perhaps 2023 could be the year to make the attempt! Will that happen?

(Map courtesy of the Tulare Basin Watershed Partnership)

## **BOD April Recap**

**Emerald Newquist - Assistant General Manager**

On Wednesday, April 26, 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 April 3, 2023, April 11, 2023, and April 12, 2023; and General Minutes from March 29, 2023.

·March 2023 Financial Report was approved.

·Consent Calendar included 1 Ballroom Reservation.

·Committee Reports and Approved Recommendations:

### **Social:**

a. Dodger Tickets & Bus Fare are still available for \$110 and are now open to Rio Bravo and Solera Communities. Family and friends welcome!

b. Upcoming bus trip to Tehachapi for wine tasting and dinner, date June 10th.

### **Finance:**

a. The Finance Committee reviewed the March Financial report and the Association's reserve fund and financial ability to pay for Phase 2 of the Street Sealing project. They determined that it is a financially sound plan to meet the Association's maintenance responsibility.

### **Landscape:**

a. Provided an update on Phase 1 of the Parkway Project. Francois, Besancon, and Gratz have been completed. Kingsport, Naples and Petersburg are the next sections scheduled.

### **Facilities:**

a. Area 2 Slurry Seal – Bowman Asphalt \$32,615.00

b. BBQ Pergola Light Repair – T.I.L. \$1,794.50

c. Pool/Spa Deck Joint Sealant – Atlas Pools bid \$2,485.00

## **BOD April Recap CONT.**

**Emerald Newquist - Assistant General Manager**

**.Under New Business the following items were approved:**

1. The Board accepted the resignation of Rod Layman.
2. The Board determined to leave the 5th seat open as there are only 2 more meetings left in the term and appointing a new member may unfairly influence the election.
3. Bill Ferguson was appointed Vice President. He will also maintain his position as Treasurer as is allowed by the Bylaws section 9.1.
4. Volunteers are being sought to determine interest in forming a Newsletter Committee.
5. New Club approval: Beginning Sign Language Club.
6. 2023 Reserve Analyst approval in the amount of \$3,700.00 for the first year onsite and \$150.00 for years 2 and 3 off-site updates.

### **7. Club Special Event:**

The Neighbor-to-Neighbor Club is hosting a presentation by CASA for residents interested in volunteering as a Court Appointed Special Advocate for children in foster care. The presentation will be June 6, 2023 4:30pm-7:00pm in the Ballroom.

*The next Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for May 31, 2023, at 6:00pm at the Four Seasons Ballroom, 10500 Toscana Dr. Bakersfield CA 93306.*



**MEETING  
MINUTES**

# SLURRY PROJECT INFO

## **K. Hovnanian's Four Seasons at Bakersfield Community Association, Inc** **ATTENTION ALL RESIDENTS**

### **STREET MAINTENANCE PROJECT SCHEDULED**

Dear Four Seasons Residents,

It's that time again! Bowman Asphalt will be executing our Slurry Seal project. The project will be conducted over two (2) weeks beginning on Monday, May 22nd and ending on Friday, June 2nd between 8 am – 5 pm. We understand that this can be cumbersome and chaotic, and we hope to minimize this by providing vital information so you can plan accordingly. The project areas are detailed on the Project Maps (enclosed).

The seal coat project is scheduled as follows:

- **Crack Fill** – Saturday, 05/20- STREETS WILL NOT BE SHUT DOWN and we ask that drivers be conscientious that Bowman will be in the community and drive slowly near their workers and equipment. The crack fill process consists of 1 person driving a truck with the crack fill machine hitched to the back with 1-2 workers on the ground prepping and applying the material. It is a slow-moving process, but residents will have room to pass by slowly/safely.
- **Seal coat** – Closed 8am Monday 05/22, Will reopen 8am Wednesday 05/24- RED
- **Seal coat** – Closed 8am Wednesday 05/24, Will reopen 8am Friday 05/26- GREEN
- **Seal coat** – Closed 8am Friday 05/26, Will reopen 8am Monday 05/29- YELLOW
- **Seal coat** – Closed 8am Monday 05/29, Will reopen 8am Wednesday 05/31- PURPLE
- **Seal coat** – Closed 8am Wednesday 05/31, Will reopen 8am Friday 06/02- BLUE
- **Stripe** – 06/02



