

# THE MESSENGER AT FOUR SEASONS

**APRIL 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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# **Presidents Report**

## **Don Wolfe- BOD President**

Response to the March 4th, 2024, Letter to the Board.

The Board recently received a letter from a member expressing concern over the proposal to use artificial turf in the final two phases of the Parkway Project which has been in development for 2 ½ years. Concern was also expressed that we were misinterpreting AB 1572 as it applies to the Project.

At this time, no one knows the full impact of AB 1572 on our common areas, and we hope it will be minimal. Development of the specific regulations are a couple of years in the future. No one will be sure until then.

However, the impact of AB 1572 on our Parkway Project is clear. Section 10608.12 (u) states: “Nonfunctional Turf” means any turf that is not functional and includes turf located within street rights-of-way and parking lots. Our Project is entirely within the street right-of-way.

The Project does not involve the removal of any existing sod. The area to be improved is currently dirt and very unsightly. It has been that way for over 5 years.

The Parkway Project Phase II and III is the result of two – and one-half years of research and planning by the Landscape Committee. It has been no rush job. The Landscape Committee meets once a month, and research assignments are handed out as needed. They report their progress monthly and get guidance from the Board and Management. The Committee has researched several options from sod to xeriscape to hardscape to artificial turf and combinations thereof. In side-by-side comparisons, artificial turf wins hands down. Especially when considering long rang savings in water and maintenance. Installation of sod would fly in the face of AB 1572 and would have to be removed and replaced in six years.

Maintenance of artificial turf consists of primarily of being blow off and the debris removed on a regular basis. The maintenance will be done by our current Landscape Contractor who is totally on board.

No trees, plants, shrubs, or other live vegetation will be planted in the artificial turf.

With respect to dog waste, dogs will have their choice of grass on one side of the sidewalk and turf on the other. Either way, our Governing Documents require residents to pick up and dispose of the pet's waste properly. Pet urine will not harm the turf.

Funding for the project was approved by the Board and set aside in reserves last year. The Finance Committee and Treasurer have also reviewed the funding and approve the expenditure spread over two years.

With respect to grants, all we have found to date apply to single family dwellings for removal of sod. Again, there is no sod removal in our Project.

A concern about a possible color or tone clash between the existing front yard sod and the artificial turf was raised. The turf and the sod are separated by a 5-foot-wide sidewalk. We have two species of grass, Bermuda, and Fescue. We will be using the matching turf adjacent to each. Also, we laid pieces of turf on the sod and there was no sharp contrast.

The City of Bakersfield supports the removal of sod and is in the process of installing artificial turf at City Hall North, Fire Stations, and multiple median locations throughout the city according to their website. Cities are required to be in compliance with AB 1572 two years before HOAs. Bakersfield appears to wisely be getting a head start as well as setting an example.

Later at the March 27th Board meeting, the Board approved the use of artificial turf in the Parkway Project Phase II and III. The Project was approved with Phase II being implemented in 2024 and Phase III (which will include the 18" loop) in 2025.

Don Wolfe  
President



**With the pool heating turning back on we wanted to remind everyone of the common rules in the Pool & Spa Areas**

- No soap, bath oils, soluble sunscreens, et cetera.
- There is no lifeguard, therefore, the use of the pool or spa by all persons is at their own risk.
- Guest must be at least fourteen (14) years of age to use the spa.
- Children under the age of five (5) years old are not allowed in the pool or spa area at anytime.
- Pool hours for children between five (5) years old and fourteen (14) years old are from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm daily.
- There must be at least one Resident to accompany and supervise each group of five (5) children or less under the age of fourteen (14) years old. Supervising adult must stay with children at all times.
- Residents are to use the Fitness Center Doors when going through the Lodge to enter the Pool/Spa area. When exiting the pool/spa area you may use the West gate or the Fitness Center Doors. Use of the Ballroom or Lounge doors is not allowed.
- Any audio or video device must be enjoyed with headphones so as not to intrude upon others using the pool or spa areas.
- Intoxication at the pool/spa will not be tolerated due to safety and liability concerns. Violators will be asked to leave.
- No glass objects in or around pool and spa areas.
- No Pets, except for service animals as provided for under the American with Disabilities Act.
- Any closure of the pool and spa areas for safety, maintenance, or inclement weather reasons will be at the sole discretion of the Management Company.



# **MARCH BOARD MEETING RECAP 03/27/24**

- The Board held a Special Executive Session Meeting on March 12, 2024, and an Executive Session meeting on March 27, 2024. The Secretary of the Board reported that there were no hearings. There were 18 rule violations and 13 Architectural violations. The Board is sending acct#025601887882 to the collection attorney. A contract for \$6,910.00 was awarded to Michael's Arbor Solutions to address the sick Oak trees in the Association and treat the 2 Canary Date Palms at the pool entrance for nutrient deficiencies. The expense will come from Reserves.
- The General Session Minutes from February 28, 2024, were approved.
- February 28, 2024, Financial Statements and Treasurer's report was reviewed and approved.
- There was one suggestion box items submitted.
  - 1) A request to put in a Practice board for Pickleball and Tennis. No directive was given from the Board; however, the General Manager will reach out to the submitter and suggest they reach out to the Pickleball Club.
- Social Committee Chair Sherry Davis reported that Tuscan Nights, scheduled for April 13th, sold out in three days with 130 seats. There is a wait list in case anyone cannot go. The Solvang Bus trip on May 4th has 10 spots left and the committee is currently working on the 4th of July.
- Newsletter Committee Chair, Sandy Moffett, thanked the Members of the Association that have been providing amazing covers with their paintings and quilt work. They welcome anyone that would like to provide more.
- Grant Clack, Owner of C&M Landscape Inc. mentioned that they have finished banding the olive trees to decrease the olive yield. All lawns have been fertilized, except for the pool area, which will be fertilized on either March 30th or April 6th. The schedule for mowing the grass has resumed to weekly now that winter has passed. Additionally, mulch has been added to all tree wells.

