

THE MESSENGER AT FOUR SEASONS



AUGUST 2023

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

Outdoor Amenities:
Monday-Sunday
6am-10pm

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2023-2024 Board of Directors

Don Wolfe

President

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Bill Ferguson

Treasurer

Pawel Bankowski

Secretary

Rodger Barnes

Director

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Presidents Report

Don Wolfe - BOD President

I was pleased with how well the election went. I look forward to working with the two new Directors, Pawel Bankowski and Rodger Barnes, along with the continuing Directors, Bill Ferguson and Lorenzo Alvarez. We have many challenges ahead and I'm sure you have high expectations of us.

One of the first things a newly formed Board must do is select new Committee Members, Committee Chairs and Board Liasons. Committees are established to advise, provide assistance, make recommendations and supply information to the Board. Effective, hardworking Committees are vital to the success of our HOA. Therefore, the selection process is not taken lightly.

To get the process moving, the Board appointed a sub-committee consisting of the President, Don Wolfe, Vice President, Lorenzo Alvarez, and General Manager Leanna Cutler. The sub-committees assignment was to review the applications we recieved from the membership and make recommendations for appointment by the Board. Going through the applications, I was reminded again of the wide range of knowledge and experience our membership brings to the table.

The sub-committee had 53 available seats to fill and 60 applicants, 44 being current committee members. Many seats had multiple applicants, others had few or none. While reviewing the applications, the sub-committee considered strengths, experience, knowledge of the subject matter, matching skill sets to the tasks set forth in the Committee Charters, the applicants' priorities for assignment, getting new members involved, rotating chairs to broaden the depth of experience of our leadership pool.

The recommendations of the sub-committee were submitted to the Board for their consideration at this Board Meeting.

Presidents Report

Don Wolfe - BOD President

There being more applicants than seats, not everyone who applied will be appointed. Of those who are appointed today, not everyone will get their first, second or even third choice. If you applied and do not get appointed this year, please try again. Turnover can be high, and we sometimes have more openings than applicants. Openings also occur throughout the year, and we draw from the applicant pool to backfill. We are always looking for qualified, enthusiastic volunteers.



RESIDENT SPOTLIGHT



A few of our residents decided to get all dressed up in pink to see the Barbie movie and sent in the photo below. We hope you enjoy this as much as us ladies in the office did. 😊



Some Words From Your Treasurer

Bill Ferguson - BOD Treasurer

It kept me from falling asleep last night: that people have asked “Why don’t we have a 24-hour guard at front gate house?” This has been brought up in the past (several times) and it boils down to simply the money. The explanation though is not so simple.

The 2023 minimum wage for Bakersfield starting on Jan. 1 is \$15.50. With our 2023 burden rate, which is the additional labor cost that may include items such as training, fringe benefits, vacation and sick leave at 40%, brings the total pay to \$21.70 per hour. I, personally, could not agree to employ the equivalent of a young new hire at McDonald’s to guard our front gate.

At this rate if the “guard shack” was staffed 24-7, assuming that eight hours each day of that would be overtime (at time and a half), it would cost us \$608 a day which is \$18,481 a month. Would this be reduced if we only have it guarded from 10 pm to 6am? Sure, but what are our intentions? It all boils down to a cost/benefit analysis and how this additional cost of manpower would be a benefit to our HOA. If adding a guard eliminates persons entering our community for nefarious reasons, then it would be a huge benefit, however, I believe we have sufficient evidence to say that it wouldn’t stop the wall jumpers.

As I said, it’s the money. It would cost each of us \$1.27 a day. That may not seem like much but it adds up to a \$38.58 increase to our monthly assessments. Are we ready to increase our dues by an additional 8% just to add a gate monitor? I would love to hear your comments on this subject.

Some Words From Your Treasurer, CONT.

Bill Ferguson - BOD Treasurer

OK, new topic: Why do we still have black stripes on our streets? This hasn't kept me up at night because the answer is pretty straight forward, but as with all things HOA that involve money, I'm interested. Specifically, the money management of our Reserves.

Road maintenance is a subject in our annual Reserve Analysis. The latest analysis prediction was that we would seal/stripe phase two in 2023. Earlier this year, the facilities committee, having surveyed our streets, asked that we seal all of the "spider cracks" that were in evidence. This is important as these cracks allow water to seep into the roadbed which in our area is largely clay. Two of the essential properties of clay are its plasticity and porosity. Both of these are bad for the streets as they allow the roadbed to absorb water, expand and cause more cracking.

The seal/stripe phase and the crack sealing were completed in April of this year at a cost of \$32,615. This was increased over the initial projected \$30,000 due to the additional sealing required. As most of you are aware, as I reported in last month's Messenger, although our current 43% funding level is judged as fair and is a moderate level of funding, we continue to strive for 70%. In our attempt to do this we are spreading all of our required maintenance over periods of several years.

Once again, thanks for reading my "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. As always, I intend to offer more financial thoughts next month.

Bill

Rules & Regulations

Kathy Clark - Committee Chair

The Rules and Regulations Committee has had a busy year. The committee began work in September 2022. The first item up for review was the Lodge Reservation & Rental Agreement. This was presented to the Board in December 7, 2022 and was approved to be reviewed by the community. The Lodge Reservation & Rental Agreement was adopted by the Board on January 25, 2023.

The next item the committee reviewed and recommended to the Board was the Election Guidelines. The Election Guidelines were reviewed by the community and the Board adopted the Election Rules on February 22, 2023.

At the March 29, 2023 general meeting the committee recommended to the Board to send the draft of the restated CC&Rs to the county to be reviewed for recordability and for town halls to be done once it is adopted by the Board.

