

THE MESSENGER AT FOUR SEASONS



*Painted by Kathy Zuckerman. Influenced by Jan Lemucchi, and Debby Cline.
All above are members of the Art Club at Four Seasons - Come join us!*

NOVEMBER 2023

Lodge Hours of Operation:
Monday-Thursday 6am-9pm
Friday- 6am-10pm
Saturday-Sunday 8am-7pm
New Extended Hours

Outdoor Amenities:
Monday-Sunday
5am-10pm

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Director

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This month the Newsletter Committee got to interview resident Pawel Bankowski, and it was so riveting we had to put it in 2 parts!

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We asked Residents to send in what they were thankful for this season, check it out!

THERE ARE TURKEYS HIDDEN THROUGHOUT THE MESSENGER. DROP YOUR COUNT GUESS AT THE FRONT DESK FOR A CHANCE AT A PRIZE!



Some Words From Your Treasurer

Bill Ferguson - BOD Treasurer

Works like a well-oiled machine. This must be the general opinion of most of you about our financial management team. I say must be since we receive very few questions or observations and, apparently, have garnered little general interest. Perhaps I should just thank you for your confidence.

Robert Burns in 1785 wrote “The best laid schemes of mice and men (go ahead, Google it) often go awry” no matter how well one believes they are prepared. This leads me to my analysis of some past events.

In my last “Words” I had asked all of you to attend my financial forum on October 3. I did host the forum but presented my Power Point presentation to a very sparse audience of four. Almost all of that was my fault, as I didn’t ensure that it would be well publicized. There wasn’t an eblast to announce it and the date wasn’t coordinated with other announced functions on the same night. Lessons learned.

My plan was to post that same presentation on our web site. Here is where the quote from Robert Burns comes in because my plan went awry.

On August 1 we received notice that Seabreeze was officially on line with a new accounting and management software platform powered by CINC Systems. Although our financial accounts remained secure and all of our obligations continued to be paid on time there was a problem with our monthly financial reporting. This affected both the August and September reports and they were not released as scheduled. All the problems were corrected for the October report but I was reluctant to release my presentation to our web site since many of my numbers might have been based upon faulty data.

Now that the reporting is error free, I may schedule another time for a repeat forum with the appropriate updates. If you would like this to happen, please respond to my email address provided in the last paragraph.

Some Words From Your Treasurer, CONT.

Bill Ferguson - BOD Treasurer

Fortunately, both the reserve analysis and budget were unaffected as they were approved at the September 27th board meeting. This was where our assessments were increased to \$390.00 per month per unit and the reserve funding per month was set at \$35,446.00.

Let me talk now about our future finances. The finance committee will have their meeting on the November 16th and not meet at all in December. Because of the Thanksgiving holiday the next general BOD session will be on December 6th however the November financial package isn't available until after the tenth of the month. This may seem awkward but it is a yearly problem and has worked out well in the past. If you want to get an early look at the October finances, please attend their next committee meeting on November 16th.

Once again, thanks for reading my "words". I really enjoy your feedback so keep it coming because creating responses to you helps to keep me on my toes. As usual, I intend to respond to all of your thoughts and questions as candidly and accurately as I can either personally via email or in next months "Words".

So, send your responses and questions to: billfergus@aol.com.

As always, I intend to offer more financial thoughts next month.

Bill





OCTOBER TREASURER'S REPORT

<u>ASSETS</u>	<u>Current Month</u>	<u>Prior Month</u>
Operating Cash & Investment Funds	\$ 85,754.43	\$ 105,496.29
Reserve Cash & Investment Funds	\$ 1,838,065.90	\$ 1,768,618.74
TOTAL FUNDS	\$ 1,923,820.33	\$ 1,874,115.03
Total Accounts Receivable	\$ 28,269.98	\$ 26,549.25
Total Prepaid Expenses (Insurance)	\$ 4,096.00	\$ 7,444.95
Total Fixed Assets - Lighting Conversion	\$ 77,687.34	\$ 77,687.34
Total Assets	\$ 2,033,873.65	\$ 1,985,796.57
<u>LIABILITIES</u>		
Total Current Liabilities	\$ 38,720.42	\$ 51,036.11
Total Accounts Payable	\$ 90,880.17	\$ 98,443.00
Total Liabilities	\$ 129,600.59	\$ 149,479.11
<u>PRIOR YEAR'S EQUITY</u>	\$ 18,778.41	\$ 18,778.41
<u>NET INCOME / LOSS</u>	\$ 47,428.75	\$ 47,795.69
	<u>Current Month</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
<u>INCOME</u>		
Revenue Budget	\$ 178,967.00	\$ 1,610,703.00
Revenue Actual	\$ 178,250.25	\$ 1,618,825.97
Net Difference from Budget	\$ (716.75)	\$ 8,122.97
	Under Budget	Over Budget
	-0.400%	0.504%
<u>EXPENSES</u>		
Expense Budget	\$ 178,966.99	\$ 1,610,702.91
Expense Actual	\$ 178,617.19	\$ 1,571,397.22
Net Difference from Budget	\$ (349.80)	\$ (39,305.69)
	Under Budget	Under Budget
	-0.2%	-2.4%
ACTUAL NET INCOME (LOSS)	\$ (366.94)	\$ 47,428.75
<u>RESERVE FUNDING LEVEL</u>	<u>Current Month</u>	<u>Prior Month</u>
Account Balance	\$ 1,838,065.90	\$ 1,768,618.74
Reserve Study @ 100%	\$ 4,283,163.00	\$ 4,283,163.00
Current Percent Funded	42.9%	41.3%
<u>ADDED SIGNIFICANCE</u>		
Accounts Receivable	\$ 28,269.98	
Allowance for Doubtful Accounts	\$ (5,976.33)	
Delinquencies - As of 9/30	\$ 34,246.31	
One at attorney	8,993.66	
One at attorney w/lien	3,624.46	
Four liens recorded	7,744.03	
Two pre-lien notices sent	3,762.98	
39 Additional Delinquencies	10,121.18	

RULE REMINDER

PET CONTAINMENT

- All pets of a Resident or guest must be kept within an enclosure or enclosed yard of adequate height and strength to prevent escape.
- Outside of a Residence or fenced yard of a Residence, an animal must be on a leash held by an individual capable of controlling the animal and in accordance with the City of Bakersfield's leash law.
- All pets (dogs, cats, et cetera) are prohibited in/or on the Lodge Facilities except where Federal or State laws apply.