# March Board Meeting Recap (Continued)

- Landscape Committee Chair Michael Callagy mentioned that the committee has initiated inspections of the common area to identify and replace missing or dead plants. The Association has been divided into quarters for this project, with the committee evaluating one quarter a month starting with the Southwest section. After the common area, they will come back and start on the residential areas. Mike also reported to the Board that the committee endorsed the selection of artificial turf choice for the remaining Parkway projects.
- Architectural Committee Chair Steve Roberts updated the Board on the completion of the review and revisions to the Architectural Standards and Procedures. He requested the Board's approval to have them reviewed by the Association's Counsel and then circulated to owners for a 28-day comment period. The Board unanimously approved the request. General Manager, Leanna Cutler, announced that the proposed changes to the Architectural Standards and Procedures, along with the updated Rules and Regulations, will be sent to all owners via General Mail and General Notice before the end of April 2024. Both will then be presented with any comments to the Board at the May 29, 2024, Board of Directors General Session Meeting for adoption.
- IT/Website Committee Chair Dave Keeney shared that with the recent upgrade of the phone system it included a texting option for office. The cost will be \$60 for the system initiation, which is a one-time fee, then \$0.10 cents a month for the lodge phone number, and \$0.01 cent per text message. Mass texts to all registered owners would only be sent in emergencies or urgent situations like gate malfunctions. The Board unanimously approved implementation of the system at the office.





# March Board Meeting Recap (Continued)

- The Board of Directors awarded Courts and Greens the bid to install artificial turf in Parkway Phase II, which includes Copenhagen Place, St. George Place, Lyon Place, Dover Place, Lisbon Place, Trafford Place, Torin Court, and Dubois Place (approximately 13234 square feet) for a total cost of \$132,340.00, to be done in 2024. Phase III, which includes Torrey Hills Place, Orange Hills Place, Richland Hills Place, Talin Place, and Stockholm Place, plus the 18” loop around the Association (approximately 21811 square feet between phase III and the 18” loop) for a total cost of \$232,849.00 will be done in 2025. The project will be expended from Reserves. The audience was informed that, in the request for proposal, all vendors were informed that no change orders would be authorized. The Board recognized that the additional funds for the 18” loop will be added to the Reserve Landscape allocation for next year. The change from turf to artificial turf was made in efforts to start compliance with AB 1572 and in keeping the Association’s appearance uniform in the parkways.

The next Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for April 24, 2024, at 6:00 pm at the Four Seasons Ballroom, 10500 Toscana Dr. Bakersfield CA 93306.

The complete set of minutes are available on the website or can be requested from the Front Desk 30 days after the meeting.

## **NOTICE OF NEW POOL MAINTENANCE HOURS FOR SPRING/SUMMER**

**Monday: 6:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.**

**Wednesday: 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.**

**Friday: 6:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.**

**Saturday: 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.**

***Members are not allowed to be in the pool during this time, not only for your safety but also for the maintenance company’s ability to do their job in the time they need to. We ask that everyone is out of the pool by the start time and does not get in until the end time. You may not see the maintenance crew, but they pour chemicals knowing that swimmers will not be in the pool until***

## Some Words From Your Treasurer

Bill Ferguson - BOD Treasurer

Thank you for your attendance at the Financial Forum! I was thrilled at having such a good and responsive attendance. I'm sure that this was in response to the publicity, e-blasts, posters and Messenger reminders from our GM's staff. Thank you to all of them.

During one of the question periods in my presentation a member challenged my budget's 300% increase over last year for our operating contingency. He was absolutely correct; I should have correctly said that it was three times last year's number.

If you did not attend, the Power Point Presentation is available on our HOA website. You can get to it by going to the "Our HOA" tab, and after selecting the Treasurer's Report click on the "2024 Budget Power Point Presentation". I hope that I answered most of your questions that night, but one that came up was concerning my monthly financial report, and how it might be confusing to some.

The report, included again in this month's Messenger, is actually a three-statement model of a traditional Balance Sheet, Profit and Loss and Cash Flow Statements, the purpose of which is to inform the membership by summarizing the monthly Financial Report.

The confusion came from my Current Month and Year to Date Income and Expense entries of last month. In the past I have been comparing each of them to the budget, indicating their difference and what percentage over or under they were. It seems as if it's just TMI (too much information). I'll admit that at times, I'm sure you have noticed, I'm inclined to do this. I hope the report this month is a cleaner, better version, and if not, I know you'll tell me.

The March financials continue to indicate that this year's financial plan remains on track.

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

The February actual income, less the expenses, came in at \$8,346.50. Although this was less than last month's \$13,484.50, the year-to-date net income remains a very positive \$21,830.00. The buffer we have been watching, between our operating cash and the budget obligation, has remained consistent with that of last month at 1.55 weeks. It continues to remain below our wishes, but as I mentioned last month, the increase in our assessments for 2024 will result in more favorable numbers by the end of the year.

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 Ferguson  
BOD Treasurer



# FEBRUARY TREASURER'S REPORT

## K.Hovnanian's Four Seasons Bakersfield Financial Report - February 29, 2024

<u>ASSETS</u>	<u>Current Month</u>	<u>Prior Month</u>
Operating Cash & Investment Funds	\$ 66,783.16	\$ 67,563.83
Reserve Cash & Investment Funds	\$ 1,939,484.58	\$ 1,911,723.40
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$ 2,006,267.74</b>	<b>\$ 1,979,287.23</b>
Total Accounts Receivable	\$ 27,983.49	\$ 47,525.25
Total Prepaid Expenses (Insurance)	\$ 18,044.88	\$ 20,049.87
Other Prepaid Expenses	\$ -	\$ -
Clearing Account	\$ -	\$ 1,193.00
Total Fixed Assets - Lighting Conversion	\$ 77,687.34	\$ 77,687.34
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 2,129,983.45</b>	<b>\$ 2,125,742.69</b>
<b><u>LIABILITIES</u></b>		
Pre Paid Dues	\$ 39,536.98	\$ 57,858.13
Total Accounts Payable		
PG&E Note	\$ 4,735.82	\$ 7,082.16
Accrued Expenses	\$ 62,320.80	\$ 72,355.54
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>\$ 106,593.60</b>	<b>\$ 137,295.83</b>
<b><u>PRIOR YEAR'S EQUITY</u></b>	<b>\$ 62,159.27</b>	<b>\$ 63,622.96</b>
<b><u>RESERVE FUNDING LEVEL</u></b>		
Account Balance	\$ 1,939,484.58	\$ 1,911,723.40
Reserve Study @ 100%	\$ 3,407,946.00	\$ 3,407,946.00
Current Percent Funded	56.9%	56.1%
	<b><u>Current Month</u></b>	<b><u>Year to Date</u></b>
<b><u>TOTAL OPERATING INCOME</u></b>	<b>\$188,626.08</b>	<b>\$380,018.55</b>
<b><u>TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES</u></b>	<b>\$180,280.58</b>	<b>\$358,188.55</b>
<b>ACTUAL NET INCOME (LOSS)</b>	<b>\$8,345.50</b>	<b>\$21,830.00</b>
<b><u>ADDED SIGNIFICANCE</u></b>		
Accounts Receivable, homeowner dues	33,959.82	
Accounts Receivable - Other	-	
Allowance for Doubtful Accounts	(5,976.33)	
Delinquencies - As of 2/29	29,206.12	
One for BOD approval to attorney	5,018.39	
Two for BOD to authorize lien	3,242.37	
One at attorney	12,786.07	
One in process of lien filing	6,107.13	
Four Accounts being monitored	2,052.16	

