

# THE MESSENGER AT FOUR SEASONS



*Painted by Darlene Foss  
Member of the Art Club at Four Seasons - Come join us!*

**JANUARY 2024**

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

Outdoor Amenities:  
Monday-Sunday  
5am-10pm

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Furry, fluffy, or feathery, we put out the call to pet owners to share a snap of their cuddly companions, and wow, did they deliver! If you want in on this super cute action, just shoot an email with your pet's pic over to [Jami.Hughes@Seabreezemgmt.com](mailto:Jami.Hughes@Seabreezemgmt.com).



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Join the club! Hang out with fresh faces and soak up the positive vibes all day long!



## Some Words From Your Treasurer

Bill Ferguson - BOD Treasurer

I hope you all had a wonderful holiday season. It looks as if we're starting off the new year with great promise as the December end of year financials should end up about where I had anticipated and reported in December's 'Words'. I said "should" as I'm writing this based upon the November data. We won't get the end of year financials until after January tenth.

Following the board meeting last month our finance committee chair, Judy West, asked me to explain how I came up with my reported actual Net Income / (Loss) in the year-to-date tabulation I had released in the October financial summary. Like my kids used to say when we asked who broke something, I had to reply "I don't know".

I looked really hard, back at the last couple of financials and my reports, and I can't figure out where those year-to-date actuals, as I reported them, came from. The correct numbers are simply the 'year-to-date' income less the expenses from the financial statement which equaled \$48,842.71 on 10/31.

In my report both the current month and prior month's data for Assets, Liabilities, Prior Year's Equity and the Net Income/Loss were all correct. My errors occurred in the year-to-date figures and fortunately they didn't affect the report's accuracy (however it is embarrassing).



Some Words From Your Treasurer, CONT.  
Bill Ferguson - BOD Treasurer

It appears as if the financial reporting problems mentioned in last month's "Words" have been resolved and we are once again receiving excellent documentation. The November actual income less the expenses resulted in a gain of \$18,789.91. Compared to October's number this may seem small (which it is) however historically, over the last four years, November has been the lowest of our operating funds. Unfortunately, the buffer we have between our cash and the budget requirement has decreased from what we had at the beginning of the year by four days down to 1.35 weeks. As you are aware, we continue to battle this problem and the increase in assessments for 2024 at \$390 should result in more favorable numbers by the end of next year.

We continue to anticipate a significant carryover into 2024 which will be accommodated by the budget's allocation of \$38,830 to contingency as a "place holder".

I'm continuing to plan to present a finance forum, and looking at a possible March date. This will give me ample time to evaluate and consider the 2023 financial results such as how we did against our budget requirements, for both the operational and reserve accounts. I will have this settled by my February "Words" with the assurance that there will be no interference with any other HOA or social event

Once again, thanks for reading my "words". I really enjoy your feedback so keep it coming. 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](mailto:billfergus@aol.com). As always, I intend to offer more financial thoughts next month.

Bill

# NOVEMBER TREASURER'S REPORT

## K.Hovnanian's Four Seasons Bakersfield Financial Report - November 30, 2023

<u>ASSETS</u>	<u>Current Month</u>	<u>Prior Month</u>
Operating Cash & Investment Funds	\$ 55,861.59	\$ 98,669.90
Reserve Cash & Investment Funds	\$ 1,859,267.35	\$ 1,851,636.84
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>\$ 1,915,128.94</b>	<b>\$ 1,950,306.74</b>
Total Accounts Receivable	\$ 30,907.78	\$ 26,486.17
Total Prepaid Expenses (Insurance)	\$ 1,193.00	\$ 2,544.43
Total Fixed Assets - Lighting Conversion	\$ 77,687.34	\$ 77,687.34
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 2,024,917.06</b>	<b>\$ 2,057,024.68</b>
<u>LIABILITIES</u>		
Pre Paid Dues	\$ 36,584.24	\$ 43,691.79
Total Accounts Payable	\$ 91,581.15	\$ 94,158.93
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$ 128,165.39</b>	<b>\$ 137,850.72</b>
<u>PRIOR YEAR'S EQUITY</u>	<b>\$ 18,778.41</b>	<b>\$ 18,778.41</b>
<u>NET INCOME / LOSS</u>	<b>\$ 18,789.91</b>	<b>\$ 48,842.71</b>
INCOME	<u>Current Month</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Revenue Budget	\$ 178,967.00	\$ 1,789,670.00
Revenue Actual	\$ 179,248.61	\$ 1,978,037.71
Net Difference from Budget	<b>\$ 281.61</b>	<b>\$ 188,367.71</b>
	Over Budget 0.157%	Over Budget 10.525%
EXPENSES		
Expense Budget	\$ 178,966.99	\$ 1,968,636.89
Expense Actual	\$ 209,301.41	\$ 1,959,247.80
Net Difference from Budget	<b>\$ 30,334.42</b>	<b>\$ (9,389.09)</b>
	Over Budget 16.9%	Under Budget -0.5%
<b>ACTUAL NET INCOME (LOSS)</b>	<b>\$ (30,052.80)</b>	<b>\$ 18,789.91</b>
<u>RESERVE FUNDING LEVEL</u>	<u>Current Month</u>	<u>Prior Month</u>
Account Balance	\$ 1,859,267.35	\$ 1,851,636.84
Reserve Study @ 100%	\$ 4,283,163.00	\$ 4,283,163.00
<b>Current Percent Funded</b>	<b>43.4%</b>	<b>43.2%</b>