HOLIDAY DECORATIONS

- Decorations creating traffic congestion or a nuisance to neighbors shall not be allowed.
- Decorations may be hung or set out fifteen (15) days prior to a holiday and must be removed fifteen (15) days after the holiday, without ARC Committee approval.
- Christmas Holiday lighting and decorations shall be installed no earlier than Thanksgiving Day and shall be removed no later than January 15th.
- Use of exploding devices of any kind is prohibited in the community.

BOD October Recap

Leanna Cutler - General Manager

On Wednesday, October 25, 2023, the Board of Directors held a General Session Meeting. The following is of items discussed and actions taken.

- Approval of Secretary's report including Special Executive Sessions held on October 6, 2023, and October 16, 2023, and the Executive Session held on September 27, 2023. There were 2 hearings held and there are currently 23 rule violations, 2 ARC violations and 28 maintenance violations remaining from the Pro Tec inspection.
- The General Session Minutes from August 30, 2023, were approved.
- September 30, 2023, Financial Statements and Treasurers report was reviewed. The Board authorized four (4) liens to be filed on delinquency accounts.
- A letter from a homeowner was sent to the Board requesting reconsidering of see-through rafts in the pool. The Board referred the letter to the Rules and Regulations Committee.
- The Board received a request asking what authority the Board had to start recording audio and video at the lodge. The Board consulted with legal counsel prior to implementation and so long as notice is posted at the facility, there is no violation of any privacy rights.

Committee Reports

Finance:

- The Board appointed Beverly Helzer to the vacant position on the Finance Committee.

Facilities:

- The Board tabled the installation of four new pickleball courts on one of the tennis courts until a community meeting can be held. Questions that are being asked are: will this be a fad that passes and will a new court impact the neighbors? There was an alternative plan presented to make the current court into three courts, is this a better option? The meeting will be advertised when it is scheduled.

Architectural Committee:

- The Board appointed Mike Callagy to the vacant position on the Architectural Committee.

BOD October Recap

Leanna Cutler - General Manager

Old Business:

- The September roof repair bid from BSW was rejected because it was not complete. The Board awarded the contract to Fuzion Roofing in the amount of \$3,850.00. There is a 2-year workmanship guarantee on their work. This is a reserve expense.
- The Board approved the Café Ad Hoc Charter and appointed Rodger Barnes as the committee chair. The members are Mary Sullivan, Evelyn Freeman, and Lou Formano. The purpose of the committee is to research ways to utilize the café without bringing additional costs to the Association.
- The Board approved the Pro Tec Building Services Report showing the community what has taken place since the Pro Tec Report was completed in November 2022. The report will be distributed with the Annual Policy Statement and Annual Budget.

New Business:

- The Board appointed Don Wolfe, Bill Ferguson, and Rodger Barnes to an Executive Committee to look for alternative insurance quotes prior to the policy expiration of 11/15/2023. The current provider presented the policy within the last two weeks, and it is quoted at \$42,306 for the year, a 38% increase from last year.
- The Board approved modification to all three (3) South vehicle gates so that the clearance between the gate and the road is only 6". This will aid in preventing people from coming under our gates. Jaguar will be performing the work at the cost of \$8,000.
- To reduce the potential for slip and fall incidents resulting from the margining of water, soap and smooth wet surfaces the Board is taking the following actions. A) Better mat coverage over smooth tile in and adjacent to showers. B) Pool and spa users must sign-in in the lobby. They can exit at the west gate without signing out so they will not need to enter the lodge if they are wet. C) No wet feet, shoes, clothing, or pool toys are recommended in the Lodge. Management will purchase a holder for noodles, so those who borrow them can return them outside. The recommendations noted for B and C will be sent to the Rules and Regulations Committee to consider making into a rule with the pending updates the committee has coming to the Board.
- The CC&Rs have been approved by the City of Bakersfield Attorney and there are no "Eligible Holders" (a mortgage holder who has requested notification to receive information from the Association). Management, with the help of the members who assisted with the CC&R changes and current Rule and Regulation members will be working on a presentation for the owners. This should be expected towards the end of the first quarter of 2024.

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

BOD November Recap

Leanna Cutler - General Manager

A NOTE FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER

At the meeting I spoke about irrigation issues and how it is always going to be something that we must keep our eyes on. I pointed out that it would “take a village”. I wanted to recognize someone in “our village” who has really made a great effort and huge impact in a short amount of time. He works full time so he cannot be on a committee. His name is Matt Rotherham. He kept coming to me and saying we have issues, and my response was always “where”. So, he started to take videos and then would send them. After giving up on trying to describe the areas he came in and we would mark a map. The next day I would meet with Jose Morales from C&M Landscaping who gets the problems fixed. Being able to show the contractor exactly what is going on is a huge help. Some people may wonder why we must do this. Why is it our job to report a broken sprinkler, or when we see a lot of water running down the street. We have a landscape maintenance company, and we pay a lot for them! The answer is you don’t have to. It just helps save water. For the landscaping company they do check irrigation daily. They have one employee whose sole job is to check irrigation and make repairs. If they were to come out at night, it would be an additional expense and they may miss stuff because it’s just one person.