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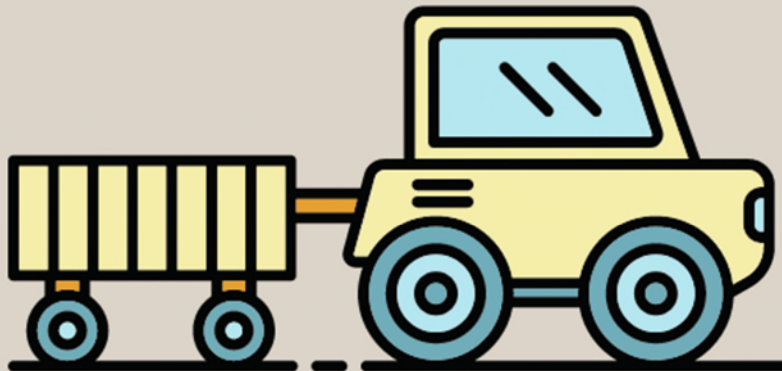
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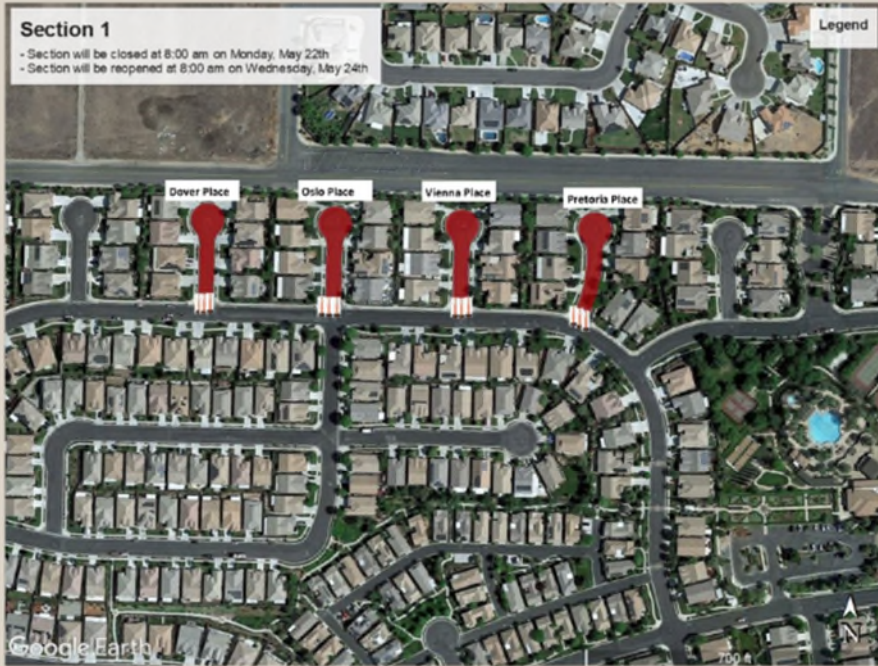
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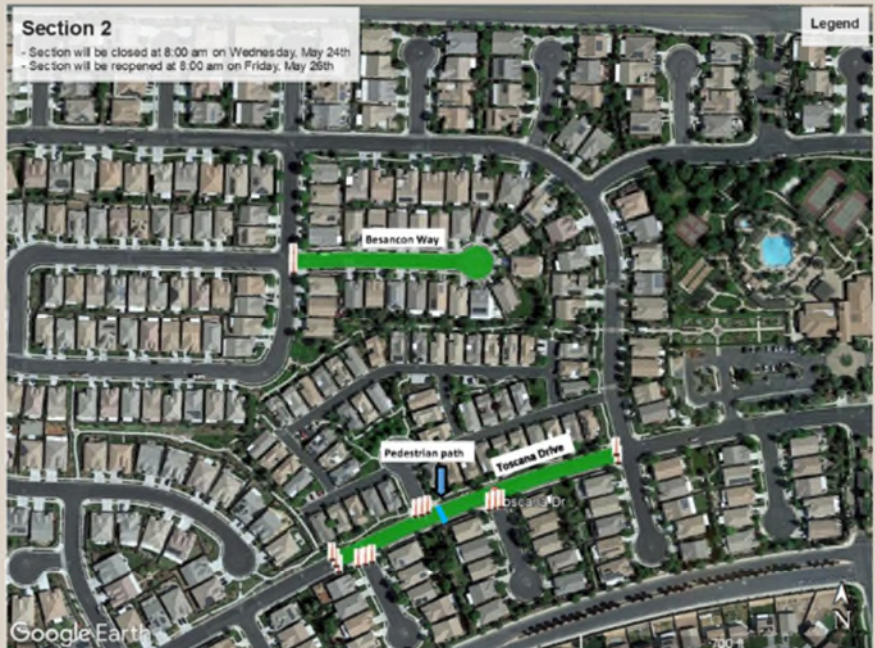