# JANUARY FUN FACTS

## January

Named after Roman God Janus, God of Gates and Doorways

## Gem Stone

Garnet - love & faithfulness

## Flower

Carnation & Snowdrops

## Horoscope

Capricorn - December 22nd - January 19th Ambitious & Disciplined

Aquarius - January 20th - February 18th Progressive & Innovative

# SPECIAL JANUARY DAYS

January 3rd - Chocolate Covered Cherry Day

January 6th - National Bean Day

January 10th - Houseplant Appreciation Day

January 14th - Dress up Pets Day

January 29th - National Puzzle Day

# JANUARY IN HISTORY

1782 - First commercial bank opened

1790 - Geo Washington delivered 1st State of Union address

1863 - Emancipation Proclamation signed by Abraham Lincoln

1892 - Ellis Island opened

1925 - Nellie Taylor Ross of Wyoming elected 1st female  
governor

1999 - Heaviest snowfall in history fell in Japan - 647.7 inched in  
24hrs

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

## Conversation with the Rules & Regulations Committee

### Larry Hanson - Committee Member

2023 came and went like a flock of Canadian Snow Geese flying overhead. We saw them coming, enjoyed the beauty of their V shaped formations, and listened to their honks and cackles as they slowly navigated out of sight.

2024 is upon us now. We survived the Holiday season and many of us are looking forward to the coming year. What News Years resolution did you make? Eat less and exercise more is a popular one, travel and spend time with family and friends is also a good one. For all the Four Seasons residence members, one resolution that I hope many of you made is to become more active within the community. There are several committees in our community that exists for the benefit of our members. This property is filled with talented folks from all walks of life and these committees only work if we have volunteers. Don't be shy, jump in and join a committee to support our beautiful resort.

This year is an election year and as excited as we may be to have our favorite candidate stand out, we have rules that must be followed concerning flags, signs, and other campaigning material.

### Section 6.07 Signs and Flags

#### Political Signs

- a) Political signs cannot be placed in common areas or in grass front yards. Signs should only be placed in Members flower beds, and caution needs to be taken for irrigation.
- b) Signs cannot be put up earlier than forty-five (45) days prior to the scheduled election and removed no later than seven (7) days after the election.
- c) Members are responsible for any damage and are required to replace any landscape turf or plants damaged in the installation of a sign.

Let's make 2024 a great year!!!

# BAKERSFIELD BASQUE VEGETABLE SOUP

## Ingredients:

- 1/4 Cup olive oil for sauteing vegetables
- 1 Cup chopped onion
- 2 cloves garlic-minced
- 2 Large leeks-sliced, dark green tops removed
- 3 Ribs celery-sliced
- 1 Small head cabbage-sliced into 8 small wedges
- 4 Large carrots-peeled and sliced thin
- 5 Medium white potatoes-peeled and cubed
- 3/4 Cup red beans-uncooked
- 2 Bay leaves
- 1 Teaspoon dried thyme
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 1 Quart vegetable broth
- 2 and 1/2 Quarts water
- One 15 ounce can tomato sauce



Do you have a recipe you would like to share? Email your recipes to [Jami.Hughes@seabreezemgmt.com](mailto:Jami.Hughes@seabreezemgmt.com) to be featured in our newsletter!

## Instructions:

Saute the following vegetables: onions, celery, garlic and cabbage. I did this in batches. When each develops a slight color remove to an 8 quart stock pot. While sauteing the vegetables pick through 3/4 cup dried beans for pebbles or dirt. Then rinse. Place the dried beans into a saucepan. Add two cups of water. Bring to a boil, cover and remove from heat. Let stand one hour. At completion of the hour pour off water and set aside.

Put all remaining ingredients into stock pot including the beans that have been set aside. Bring the ingredients to a boil. Turn heat to low and simmer for 2 hours or until the beans are tender.

Serve with fresh French bread and homemade salsa. Just Perfect!