What I have learned recently is irrigation, just like any other maintenance infrastructure, it has issues you can see on the outside (broken sprinkler heads, heads that are not aimed in the correct direction). Then you have internal issues you don’t see (a busted pipe under the ground that may take days for the ground to get soggy enough to alert someone there is an issue). Last you have intermittent problems which just do not make any rhyme nor reason (the heads all popped up on the first cycle and then on the second cycle they do not pop up all the way). It is the feedback that is received that helps the infrastructure stay in its prime operational status. Will it ever be perfect? Unfortunately, no but we can work together to make it better.

There are a few other villagers who email me on their off-hour walks and I have to say your insomnia is the Associations blessing, so thank you. You know who you are.

I wish everyone a healthy Thanksgiving. I will share a quote that really resonates with me recently.

“You can’t go back and change the beginning, but you can start where you are and change the ending.” – C.S. Lewis.

Exterior Amenities Hours

Monday - Sunday

5am-10pm

When The Lodge is closed, you can use your FOB at the west gate entrance.

Lodge Hours

Monday - Thursday

6am-9pm

Friday

6am-10pm

Saturday & Sunday

8am-7pm

New Extended Hours

The Voice of America

Submitted by Kitty DeArmond, Resident

Do you remember when these towers graced the skyline south of Delano and west of Hwy 99?



(Photo courtesy of South Florida DX Assoc.)

For over 60 years, southbound travelers on Highway 99 were welcomed to Kern County by an array of red and white rhombic antenna towers visible in the distance. Actually set back two miles west of the highway, the massive towers were the property of Voice of America (VOA).

They were most impressive at night as their lights offered a pleasant greeting to motorists. As described by James E. O'Neal on the Radio World website, March 1, 2008: "After the sun sets, the station begs attention with the bluish-white pulsing of strobe lights and red beacons, too numerous to even begin counting from a moving car."

In 1939, the United States was the only world power without a government-sponsored international radio service. According to O'Neal, "When Pearl Harbor was attacked, the United States had no real interest in reaching out to the world by radio," he wrote in a 2008 article as technology editor for TV Technology.

To the contrary, German and Japanese radio broadcasts reached and demoralized Allied troops with their news and propaganda. Eventually, the U.S. realized it needed international shortwave radio transmitters, as Theo Douglas expressed in a March 2014 article for The Bakersfield Californian.

The Voice of America

Submitted by Kitty DeArmond, Resident

Robert Sherwood, speechwriter for President Franklin Roosevelt, and later known as the “father of the Voice of America,” opined: “We are living in an age when communication has achieved fabulous importance. There is a new decisive force in the human race, more powerful than all the tyrants. It is the force of massed thought - thought which has been provoked by words strongly spoken.”

Consequently, in 1941 President Roosevelt established the U.S. Foreign Information Service (FIS), the forerunner to VOA. From the VOA website: “Accelerated by Germany’s declaration of war against the U.S. and Japan’s attack on Pearl Harbor, in December 1941, FIS made its first direct broadcast to Asia and Europe with these words: ‘We bring you Voices from America. Today, and daily from now on, we shall speak to you about America and the war. The news may be good for us. The news may be bad. But we shall tell you the truth.’”

According to the VOA website, “Funded by the U.S. Government, VOA began shortwave radio broadcasts in 1942. VOA served the world with consistent messages of truth, hope and inspiration. Presently, it continues to provide international multimedia broadcasts with service in more than 45 languages. Serving an estimated weekly global audience of more than 326 million, VOA provides news, information and cultural programming through the Internet, mobile and social media, radio, and television.”

In 1944, VOA established an 800 acre site southwest of Delano on Melcher Road. It was one of the first transmitting stations for around the world broadcasts. However, due to the rise of satellite communications and the Internet, the facility was no longer viable. In 2007, after sixty plus years, it ceased operations. The buildings, satellite dishes and antennas were cleared from the property.

Notwithstanding, the Delano site has earned a place in local history, and perhaps recognition as a State Registered Historical Landmark as well!

Wine Tasting Club

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2023

Themed Wine Tasting Club welcomes Imbibe for our very first event. Imbibe will present Wine Tastings from Around the World.



Doors open at 5:30pm Event starts at 6pm.

Table reservations may be made if the entire table is paid for in advance.

BYO Appetizers to share with your table and your own wine glasses for enjoying your wine after the presentation. We would ask that your own bottle of wine not be opened until the presentation has been completed.

Cost \$15.00 per person

Imbibe will provide tasting wine glasses including champagne to begin your evening. After the tastings the wine glass must be left on the table as they belong to Imbibe. Wines will be available for purchase through Imbibe.

Adults Only

DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS: 11/8/23

Mosaic Pot Workshop
by Susie Yslas (Club Leader)



MOSAIC Terra Cotta Pot Workshop

Fun had by ALL, the creativity of this workshop as well as the participation each time always surprises and inspires. We Laughed, Chatted, and Created Together.

How FUN is That!



CLUBS & CLASSES

Sunshine Cruisers

by Susie Yslas (Club Leader)



Welcome Golf Cart Owners to the Four Seasons SUNSET CRUISERS. This will be our first official cruise night. 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 where we will meet, then cruise through the neighborhood. Afterwards we will gather at the firepit, 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 a 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.

Our next meeting will be Nov. 14th at 6:30 pm

See you Soon, SUNSET CRUISERS Wishing You A Happy Thanksgiving

Club Leader, Susie Yslas

CORNER SHOUTOUT!