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Reopened on Wednesday, May 24th**

*\*Please note that all slurry project photos are posted on The Lodge bulletin board\**









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

# MAY 2022

**LODGE HOURS: MONDAY-FRIDAY**  
**OUTDOOR AMENITIES**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
	<p>1</p> <p>Advanced Pickle Ball 8am  Dance Fitness 8am  Koffee Klatch 8:30am  Chair Yoga 9am  Pinochle 1pm  Dance Fitness 5:45pm</p> 	<p>2</p> <p>Beginners Pickle Ball 8am  Bridge 1pm  Crafters Club 1pm  <b>SOCIAL COMMITTEE 1PM</b>  Bocce Ball 6pm</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Advanced Pickle Ball 8am  Dance Fitness 8am  Chair Yoga 9am  Canasta 1pm  Fireside Happy Hour  <b>POOL SUB-COMMITTEE</b>  Water Volleyball 5pm  Dance Fitness 5:45pm</p>
<p>7</p> <p>Water Volleyball 4pm</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Advanced Pickle Ball 8am  Dance Fitness 8am  Koffee Klatch 8:30am  <b>IT COMMITTEE 9AM</b>  Chair Yoga 9am  Pinochle 1pm  <b>FACILITIES 1PM</b>  <b>NOMINATING COMMITTEE 3PM</b>  Dance Fitness 5:45pm</p> 	<p>9</p> <p>Beginners Pickle Ball 8am  Bridge 1pm  Neighbor2Neighbor 1pm  Bocce Ball 6pm  <b>Bowman Asphalt Meeting 6pm</b></p>	<p>10</p> <p>Advanced Pickle Ball 8am  Dance Fitness 8am  Chair Yoga 9am  <b>LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE</b>  Veterans Club 1pm  Canasta 1pm  Water Volleyball 5pm  Dance Fitness 5:45pm</p>
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# 3 CALENDAR