## A Unique Educational Experience and A Tradition Continued!

Submitted by Kitty DeArmond, Resident

Owtsan House, the new Native American education building located at the Kern County Museum is now ready for visitors. Reservations are required for a tour. The building will serve as a gallery displaying artifacts, a meeting place for public gatherings and a center for school children to learn about the Native Americans who lived in our area, the Yokuts.

The former Minter Field barracks building was moved to the Museum in 1945 and has served as a storage building and Maintenance office.

Pictured is Mrs. Clara Barrios, a member of a local Yokut family. In the photo, taken in the 1950's, she is shown at the Museum displaying a traditional cooking basket to a group of children. To her left, she had demonstrated how the acorn flour was leached in order to be palatable.



Photo courtesy of the Kern County Museum

## **A Unique Educational Experience and A Tradition Continued!**

**Submitted by Kitty DeArmond, Resident**

Behind her is her small son, Mark, and visible in the corner is her mother, Mrs. Christina Atwell, holding her infant grandson, Willie. The schedule of education visits for dozens of schools were originally arranged by Dick Bailey, the first Kern County Museum Director.

After being suspended for a few years, due to COVID, this school year the demonstrations have begun again. It will continue the Museums' tradition which began in 1946! Thousands of local students have had the opportunity to learn about the life of Bakersfield's earliest inhabitants and participate in this unique program. In 1951 the Museum reported that during the five-week period that the demonstrations were conducted, they were attended by over 3,000 students from 24 city and county schools.

For the first time in these many years, the Museum now has a building dedicated to honor, preserve, and and teach about the history and culture of Native peoples. The Owtsan House was dedicated at a ceremony in Pioneer Village on September 16. The former World War II army barracks has been transformed, and it is the site where students will be instructed in the use of the many authentic relics. Also on the students' visit, unlike in the early years of the program, students participate in the "hands-on" experience to use authentic mortars and pestles to in an attempt to grind some acorns!

Volunteers interested in helping with the continuation of this traditional program should contact the Education Coordinator: [mguerrero@kerncountymuseum.org](mailto:mguerrero@kerncountymuseum.org).

P.S. Special thanks to Four Seasons residents Val Steiber and Evie Freeman for helping to collect acorns needed to make this project possible!



## RESIDENT SPOTLIGHT



The Messenger Committee is looking for neighbors in our community to interview!

**Vickie Earhart - Co-Owner to Wiki's Wine, Dive & Grill**

Sandy: *How did you decide to go into the food service industry?*

Vickie: Like most teenagers in Orlando, I worked in food service through high school at Disney World. Living in Florida, with hospitality being the main business, I decided my college major would be Restaurant Management. Mike worked in restaurants through college and decided he liked it better than his biology major. Mike and I always wanted to bring our vision to life in our own restaurant. With each of us having worked in the business for 25 years, we knew it would not be as glamorous as it appears to the public, but we wanted to give it our best effort. Our partners, Rick and Ricki Peace, were excited for the journey, as Rick's father had owned a downtown restaurant (Rick's) and Rick worked there throughout high school. Rick and Mike met many years ago through their involvement with Relay for Life. Having been the proprietor of Outback Steakhouse in Bakersfield for ten years, Mike knew the community would support their small business.

Sandy: *What are your roles in the business?*

Vickie: Mike is the operator of the day-to-day business, Rick takes on the marketing, and I process bi-weekly payroll and other bookkeeping tasks.

Sandy: *What is your background with food?*

Vickie: I also worked for Outback for ten years, the last few in the corporate office. My roles in restaurants have always been in the front of the house or management. Prior to Wiki's, Mike worked for Bennigan's (in College Station, TX and Los Angeles), Outback (in Bakersfield and San Antonio), and Mimi's Café (in San Antonio).

## VICKIE EARHART - CONTINUED

Sandy: *What has the community's response been to Wiki's?*

Vickie: Over the last ten years, the community has always elevated and supported Wiki's, but their kindness really came through during the pandemic shutdown. Customers placing generous take-out orders, dining at outside tables, and embracing tented ambiance were all very unexpected and appreciated. Mike spoke on various news channels showcasing the journeys of small businesses and encouraging the support of all of them.

Sandy: *What is your favorite dish served at Wiki's?*

Vickie: Cajun shrimp pasta with a glass of wine or Manhattan

Sandy: *What is Mike's favorite dish?*

Vickie: 16 oz. wood-grilled ribeye steak

Sandy: *Where is the restaurant located and what are the hours?*

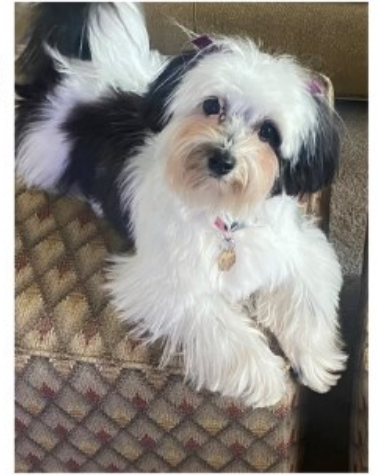
Vickie: Wiki's is located in the Grand Island Village, a few lights west of The Marketplace, at 11350 Ming Avenue, 93311. They are open from 11-11 Friday and Saturday; 10-9 Sunday, and 11-10 Monday through Thursday. Bands play Wednesday through Saturday nights and during Sunday brunch. There is karaoke on Mondays. Specials and menus can be found at [wikiswinedive.com](http://wikiswinedive.com).