This month's "Shout Out" goes to Sherry Davis, Social Committee Chair, who makes it possible for so many of us to go on short day trips, two-day trips and even week long trips -- affording us the opportunity to get away and kick back on a very nice bus to some great places at very affordable places. Check the bulletin board in the lodge for Sherry's update trip posts.

Thank U Sherry!

(shoutout provided by Resident Yvonne Alexander)

Update: Neighborhood Watch is now called Safety First @ Four Seasons

Computer Club

by Dave Keeney (Club Leader)

Next Meeting: Saturday, November 11th, 2023, 9:00 am

Location: The Lodge Theatre or Zoom



Any questions about computers or technology will be discussed. These meetings are intended for non-techies so if you have a question, would like to learn how to do something on your computer, or are just curious about something technical, please come join our meetings.

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)

A new season is upon us. Why not start something good for you? Chair Yoga is a great way to stretch and strengthen your body for greater flexibility and balance. Follow along at your own pace and ability. Everyone is welcome to join us on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings at 9:00 am. No previous experience or special equipment required. Questions? Call or text Melanie Yates at 661.703.0740.



AUTUMN *Nights*



CLUBS & CLASSES

Social Committee

Sherry Davis (Committee Chair)

When the calendar moves to October, attitudes change. The days are shorter, people are out more often and happier, now that the oppressive weather has subsided. Well, less oppressive.

On October 14th the community experienced an amazing Autumn Nights. The popular event brought neighbors and friends together on the patio for a special night of dining and dancing to the music of soloist, Isaiah Morfin, who is a favorite of Four Seasons. Thank you to all who chose to share your time with us.

One event is special but for October, there were two. On the 28th we celebrated Halloween and in the spirit of Four Seasons, residents rose to the occasion. There was great food, and spirits in abundance. The table decorations were outstanding which proves that we love to show off our talents.

Are there characters in the room? Mr. and Mrs. and Mrs. Mouse? And then, things ran Amuk, Amuk, Amuk when the Sanderson's flew in. What!?!??? Barbie and Ken, you say? there was Carmen Miranda, The Joker and Cat Woman, members of the Clergy, the Police and many, many more. Can it get better than this?

The Social Committee would like to thank you for supporting the work we do. We welcome ideas and suggestions, so please contact us. In closing, I would like to thank all who assist in the dismantling of tables and chairs after each event. It is a labor of love and support and your efforts are treasured.

Until next time, smile and be happy. God bless. Life is good.

Sherry Davis
Social Committee, Chair



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

NOVEMBER 2020

LODGE HOURS: MONDAY-THURSDAY 6AM-6PM
OUTDOOR AMENITIES: MONDAY-THURSDAY 6AM-6PM

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
			1 Pickleball 7am Dance Fitness 8am Chair Yoga 9am Canasta 1pm Poker/Dealers Choice 1pm Dance Fitness 5:45pm
5	6 Dance Fitness 8am Koffee Klatch 8:30am Chair Yoga 9am IT/WEBSITE 9AM Pinochle 1pm Dance Fitness 5:45pm	7 Pickleball 7am Crafters Club 1pm Bridge 1pm SOCIAL COMMITTEE 1PM Bocce Ball 6pm	8 Pickleball 7am Dance Fitness 8am Chair Yoga 9am LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE 9am Veteran's Club 11:30am Canasta 1pm Poker/Dealers Choice 1pm Dance Fitness 5:45pm
12	13 Dance Fitness 8am Koffee Klatch 8:30am Chair Yoga 9am Water Aerobics 10am Pinochle 1pm FACILITIES 1PM Dance Fitness 5:45pm	14 Pickleball 7am Water Aerobics 9am Bridge 1pm Safety First@ Four Seasons 5pm New Homeowner Orientation 6pm Bocce Ball 6pm Sunset Cruisers 6:30pm	15 Pickleball 7am Dance Fitness 8am Chair Yoga 9am Water Aerobics 9am Canasta 1pm Poker/Dealers Choice 1pm RULES & REGS 1PM Dance Fitness 5:45pm Last Day to Turn in Halloween Decorations
19	20 Dance Fitness 8am Koffee Klatch 8:30am Chair Yoga 9am Water Aerobics 10am Ladies Luncheon 11:30am Pinochle 1pm NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE 1PM	21 Pickleball 7am Water Aerobics 9am Crafters Club 1pm Bridge 1pm Pinochle 1pm Bocce Ball 6pm	22 Pickleball 7am Dance Fitness 8am Water Aerobics 9am Chair Yoga 9am LODGE OPEN 6PM
26	27 Dance Fitness 8am Koffee Klatch 8:30am Chair Yoga 9am Water Aerobics 10am Plant Slant 10am Pinochle 1pm Dance Fitness 5:45pm	28 Pickleball 7am Water Aerobics 9am Bridge 1pm Neighbor2Neighbor 1pm RULES & REGS 1PM Bocce Ball 6pm	29 Pickleball 7am Dance Fitness 8am Chair Yoga 9am Water Aerobics 9am Canasta 1pm Poker/Dealers Choice 1pm Dance Fitness 5:45pm