# APRIL FUN FACTS

April - named after Greek goddess of love Aphrodite

Full moon called Pink moon on April 23 named because the wildflower pink phlox is first seen in April

Gem - Diamond

Flower - Daisy

Horoscope - April 1 - 20 Vivacious / Impulsive  
April 20 - 31 Stubborn / Great Taste

## SPECIAL APRIL DAYS

National Poetry Month

National Grilled Cheese Month

2 - Pillow Fight Day

3 - No Housework Day

5 - Blah Blah Blah Day

6 - Go Fly A Kite Day

## APRIL IN HISTORY

1789 - George Washington inaugurated as 1st President

1792 - First US Mint established

1800 - Library of Congress established

1860 - Pony Express began service between St. Joseph, Mo and California

1896 - First Olympics of the modern era held in Athens, Greece

1912 - The Titanic sinks on its maiden voyage

1981 - First space shuttle flight lasting 54 hours and completing 36 orbits

## Decatur House, A National Treasure, Thanks To A Kern County Family

Submitted by Kitty DeArmond, Resident



*Stephen, by Charles Bird King,  
National Portrait Gallery*



Stephen Decatur, Jr., was born on January 5, 1779, and raised in Philadelphia. The son of a Revolutionary War commodore, he continued the family tradition of serving in the U.S. Navy with distinction.

Because of his exploits in the 1804 First Barbary War, he was the youngest person to attain the rank of captain in the history of the U.S. Navy. During the Second Barbary War, his use of “gunboat diplomacy” enabled him to persuade Algiers, Tunis, and Tripoli to agree to and sign treaties of peace.

During the War of 1812, he and his crew captured a British frigate, the HMS *Macedonian*. It is said to be the first British warship ever brought back into an American harbor. As a result, President Theodore Roosevelt described how, because of Decatur’s “bravery and fortitude, a skillful crew, ably commanded, was able to defeat their British foes.”

Decatur, his officers, and crew were rewarded with prize money for their impressive victory. Decatur and his wife Susan took their \$30,000 prize and invested in real estate near the White House.

## Decatur House, A National Treasure, Thanks To A Kern County Family

They commissioned Benjamin Henry Latrobe, who was also the designer of St. John's Church and the U.S. Capitol, to design a home "fit for entertaining." War hero Decatur was a celebrated figure in the nation's capital and he and his wife enjoyed hosting lavish parties.

The home, built between 1818 and 1819, is a three-story square, red brick Federal-style townhouse located on the northwest corner of Lafayette Square, across Pennsylvania Avenue from the White House. A rare example of two-story slave quarters still exists attached to the home along H Street.

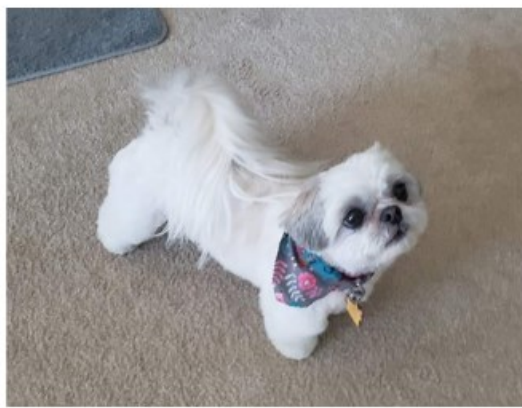
Sadly, their time living in the home was tragically short. On March 22, 1820, Stephen Decatur was mortally wounded in a duel. Susan moved to a smaller home and rented the Decatur House to foreign and American dignitaries. From 1827 to 1833, the house was used as the unofficial residence for secretaries of state.

In 1871, the house was purchased by General Edward Fitzgerald Beale. He and his wife Mary redecorated to create a fashionable Victorian home and entertained "Washington's elite." Centered in the floor of the second story ballroom, there is a wood inlay replica of the Great Seal of the State of California.

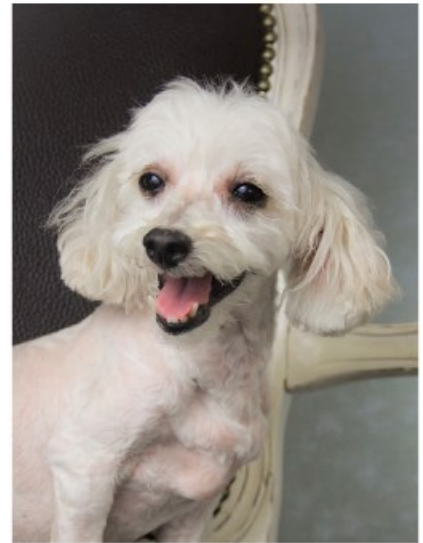
After the death of both Edward and Mary Beale, the home was passed to their son Truxtun and his wife Marie.

According to the White House Historical Association: "In 1956, after the home had been in the Beale family for more than 80 years, Marie Beale bequeathed Decatur House and its collection to the National Trust for Historic Preservation. Marie Beale's generosity not only saved Decatur House but also brought much-needed attention to other historic buildings in Lafayette Square which were slated to be demolished to make way for new government office buildings. President John F. Kennedy intervened on this project, and First Lady Jacqueline Kennedy worked with architect John Carl Warnecke to preserve the historic buildings of the park by moving the new office buildings behind them. Decatur House was opened to the public as a museum in the early 1960s. "Established in 2010 and named for David M. Rubenstein in 2011 to recognize his support of the White House Historical Association, the David M. Rubenstein National Center for White House History is located at Decatur House, a National Trust Historic Site owned by the National Trust and operated by the Association. The first of its kind, the center supports research efforts and provides education programs related to the study and history of the White House."