Sandy: *What options if any are available for parties, and how many people can be accommodated?*

Vickie: Wiki's has several rooms and can accommodate parties up to 200. Special menus can be planned at various prices.

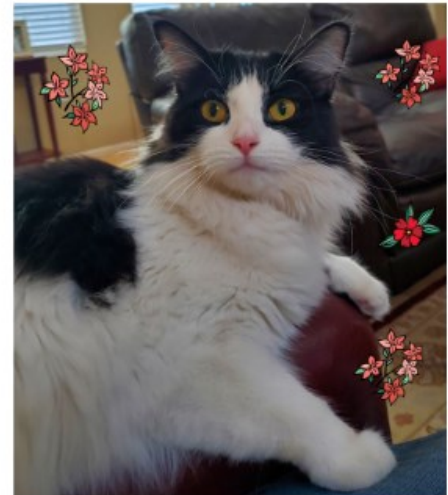
We hope to see you there!





**Gary Baker's Dog - Abbee**  
"This is our dog Abbee. She was a rescue dog from Kern County Animal Control. We adopted her on January 09, 2020 when she was 5 months old. She absolutely loves kids, loves playing with her toys, and loves to have us throw her ball and go fetch it."

**Jonda Stewart's Dog - Lola Lynn**  
"She is our sweet 18 month old Havanese and such a joyful mess. She holds court with us daily and we are at her beck and call"



**Jeff & Sharyn Metzger's Dog- Dexter**

**Ronda Morris' Cat - Minnie**



**Lynn Honkakangas' Dog - Sadie**  
"who is waiting for Santa to put treats in her stocking"



**Mary Sullivan's Cat - Bizzie**



**Sunny & Cher Lew**





**Pawel Bankowski's  
Dog - Kaya**



**Sandy Moffett's Dog -  
Stringfellow Santini Moffett  
"In loving memory"**



**Virginia Krebs' Dogs - "This is  
Mommy and her son, Diablo,  
Krebs-Coddington"**



**Joyce Brook's Dog**



**Mickey Valentino Von Allman  
"Mickey because he brings joy to  
everyone he meets and  
Valentino because he loves to  
give kisses!"**



**Valda Steiber's Dog - Sammy  
"This is Sammy. He can be seen  
leading throughout the  
community on his many daily  
walks."**



**Patty Barton's Dog - Dolly  
"Dolly she is an eight year old  
standard poodle and we have  
had her a couple months."**



Please email your pet's  
photos to [Jami.Hughes@seabreezemgmt.com](mailto:Jami.Hughes@seabreezemgmt.com)  
to be featured in our newsletter.  
All different kinds of pets welcome!



## Love and Loss – Sandy Moffett - Four Seasons Resident

I didn't want the dog. I didn't pick the dog, and he definitely didn't pick me. Our first encounter, was late one afternoon. I was leaving my office – walking to my car when I heard him. I froze as he ran at me; teeth bared, snarling and barking. He stopped with his muzzle on my leg. All of the stereotypical clips of pit bulls attacking people flooded my brain. Then my son's voice broke through as he scolded the dog. "This is my mother, and that behavior is unacceptable."

Our son was homeless due to poor life choices, and was asking me to take care of his dog. "I can't even take care of myself. How can I take care of him?" "I will try and find a home for him" was all that I would promise. I bought a massive kennel and all the other necessary items to temporarily care for the creature. But no one wanted him. Not even the animal control agencies would help us.

And then, over time, something happened. I started not to just care for him; but care about him. Stringfellow Santini Moffett (ask me if you want to know why my son and his wife gave him that name) became my dog. I taught him to walk on a lead without pulling me. I taught him that while he thought he needed to protect me, some people – most people were friends. And for six years, I loved that former beast. But, as he reached his older years, we saw him fading and knew that a decision had to be made. I couldn't bear to take him to the sterile vet's office, even though he loved the doctors and the staff.

My daughter in law told me about a place called "Peaceful Passings." I contacted the office and the veterinarian herself took my call. Dr. Elise Martin had left her clinical practice to be with her young children, and she created her niche business to help people like me. We set an appointment, and on the dreadful day, she came to our home with a quiet spirit of care and concern not only for us, but our four-legged family member. As my son and his ex-wife sat on either side of the old dog they had raised from a pup, Doctor Martin told us the steps that were to come and when we were ready, she did what we knew had to be done. It was indeed a peaceful passing.