The committee recommended and presented to the Board on May 31, 2023 the following Draft Revisions of the Internal Dispute Resolution, the Non-compliance and Enforcement Policy and the Monetary Fine and Discipline Policy. These documents are currently being reviewed by the community and will be followed by consideration for final approval and adoption at the General Session Board of Directors meeting scheduled for July 26, 2023.

Rules & Regulations

Kathy Clark - Committee Chair

While working on the many Board requested reviews and revisions, with Board approval, the committee has been revising the entire Rules & Regulations. This is a big project which involves rewriting the entire document to include all of the communities' policies and forms. Once this is completed, the document will provide clearly stated rules and procedures for our community.

WHEW! Thank you to each of the committee members, Ed Borgens, Evelyn Freeman, Valda Steiber and Kathy Zuckerman who gave their time and dedication. Thank you to our Board liaisons Lorenzo Alvarez and Betty Romm for their guidance and support. Thank you to the Management staff, Leanna Cutler and Emerald Newquist, for their ongoing support and assistance to the committee.



<u>ASSETS</u>	<u>Current Month</u>	<u>Prior Month</u>
Operating Cash & Investment Funds	\$ 140,568.67	\$ 107,851.85
Reserve Cash & Investment Funds	1,817,194.21	1,845,024.43
TOTAL FUNDS	\$ 1,957,762.88	\$ 1,952,876.28
Total Accounts Receivable	\$ 15,397.92	\$ 14,040.86
Total Prepaid Expenses (Insurance)	\$ 12,934.09	\$ 15,678.66
Total Fixed Assets - Lighting Conversion	\$ 77,687.34	\$ 77,687.34
Total Assets	\$ 2,063,782.23	\$ 2,060,283.14
<u>LIABILITIES</u>		
Total Current Liabilities	\$ 59,958.07	\$ 48,190.19
Total Accounts Payable	\$ 89,786.85	\$ 70,177.72
Total Liabilities	\$ 149,744.92	\$ 118,367.91
<u>PRIOR YEAR'S EQUITY</u>	\$ 18,778.41	\$ 18,778.41
<u>TOTAL OWNER'S EQUITY</u>	\$ 1,835,972.62	\$ 1,863,802.84
<u>NET INCOME / LOSS</u>	\$ 78,064.69	\$ 78,112.39
<u>TOTAL EQUITY</u>	\$ 2,063,782.23	\$ 2,060,283.14

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>Current Month</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Revenue Budget	\$ 178,967.00	\$ 1,073,802.00
Revenue Actual	179,991.25	1,077,901.97
Net Difference from Budget	\$ 1,024.25	\$ 4,099.97
	Over Budget	Over Budget
	0.572%	0.382%
<u>EXPENSES</u>		
Expense Budget	\$ 178,970.00	\$ 1,073,819.00
Expense Actual	180,038.95	999,837.28
Net Difference from Budget	\$ 1,068.95	\$ (73,981.72)
	Over Budget	Over Budget
	0.572%	0.382%
<u>EXPENSES</u>		
Expense Budget	\$ 178,970.00	\$ 1,073,819.00
Expense Actual	180,038.95	999,837.28
Net Difference from Budget	\$ 1,068.95	\$ (73,981.72)
	Over Budget	Under Budget
	0.6%	-6.9%
ACTUAL NET INCOME (LOSS)	\$ (47.70)	\$ 78,064.69

<u>RESERVE FUNDING LEVEL</u>	<u>Current Month</u>	<u>Prior Month</u>
Account Balance	\$ 1,817,194.21	\$ 1,845,024.43
Reserve Study @ 100%	4,283,163.00	4,283,163.00
Current Percent Funded	42.4%	43.1%

<u>ADDED SIGNIFICANCE</u>	<u>Current Month</u>
Reserve Expenses	
Asphalt Repair/seal	32,615.00
Accounts Receivable	
Allowance for Doubtful Accounts	(5,969.28)
Delinquencies - As of 6/31	21,367.20
One At Attorney	7,691.95
Two liens recorded	4,260.65
One pre-lien notice sent	932.91
Additional Delinquent Accounts	8,481.69

RULE REMINDER

POOL & SPA AREAS

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 4:00pm 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.



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.

Farewell to our ARC Chair

Steve West - Committee Chair

K. Hovnanian of Bakersfield - Board of Directors

Sea-Breeze – Staff – Leanna Cutler, Emerald Newquist & Saretha Headley

The Architectural Review Committee (ARC) – Kathi Sakamoto, Elizabeth Rodacker, Sandy Moffett,

Mary Sullivan, Margret Paschal & Liaison – Don Wolf

The K. Hovnanian Community

I want to take this opportunity to thank each of you for allowing me to serve you for the past five years as a member and chairperson of your ARC.

For those of you who might be reading this with little or no understanding of what your ARC committee does, let me tell you that the ARC is responsible for how your community looks today. I hear over and over how the residents of the community feel as though they are living in a resort. I was taken aback at the candidate’s forum this year when every candidate commented on how beautiful our community is and how, if elected, they wanted to keep our community looking like a resort. It’s not an accident. Back in 2000 the ARC recognized that if our community was to stay as beautiful as it had been under the auspicious of the builder, standards needed to be established that would keep our community looking fluid and cohesive. A set of standards that may not be the first choice of all our members but acceptable as a working model.

Your ARC committee, under the direction of Jann Kline (chairperson at the time) and committee members Mary Sullivan and Margret Paschal, a new set of standards was developed. ARC wanted “Standards” that were easy to read and understand and after days, weeks and months of writing reviewing and rewriting presented the standards to the full committee who approved them.

Farewell to our ARC Chair, CONT.