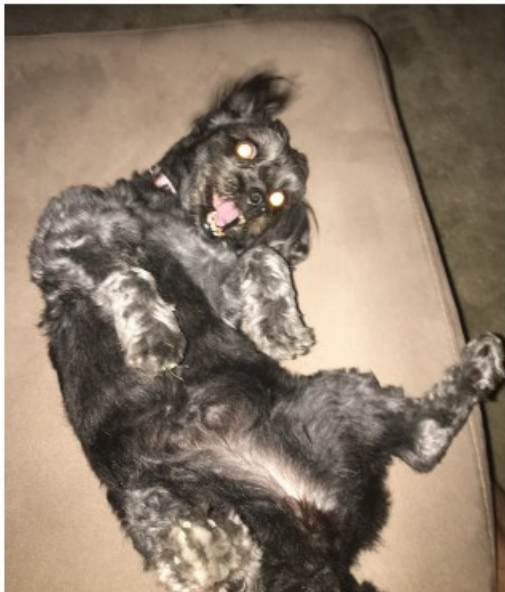
Four Seasons  
Pet Corner



Carol Davidson's Dog - Angel  
aka Angelina Roxy Girl a Shih  
Tzu. She loves people!



Molly Casteen - 13  
years old miniature  
poodle, rescued when  
she was found in my  
parents' front yard as a  
tiny puppy. They  
already had a dog, so  
Carole became her  
mama! She loves car  
rides, walks and  
chasing cats!



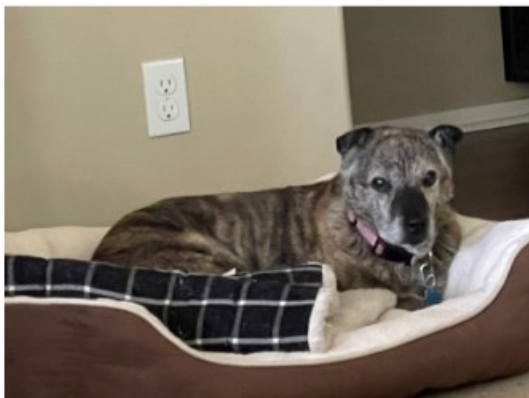
Be cautious around Miss Oreo.  
She has a split personality and  
may just bite you!  
She'll be 13 in May and loves  
her golf cart rides with her  
human parents, Danny &  
Madeline Adams.



Alice Hurd's spoiled rotten  
sausages. Sadie and Sugar were  
adopted by Alice and are very  
fortunate to have found such a  
wonderful mom. Also included  
is their bestie, Hurley.



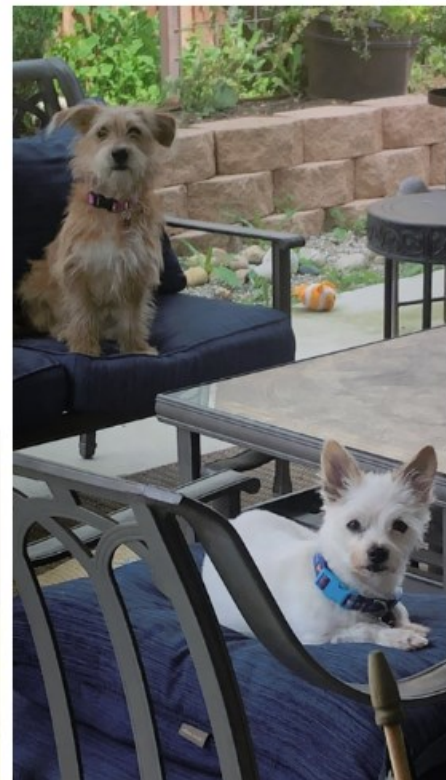
Love



Mary Sullivan's Dog - Bella



Susie Yslas' African Sulcata  
Dessert Tortoise - Edison



Mark and Roxy Briganti's  
Dogs - Sassy and Lil Jeff







# Carrot Cake



## Ingredients for the Cake

- 1 Cup Vegetable Oil
- 2 Cups All Purpose Flour
- 2 Cups Sugar
- 4 Eggs
- 1 Tsp Baking Soda
- 1 tsp Baking Power
- 1 tsp Cinnamon
- 1 tsp Vanilla
- 1/2 Tsp Salt
- 1 Cup Baby Food – Puree Carrots
- 1 Cup Shredded Carrots
- 1 Cup Chopped Walnuts



Do you have a kitchen creation you would like to showcase in the Four Seasons Messenger? Don't hesitate! Prepare your finest recipe and email it to [fsbhoa.messenger@gmail.com](mailto:fsbhoa.messenger@gmail.com) Your dish could be featured as the highlight of the next Messenger issue!

## Cream Cheese Frosting

- 1/2 Cup Softened Butter
- 8oz Softened Cream Cheese
- 1 Tsp Vanilla Extract
- 1/4 Tsp Salt
- 4 Cups Powdered Sugar

## Instructions

- Mix sugar and wet ingredients
- Mix dry ingredients
- Combine dry & wet ingredients
- Mix in shredded carrots & walnuts
- Bake at 350 for 1 hour
- Let cool & frost
- Enjoy!





## **EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT**

Staff Member Spotlight ~ An Interview with Billy Collins.

*Sandy:* Where were you born and raised?

*Billy:* I was born and raised right here in Bakersfield, CA. I attended Mira Monte High School.

*Sandy:* Can you tell us about your parents and siblings?

*Billy:* My mother was born in Bakersfield, and my father was born in Bakersfield but raised in Los Angeles.

*Sandy:* Can you tell us a little about what your parents do or did?

*Billy:* My mom is a C.N.A., and my dad used to work at a scrap metal company.

*Sandy:* What were your aspirations/dreams during your growing up years?

*Billy:* When growing up, I wanted to be an attorney. I'm not sure why exactly. I just thought it sounded cool.

*Sandy:* Were there any attorneys in your friends and family? Why did you think it would be a "cool" job?

*Billy:* No, I didn't know any attorneys. My dad would watch a lot of Law and Order, NCIS, and shows similar to that. I would hear them talking about attorneys in the show, so I told myself that's what I wanted to do.

*Sandy:* Did things go the way you planned? Why or why not?

*Billy:* Things did not go as planned. I did not plan on joining the military until the end of my senior year, but I did, and since joining I never thought about being an attorney again.

*Sandy:* What made you decide to join the military?