2023 CALENDAR

9PM FRIDAY: 6AM-10PM SATURDAY-SUNDAY: 8AM-7PM
ES: MONDAY-SUNDAY 5AM-10PM

POOL CLOSED









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MONDAYS & FRI

WEDNESDAY

6AM-10AM

6AM-9AM

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<p>2</p> <p>Pickleball 7am Art Club 10:30am Bridge 1pm Bingo 5:45pm</p> 	<p>3</p> <p>Dance Fitness 8am Chair Yoga 9am Bunco 1pm Tripoli Game Day 1pm Pickleball 5:30pm</p> <p>ARC APPLICATIONS DUE - 2PM</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Dinner Club 5pm</p> 
	<p>9</p> <p>Pickleball 7am Art Club 10:30am Bridge 1pm ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW 1PM Bingo 5:45pm</p> 	<p>10</p> <p>Dance Fitness 8am Chair Yoga 9am Game Night 1pm Tripoli Game Day 1pm Pickleball 5:30pm Themed Wine Tasting Club 6pm</p> 	<p>11</p> <p>Computer Club 9am</p>
	<p>16</p> <p>Pickleball 7am Water Aerobics 9am Book Club 10am Art Club 10:30am Bridge 1pm FINANCE COMMITTEE 1PM Bingo 5:45pm</p> 	<p>17</p> <p>Dance Fitness 8am Chair Yoga 9am Water Aerobics 10am Game Night 1pm Tripoli Game Day 1pm Pickleball 5:30pm Golden Karaoke Voices 6pm</p>	<p>18</p>
	<p>23</p> <p>LODGE CLOSED</p> 	<p>24</p> <p>LODGE OPEN NOON-10PM</p> <p>Bunco 1pm Tripoli Game Day 1pm Pickleball 5:30pm</p> 	<p>25</p> <p>Computer Club 9am</p>
	<p>30</p> <p>Pickleball 7am Water Aerobics 9am Art Club 10:30am Bridge 1pm Bingo 5:45pm</p> <p>*Pool Heater Turned Off*</p> 		

HALLOWEEN Night Party



Our Contest winners of the night! (from left to right)

Group Costume: Jeannie & Greg Willmon
 Female Costume: Susie Yslas
 Male Costume: Gary Baker
 Best Table: Judy Hughes



CLUBS & CLASSES

Newsletter Committee - Sandy Moffett (Committee Chair)

Did you know that each state has its own rules as to the legal age for a person to drive a golf cart? In California the legal age is 13.

Interesting...

There are some stipulations though. The driver must be able to safely reach the pedals and maneuver the vehicle from the appropriate seated position.

Maison Law gives more information:

Under Section 345 of the California Vehicle Code, a golf cart is defined as any vehicle that:

- **Always has three or more wheels in contact with the ground.**
- **Weight is under 1,300 pounds.**
- **Built to transport golf equipment.**
- **Specifically meant for a driver and a passenger, no more.**
- **Speed doesn't go beyond 15 mph.**

Most important in a community such as ours is that anyone operating a moving vehicle must obey all posted stop signs and speed limits.

While I am not the Four Seasons Police, I have been concerned to see youngsters and even adults driving carts and bicycles through stop signs on more than a few occasions.

Please be careful out there folks, and watch out for each other.

You can find everything you need on our website including, applications, club details, event flyers and so much more!

FSBHOA.com

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November 2023 Messenger Neighbor 2 Neighbor Club

Congratulations to Sandie Alteneider, winner of the Dream Center Fundraiser Raffle. Sandie received \$810 and the Neighbor 2 Neighbor Club also has \$810 to purchase items needed by the emancipated foster youth as they move into their first apartment.

Thank you to the very generous Four Seasons community for supporting this fundraiser by purchasing tickets.

A very special thank you to the community members who made generous donations to support the young adults at the Dream Center.



Neighbor 2 Neighbor Club Presents **THE FOUR SEASONS HOLIDAY HOME TOUR**

Saturday, December 9, 2023
5 Decorated Homes ~ Refreshments/Social



Only \$20.00

Tickets can be purchased in advance from club members.
CASH ONLY


1:00 pm	Lodge Lobby to receive home tour map & entrance wrist band
1:00 - 2:30 pm	Visit the 5 decorated homes
2:30 - 4:30 pm	Refreshments & Social in the Lodge Lobby

Our next club meeting is Tuesday, November 28, at 1:00 pm in the Lodge Craft 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



Golden Voices Karaoke - Laurie Dean (Club Leader)

Greetings Four Seasons Friends and Neighbors! 

We held our first "Golden" Karaoke Singers Club on Friday, October 20th, 2023. There were thirty-seven guests in attendance, and everyone was singing and having a wonderful time! Our night was filled with soloists, group sing a-longs, Halloween jokes and line dancing. There were songs selected from many different artists, genres, and years. We heard so many great vocalists and we look forward to hearing them sing more and more songs at our next club event. If you have any suggestions, they are all welcome!

I hope to see you at our next Karaoke evening which is scheduled for:

- Date: Friday, November 17th, 2023
- Time: 6:00 P.M.
- Location: Lodge ballroom.

Quote from Michael Jackson:

In a world filled with hate, we must still dare to hope.
In a world filled with anger, we must still dare to comfort.
In a world filled with despair, we must still dare to dream.

Sincerely,
Laurie Dean / Club Leader
Phone: 949-690-3096
Email: izebra311@yahoo.com



Plant Slant - Patsy Ouellette (Club Leader)

Plant Slant, A Vegan Book Discussion Group
4th Monday of the Month, 10AM-NOON, Lodge Library
Patsy Ouellette - Club Leader (661) 205-7324, paouell@earthlink.com

Hello Four Seasons' Friends,

November is here and that means Thanksgiving. But, after experiencing an indulgent holiday weekend, many people are ready to get back on track and begin eating healthy again. With that in mind, we at Plant Slant will explore how other cultures address this challenge. The most successful of these cultures are known as the Blue Zones, the places in the world with the healthiest, longest living populations. Therefore, this month our group will watch episode one of the Netflix documentary, "Live to 100," and discuss how we can apply some of those people's good habits to our own lives.

Happy Thanksgiving, and I hope to see you the following Monday, November 27 at Plant Slant. We would love to have you.