Steve West - Committee Chair

The proposed “Standards” were mailed to the community for review and comment on three occasions. After the reviews by the community the standards were presented to the board, and they adopted them on March 24, 2021. Were the “Standards” perfect, no but they gave the community direction and insured our community would continue to appear as a resort. I would like to say that not everyone in our community appreciates your favorite plastic flamingo with red LED eyes. The place to express your personal taste is in your backyard and out of sight of the HOA common area. We can all agree that our tastes are different, therefore we should accept that fact and allow our HOA to police all areas that are visible from the common areas as set forth in our “Standards.”

I can honestly say that, to my knowledge, your ARC never showed any favoritism to any member of the community and were always fair and impartial when reviewing member requests. In instances where the application was denied, Saretha always quoted the “Standard” section that represented the cause for the denial. If as the community grows and new technology becomes available the “Standards” can be amended following the steps laid out when the revised “Standards” were developed, shortcuts in development of revised “Standards” could cause an unfair advantage and we need to ensure that all community members are treated fairly and there is no heavy handedness.

It has been a pleasure serving as your chairperson and working with a committee of professionals.

Regards to all!

Steven West

Friends of the Four Seasons Messenger
Sandy Moffett - Committee Chair

Your “Messenger” Update

Our learning curve for this committee is a bit bumpy, especially for me, but we are working hard to give you the best publication we can. I am learning to use the Canva program to help Valerie with the setup and page layouts. I appreciate those who have been gentle in their discussion of missing or incorrect layout. We have two proof readers, one advertising person, and one person to suggest community spotlights: residents who have interesting backgrounds. We look forward to your suggestions regarding articles, inserts, adds and names for community spotlights.

There is a suggestion box at the front desk in the Lodge, or you can email thoughts to me at sm@sandymoffett.com.

I look forward to hearing from you.

**Blessings,
Sandy Moffett – Newsletter Chair**



ARC - Time to Move On

Sandy Moffett - Member

Time to Move On ~

It has been a pleasure to serve on the ARC (no, not the ARK) with Steve, Beth, Mary, Kathy, Margaret and staff liasons, Leanna and Saretha.

My focus needs to shift to the health of family, and I will be doing a lot of traveling between here and Idaho to be with my folks who are 95 and 83 respectively.



I know that the new board will do a wonderful job for the future of our community. I look forward to seeing you around Four Seasons.

**Blessings,
Sandy Moffett - ARC Member**

Tall Tales

Submitted by Kitty DeArmond, Resident

In the words of Kern's most prolific local historian, William Harland Boyd, "An integral part of Kern County's pioneer culture was the art of storytelling, and the stories that were told by the old-timers ranged from factual narrative to fabricated 'tall tales' . . . One does not have to read far into Kern's historical literature to find that there were different versions of several of the tall tales. . . Doubtless, many of Kern's tall tales have been lost forever, but fortunately some were preserved in the writings of local historians and journalists."

Thanks to Dr. Boyd, a selection of those stories were published by the Kern County Historical Society in their 1980 book *Kern County Tall Tales, Selected Folk History*. A sampling of which follows:

Quality Kern Potatoes

Belatedly it was realized that no one had been chosen to represent Kern County at an important convention of agriculturalists to be held at San Francisco.

When he became aware of this oversight, William B. Carr, of the firm of Haggin and Carr, [later known as the Kern County Land Company] hurriedly selected John Lemon to represent the company's Bellevue Ranch headquarters. After all of the other delegates had spoken in glowing terms of the farming experiences in their respective locales, the chairman asked for a report on the activities in Kern County.



Apologetically Lemon explained that he merely was a bookkeeper and that he really knew little or nothing about farming. Yet he was pressed to tell something of interest about what was going on in Kern County. Lemon remembered that a few days earlier a man had come to the ranch to buy some potatoes, indicating that he wanted about one hundred pounds. However, the ranch superintendent refused to sell such a small quantity because, as he explained, "I'll be darned if I will cut up a potato for anyone!" (Source: George W. Wear, *Pioneer Days and Key Club nights*)

Tall Tales

Submitted by Kitty DeArmond, Resident

Swollen Leg

Among the men who were active in the mines on Greenhorn Mountain was an unfortunate former seaman whose leg was badly injured during a rock slide. In spite of the best efforts of a doctor to mend the mangled leg, it ultimately had to be amputated, and he was fitted with a wooden limb. Yet the man's bad luck did not end with the mining accident, for a few months later, as he was walking from his mine to his cabin, a rattlesnake bit his wooden leg.

Such an attack can be painful, if not actually fatal. By the time he had reached his cabin the wooden leg was badly swollen, and his alarmed friends summoned a doctor from Kernville. In the meantime his friends sought to reduce the swelling by cutting away some of the wooden leg. By the time of the doctor's arrival they had cut away seven cords of wood!

After diagnosing the man's condition, the doctor praised the friends, for they doubtless had saved the man's life through their timely chopping away at the swollen limb.
(Source: Ardis M. Walker, *The Rough and the Righteous*)



A Word From Landscape Committee

By Mike Callagy (Landscape Chair)

Well, in case you have not noticed, it got to be summer, and our landscaping, along with most of our fellow community members, are saying, "ENOUGH." Irrigation times and spray heads are being changed to stay ahead of the demand for water.

C & M Landscaping has started applying weed/nut grass killer, so expect your lawns to look a bit brown when the nut grass dies. But, no problem, the nut grass will be back next year. The day lilies have been trimmed back and they to will be rising from the ground again.

Our landscape crew will be taking shade/water/rest breaks every two hours. I really do not know how these guys take the heat. Amazingly, they do and it would go a long way if we said a quick, "thank you" to them as you have occasion.

Mosquitos, the nasty ankle biters, and the aircraft size as well, must be stopped as best we can. The landscape committee, as well as our board, is researching what might be done to deal with the rest of this year and to prepare for next year. I'm glad you asked, "yes" there are measures we can take right now to help. Above all else, don't allow water to stand, anywhere. Make sure flower pot trays get emptied, stop overwatering, and report any standing water you see in your front yards to the community staff. You can also purchase mosquito dunks to put in the yard drains and any tree watering wells. Lawn Doctor of Bakersfield also offers a mosquito elimination service, which works very well.