With her permission, I write this story, and I recommend Dr. Martin (Elise) to anyone who faces this horrible decision. She is indeed a treasured asset to our community. For more information you may visit her website:

["A Peaceful Passing"](#)

email her at [apeacefulpassing@gmail.com](mailto:apeacefulpassing@gmail.com)

or call her at 661-387-2111



## Social Committee

Sherry Davis (Committee Chair)



The Social Committee would like to wish you all a very Happy New Year 2024!

December began with the Holiday Gift Exchange. Fifty five ladies attended. There was food and drink and tons of fun as the gifts were passed in a huge circle numerous times, finally ending with the unveiling as each gift was unwrapped.

The Social Committee rounded out the month and the year with the New Year's celebration. Guests enjoyed a scrumptious dinner, catered by Pork Chop and Bubba's BBQ and danced away the year to the talents of the Canyon River Band.

No events are scheduled for January, however we are preparing for the ever-popular Chili Cook-Off. Mark your calendar for Saturday, February 24th in the ballroom. Work on your recipe and stay tuned for more details. One rule is that "Chili" is whatever the contestant perceives it to be. Beans vs. No beans.... The choice is that of the cook.

Would you like to take a day trip to Solvang? It's a trip that we took in 2021 and had an amazing day. The casino is a drop-off option or you can spend the day downtown, exploring various shops and eateries. If this is of interest to you, please let me know.

We would like to welcome our new Activities Coordinator, Jami Hughes. Jami will be working closely with the Social Committee on all activities and we are happy to have her join our team.

On a sad note, we said goodbye to our Activities Coordinator, Valerie Ruiz. Valerie has accepted a position with the Kern County Superintendent of Schools. This position will enable Valerie continue her education and achieve her ultimate goal of a 2nd grade teacher. We miss you terribly but wish you the world.



Keep in mind that suggestions for activities and events are always welcomed. Call me. I am in the directory.

Stay warm and pray for rain. Life is good.

# JANUARY 2020

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

**LODGE HOURS: MONDAY-THURSDAY 6AM-10PM**  
**OUTDOOR AMENITIES: MONDAY-THURSDAY 6AM-10PM**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
	<p>1</p> <p><b>LODGE CLOSED</b></p> <p><i>Happy New Year</i></p>	<p>2</p> <p>Pickleball 8am            Crafters Club 1pm            Bridge 1pm  <b>SOCIAL COMMITTEE 1PM</b>            Pickleball 5:30pm            Bocce Ball 6pm</p> 	<p>3</p> <p>Dance Fitness 8am            Chair Yoga 9am            Canasta 1pm            Poker/Dealers Club            Dance Fitness 5:45pm</p>
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# 2024 CALENDAR








**POOL CLOSED**

**MON, WEDS & FRI**

**6AM-10AM**

THURSDAY: 6AM-9PM FRIDAY: 6AM-10PM SATURDAY-SUNDAY: 8AM-7PM  
**ACTIVITIES:** MONDAY-SUNDAY 5AM-10PM

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>8am</p> <p>Choice 1pm 4:45pm</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Pickleball 8am Art Club 10:30am Bridge 1pm Pickleball 5:30pm Bingo 5:45pm</p>	<p>5</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>6</p> <p>Pickleball 8am</p>
<p>9am</p> <p>11:30am</p> <p>Choice 1pm 4:45pm</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Pickleball 8am Art Club 10:30am <b>ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW 1PM</b> Bridge 1pm Pickleball 5:30pm Bingo 5:45pm</p>  	<p>12</p> <p>Dance Fitness 8am Chair Yoga 9am Game Night 1pm Tripoli Game Day 1pm Pickleball 5:30pm</p> 	<p>13</p> <p>Pickleball 8am Computer Club 9am</p>
<p>10am</p> <p><b>MEETING 10AM</b></p> <p>Choice 1pm 4:45pm</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Pickleball 8am Art Club 10:30am <b>FINANCE MEETING 1PM</b> Bridge 1pm Pickleball 5:30pm Bingo 5:45pm</p> 	<p>19</p> <p>Dance Fitness 8am Chair Yoga 9am Game Night 1pm Tripoli Game Day 1pm Pickleball 5:30pm <b>Golden Karaoke Voices 6pm</b></p>	<p>20</p> <p>Pickleball 8am Ladies Luncheon 11:30pm</p>
<p>11am</p> <p>Choice 1pm 4:45pm</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Pickleball 8am Book Club 10am Art Club 10:30am Bridge 1pm Pickleball 5:30pm Bingo 5:45pm</p>  	<p>26</p> <p>Dance Fitness 8am Chair Yoga 9am Game Night 1pm Tripoli Game Day 1pm Pickleball 5:30pm</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Pickleball 8am Computer Club 9am</p>
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# HOLIDAY GIFT EXCHANGE