*Billy:* A recruiter came to my school and did a presentation. He explained all the benefits, and he told me that I could take a break from school, but still be able to go back while I was in the service. He said that I could go back to school whenever I chose to. I didn't like school very much, but I knew I would need it eventually. Also, my cousin left to the navy around a year before.

## EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT



*Sandy:* Thank you for your service. Can you tell us where you served and in what capacity?

*Billy:* While in the military, I was a training to be a corpsman (medic), and I really enjoyed the work and the overall satisfaction of the job. I did that for a total of five years. For two years I was stationed at the Marine Corps Recruiting Depot (MCRD West) where I took dental x rays, and created records for Marine recruits. I also worked in a medical clinic, providing medical care and giving immunization shots. I was stationed on the island of Guam for two and a half years. While in Guam, I worked as a Medical Evacuation Coordinator where I assisted in treatment plans by coordinating emergency and non-emergency aero evacuations off island.

*Sandy:* What did you do after the military? i.e. school or other jobs

*Billy:* After the military, I moved to San Pedro and started going to Cerritos College where I began studying to be a physical therapist. When schools shut down because of Covid, I moved back to Bakersfield and started to go to Bakersfield College to major in biology.

*Sandy:* Do you have a wife and children?

*Billy:* I do not have a wife or any kids, but I do have a miniature schnauzer named Apple.

*Sandy:* How did Apple come into your life?

*Billy:* I've always liked dogs but couldn't have one at the place I stayed before. One of my friend's family member's dogs had puppies. By the time I moved to a new place and could have a dog, Apple was the last puppy left, so I got him.

*Sandy:* What are your plans for the future?

*Billy:* I am currently getting ready to transfer to Cal State Bakersfield where I will major in Human Biology. My plans are to earn a degree then eventually become a physician's assistant.

*Sandy:* We are blessed to have you with us while you work toward your future. What a wonderful path you have chosen, and we wish you only the best.

## Calling All Creatives!

Are you passionate about showcasing your skills on the cover of our Four Seasons Messenger? We're seeking submissions from photographers, quilters, painters, crafters, any individuals with a knack for creativity. Please send your submissions to [fsbhoa.messenger@gmail.com](mailto:fsbhoa.messenger@gmail.com) for a chance to be featured on The May Messenger cover. We want to see what you think would look great for May. Don't be afraid to demonstrate your talent!



## Four Seasons Resident Spotlight

We are always on the lookout for captivating stories and fascinating individuals to interview for our Resident Spotlight. Your unique experiences and inspiring journey could be just what our community needs to hear! Please reach out to us at [fsbhoa.messenger@gmail.com](mailto:fsbhoa.messenger@gmail.com) if you are interested in sharing your story. We would love to hear from you!



# SCAM ALERT

Watch out! Scammers target everyone.



## Recognize scammers. They may:

- **PRETEND** to be from an agency or organization you know.
- Say there's a **PROBLEM** or promise a prize.
- **PRESSURE** you to act immediately.
- Tell you to **PAY** in a specific way.



Do not give scammers money or personal information – Ignore them!

## How to avoid a scam:

- **Remain calm.** Talk to someone you trust.
- **Hang up or ignore** the message. **DO NOT** click on links or attachments.
- **Protect your money.** Criminals will insist that you pay in a hard-to-trace manner, such as with a gift card, prepaid debit card, cryptocurrency, wire transfer, money transfer, or by mailing cash.
- **Protect your personal information.** Be skeptical of a contact you didn't initiate.
- **Spread the word.** Share your knowledge of Social Security-related scams. Post on social media using the hashtag #SlamtheScam to share your experience and warn others. Visit [ssa.gov/scam](https://ssa.gov/scam) for more information. Please also share with your friends and family.



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6:00AM-9:00PM  
EVERYDAY

## HONEY I'M HOME RESTAURANT REVIEW BY SANDY MOFFETT



I call it restaurant roulette. When a long-standing establishment like the former Cindy's closes, a new place opening is like a turn of the cylinder. Will the next "click" be a good one or a disaster.

Honey I'm Home, the most recent to fill the location on Auburn and Oswell seems to be doing great. My husband and I have had the pleasure of stopping in on a few occasions, and based on the attitude of the new owners: Ed Smith, Todd Schreiber, and Felecia Valverde, the kitchen crew and staff, they have a bright future. The name says it all. "Honey, I'm Home." You expect and receive family friendly greetings walking in the door and good hearty food.

On our first visit, my husband went for his go to sandwich, the beef dip. He has a very high measuring stick when it comes to this sandwich; having been a faithful customer of Mossman's for years. His assessment of the meat was good, but he felt the au jus left a little to be desired.

Here's where some of you will stop reading, but wait.

What happened next floored us both. When the server came to see how we were enjoying our meal, my husband was honest with her. She immediately went to the kitchen and asked if the chef could do anything about the dip. She came back with a much more flavorful rendition. I'm not sure what the chef did, but the next time we were in, one of the owners came to the table and thanked him for his kind but honest assessment.

On that same visit, I opted for the build your own burger. I love the opportunity to be creative with my food, and I wasn't disappointed. My meal finished; as best I could, because the portions are sizable, I walked over to the ice-cream counter to check it out. The selection was huge, and just like some of the big-name ice-cream only places, sampling was encouraged. I asked if they carried praline and cream, my husband's favorite. The man behind the counter, later introduced to me as Todd Schreiber, said he would look in the freezer. Back at the booth, just a few minutes later, here he comes – straight to us with a sundae cup and two spoons. "On the house." Great customer service!

The menu also has three "specialty" offerings named after the partners. Stop by and peruse the menu and see if you can find them. I highly recommend you checking out this new "east side" offering. It is only our support that will keep good restaurants like this on our side of town.

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### Social Committee

Sherry Davis (Committee Chair)

Social Committee events have started off with a bang this year. Tickets for the ever-popular Tuscany Nights on April 13th sold out within four days. For those of you who missed out and would still like to attend, please ask one of the Lodge Attendants to add your name to the existing wait list. There are always cancellations and I wouldn't want you to miss out. Tickets are \$5 per person.

On May 4th, Elite Charters will transport guests to Solvang for a relaxing day on the Central Coast. You will have the option of being dropped off at Chumash Casino or spend the day downtown. Tickets are \$50 per person and are selling very well. If you are interested, please don't wait.

Please stay tuned for additional events. There are many more coming. And, as always, contact me if you have questions or suggestions.