Please also remember that your input to the landscape committee is hyper-valuable. No one can be everywhere all the time, especially at night when the irrigation system is functioning. Six hundred sets of eyes are better than a dozen or so.

Eileen and I thank all of you for your prayers, help and support during my encounter with some blood clots last month. It is very humbling and encouraging to encounter the love, care, and concern of our community. You made our, "adventure of the third kind" (for the older sci-fi geek's) easier by a bunch. Again, thank you so very much. Community matters.

Oh, That's Annie at the wheel. She says, "mosquitos and heat, no problem, we're going to the beach; NOW!"

ANNUAL GOLF CART PARADE



As always thank you Social Committee!



WINNERS

Best Decorated Cart: Jeannie Willmon

Best Decorated Motorized: Tom Linder

Best Decorated House: Joseph Padula (*entire street of Pretoria Place*)

Baby Picture Game: Annette Harder

BOD July Recap

Leanna Cutler - General Manager

On Wednesday, July 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 July 26, 2023; and the General Minutes from June 28, 2023, the Organizational Meeting Minutes from July 12, 2023, and the August 22, 2022.

- June 2023 Financial Report was approved.
- Consent Calendar included 1 Ballroom Reservations.
- Committee Reports and Approved Recommendations:

Finance: a. The Board appointed the 2024 budget subcommittee which consists of Judy West, Bill Ferguson, Don Wolfe, and Kathy Clark. They will present their draft budget to the Board at the September Board meeting.

b. The Board approved the increase of petty cash from \$2,000 to \$5,000.

Newsletter: a. The Board approved an advertising plan that will allow the Association to earn money to support the additional information being added to "The Messenger".

Facilities: a. The Board approved various cement repairs and patches totaling \$1,825

Pool Sub: a. The Board adopted a Board Policy to state that the Pool shall be heated April 1st to November 30th annually. The temperature of the pool shall be set at 85F April 1st -July 31st; 82F; August 1st – August 31st; and 85F September 1st – November 30th.

· Under Old Business the following item was approved:

1. The Board adopted the revised IDR (Internal Dispute Resolution) Policy and Procedure Guidelines: the Non-Compliance and Enforcement Policy (a section from within the Rules and Regulations): the Monetary Fine & Discipline Policy; Schedule of fines (section of the Rules and Regulations): and last the Board of Directors Guidelines for Committees. All revisions are effective immediately.

Under New Business the following items were approved:

1. The Board updated the Board Policy on the cost of faxing. It went from an incoming fax being raised from \$.25 cents to \$.50 cents; and to send a fax it was combined into one item instead of long distance and local fax, and the price was lowered from \$1.00 to \$.25 cents.

2. The 2023-2024 Committee were formed. The list is available on the website at www.fsbhoa.com.

3. The 2023-2024 Lodge Holiday Hours were approved. They will be available on the website at www.fsbhoa.com or you can ask for a copy at the desk.

The next Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for August 30, 2023, at 6:00pm at the Four Seasons Ballroom, 10500 Toscana Dr. Bakersfield CA 93306.

IT'S TACO

Tuesday

Carne Asada | Chili verde | Chicken

\$12 -3 Tacos, Rice & Beans

\$15 -3 Tacos, Rice & Beans, 1 Margarita

\$22 -3 Tacos, Rice & Beans, 2 Margaritas

Sign up & pay at the Front Desk

TUESDAY, AUGUST

22ND AT 6PM








DEADLINE FOR SIGN UPS/REFUND: SATURDAY, AUGUST 19TH

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

AUGUST 20

LODGE HOURS: MONDAY-FRIDAY

OUTDOOR AMENITIES








Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
		1 Beginners Pickle Ball 7am Water Aerobics 9am Bridge 1pm Crafters Club 1pm SOCIAL COMMITTEE 1PM Bocce Ball 7pm	2 Advanced Pickle Ball Dance Fitness 8am Chair Yoga 9am Water Aerobics 9am Canasta 1pm Water Volleyball 5:30pm Dance Fitness 5:45pm
6 Water Volleyball 4pm	7 Dance Fitness 8am & 5:45pm Koffee Klatch 8:30am Chair Yoga 9am Water Aerobics 10am Pinochle 1pm NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE 1PM 	8 Beginners Pickle Ball 7am Water Aerobics 9am Committee Appreciation Lunch 12pm Bridge 1pm Neighbor2Neighbor 1pm Neighborhood Watch Presentation 5pm	9 Advanced Pickle Ball Dance Fitness 8am Chair Yoga 9am Water Aerobics 9am LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE 1PM Canasta 1pm Water Volleyball 5:30pm Dance Fitness 5:45pm
13 Water Volleyball 4pm	14 Dance Fitness 8am & 5:45pm Koffee Klatch 8:30am Chair Yoga 9am IT/WEBSITE 9AM Water Aerobics 10am RULES & REGS 10AM Pinochle 1pm FACILITIES 1PM 	15 Beginners Pickle Ball 7am Water Aerobics 9am Bridge 1pm Crafters Club 1pm Bocce Ball 7pm	16 Advanced Pickle Ball Dance Fitness 8am Chair Yoga 9am Water Aerobics 9am Veterans Club 11:30am Canasta 1pm Water Volleyball 5:30pm Dance Fitness 5:45pm
20 Ladies Luncheon 11:30am Water Volleyball 4pm	21 Dance Fitness 8am & 5:45pm Koffee Klatch 8:30am Chair Yoga 9am Water Aerobics 10am Pinochle 1pm Scavenger Hunt 2pm 	22 Beginners Pickle Ball 7am Water Aerobics 9am Bridge 1pm Taco Tuesday 6pm Bocce Ball 7pm 	23 Advanced Pickle Ball Dance Fitness 8am Chair Yoga 9am Water Aerobics 9am Canasta 1pm Water Volleyball 5:30pm Dance Fitness 5:45pm
27 Water Volleyball 4pm	28 Dance Fitness 8am Koffee Klatch 8:30am Chair Yoga 9am Water Aerobics 10am Pinochle 1pm 	29 Beginners Pickle Ball 7am Water Aerobics 9am Bridge 1pm Dance Fitness 5:45pm Bocce Ball 7pm	30 Advanced Pickle Ball Dance Fitness 8am Water Aerobics 9am Canasta 1pm Water Volleyball 5:30pm BOD MEETING 6PM