Ladies Luncheon - Annette Harder (Club leaders)

Donna Kaye's, is a locally owned Cafe established in 1997. The cozy Cafe is set back from the front parking lot. Our ladies were greeted by a welcoming staff and led to a, private, back enclosed patio. The 14 ladies in attendance then had to decide breakfast or lunch or maybe dessert first. Of course the mouthwatering Cinnamon roll was calling one of our ladies by name and gave it a great big thumbs up.

The dessert put us all in the mood to visit our established local creamery on F Street. On Monday, November 20 at 11:30am we will return to Rosemary's Family Creamery, 2733 F Street, Bakersfield. 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



CLUBS & CLASSES

Sunshine Club - Linda Hofer (Club Leader)

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

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

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

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

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

NEW TEMPORARY GATE CODE

Effective November 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)

Deep in the southernmost part of Alabama, along the banks of a lazy winding river, lies the sleepy little community know as Lost River, a place that time itself seems to have forgotten. After a startling diagnosis from his doctor, Oswald T. Campbell leaves behind the cold and damp of the oncoming Chicago winter to spend what he believes will be his last Christmas in the warm and welcoming town of Lost River. There he meets the postman who delivers mail by boat, the store owner who nurses a broken heart, the Mystic Order of the Royal Polka Dots Secret Society, who do clandestine good works. And he meets a little redbird named Jack, who is the center of this tale of a magical Christmas when something so amazing happened that those who witnessed it have never forgotten it. Once you experience the wonder, you too will never forget A Redbird Christmas by Fannie Flagg.



The Book Club will meet on November 16 at 10:00am in the Lodge Library.

- Kathleen Reisig Book Club Leader

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.

Bridge Club - Catherine Patrick (Club Leader)

The Bridge Club meets in the library at the Lodge on Tuesday and Thursdays from 1-4 pm. We play Goren. We welcome all levels of players including those whom have never played. We are patient and willing to teach. Don't be intimidated by stories you've heard. Come and try it. If you like cards/games, bridge is the ultimate.

Contact: Catherine Patrick
Capshamrock@aol.com

Scavenger Hunt - Stacy Davis (Club Leader)



The Hanukkah 8 Krazy Kilometers and 2K Latke Loop event is a family friendly charity fun run. It will be held in person on December 10th at the Panorama Vista Preserve. A virtual option has been added where you will be able to participate anywhere during any of the eight days of Hanukkah (December 8 - December 15). Registration available at [RunSignUP](https://runsignup.com).

Our races include the following:

<p><u>In Person Event:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Race T-Shirt *Participation Medal *Swag Bag *Chip Timing for 8K *Awards for Fastest 8K Finishers (1st - 3rd in each age group) *Team discounts *Prize for biggest team *Costume contest *Raffle Prizes *Race Day Refreshments and Entertainment 	<p><u>Virtual Event:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Race T-Shirt *Participation Medal *Swag Bag *Team discounts *Printable Custom Race Bib *Printable Certificate of Completion *Able to Post Times on RunSignUp *Able to Submit Race Pictures to be included on our website and social media
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A portion of each participant's registration fee will be donated to Temple Beth El and to the Kern River Parkway Foundation which is a local non-profit organization that works to protect, preserve, and restore the natural riparian and wildlife habitat of the Kern River.

The current cost for the in-person race is \$35 for the 2K and \$40 for the 8K. The current cost for the virtual race is \$45 (includes postage). T-shirt, medal, and swag bag will be mailed to you. There is a team discount available for groups of 3 or more.

In order to be guaranteed a shirt in your size you must register by November 26.

Don't delay, register today! You can register at:

<https://runsignup.com/Race/CA/Bakersfield/8krazykilometers>

Tell all your friends and family about our upcoming fun holiday event.

For more information about the race visit our website at 8krazykilometers.org or visit our [Facebook page](#) or [Instagram page](#).

CLUBS & CLASSES

Art Club - Norma Neil (Club Leader)

WATERCOLOR CLASS NEWS

During October students were painting fall fruits, which along with being beautiful, are tasty models.

With the Holidays we'll have fewer classes in November and December. I'm planning lessons that can be finished in one class session. Some will be suitable for greeting cards or small gifts. The lessons are adaptable for beginners along with the more experienced painters.

New students are being accepted in January with lessons structured to build basic skills for successful watercolors. As with other HOA events you may invite a friend to join you in the class. Contact Norma Neil if interested or just want to know more..

ART CLUB

A September plein air painting trip to Stallion Springs was canceled, perhaps the cost of gas was the culprit.

With the Holidays we'll have fewer classes in November and December. I'm planning lessons that can be finished in one class session. Some will be suitable for greeting cards or small gifts and great for any beginners eager to jump in.

The Art Club strives to enrich our lives with varied activities during the year, most of which are free or offered for a materials fee.

Please let any Art Club member or myself know of your interest.



*“Leaves of Gold” a watercolor mixed media painting by Norma Neil ,
which was inspired by a neighborhood walk last November.*

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

Why Not?

A resident of Four Seasons brought her two little grandsons to swim in our gorgeous pool. The boys were having a great time splashing around in the water. They were laughing one minute and the next they suddenly became engrossed in conversation. As their grandmother moved closer, she overheard them talking.

7-year-old Philip said, "I don't know what the big deal is... about looking at naked women in magazines."

6-year-old Bart replied, "Yeah! If you want to see a naked lady, just go home and look at your mom."

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Veteran's Club - Penny Martinez (Club Leader)

A good time was had by all who attended our 2nd Annual Potluck BBQ at Four Seasons last month. We enjoyed some delicious food from Salty's BBQ, the sides dishes supplied by attendees were awesome, entertainment by 'Mixed Company' barbershop quartet was amazing, everyone enjoyed taking selfies at the photo booth, and congratulations to our raffle winners. A big 'THANK YOU' to our veteran organization guests who attended and to Four Seasons management staff and Social Committee members for your help in making this event a memorable one!