Ciao for now,  
Sherry Davis  
Committee Chair





# April

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

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# 2024



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**Hours:**  
 Thursday 6am-9pm  
 Friday 6am-10pm  
 Saturday: 8am-7pm  
**Amenities:**  
 Sunday 5am-10pm



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



**Pool Closed for Maintenance**  
 MON 6:30-9am  
 WEDS 7:30-9am  
 FRI 6:30-9am  
 SAT 7:30-9am



# 4th Annual Dream Center Raffle Fundraiser

Sponsored by the **Neighbor 2 Neighbor Club**

**Friday, May 17, 6:00 - 7:00 pm**  
**Saturday, May 18, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm**

**Raffle drawing takes place at 1:00 pm on Saturday**

You do not need to be present to win!

*The Four Seasons community has been so generous in supporting The Dream Center. We want to invite you to participate in this fundraising effort. Get together with your friends, your neighbors on your block or contact businesses to donate a fun-filled basket or container or other item.*

## **Raffle ideas:**

- Pool Party: beach towel, sunscreen, visors, insulated cups
- Backyard BBQ: fancy paper plates, napkins, plastic cups
- Bath: soap, bubble bath, lotions, foot cream, scrubber
- Grandkids: games, books, bouncy balls, snacks, juices
- Bakers: boxed goodies, kitchen towels, baking utensils
- Kitchen: utensils, towels, dishcloths, pasta
- Movie Night: popcorn, candy, movie tickets or video
- Wine: bottles of wine, plastic wine glasses, chocolates
- For the Gal: cologne, lotion, scarf
- For the Guy: soaps, cologne, socks, car wash supplies
- Garden: gloves, visor or hat, sunscreen, kneeler
- Plants: container of succulents or spring flowers
- So many more fun ideas!

**For questions or more information please call or text:**

Margaret DeArmond: 661-304-0093

Donna Holtzclaw: 661-303-6649

Sharon Gutierrez: 661-809-2450



Margaret DeArmond

The 4th Annual Dream Center Raffle Fundraiser will be held on Friday, May 17, 6:00 - 7:00 pm and Saturday, May 18, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm in the Lodge Ballroom. A number of our community members have offered to donate a raffle item. Thank you! If you are donating a raffle item, please contact the club leaders so they can get appropriate information needed for the event.

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

During the week before the raffle (May 13 - 17), be sure to drop by the Lodge Lobby to see a sample of the displayed raffle items.

Our next club meeting is Tuesday, April 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](mailto:mdearmond@mac.com)*

*Donna Holtzclaw, 661-303-6649, [donnaholtzclaw@yahoo.com](mailto:donnaholtzclaw@yahoo.com)*



## CLUBS & CLASSES



### 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

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### Chair Yoga Class

by Melanie Yates (Club Leader)



Spring has sprung! Feeling a little stiff from your winter hibernation? Join us for Chair Yoga! In Chair Yoga we stretch and strengthen our bodies to improve our flexibility and balance. Follow along at your own pace and ability.

The new, more vigorous chair exercise routine that we do on Mondays only will really get you going for the week ahead! This is still video instruction and done while sitting in a chair. Again, you follow at your own pace.

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.

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### A Plant Slant

Patsy Ouellette (Club Leader)

Hello Four Seasons' Friends,

Though we learned fascinating information about type two diabetes in March's meeting, we have not finished that chapter, and I will talk more about that next month.



Rather, for April, we are fortunate enough to have another guest who will do a Thai food cooking demo for us. If you are interested in improving your health, but are unsure how to do it, this would be a good time for you to explore what Plant-based eating is all about. To ensure there is even more fun, a potluck will be part of the event. Bring a dish and a smile, and we'll see you there. Monday, April 22.

## Art Club

## CLUBS & CLASSES

### Norma Neil (Club Leader)

#### Watercolor Class News

The Watercolor class will be opening for beginners in April. The class meets on Thurs. at 10am in the Cafe area. Some classes are split with lessons designed to help beginners learn the basic skills and extended challenges for more experienced painters. Painting light and shadow are critical to all realistic painting. A simple drab scene can become exciting with a good composition and light and shadows that bring added excitement and interest. We are also looking at mixing colors that add interest. The first two lessons are free, with the first one for observation and you can paint-along if desired. The second lesson will focus on art materials and help with the initial supply order.



#### Art Club News

Art was represented in the recent Neighbor to Neighbor Hobby show with Fran O'Brian's Origami and her watercolor paintings from the Watercolor Class. Norma Neil showed a few small watercolors while providing information on both the Watercolor class and the Art Club activities, such as the popular Origami class. Other Art Club members showing watercolors were Debby Cline and Kathy Zuckerman. The Art Club offers a variety of free art-related activities throughout the year. Look for a Spring Break family fun activity using "Brusho", a vibrant dye-based watercolor. Let us know if you would like a reminder of upcoming free Art Club events.(see contact information)



## 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, 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

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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



## Ladies Luncheon

Annette Harder (Club Leader)

The Crest Bar and Grill Drive-In Movie Theater opened its gates in 1963. Starting with one screen, it became so popular that they decided to add a second screen, enabling the theater to accommodate up to 1000 vehicles. The Crest was able to keep the gates open for 35 years before having to close them forever in 1998. One of our residents has fond memories of celebrating her daughters 10th birthday at the drive-in, and the movie was?

In 2003 the Crest was dismantled and the Bakersfield RV Resort was able to bring back a part of the amazing Crest Bar & Grill a full-service restaurant for the community and RV guests.

We were in for a great time at one of our favorite places to visit. 20 ladies attended and kept our waitress busy. For some reason the reservation went from 27 to 7. . ? So we took her by surprise.

We will stay closer to home this month. On Saturday, April 20 at 11:30am we will be going to Chalet Basque Restaurant, 200 Oak St. 93304. Sign up sheet is at the front desk. If you can give or need a ride meet at the flagpole between 11/11:15am. Oh, the movie was The Lion King.



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## Pinochle Club

Linda Hofer (Club Leader)

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

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



## CLUBS & CLASSES

### Pickleball Club

Pickleball Club - Fred Walkover (Club Leader)



What a fantastic time we had at our March Pickleball event, “Fun Tournament”. More than 30 players came out to meet new people and have fun playing. We had people from all levels playing, and even in the hotter sun, everyone was smiling. “I got to know new people and got to know people I knew even better,” was a common comment we heard. We also learned a lot at our first event so look for even better organization in April. A big thank you to all of those who helped coordinate this event, especially Connie Preston, Bonnie Welchans, Helen Thomas, and Katherine Beals. Thank you also to all those residents who came out just to watch the fun. See you on the court soon.