2023 CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY 6AM-10PM SATURDAY-SUNDAY: 9AM-5PM
REGISTRATION FEES: MONDAY-SUNDAY 6AM-10PM

POOL CLOSED
MONDAYS & FRIDAYS
6AM-10AM

POOL CLOSED
WEDNESDAY
6AM-9AM

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>11:30am-1pm</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Beginners Pickle Ball 7am Water Aerobics 9am Art Club 10:30am Bridge 1pm POOL SUB-COMMITTEE 4PM Bingo 5:45pm</p> 	<p>4</p> <p>Dance Fitness 8am Chair Yoga 9am Water Aerobics 10am Bunco 1pm Advanced Pickle Ball 5:30pm</p> <p>ARC APPLICATIONS DUE - 2PM</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Beginners Pickle Ball 7am</p>
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GETTING TO KNOW THE BOARD

Leanna Cutler - General Manager

Dear Readers,

Another year of Elections are behind us. To me it's a New Year. But I love it! that's two times a fresh start (or maybe just a new calendar with not so much chicken scratch on it), two times to set goals, a bright new perspective, the energy you need to conquer your world. I love that "The Messenger" is now open to the community to provide input. Tell your community about your favorite places to eat, a favorite recipe, a suggested vacation destination, or even write a poem to submit and share? One of the things I love most is getting to know you all more. I work closely with the Board and realize that a lot of people may not know who they are. So, I hope you enjoy reading these responses and getting to know them outside of being a Board member like I have. Who knows you may be next.

DON WOLFE



1. The moment Karen and I drove through the Four Seasons gate for the first time we were blown away with the beauty and charm of the community. Then we got "the tour". A month later we were in escrow. What do we like most? The friendly, helpful, caring members we share this wonderful place with.

2. I was born in Oklahoma and grew up in Northern California lumber camps in the Mt. Shasta and Mt. Lassen areas. I attended one room, one teacher grammar schools for much of my 1-8 education. My grammar school days were priceless. I graduated from Anderson High School in 1964, left for UC Davis, and never returned. Lake Shasta, however, remains my favorite place to recreate.

3. Upon graduating from UC Davis in 1969 with a civil engineering degree, I was recruited by and went to work for the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works. I was with the Department for 39 years, starting on the bottom rung and working up to Director of Public Works. The accomplishment of which I am most proud: Construction of the 600 bed LA County-USC Medical Center on budget, on time, with no lawsuits!!! I can't imagine a better career than the one I had at Public Works.

4. None: "With great power comes great responsibility". I already have enough to worry about!!

5. I enjoy both books and movies. Having to choose, I would pick books. I can get more involved in a story with books, letting imagination fill in all the blanks. I can get much more involved with the story by reading. My favorite book was "It" by Stephen King. Lots of reading till the wee hours, sad it was over when I finished. The movies based on the book were a mockery of a great novel.

PAWEL BANKOWSKI



1. What I like the most about living in K. Hovnanian's Four Seasons is that I am living in a secure community with 5-star resort amenities located in Central California. I can enjoy beautiful weather year around in a pleasant and friendly community. I lived in three houses here so also; I like the high quality of the construction of houses with the minimum number of maintenance and service problems in K. Hovnanian's Four Seasons.

2. I grew up in a small town in central Poland. Poland was under communist rule in the time when I grew up, so I had to learn how to be disciplined, law abiding citizen and very patient citizen. We had shortages of food and other goods, so I also learn how to live frugal.

3. For over 40 years, I held senior management positions in Engineering and Operations at companies in Illinois, Florida, Arizona, and California. Some of my responsibilities were to design waterjet propulsion for Sea-Doo jet ski and Sea-Doo jet boats, to design pumping systems for drinking water plants and to design large dewatering or irrigation systems. I have a master's degree in mechanical engineering and am a licensed Professional Engineer in the State of California and Illinois.

4. I would like to have a superpower to be able to cure most illnesses and diseases so people would not have to suffer so much pain.

5. When I was young, western movies from USA about cowboys fighting native American Indians were my favorite action movies because they provided great entertainment and escape into world of fantasy while life in Poland was very difficult. Inspired by these movies I found a set of three

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volumes of book about Winnetou an Native American hero. Winnetou is a fictional Native American, the chief of the Apache Indians. Winnetou is a hero of several novels written in German by Karl May (1842-1912). I read an English translation of this book which retains the exciting adventures, while modernizing the style, and editing parts that were erroneous or may evoke bad associations. I read this book several times. It was a very interesting book, maybe because it was about fictional characters, and it allowed the author to use his imagination and create a very interesting story with many adventures. Unfortunately, I did not have much time to read books for entertainment or for leisure when I was attending High School, Polytechnic or when I worked. Most of the time I had to read books related to my work or studying. During that time, I prefer to watch movies with my family or alone. I like to watch comedies or action movies. My favorite movies are Lampoon Vacation movies and Indiana Jones movies.