The US Marine Corps was founded on November 10th 1775. Since 1775, Marines have fought courageously and tenaciously in every conflict our country has faced. Through the Revolution, the Spanish-American War, World Wars in Europe and the Pacific, conflicts in Korea and Vietnam, and operations in the Middle East, Marines consistently earned a reputation as the world's elite fighting force. Battlefields change, and Marines have always adapted to the environment and the changing character of war, but the

reason they fight and win is immutable. It's the individual warfighters, and their love for each other, that makes the Corps as formidable a force today as it has been for the past 248 years. It's their ethos and their unapologetic resolve to be the most capable and lethal fighting force that sets them apart from the rest.

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Veterans Day is an opportunity to publicly commemorate the contributions of living veterans and to show appreciation toward them. But beyond the free meals, discounts, tributes, and platitudes given to veterans on this day, there is also an opportunity to truly show them your appreciation. If you find a veteran, ask them a few questions. Ask them when they served, where they served, what

branch did they serve in, what did they do while they served, what was it like to serve, and finally, why did they serve. Listen to their story and then you will truly know about the service you are thanking them for. It will make all the difference to them and might give you a greater appreciation for our veterans and the freedoms they ensured we can all enjoy

Thank you for your service to your country! God Bless you and the United States of America!

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 November 8th luncheon, please RSVP by Sunday November 5th by either calling or emailing Penny Martinez using the contact information noted below. Our guest speaker for November will be Mr. Jose Lopez, Director, Kern County Veteran Services Department.

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) 302-3471

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





RESIDENT SPOTLIGHT



The Messenger Committee is looking for neighbors in our community to interview. Pawel Bankowski Interview – Part One

Sandy: Tell us about your memories of growing up in another country.

Pawel: I grew up in a small town in central Poland. My entire family lived there, so we met together often. We had four distinct seasons with harsh winters. During the winters, we had very cold temperatures and a lot of snow, so I didn't spend much time outside. My fondest memories are from my early childhood because I had a lot of freedom. Every day I played with my friends in nearby fields and in the forest. At that time our favorite activity was to search for buried treasures. Many years later I learned how lucky we were that we didn't have an accident because there were many mines and artillery rounds in the ground. It was only a few years after the end of World War II. When I was a small child, my parents didn't give me candies, so I ate sweet Glucosamine, which my grandpa was receiving from his doctor for weak joints. Maybe that's the reason I still have healthy joints.

My saddest memories are from the time when I was attending Elementary School and High School. During Communist time in Poland, we were very disciplined at school. Every student had to wear a patch with the name and number of the school on their left arm when we were outside of school. In addition, we had to have a collar with a different design attached to a shirt or blouse, which showed the specific grade we were attending. I was talented and had a great memory, so I was a very good student, and I was selected to perform in school patriotic presentations which helped me maintain good grades. It was mandatory for me to study the Russian language in all school levels, even at the Polytechnic University where I studied. When I finished High School, I was fluent in the Russian language.

In High School, I discovered my talent in Math and Physics. I always enjoyed solving math and physics problems in my spare time. Such skills prompted me to want to be a Mathematician and proceed to a scientific career in that profession. Having been inspired and influenced by my father, I decided to learn to design various machines and become an Engineer.

PAWEL BANKOWSKI - PART 1

In order to accomplish this, I started studying mechanical engineering at the Polytechnic University in Lodz. Five years later, I graduated with a Master's degree in mechanical engineering. After graduating, I learned of a project assignment to build the first nuclear power plant in Poland, under license from the Soviet Union. I wanted to be part of the team which was working on that project. I applied for a machine designer job and asked to be accepted to the team of designers working on this exciting new project. I was accepted into the program, but it required me to move from my family town to the city of Warsaw. At that time, there was a Communist government system in Poland, and in order to move from one city to another, it required special permission. It was especially difficult for me to receive such permission, to move from my small town to the capital city. I didn't end up receiving permission to move to Warsaw, so I started working at the Polytechnic in Lodz. My new assignment was with a team designing waterjet propulsion systems for boats. Our team designed and built several successful propulsion systems for boats in the Polish Navy.

It is interesting that years later, I met and fell in love with a woman working in the team of researchers of special materials for that first nuclear power plant in Poland. That woman became my wife. She graduated with a Master's degree in physics from the University in Lodz. We helped each other in our work for several years when we were living in Poland. In the end, I actually ended up being indirectly involved with assisting in the design of that plant.

When I was a young adult, I lived in Poland during the Cold War. Poland was under communist rule during that time, so I had to learn how to be a disciplined, law-abiding citizen and most importantly a very patient citizen. We had shortages of food and other goods, so I also learned how to be frugal. These habits helped me to be financially successful in the USA. I learned to be very patient and pay cash for most purchases instead of taking expensive loans. In 1981, martial law was imposed in Poland and life in Poland became unbearable for me. I got married in 1982 and my wife and I welcomed our daughter in 1983. In 1984, martial law was lifted.

PAWEL BANKOWSKI - PART 1

After long discussions with my wife, we decided that I would travel to Germany, ask for political asylum and later have my wife and daughter join me. Shortly after arrival in Germany, I asked for political asylum, which I was granted. It was a happy day for me, but at the same time it was a sad one. I was happy because it offered me great new opportunities for a better life. On the other hand, it left me sad because I feared that I might never see most of my family or friends again. Now we know that a few years later, the communist system was abandoned in most Eastern European countries, including Poland. I was then able to visit Poland many times. My wife was fired from her job in Poland after I was granted political asylum in Germany. Polish authorities were especially angry about my “escape to freedom” because I designed a successful waterjet propulsion for speed boats used by Special Forces in the Polish Navy. At the beginning of my stay in Germany I had to start learning the German language. After a few months, I started working at a printing company. Unfortunately, my company didn't print German money, so it was a boring job. After two years living in Germany, I was fluent in German. During my stay there, I lived in a large city, Frankfurt, where there was a large US military base and consulate. On one occasion I had a conversation with a person working at the consulate. After a few days, I was invited back to the consulate for a meeting with a technical team to talk about my work on waterjet propulsion systems in Poland. My meeting went very well, and I was offered emigration to the USA, so I could continue working on improvements in waterjet propulsion technology for boats in the USA.