## Neighbor 2 Neighbor

## CLUBS & CLASSES

### Margaret DeArmond

The Holiday Home Tour on December 9th was a huge success raising money for the Dream Center and giving our community residents a holiday celebration and social time. Thank you so very much to our home tour hosts. It was wonderful to see your beautiful decorations and we appreciate your generosity in opening your home to the Four Seasons community:



*Roxy and Mark Briganti  
Lana Natterstad  
Vera & Vince Padula  
Helen & Bill Thomas  
Cindy White*



*The home Tour Social was held in the Lodge Lobby & Marti Fletcher won the wreath door prize!*

The Neighbor 2 Neighbor Club is planning on having this Holiday Home Tour again next year. If you are interested in showing your home in December 2024, please contact the club leaders. One homeowner has already volunteered and we would like to have four more homes on the tour.

Our next club meeting will be Tuesday, January 9th at 1:00 pm in the Arts & Crafts Room. All community members are always welcome to attend.

*Margaret DeArmond - (661) 304-0093, mdearmond@mac.com*

*Donna Holtzclaw - (661)303-6649, donnaholtzclaw@yahoo.com*

## CLUBS & CLASSES

Art Club - Norma Neil (Club Leader)

Art Club Presents  
Watercolor classes for all levels,  
even real beginners!

Teacher: Norma Neil  
Starting in January



Thursday mornings 10:30am-1:00pm  
in the Café. Class will cover the basic  
watercolor techniques used in all  
watercolor painting. Each week's skill  
lesson will lead to a finished project.  
You'll learn how to control the  
watercolor medium and how to select  
and use the best supplies at a  
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welcoming atmosphere.  
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reduced price. Art  
supplies extra. Two free  
classes, one for  
observation and the  
second on supplies and  
equipment.



## CLUBS & CLASSES

The Four Seasons Art Club is gearing up for 2024 with a welcome to new students and continuing the exciting progress of the current students. We appreciate the chance to showcase the students' art here in The Messenger. Perhaps this is the year to host a small art show with the beautiful art work.

Classes in November and December were designed to teach useful drawing and watercolor techniques that could be practiced while making original paintings to use as Christmas cards.



This painting by Karen Mijarez of the Sunset Snow Trail is an example of combining several techniques covered in class.

All painters are concerned with 'Light' so dealing with light and shadow will be covered topics. We will also explore color mixing and color theory with some beautiful and useful colors that can work in harmony. Even though the watercolor class focuses on painting, drawing is not ignored. New students will have help at their level.

We know we have other artists living here in the Four Seasons and encourage you to join the Art Club to the expand the range of art represented.

By Norma Neil,  
Art Club contact and watercolor teacher  
661- 204-4653  
[nneil2@att.net](mailto:nneil2@att.net)

## CLUBS & CLASSES

### Book Club - Kathleen Reisig (Club Leader)

Aging and reclusive Hollywood movie icon Evelyn Hugo is finally ready to tell the truth about her glamorous and scandalous life sharing her secrets and her life story including her career as an actress and her seven marriages. Evelyn who at age 79 gives a final interview to an unknown journalist and reflects on her relentless rise to the top and the risks she took, the loves she lost, and the long held secrets the public never knew. The Seven Husband's of Evelyn Hugo written by Taylor Jenkins Reid illustrates that a strong family bond does not come only from marriage or blood relation, but also comes from the depth of connection two or more people share. The club will meet on January 18 at 10:00a.m. in the Lodge Library.



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

For those of you looking to fill an afternoon with entertainment that not only stimulates the mind, but connects you to fun people, this is the card game for you! Our group welcomes newcomers, seasoned or new to the game. We will be happy to teach you! We meet every Monday from 1 pm to 4 pm.

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



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### 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](mailto:Capshamrock@aol.com)



## CLUBS & CLASSES

### A Plant Slant - Patsy Ouellette (Club Leader)

Hello Four Seasons' friends,



We here at Plant Slant have learned a lot this last year about reducing our risk of heart disease, cancer, and diabetes. In addition to learning the evidence that eating plant-based improves our health, we are also trying to have a little fun with it. In November, we watched one episode of Living to 100: the Blue Zones. It turns out that those who live in the Blue Zones have a three times greater chance of living to 100, and an average life expectancy of 12 healthy years longer than the average American

Our upcoming meeting on January 22 will be a vegan cooking demo. Please bring a plant-based dish to share. I am looking forward to seeing you.