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MONDAYS & FRIDAYS

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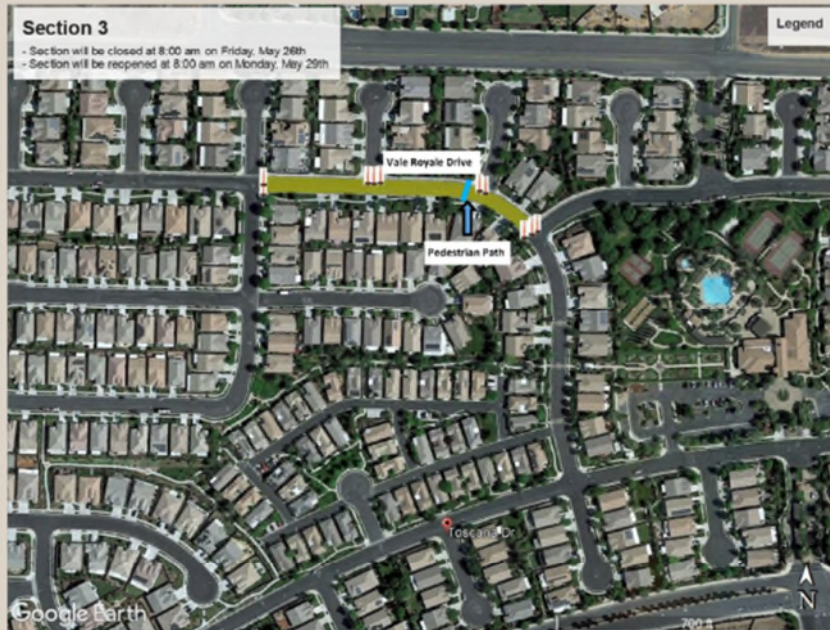
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# SLURRY PROJECT INFO



**Closed on Friday, May 26th  
Reopened on Monday, May 29th**

*\*Please note that all slurry project photos are posted on The Lodge bulletin board\**



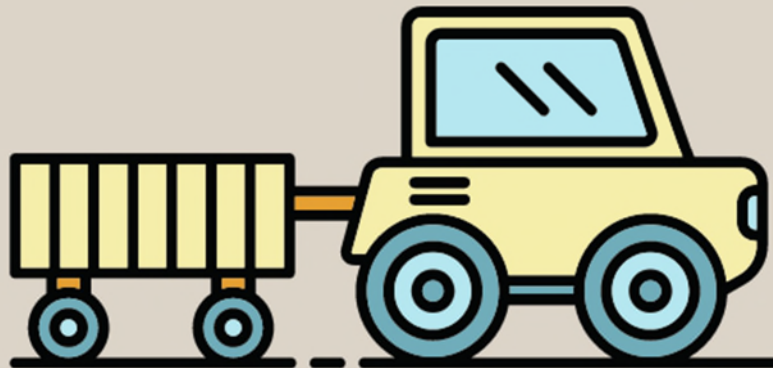
**Closed on Monday, May 29th  
Reopened on Wednesday, May 31st**

# SLURRY PROJECT INFO



**Closed on Wednesday, May 31st  
Reopened on Friday, June 2nd**

*\*Please note that all slurry  
project photos are posted  
on The Lodge bulletin  
board\**



**As always if you have any questions at all regarding the info  
given to you feel free to contact the Front Desk at  
(661) 873-0580**

# Tuscany Night



HUGE thank you to Everyone who helped  
cleanup after Tuscany Night, YOU are  
APPRECIATED!



*Thank You to our Social Committee  
for putting on a great night!*

## CLUBS & CLASSES

### Computer Club - Dave Keeney (Club Leader)

Next Meeting: Saturday, May 13th, 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 Conference Room from 1 pm-4 pm and have a lot of fun!