Sandy: At what age did you come to the states and did your family accompany you?

Pawel: I came alone to the USA at age 34, and I start working on my American dream. I settled in Chicago which has a large Polish community. First, I had to start learning English language.

Sandy: Why didn't your family come with you?

Pawel: My wife and my daughter stayed behind in Poland because Polish authorities didn't allow them to leave.

PAWEL BANKOWSKI - PART 1

An important factor in not allowing my wife to leave her work designing the first nuclear power plant. Even though my wife stayed at home, and she was taking care of my daughter, the Polish authorities didn't allow her to leave Poland for four years. During that time, my wife was threatened with a different punishment, and she was psychologically abused. Her treatment was also an example for others to not try and escape from communistic countries if they didn't want their families to be harassed. I was advised to send by courier service nice clothes and colorful brochures about the USA to my wife. When the Polish authorities learned that my wife was spreading positive propaganda about the USA, they gave my wife and our daughter one week to leave Poland, permanently. I guess communist authorities in Poland didn't like positive propaganda about the USA. After four years of waiting, my wife and our daughter were at last coming to the USA. When my wife and daughter arrived in Chicago, it was a long-awaited happy reunion for the three of us. My wife and I reconnected within a few days, but it took me a few months to reconnect with our four-year-old daughter. She had to relearn that I was her father.

Sandy: Do you still have family in Poland?


Pawel: I still have my brother and his family there as well as some cousins, nieces, and nephews. When my children were small, we traveled to Poland every three years so they could spend some time with grandparents and other members of our family. When my children were younger, they spent a few summer vacations in Poland with their grandparents. Now my children are adults and their grandparents have passed away, so we primarily travel to Poland only for larger family events, like weddings or reunions. In the last seven years, we have had two family reunions in Poland, the most recent of which was last month.


Stay tuned for Part Two in the December Messenger



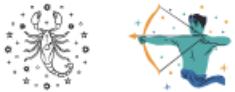
NOVEMBER FUN FACTS

November from the latin *Novem* meaning 9th month in early Roman calendar.

Gem Stone: Topaz and Citrine 

Flower: Chrysanthemum 

Horoscope: Scorpio - October 23rd to November 21st (Resourceful, Brave) Sagittarius - November 22nd to December 22nd (Optimistic, Adventurous)




Full moon visible on November 26th-28th

SPECIAL NOVEMBER DAYS

November 1st - Men Make Dinner Day

November 9th - Tongue Twister Day

November 14th - Pickle Day 

November 21st - World Hello Day

NOVEMBER IN HISTORY

1512 - Michelangelo's painting in Sistine Chapel first exhibited.

1639 - First Post Office set up in Massachusetts.



1775 - US Marine Corps founded.

1825 - Erie Canal opened.

1841 - First wagon train arrived in California.

1869 - Suez Canal opened.

1879 - Thomas Edison sign patent for electric lamp.

1927 - Holland Tunnel opened.

1935 - Parker Bros introduced Monopoly.



Written by Mary Sullivan (Four Seasons Resident & Newsletter Committee Member)

WHAT ARE YOU THANKFUL FOR?

WE ASKED THOSE WHO CELEBRATE THE HOLIDAYS OR NOT TO SEND IN WHAT THEY'RE THANKFUL FOR THIS SEASON, HERE ARE THE RESPONSES:



"Thankful for friends and family. And all the blessings that GOD has blessed me with." -Pam Skipper

"We are thankful for a very generous Four Seasons community that continually donates items needed by the Dream Center as they support emancipated foster youth getting established in their first apartment. Our neighbors have donated dishes, pots & pans, clothes, linens, hygiene products, and more. Our community has supported our Neighbor 2 Neighbor Club fundraising efforts and we have also received magnanimous cash donations which have allowed us to fulfill more requests from the Dream Center. We are so thankful to live in this community of charitable neighbors." -Margaret DeArmond & Donna Holtzclaw

"I have numerous things I am thankful for; my family, my friends, this community that we call home, just to name a few. But, first and foremost, I am grateful for my Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. He is the one that has blessed me with everything I am thankful for! Happy Thanksgiving everyone❤️" -Donna Tillmann

"I'm grateful for my house, job, and that me and my kids are healthy oh and my car!" -Saretha Headley

"One of the things we are most thankful for is that you, Valerie Ruiz, are a part of the Seabreeze Team. Every time you are present at the front desk or an event, you bring your inner light & beautiful smile with you. I've never seen you treat any homeowner with anything but happiness and respect. You are to be praised for your boundless energy and joy. Thank you.

Before closing, I want/need to add one other thing I'm most thankful for. My husband, OJ, is the dearest and most wonderful thing in my life. This month marks the 50th year since we met. I've loved him each and every day since that time. As many know, he's facing a serious health crisis (as many of us are) but he greets each day with optimism, joy and a warm hug for me. I could go on and on but words can't fully express our deepest emotions. Therefore, I will close here by saying; I'm thankful for my life.

Blessings to all & thank you." -Susan Good

"I am thankful for God's amazing love and blessings of family, friends, freedom, a wonderful home and a spectacular and loving husband!" -Patty Barton

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