Join us for our April event, “Pickleball Spring Fling” on April 14 from 12pm to 4pm. To keep things moving this event will continue with randomized player assignments so you get to know more people. Players will play for 20 min, take a 5 min break, and then rotate courts and partners. Everyone will play at least 4 games. An appetizer social will follow. RSVP to the lodge by April 12 to reserve your spot. Look for more details soon.

Join us also during regular play hours to learn to have fun, learn to play, and improve your game.



Pickleball Club (continued)

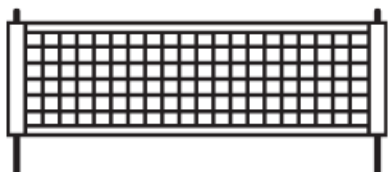


Join us and meet new players anytime during our scheduled play, or just reach out if you need some additional players to complete your foursome. You can find other players on the Pickleplay app by following this link. <https://clubs.pickleplay.com/auth>



More and more people are signing up for the new PicklePlay app. This FREE app allows our community to:

- Post scheduled play times
- special event RSVP to play times and events so you know who is coming.
- Post comments, ideas, pictures or questions to everyone on the feed
- Private and group chat with other players to organize times of play, or to just to chat



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

All playing levels welcome

## CLUBS & CLASSES

### Four Seasons Café: Cooking Club

Betty Marquez (Club Leader)

The Four Seasons Café cooking club served a mock lunch to the Lodge Staff, to practice for the premier dinner that happened on March 20th. The dinner included spaghetti, hand crafted Italian meatballs, Caesar salad, French bread with garlic butter and Parmesan, Neapolitan ice cream w/biscotti and Moroccan mint iced tea. The staff was very appreciative of the service by the Cooking Club team of volunteer homeowners.

The head chef for this event was Evie Freeman, assistant chef Lou Formano and prep staff Larry Hansen. The servers included Cindy White, Lisa Bradley, Ruth Darrington, Jann Klein, Kathy Clark, Kat Alvarez, Barbara Lewis and Betty Marquez. Dishwashers and cleanup crew included Val Stieber, Sue Hollingsworth and Rebecca Barnes.

A heartfelt thanks to the homeowner volunteers who dedicated their time and energy to months of organizing and planning meetings. To sharpen their skills, the volunteer servers participated in a server training session by an Italian restaurant professional.

The Cooking Club is planning to have a second nonprofit dinner in May. The Club will be increasing the number of tickets sold to accommodate more homeowners. Details to follow.

As of this date the Cooking Club has a list of 32 homeowner volunteers willing to donate their time and energy to bringing at-cost meals to Four Seasons homeowners. If you would like to participate in this rewarding volunteer program, contact [BettyMarquez1947@gmail.com](mailto:BettyMarquez1947@gmail.com)



// Save the Date

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The next dinner hosted by the Four Seasons Café Cooking Club will be **May 15th** and will be Cinco De Mayo themed!

### Menu

Chile Verde, Rice, Beans, Mexican Salad, Chips, Pico De Gallo, Flan, Fresh Mint Iced Tea and Margarita Bar!

Service will be from 5:00 to 7:00PM - Seating guests every half hour serving **75 guests!** Seating in the café/fireplace area and the patio will be // available. //

### Photos from the Premier Dinner 3/20/24



## CLUBS & CLASSES

### Scavenger Hunt Club

Stacy Davis (Club Leader)

The Scavenger Hunt Committee would like to thank all the people that participated in the St. Patrick's Day hunt. We are going to start planning our next event. You are invited to help us plan. Our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 10th at 2:00 pm at the Lodge. If you can't attend the meeting, but would like to help, please call Stacy at 661-319-4079.



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

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# Spring

## COMMUNITY YARD SALE

**SATURDAY APRIL 27TH**

Join the fun as we kick off the Spring season  
with our annual Community Yard Sale!

Lodge Parking Lot & Individual Households

**YARD SALE: 7AM-12PM**

**10500 Toscana Drive  
Bakersfield CA 93306**

Please sign up at The Lodge Front Desk

Contact Person:

Activities Coordinator

Jami Hughes

661-873-0580

[Jami.Hughes@Seabreezemgmt.com](mailto:Jami.Hughes@Seabreezemgmt.com)

Registration Deadline: April 22, 2024, by 5:00 p.m.

No  
Early  
Birds!



# TACO TUESDAY

**April 30th at 5:30pm**

Street Tacos & Margaritas  
Choice of meat: Carne Asada, Chicken, & Red Chile Verde (Texas Style!)  
Complimentary Chips & Salsa

## **CHOOSE FROM 3 PLATES:**

**\$11 - 4 TACOS, RICE & BEANS**

**\$15 - 4 TACOS, RICE & BEANS, 1 MARGARITA (VIRGIN)**

**\$20 - 4 TACOS, RICE & BEANS, 2 MARGARITAS (VIRGIN)**

**\$5 - PER MARGARITA (VIRGIN)**

**Free tequila to spice up your margaritas!**

SIGN UP & PAY AT THE  
LODGE FRONT DESK  
CASH & CHECKS ACCEPTED

Deadline for Sign-Ups &  
Refund: 4/25/24 by 5PM

SEATING INSIDE THE  
BALLROOM & ON THE  
PATIO WILL BE AVAILABLE  
TO ENJOY THE SPRING  
WEATHER!

## Computer Club

Dave Keeney (Club Leader)

Next Meeting: Saturday, April 13th, 2024 at 9:00 am

Location: The Lodge Theatre or Discord



If you do not already have a Discord app installed on your PC, use a web browser like Chrome and go to <https://discord.com>, download and install their app. Then create a free personal account. You do not need to sign up for a server, but you will need to be authenticated as a real person (via email or phone nbr).

To access the Computer Club meeting, go to this link using any web browser:

<https://discord.gg/6bbm29h6PM>

We meet at 9:00am on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month. Anyone may meet with us online via Discord or in-person in the Theater.