-Nancy McKenry  
njmckenry@gmail.com



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

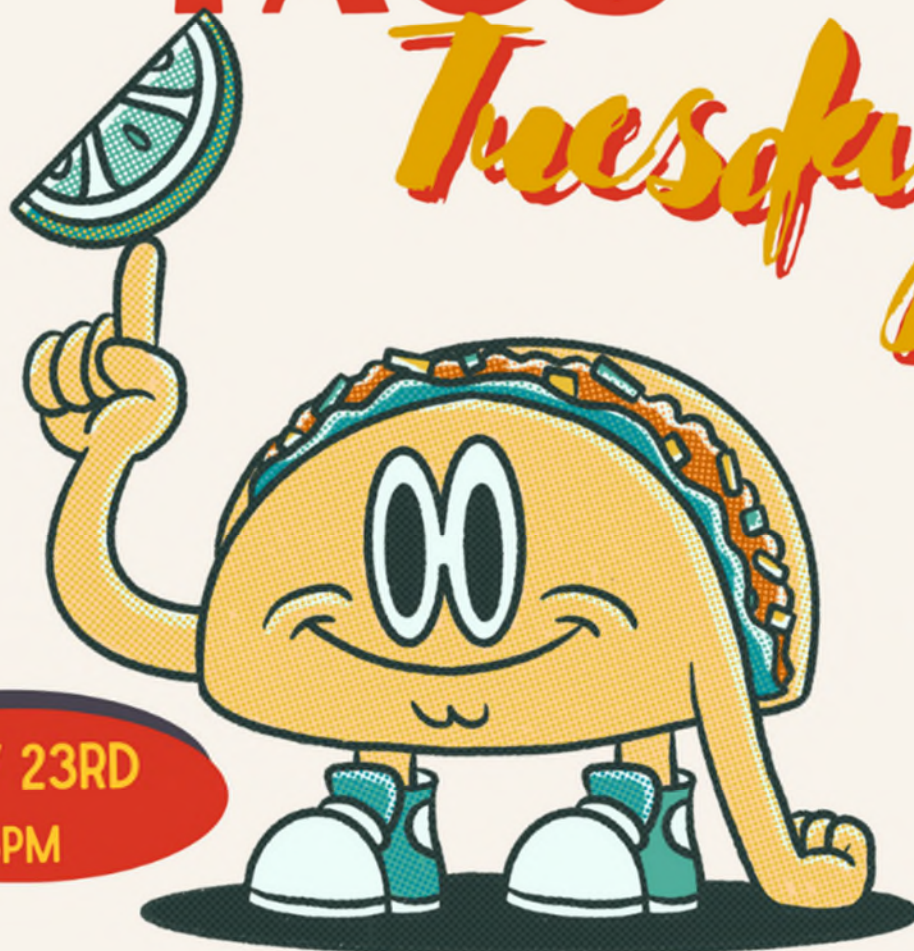
Yes! You can do Chair Yoga! Chair Yoga is beginner-friendly and a great way to stretch and strengthen your body for greater flexibility and balance. Follow along at your own pace and ability. Everyone is welcome to join us on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings at 9:00 am. No previous experience or special equipment required.

Questions? Call or text Melanie Yates at 661.703.0740.



# TACO

## Tuesday



**MAY 23RD**  
**6PM**

### CHOOSE FROM 3 PLATES:

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

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

**SIGN UP & PAY AT THE  
FRONT DESK**

**Deadline for Sign-Ups & Refund:  
5/19/23**

# Beginning Sign language Club

Club Leader: Leola Grove



Meeting Location and Time:  
The lodge Craft Room every Monday @3pm

Starting Date: May 15th



This club is for the hearing people in our community who want to have better communication with their hard of hearing significant other.

All people who are interested are welcome to join! American Sign Language is an awesome, fun, and easy language to learn.



## CLUBS & CLASSES

### Beginning Sign Language Club

by Leola Grove (Club Leader)

#### *The start of a new club*

American Sign Language also known as ASL is commonly used as the main form of communication for people who are Deaf or hard of hearing, but sign languages also have a lot to offer for everyone!

If you are interested in learning and joining you can sign up at the Front Desk. All are welcome, and encouraged to join! Meetings will be held every Monday @ 3pm in the Arts & Crafts Room (if group is larger than capacity, class will be held in different location and Staff will let you know in advance).

**Club Start Date: Monday, May 15th at 3:00pm**



### 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!



## CLUBS & CLASSES

### Mosaic Pottery Workshop Susie Yslas (Four Seasons Resident)



Next 2 Workshops: September 26th & 27th, and 29th & 30th, 2023  
Location: Arts & Crafts Room

Mosaic Pottery Workshop. What an amazing time we had and the fellowship was just over the top. Laughs, stories shared, prayers went out to those that were in need, snacked on red velvet cake, and they even got serenaded. The creativity of these women just blows my mind. Beautiful colors designs and I am just so proud of them. Thank you ladies for continuing to motivate and Inspire me. Good times