BILL FERGUSON



1. I love the quietness, both during the day and night. An added bonus is not to have cars parked on the street.
2. Los Angeles, a half block from the river and about 2 miles from where Dodger Stadium would be built.
3. Project manager for Walt Disney Imagineering show control systems.
4. A highly superior autobiographical memory (HSAM)where I would remember everything that I have experienced.
5. I much prefer books. Do I have a favorite, having read thousands and not having HSAM, I can't recall.

LORENZO ALVAREZ



1. I love living in this resort like community with the many wonderful activities but most importantly; the people!
2. I grew up in Porterville CA
3. Before retiring I ran the legal division of KS Industries with offices in several states.
4. If I had a superpower, it would be to read peoples minds or anticipate something before it happens.
5. Movies. The John Wick Series and old westerns especially the Clint Eastwood Spaghetti Westerns.

RODGER BARNES



1. The feeling of living in a resort (year round).
2. I was born and raised in Bakersfield. Schooled here and San Francisco.
3. Retired from Law Enforcement, Kern County Sheriff Department and California Hwy Patrol. I'm also retired from the Insurance Industry.
4. If I could have a superpower, it would being able to fly. I hate commercial flying and being treated as castle.
5. Tom Clancy books for action the Bible for peace.

CLUBS & CLASSES

Sunset Cruisers - Susie Yslas (Club Leader)

SUNSET CRUISERS

Welcome Golf Cart Owners to the Four Seasons SUNSET CRUISERS.

If you have a golf cart and would like to join this Golf Cart Club, we meet, the second Tuesday of every month in the Lodge parking lot. We will then cruise through the neighborhood. Afterwards we will gather at the firepit or Lodge Cafe, so bring your beverage of choice and a snack to enjoy while chatting. This is a great opportunity for all of you golf cart owners to get

acquainted with one another as well as getting familiar with our neighborhood. If you have an empty seat or two in your golf cart, you may want to invite a neighbor for a ride along. The more the merrier, they are certainly welcome.

August 8th at 6:30pm

**See you Soon,
SUNSET CRUISERS**

Susie Yslas/Club Leader



Computer Club

by Dave Keeney (Club Leader)

Next Meeting: Saturday, August 5th, 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

by 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

by Melanie Yates (Club Leader)

It's Getting Hot Out There! Join us in the air-conditioned Lodge ballroom for Chair Yoga! It's 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

Mosaic Pottery Workshop
Susie Yslas (Four Seasons Resident)



Broken Into New

MOSAIC Pot Workshop

Back By Popular Demand

Workshop by: **Susie Yslas/Club Leader 661-802-1243**

When: September 26th and 27th

Where: Lodge Craft Room

Time: 1:00pm – 5:00pm



Your spot will be reserved upon receipt of \$45.00, **Pay Susie on or before September 15th.** Class is limited to Fifteen available spaces. I take Venmo, Zelle, or PayPal if it is convenient for you.

DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS SEPTEMBER 15TH.

****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.

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MOSAIC Pot Workshop

Back By Popular Demand

Workshop by: **Susie Yslas 661-802-1243**

When: September 29th- 30th

Where: Lodge Craft Room

Time: Friday 1:00pm - 5:00pm

Saturday 11:00pm – 3:00pm



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Hope you will join us. Susie Yslas/ Club Leader

CLUBS & CLASSES

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

The Four Seasons Holiday Home Tour was a big success last year. Five residents opened their homes and shared their holiday decor. After the tour, a social in the Lodge Lobby was enjoyed by all. The Neighbor 2 Neighbor Club plans to sponsor this event again this year on Saturday, December 9th. If you enjoy holiday decorating, please consider volunteering to show your home for the event this year. Just contact the club leaders if you are interested.

Community Service Project

We have developed a list of community members who own medical equipment and would be willing to short-term loan the equipment to other community members in need.

Please help us update this equipment list.

Do you own any of the following items that you would be willing to loan?

- Wheel Chair
- Walker
- Cane
- Crutches
- Shower or Tub Chair
- Raised toilet seat
- Knee Walker
- Baby Monitor
- Blood Pressure Cuff
- Or Other Medical Equipment



If you are willing to add items to our list, please contact the club leaders.

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

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

If you wish to borrow equipment, please directly contact community members on this list. Neighbor 2 Neighbor Club members do not store the medical equipment. If you borrow equipment, please remember to return the item to the lender.

The list of equipment with the owners contact information is also available on the Four Seasons website, just click on Clubs in the menu and then go to the Neighbor 2 Neighbor Club link. The medical equipment list is also available in the Arts & Crafts room next to our Dream Center donation basket.

Our next club meeting is Tuesday, August 8th at 1:00 pm in the Lodge Craft Room. All community members are always welcome to attend.

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Name	Equipment	Phone	Comment
Borbon, Sharon	Crutches, Cane Bedside Commode	661-873-4350	
Bradley, Lisa	Walker	661-331-9074	
Breiden, Janet	Portable Potty	661-742-1212	
Callagy, Eileen	Walker Shower Chair Baby Monitor Protective Shower Cover	661-203-2795	Shower cover for an arm or leg after surgery
Castro, Shirley	Small Wheelchair Walker	661-322-7665	
Corralejo, Florence	Crutches (2) Blood Pressure Monitor	661-873-7424	Will give away this equipment
Dean, Mary	Walker Wheelchair Knee Walker	805-459-1240	No rollers on walker
DeArmond, Margaret	Walker Wheelchair Crutches (2)	661-304-0093	
Fox, Gerry	Walker Cane	661-873-2993	
Linder, Ellen	Wheelchair Walker	661-599-2741	
Neil, Norma	80 Adult Diapers	661-204-4653	Medium size, side snap
Romero, Cecilia	Wheel Chair	818-970-8258	
Townsend, Sherry	Wheel Chair (light) Walker	661-747-8733	

Welcome Wagon - Kathy Zuckerman (Club Leader)



I am really excited about starting a new club! When someone closes escrow, they will be assigned a person, at first me, to help them through the move. If possible, I will meet them before move in day, if not on move in day. I will do things like, notify their neighbors on each side that they are moving in and a little about them.