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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## Book Club

Kathleen Reisig (Club Leader)



*The Last Thing He Told Me* by Laura Dave is a page turning, exhilarating suspense novel. Before Owen Michael's disappears, he smuggles a note to his beloved wife of one year: Protect her. Despite her confusion and fear, Hannah Hall knows exactly to whom the note refers--Owen's sixteen-year-old daughter, Bailey, who lost her mother as a child. Bailey, who wants absolutely nothing to do with her new stepmother. As Hannah's increasingly desperate calls to Owen go unanswered, as the FBI arrests Owen's boss, as a US marshal and federal agents arrive at her Sausalito home unannounced, Hannah quickly realizes her husband isn't who he said he was. And that Bailey just may hold the key to figuring out Owen's true identity--and why he really disappeared. Hannah and Bailey set out to discover the truth. But as they start putting together the pieces of Owen's past, they soon realize they're also building a new future--one neither of them could have anticipated. The club will meet on Thursday April 18 at 10:00am in the Lodge Library.

## CLUBS & CLASSES

### Veterans Club - Penny Martinez (Club Leader)

Spring has sprung! Did you survive springing forward into Daylight saving time? We had an amazing March gathering at Huckleberry's. Our guest speakers were two members, Mr. Mike Davis, and Mr. Steve Corbin from the local chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution. They arrived in their revolutionary uniforms, they both brought along some armament from that period for show and tell and they didn't disappoint. Everyone in attendance thoroughly enjoyed themselves, the Q&A session was lively, and we found out that those muskets the soldiers carried into war are pretty darn heavy.

Mark your calendars! we've scheduled a tour of Minter Field Air Museum on Wednesday, April 10th at 10:00 am. Everyone drives themselves; however, you can carpool. Minter Field Air Museum is located at 401 Vultee Avenue, Shafter, CA 93263. The tour will last an hour; however, this all depends on you, and the number of questions you ask. Check it out here is the website:

<https://minterfieldairmuseum.com/>, you won't be disappointed. This place is a Kern County gem! Remember, spouses are welcomed and encouraged to attend. If you plan on attending, please RSVP by Sunday, April 7th by either calling, texting, or emailing Penny Martinez using the contact information noted below.

Our May 8th veteran gathering will be held at Four Seasons Lodge and our guest speakers will be members of the African American Network of Kern County – Buffalo Soldiers. Mark your calendars and stay tuned for more information.

If you have any questions about upcoming veterans' gatherings, give Penny Martinez a call, send a text, or send her an email using the information noted below. Looking forward to a blessed 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  
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## Sunset Cruisers

Susie Yslas (Club Leader)

## CLUBS & CLASSES



Welcome Golf Cart Owners to the Four Seasons Sunset Cruisers. If you have a golf cart and would like to join this Golf Cart Club, we meet the second Tuesday of every month in the Lodge parking lot and 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 an empty seat or two in your golf cart, you may want to invite a neighbor for a ride along. They are certainly welcome, the more the merrier. Another beautiful night for a cruise through the neighborhood. Neighbors came out to wave and say hello. Afterwards we ended up at the firepit for some quality time with friends, as well as some yummy snacks to munch on. Thank you office staff, for the set up at the fire pit.



## Golden Karaoke Singers Club

### Greetings Four Seasons Friends and Neighbors!

We held our Golden Karaoke monthly event on Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024. I am excited to say we had thirty guests for another **FREE** night of lively entertainment with our friends, families, and neighbors. We opened our night with welcoming our new and returning guests. Our opening song for the night was with Reba McEntyre as she sang the National Anthem. It was Jay's birthday which led to our second sing along to be a fun Happy Birthday song. Always a fun time to celebrate together!

We had impressive soloists which included our very own Etta James aka known as Cheryl. We enjoyed listening to Fran and Jay's duets that were absolutely beautiful. One of our new guests Aimee (Jay's daughter) was phenomenal too, (Must run in the family!)

We had group sing a-longs **aka table Karaoke**. Do not be shy to come out for this event! We do not expect anyone to be professional singers and stand up on the stage where they can sing their hearts out. It is always a joy for me to see everyone having a wonderful time and singing at their tables. We have several microphones that are shared among everyone! Around 9:55 PM our guests were telling me it is time to shut down the show and we need to go home so Billy can go home. Well, you know me I am never ready to go home. "It's still early!"

### Do you know that there are several Psychological Benefits of singing?

Singing helps to build **relationships**. It fosters a sense of community when we are all together singing. Singing can have a positive impact on your mental and emotional wellbeing. Singing can train your brain. I bring in new songs that you may not have heard before. When you learn a new song, it can be great for brain activity and rejuvenation. Recalling words and tunes from memory for songs that you know can also help to keep your mind active. Singing reduces stress as it releases your body's **happy** hormones. Hormones like oxytocin and endorphins help to keep your stress levels low.

### Do you also know there is also Physical Benefits for singing?

Singing introduces movement - who can resist clapping or dancing in your chair to your favorite song tracks? Singing improves your posture - How you sit or stand when you sing affects how well your voice projects. The best position to sing is with your head held high, your shoulders back and down, back upright and chest relaxed. These positions inspire a better posture. Singing supports cardiovascular health, it helps to care for your lungs. It teaches you to slow down, control and deepen your breathing. If you are anxious or have a lung condition like asthma or COPD, singing can serve as a good reminder to reset your breathing. Singing can help you breathe more easily too. It helps to naturally strengthen your abdominal muscles - something that supports your breathing.

For the month of April let us remember a quote from William Shakespeare: "**April... hath put a spirit of youth in everything.**" **Also approach life with a fresh perspective, and let your spirit rejuvenate like the spring season.**

As always, we welcome any suggestions that you may have for our club. I am looking forward to seeing you at our next Karaoke evening which is scheduled for:

**Date: Friday, April 19, 2024**

**Time: 6:00 P.M.**

**Location: Lodge ballroom**

Thank you **ALL** for the incredibly special song that touched my **heart** and **soul** so much! Please know that "ALL of you have a friend in **me** too."

Lots of **Love** and God's **blessings** to ALL of you from my melodic home to yours!

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Themed Wine Tasting Club

Kathy Clark (Club Leader)

Our March event was dedicated to Women’s History Month celebrating Women In Wine that were either owners or winemakers. David Dobbs from Imbibe did a great presentation on the various wines from those wineries. We had a couple of raffles. Kat Alvarez was the winner of the Wine Club’s raffle item, which was a Gift Box of three different wines. David Dobbs held a drawing as well and there were several winners, including myself. Everyone enjoyed the evening and the next Themed Wine Tasting Club will be on June 14th with the Best of Paso. This will be a different variety of wines than you might expect. Come and join us for a great evening! CHEERS!



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