♥ Susie Yslas

# Mother's Day Afternoon Tea



JOIN US IN CELEBRATING ALL MOTHERS  
ON FRIDAY, MAY 12TH, 2023

*Four Seasons cordially invites you to spend the day with us for Afternoon Tea. Bring your own tea cup & saucer as well as anything else you would like to provide.*



WHERE: THE PATIO  
TIME: NOON  
**\$20 PER GUEST**

TABLE SELECTION

*Featuring an assortment of Tea, Finger Sandwiches, Salad, Assorted Desserts, Fruit & a glass of Champagne*

**Last Day for Sign-Ups/Refund: 5/8/23**

**\*please note this is a hard deadline\***

## 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.

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

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, May 9th 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.



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 20<sup>th</sup> 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*

Brought to you by Manya Carney (Four Seasons Resident)

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)

Thelma Lorene Smith opened Lorene's on 24th street where the 24th Street Cafe now sits. Lorene sold the business in 1968 and moved to 23rd and Eye in 1987. Coffee shops are best when they are cheerful, loud, and cramped. As I was out of town, let's read what Vickie had to say:

Annette found us a true gem in Lorene's Downtown Café and Coffee Shop for our April 20th Lodge Ladies Luncheon. The large variety of breakfast and lunch options made it difficult for the dozen diners to choose, but everything was delicious, hot, full of flavor, reasonably priced, and served by our waitress Evelyn in a timely, efficient, and very friendly manner. The horseshoe set up of the tables in our quiet, clean, and well-lit side room allowed all to chat and see what each other had ordered, from beef soup laden with vegetables, to the ultimate omelette with house salsa, crispy hashbrowns, salads, pancakes, lemon chicken, and fish and chips lightly battered and flavorful. Portions were generous, even from the Senior menu. This retro cafe is the kind of place we'd all return to.

Let's get back to fancy. On Saturday, May 20th at 11:30am we will be going to The Petroleum Club at Sundale Country Club located at 6218 Sundale Ave, 93309. Dress code is preferred business casual. *When signing up at the Front Desk you will need to let them know your meal choice.* . Meet at the flagpole at 11/11:15 am 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.

Home: 661-368-1995 Cell:510-374-8366 Email: hofer1951@gmail.com

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# **NEW TEMPORARY GATE CODE**

Effective May 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)

Machines Like Me by Ian McEwan occurs in an alternative 1980s London. Charlie, drifting through life and dodging full-time employment, is in love with Miranda, a bright student who lives with a terrible secret. When Charlie comes into some money, he buys Adam, one of the first batch of synthetic humans. With Miranda's assistance, he co-designs Adam's personality. This near-perfect human is beautiful, strong and clever - a love triangle soon forms. These three beings will confront a profound moral dilemma. Ian McEwan's subversive and entertaining novel poses fundamental questions: What makes us human? Our outward deeds or our inner lives? Could a machine understand the human heart? This provocative and thrilling tale warns of the power to invent things beyond our control.



The Book Club will meet on May 18 at 10:00 am 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, 10:00-Noon, Lodge Library  
Patsy Ouellette - Club Leader (661) 205-7324, paouell@earthlink.net



Hello Four Seasons Friends.

We began April learning how to reduce the risk of getting colorectal cancer, and we finished April learning about the other two major digestive cancers: pancreatic cancer and esophageal cancer. According to studies, "The most important thing you can do to prevent esophageal cancer is to eliminate acid reflux disease, and that can often be accomplished through diet. Over the past three decades, esophageal cancer in America has increased six-fold. In the US, about 25% of adults suffer from acid reflux, or GERD, compared to just 5% of the population in Asia. This suggests that dietary factors may play a key role."

See you May 22.

## CLUBS & CLASSES

### Fireside Happy Hour - Mary Sullivan - Club Leader



**Fireside Happy Hour will meet again on May 3rd and 17th at 4pm by The Lodge Fireside. Weather permitting we will go outside. Please join us for fun and fellowship.**

*Fireside Happy Hour meets every 1st & 3rd Wednesday of every month*

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### Pinochle Club - Linda Hofer (Club Leader)

For those of you looking to fill an afternoon with entertainment that not only stimulates the mind, but connects you to fun people, this is the card game for you!