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

Annette Harder//Club Leader



When it comes to eating out, many love the various options that buffets offer. One Bakersfield family knew how to meet this need and in 1967 the Hodel family opened Hodel's Family Buffets.

When Hodel's opened its doors the family had little experience in restaurant management but after 56 years in business they did indeed find the right recipe for success. In fact some of Lydia Hodel's (Mom) favorite recipes are featured every meal and you can go back for seconds or thirds or...just like home.

Today Hodel's Country Dining remains a family operation with owner, Bob Hodel. The surrounding are delightful, the atmosphere relaxing and the food delicious.

December is for shopping and Hodel's has a gift shop! 18 Ladies were seated in the library and yes, made many trips to the hot or cold buffet and to the desserts. We even had a few first time visitors.

Where did the year go? Christmas, my daughter's birthday, New Years and my birthday so it must be January. My pick for Saturday, January 20th at 11:30am is Bakersfield Country Club at 4200 County Club Dr, Bakersfield 93306. Sign up sheet is at the Front Desk for 30. If you need or can give a ride meet at the flagpole between 11/11:15am.

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

## Computer Club

by Dave Keeney (Club Leader)

Next Meeting: Saturday, January 13th, 2024, 9:00 am

Location: The Lodge Theatre or Zoom



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

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## Crafters Club

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)

New Year, New You! Adding a new, good habit to your week is easy! Put on your comfy clothes and head to the lodge for Chair Yoga! Those of us who have been doing chair yoga have found it is a great way to stretch and strengthen our bodies 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.



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, 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 requests.

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

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

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## CLUBS & CLASSES

### Veteran's Club

Happy New Year! I don't know how you feel, but 2023 was a blur; however, it was filled with an abundance of blessings, new friendships, and gratefulness to live in the amazing city, Bakersfield and the County of Kern. We're looking forward in the New Year to continue our efforts in reaching out to veteran organizations, learning how we can support their mission, and encouraging more veterans to join in on the fun. In December, our combined veteran's group heard from Cindy Van Bibber, Director of the Bakersfield National Cemetery (BNC). Those in attendance learned about the services the cemetery provides, and she updated everyone on the Wreaths Across America event. Kern County reached the goal of having a wreath to adorn every veteran interred at the BNC, 7K+ wreaths, which is an amazing accomplishment, and it's due to our generous Kern County community, where we honor our veterans. God Bless you all!

Our speaker schedule for 2024 is set, hopefully you picked up your December Messenger. Our January 10th speaker will be Ms. Vikki Synder, member and genealogists with the Kern Chapter Daughter's of the American Revolution. Our monthly luncheon gathering is held at Huckleberry's Restaurant, located at 2673 Mt Vernon Ave, Bakersfield, CA 93306; festivities start at 11:30 am. If you plan on attending, please RSVP by Sunday, January 7th by either calling or emailing Penny Martinez using the contact information noted below.

If you have any questions about upcoming veterans' gatherings, give Penny Martinez a call or send her an email using the information noted below. Looking forward to a blessed New Year, with the opportunity of meeting fellow veterans and hearing from guest speakers.

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

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



**FOUR SEASONS/SOLERA VETERAN GROUP**

**2024 SCHEDULE OF GUEST SPEAKERS**

**Location - Huckleberry's Restaurant, 2673  
Mt Vernon Avenue @ 11:30, unless noted  
differently below**

- **Wednesday, January 10th** – Ms. Vickki Synder, Daughter's of the American Revolution  
<https://bakersfield.californiadar.org/>
- **Wednesday, March 13<sup>th</sup> - Four Seasons Clubhouse** – Mr. Michael Davis, Son's of the American Revolution
- **Wednesday, May 8th – Four Seasons Clubhouse** - Ms. Dee Slade, African American Network of Kern County – Buffalo Soldiers  
<http://aankc.org/>
- **Wednesday, September 11th – Commander, American Legion Post 26**  
<https://www.americanlegionpost26bakersfield.com/>
- **Wednesday, October 16<sup>th</sup> @ 6 pm – Annual Potluck BBQ at Four Seasons**
- **Wednesday, November 13<sup>th</sup> – Ms. Wendy Porter, Executive Director, Wounded Heroes Fund**  
<https://thewoundedheroesfund.com/>

# CLUBS & CLASSES

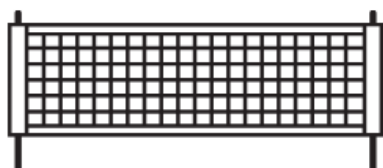
## Pickleball Club

Our New Pickleball Club by Fred Walkover (Club Leader)

If you missed our last beginners clinic & BBQ, don't worry, We will have more events coming soon. Our goal is to support all of our Four Seasons Pickleball players and those interested in learning how to play. Look for regular features in the Messenger and special announcements. We have a great opportunity to create an inclusive and fun Pickleball community. You do not need to be a member of the club to participate or play. The club only exists to support you and coordinate events for Four Season's residents.