Introduce them to their neighbors on each side and make sure they have my phone number to answer questions or guide them in the right way. I may bring over a Crock Pot of Chili for dinner so they don't have to cook.

Can't do it myself, I need your help. Sign ups will be so appreciated. It's a good way to meet new members and help them settle in.

We will all appreciate it and learn from it.

Kathleen (Kathy) Zuckerman
zuckermank@sbcglogal.net
661-596-9808

Ladies Luncheon - Annette Harder (Club leaders)

Thursday, July 20th, Four Seasons Ladies Luncheon was at the iconic Basque restaurant Woolgrowers-founded in 1954 by Mayie Maitia and still run as a family enterprise under the current ownership of her daughters Jenny and Christiane with another relative Nicole overseeing the service. The large dining area seated all 17 of us comfortably, and the service as always was quick and friendly. Family-style platters were frequently refilled. "Good!" "Tasty!" and "Very good!" were reviews of set-ups, tongue, lamb sandwiches, pork chops, and Sully Burger. Everyone agreed on "Always Good!" for the French fries. (When one sandwich got unfortunately served late, the client was comported a delicious strawberry cheesecake.)

Next month Sunday, August 20th at 11:30am we will meet at Tina Marie's Downtown Café 1534 19th Street. Sign up at the front desk. Meet at the flagpole between 11/11:15am if you need or can give a ride.

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

NEW TEMPORARY GATE CODE

Effective August 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)

Gone with the Wind by Margaret Mitchell is our selection for August. The story of Scarlett O' Hara, a headstrong Southern Belle who survives the hardships of the Civil War and afterward manages to establish a successful business by capitalizing on the struggle to rebuild the South and Rett Butler the gambler and blockade runner known for his scandalous behavior. The story is about civil war, rape, murder, heartbreak and slavery. It is not necessarily a book one would associate with hope. And yet, at the novel's heart lies Scarlett O'Hara, one of the most ruthlessly optimistic characters in literature. It is Scarlett's belief that tomorrow will be better that feels endlessly and gleefully hopeful. After all, as she knows so well; "Tomorrow is another day"



The Book Club will meet on August 17th at 10:00 am in the Library.

- Kathleen Reisig Book Club Leader

Fireside Happy Hour - Mary Sullivan - Club Leader

Fireside Happy Hour

The Fireside Happy Hour has been a great get-together since it started a couple of months ago. We have enjoyed fun and fellowship, beverages and snacks. I have decided to give it a rest for August and September since the calendar seems so full and other activities are more pressing. I thank all of you that have supported this club and hope you found it time well spent. I look forward to more gatherings in the future. We'll keep you posted.

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.



Scavenger Hunt - Stacy Davis (Club Leader)

We will be having a scavenger hunt club meeting on Monday, August 28 at 2:00 in the Arts & Crafts Room to plan the upcoming Halloween scavenger hunt. You are invited to join us.

If you can't make the meeting, but would like to help plan or set up this event you can contact me by calling 661-319-4069 or emailing stacydavis2005@gmail.com



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Unity K9 Express Rescue & Outreach - Carole Casteen (Club Leader)

This club benefitting Unity K9 Express Rescue & Outreach was formed to raise money for the rescue of dogs and puppies in both shelters (City of Bakersfield & Kern County). Unity K9 Express Rescue and Outreach is a 501c3 nonprofit that focuses on getting small dogs (including pregnant dogs) and puppies out of the shelters and into foster homes, and from foster homes into rescues outside of Kern County.

Last year Unity K9 rescued over 1,550 dogs and puppies! The adoption coordinator goes into the two shelters two to three times a week to rescue small dogs and puppies. Some of the out of town rescues that Unity K9 works with are: Toby's Small Dog Rescue, the LaBelle Foundation, Murphy's Paw (in Connecticut), and other rescues in LA, Orange County, and coastal California. Unity K9 Express Rescue & Outreach is unique as a rescue, in that there are NO paid employees. Volunteers are paid gas money to drive dogs out of town. Other than that, all of the donated money is used for insurance, vet bills (spay/neuter), vaccinations, dog & puppy food, & pee pads. Board meetings are open to all volunteers, and there is total fiscal transparency as to how the donated money is used. Additionally Unity K9 Rescue goes into the homeless camps along the Kern River (accompanied by Clinica Sierra Vista doctors & nurses), in order to vaccinate the dogs & puppies of the homeless and spay/neuter those dogs when possible.

Our first fund raiser is Tahoe Joe's steak or chicken dinner. Tickets may only be used on Thursday, August 31st. Ticket holders may either dine at the restaurant after 11am, or, their meal will be delivered to Four Seasons at no charge!

Call or text Carole Casteen at (661) 978-8065 for a ticket! \$25 for a delicious dinner (entree plus mashed potatoes, green beans, salad and bread), AND the great feeling that comes from supporting a worthy cause!



Laughter Along Our Path
Brought to you by Manya Carney (Four Seasons Resident)

Laughter Along Our Path
by Manya Carney (Resident of Four Seasons)

When 5-year-old Alden visited his Grandparents in Four Seasons, Grandma was so excited. She planned her favorite childhood dessert; Tapioca pudding. She measured, mixed in the milk, cooked, and stirred. She put the pudding in a big bowl in the refrigerator to cool and whipped it up again and again to make sure it was light and fluffy. She added whipped cream to make it even lighter. She lovingly spooned the pudding into crystal goblets and set them in the refrigerator to get good and chilled.