Our group welcomes newcomers, seasoned or new to the game. We will be happy to teach you! We meet every Monday from 1 pm to 4 pm.

Please call Linda Hofer at 661-368-1995 or text 510-374- 8366.



## CLUBS & CLASSES

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



Art Club continues offering both classes and art related events.

Norma Neil, watercolor instructor, is opening registration for new students .The classes are offered at a reduced rate for the residents and their guests. Students with prior watercolor experience are welcome to join in the Thurs. morning classes at the Lodge. A new beginners class will start in early June with the time to be determined. Contact Norma at 661-204-4653 or email [norma\\_neil@icloud.com](mailto:norma_neil@icloud.com) for more information.

Barbara Mattick, held two classes on drawing and painting garden and wild flowers in late March. Jan Lemucchi arranged for a private tour by Four Seasons artists to the Randall Nature Preserve on April 20th for the Art Club. .The plein air sketching and painting event was scheduled for late afternoon to capture with beautiful shadows across the Spring landscape.

Norma Neil, Club contact: [Norma\\_Neil@icloud.com](mailto:Norma_Neil@icloud.com)  
Ph. 661-204-4653  
Let's Create Today

## CLUBS & CLASSES

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

Our April Solera/Four Seasons Veteran gathering was very informative and educational. Our guest speaker was Ms. Jenny Frank, Manager of the Bakersfield College Veterans Resource Center, and President of Armed Forces Support Foundation (AFSF).

AFSF is a small 501 © (3) non-profit, made up of a dedicated team of veterans and non-veterans, who enlist the community to become an integral part of their mission; serving those who have selflessly served our country. How do they help? Past projects have included building wheelchair ramps for WWII and Korean War Veterans who were essentially housebound, providing houseware items, like stoves, ovens, microwaves, and refrigerators, assist in obtaining work clothes, paying utility and rent bills and supplying food items. With the help of board members and community volunteers, they were able to help return these Veterans to a more normal and enjoyable lifestyle. To learn more about Armed Forces Support Foundation and how you can help make a difference in the life of a veteran in need, visit their website at <https://www.armedforcessupportfoundation.org/> and click on the 'Contact Us' and let them know how you can help share your blessings with them.

Bakersfield College (BC) Veteran Resource Center has a true leader at the helm, a Marine Corp veteran with a service-heart. Ms. Jenny Frank is right where she belongs, serving fellow veterans in their transition to student life and she's surrounded by an amazing and dedicated staff who are providing the services needed to navigate this transition. If you haven't taken the opportunity to tour the BC campus, or check out the Bakersfield College Vernon Valenzuela Veteran Resource Center, you're missing out. Our tax dollars are truly at work at BC, providing our veteran students and their dependents with dedicated advising, peer monitoring, tutors, conference/study rooms, lounge area, computer lab, work study opportunities, and much more. 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>. They're always looking for volunteers to help with their events.

Upcoming event everyone might be interested in attending. On Tuesday, June 20th, the Fox Theatre here in town will be holding its 1st Annual Central Valley Veteran Filmfest. It will be showing 4 short veteran films, three of which are stories of Kern County veterans, narrated by the veteran themselves. The event is FREE, you can pick up your FREE tickets at the Fox Theatre box office during normal business hours. Doors open at 6 pm, and the show starts promptly at 7 pm. Here is the link to the event <http://thebakersfieldfox.com/event/1st-annual-central-valley-veteran-film-fest-2023>.

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 May 10th luncheon, please RSVP by Sunday May 7th by either calling or emailing Penny Martinez using the contact information noted below.

Penny Martinez  
President & Secretary, Veteran's Group  
Email: [figment5802@gmail.com](mailto:figment5802@gmail.com)  
(661) 873-7615

Clark Machamer  
Chaplain, Veteran's Group  
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