We've got a new way to connect you to other Four Seasons Pickleball Players Sign up now for PicklePlay (It's FREE) by visiting:

<https://pickleplay.app.link/5d9sIeyQrFb> or downloading the app!



### Pickleball Club Guidelines

- Support the safe enjoyment of playing pickleball by Four Seasons residents
- Create opportunities for social activities for Four Seasons pickleball player
- Coordinate the use of the pickleball courts to allow for all player levels to participate in playing during peak and non-peak playing times.

Decisions for the Pickleball Club will be made by 8 members of the Pickleball Club Committee & club members at the meetings. Meetings will be held bi-monthly. Look for an announcement soon about our next meeting.

### 2 New Temporary Courts

The board voted to test 2 new temporary courts on one of the existing tennis courts. We are planning a Court Launch Party & Clinic for the end of January.

<b>Monday</b> <i>5:30 - 8pm</i>	<b>Tuesday</b> <i>8-10am</i> <i>5:30-8pm</i>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b> <i>8-10am</i> <i>5:30-8pm</i>
<b>Friday</b> <i>5:30 - 8pm</i>	<b>Saturday</b> <i>8-10am</i>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Note</b> <i>Don't forget your paddle!</i>

All playing levels welcome



## A MESSAGE FROM YOUR ACTIVITIES COORDINATOR



Hello Four Seasons Residents,

My name is Jami Hughes & I am your new Activities Coordinator! I wanted to take a little moment to introduce myself to the community. Some of you may already know me as I used to work for Four Seasons during the years of 2016-2019 as a Lodge Attendant. I remember the days when houses were still being built & everyone was submitting ARC applications to install a backyard! A lot has changed since then & we have this amazing community & its residents to thank for that. I previously left the company because I moved to Northern California. It's been so nice seeing familiar faces & meeting new ones. A little bit about me, I was born & raised in Bakersfield. I have an older sister & a younger brother and we are the best of friends. I just had a baby boy 6 months ago & he is the light of my life! He was 10lb & 2oz! Thank God for modern medicine! My boyfriend & I are completely obsessed with him. I love spending time with my family & my dogs. Especially my father. He got pretty sick during covid times & I'm so grateful to have him still by my side. Covid was tough on everyone and we have made it out stronger than ever! My father is a retired BPD Sargent & I love hearing his many interesting stories about his time in the force. Just like I enjoy hearing all of your stories about your lives as well! I am so excited to be back at Four Seasons & start providing fun events for the communities' residents. If you have any suggestions for me about events, activities, seminars & the Messenger you can email me at [Jami.Hughes@seabreezgmt.com](mailto:Jami.Hughes@seabreezgmt.com).

I am working on getting Adventist Health back out for a seminar & I would love to hear your suggestions about what topics you all would like to hear about. I am looking forward to working with you all & to see what the new year will bring and the great events that come along with it! I have a lot of fun ideas & I'm excited to dive right in.

Sincerely,

*Jami Hughes*



## SUNSET CRUISERS HOLIDAY GOLF CART PARADE & FLUFFY FRIENDS PROJECT

What an amazing turn out by all! Sixteen golf cart owners participated with seats filled by friends and neighbors. Thank you for your tremendous help launching the Fluffy Friends project. We would not have been able to meet our goal without your generous donations. As a community we exceeded all our expectations, thanks to everyone's efforts. We were able to put a brand-new stuffed animal in the arms of 146 children this holiday season. There were so many Fluffy Friends that we were able to support the Adventist Health Pediatric Unit, Dignity Memorial Pediatric Unit, Kern Sherriff Dept. Family to Family Christmas Basket Program as well as the Miriam Jamison Children's Center. We are so fortunate and blessed to live in such a caring and compassionate community. There is a deep understanding of commitment to supporting deserving children here in Bakersfield. You stepped up to the occasion! Job well done Four Seasons, Sunset Cruisers and Community.

Respectfully,

Susie Yslas - Club Leader



# Yule Love Us Carolers



Yule Love Us Carolers took to the street's neighborhood of the Four Seasons for a chilly evening of Caroling. 25 friend/neighbors gathered for song, stopping off at random homes as well as requested visits to be serenaded with lovely Christmas Carols. The recipients were overjoyed and shared their appreciation. What a rewarding and heartfelt evening. Afterwards we gathered at Susie's home to warm up with some hot apple cider, eggnog, hot coco, and delicious treats. Another great year! Yule Love Us Carolers did it once again, looking forward to next year. Thank you, Carolers, for your participation enthusiasm and Holiday Spirit.

Fa La La La La La La La La



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