Soon everyone had finished the main course. "Time for dessert!" she proudly announced. She served a goblet of this delicious treat to each person sitting around the beautifully decorated table.

Little Alden in his loud shrill voice shouted, "Grandma, this Tapioca pudding is so hard, I can't dig my spoon in it!"

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Veteran's Club - Penny Martinez (Club Leader)

We hope you all enjoyed celebrating our country's 247th birthday and had the opportunity to express your gratitude for the freedoms we enjoy today. We live in an amazing country. We want to wish a Happy 233rd Birthday to our Coast Guard Veteran's motto: Semper Paratus – Always Ready. The Coast Guard, founded on August 4, 1790 by Treasury Secretary Alexander Hamilton was known back then as the Revenue Marine. The U.S. Coast Guard operated for 177 years as a function of the U.S. Treasury Department. In 1967 it was placed under the Department of Transportation, where it remained until it was transferred in 2003 to the Department of Homeland Security.

Even though we don't schedule speakers over the summer months, we still get together, and actively support our brothers and sisters in arms and we need your help. Have you heard about Wreaths Across America (WAA)? Each December on National Wreaths Across America Day, their mission to Remember, Honor, and Teach is carried out by coordinating wreath-laying ceremonies at more than 3,700 locations in all 50 U.S. States, at sea and abroad. Bakersfield National Cemetery (BNC) is one of those locations.

This year's National Wreath Across America Day is Saturday, December 16, 2023 at 9 a.m. At last year's event we were short 3000+ wreaths and we need your help to sponsor (purchase) wreaths. You don't have to wait until December. To purchase wreaths, go to <https://www.wreathscrossamerica.org/CABNCB>, click on sponsor wreaths, choose the number of wreaths you would like to sponsor, and under 'More Options' you can honor a living veteran or if you have a loved one interred at the cemetery, you can sponsor a grave with a specific wreath.

If you're not comfortable ordering wreaths online, you can sponsor wreaths by mailing a check. Wreaths are \$17 each. Make checks payable to Wreaths Across America, on the memo line write Group ID CA0797, Location ID CABNCB, mail check to Wreaths Across America, P.O. Box 249, Columbia Falls, ME 04623, before November 17, 2023.



Veteran's Club - Penny Martinez (Club Leader)

At the writing of this article the number of sponsored wreaths for 2023 is 2,335, our goal is 7,500. Help us by either volunteering at the event or by purchasing wreaths to adorn veteran grave markers who served our country honorably. Thank you in advance for your sponsorship and we hope to see you out there! Great News!!! The Honor Flight of Kern County is now accepting applications from ANY U.S. VETERANS who are 75 years and older! Yes, Cold War Veterans, this means YOU! You can download a Veteran Application from the website; here is the link www.honorflightkerncounty.org. The Honor Flight Kern County hosts monthly breakfasts at several locations. Bakersfield monthly breakfast, held on the 1st Thursday of each month at 9:00 am, Elks Lodge #266, located at 1616 30th Street. This event is FREE to all past honor flight participants and all local WWII veterans. If you've been on an honor flight, please wear your honor flight shirt and name badge to all events. No need to RSVP; however, I suggest you arrive early and if you have any questions, call Arlene Aninion at (661) 205-1478.

Our monthly luncheon gatherings are on the second Wednesday of each month at Huckleberry's Restaurant, located at 2673 Mount Vernon Ave, Bakersfield, CA 93306; festivities start at 11:30 am. If you plan on attending August 9th luncheon, please RSVP by Sunday August 6th 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.

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



Clark Machamer
Chaplain, Veteran's Group
(661) 469-2701



AUGUST FUN FACTS

August named after Augustus Caesar



Gem Stone - Peridot



Flower - Gladiola and Poppy



Horoscope - Leo The Lion (July 23rd to August 22nd)



Virgo The Maiden (August 23rd to September 22nd)

Full moon on August 1st



Blue moon on August 30th (last full moon of the summer) -

The blue moon is the biggest super moon of the year.



SPECIAL AUGUST DAYS

August 3rd - National Watermelon Day



August 13th - National Left Handers Day

August 25th - National Kiss and Make Up Day



AUGUST IN HISTORY

79AD - Mt Vesuvius erupts and buries Pompeii



1492 - Columbus departs Spain for the new world

1762 - The Earl of Sandwich invents the sandwich

1790 - First U.S Census

1914 - Germany & France declares war beginning World War I

1963 - Martin Luther King gives his famous "I Have A Dream" speech in Washington DC



1986 - MTV debuts



BUTTERFINGER ICE CREAM

*Got a submission? Email
valerie.ruiz@seabreezemgmt.com*

“We All Scream For Ice Cream.”

Especially when it is homemade. Gone are the days of sitting on the burlap that covered the rock salt while Daddy churned until the magic transformation happened. We children circled a large bowl with spoons to catch the melting treasure that slid down the dasher. I remember drinking the last drips from that bowl.

Today we have electric machines, and homemade ice cream couldn't be easier; with soft serve ready in less than an hour – start to finish. Here is Daddy's basic recipe:

**Vanilla Ice Cream
1 ½ Cups Whole Milk
1 ½ Cups Heavy Whipping Cream
¾ Cup White Sugar
2 tsp. Vanilla**

Wisk all ingredients together in a large bowl until the sugar is dissolved.

Place mixture into the frozen (usually overnight) base of your machine while it is running.

20 minutes later, add your chosen extras, i.e., crushed candy bars, fresh fruit or fruit puree, cookies etc., and mix for another five minutes.

Success!

Sandy Moffett – Four Seasons Resident

K. Hovnanian's Four Seasons Lodge at Bakersfield Community Association



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