

# THE MESSENGER AT FOUR SEASONS

**MARCH 2024**

Lodge Hours of Operation:

Monday-Thursday: 6am-9pm

Friday: 6am-10pm

Saturday-Sunday: 8am-7pm

Outdoor Amenities:

Monday-Sunday:

5am-10pm



*In Honor of Women's History Month, we celebrate exquisite quilting!  
Crafted by Yolanda Espinoza, Four Seasons Resident*

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Rodger Barnes  
Director

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**NEW TEMPORARY GATE CODE**  
**EFFECTIVE MARCH 1ST, 2024**  
**PLEASE ASK THE FRONT DESK**

We will put out an e-blast as usual. Please remember to never give your personal gate code out. The temporary code can be given to outside vendors & guests. However, if you are not comfortable with giving the code you can always have them call you from the call box to let them in by dialing 9 on your phone

We change our Temporary Gate Codes monthly for your security!

**What's happening at our HOA Board meetings?  
Check out meeting agendas, minutes, treasurer reports and budgets at our new Four Seasons website.**

**[FSBHOA.com](http://FSBHOA.com)**

**If you are a first time user of this site, be sure to login in order to see all the features of the website.**

**HAHA**

## LAUGHTER ALONG OUR PATH



Laughter Along Our Path

by Manya Carney (Resident of Four Seasons)

Grandparents from Four Seasons were taking Bella home from preschool. The 3-year-old was pouting, "My boyfriend Mikey bites so now I can't play with him anymore!" Then she calmly asked, "Do you have a boyfriend, Grandma?"

Grandma replied, "Why, yes I do. Your Grandpa is my boyfriend."

Later that day Grandma was running errands with her daughter-in-law. Her daughter-in-law asked, "How do you like the Ford Flex that Grandpa (Her Dad) was driving?"

"Oh, I really like it for him. For me though, I like a much smaller car!" responded Grandma.

Little Bella from the back seat piped up, "Well, what does your boyfriend think about that?"

Her daughter-in-law hit the brakes almost causing a wreck. "You have a boyfriend? What about my dad?"



Let the Shamrock Hunt begin! As you skim through the Messenger, keep your eyes peeled for those sneaky shamrocks. Take a wild guess and drop it in the lock box at the front desk for a shot at winning a fun prize!



- **When submitting assessment payments, kindly ensure your account number is included on your check.**
  - **Billing questions: Seabreeze Management Company (949) 855-1800**
- **Any proposed changes or modifications must first be submitted to the ARC Committee for written approval before such work is begun. Approval can take up to thirty (30) Days, after receipt of application by the arc committee. Please refer to your architectural guidelines. Now all improvements have an administrative fee of \$25.**
- **All guests must be accompanied by a Resident at all times when using the Lodge Facilities.**
- **While visiting The Lodge only eight (8) guests per day, per household are permitted use of designated Lodge Facilities.**
- **Out of respect for other Residents, each Resident or guest must immediately clean up waste from his/her pet deposited within any portion of the Community, including residents front, side and rear yards.**
- **To be a top-notch neighbor, keep your furry friend from using the neighborhood lawns as their personal potty spot. No one wants surprise doggie presents on their precious grass!**



# **FEBRUARY BOARD MEETING RECAP 02/28/24**

- The Board held an Emergency Executive Session on February 16, 2024. There were no items to report.
- The Board held an Executive Session on February 28, 2024. There were no hearings. There are currently 9 rule violations, 6 ARC violations and 6 maintenance violations remaining from the Pro Tec inspection.
- The General Session Minutes from January 31, 2024, were approved.
- January 31, 2024, Financial Statements and Treasurers report was reviewed and approved.
- There were two suggestion box items submitted.
  - 1) A request to include the “Elite Charter and Tours” Flyer in The Messenger. Management and Sherry Davis will see if the vendor would like to advertise.
  - 2) A request to turn the area behind the Tennis Courts into a dog park was received. The Board referred the item to the Facilities Committee for review.
- For Facilities Committee, the Board approved the Slurry Seal for Francois-Besancon-Gratz loop, Lisbon, Kingsport, Naples, Lyon, Copenhagen, Saint George, and on Vale Royale starting at 10009 heading southwest to where it turns into Shelburne Drive ending at the intersection of Shelburne Drive and Stockholm Place; crack fill the entire community; re-stripe all stop and limit lines, existing yellow and red curbing with thermoplastic traffic marking paint; and to saw cut and remove approx. 20’ LF of concrete curb and gutter and repour for drainage (Francois and Shelburne).

# **February Board Meeting Recap (Continued)**

- Under Landscape Committee the Board is actively looking to save the Oak Trees that we have been told have Black Sooty Mold, aphids and some with wilt. There were 8 total requests for inspections but only 2 proposals/opinions for treatment were received. The Board has requested to have a third proposal/opinion prior to moving forward.
- Also, for Landscape, the Board announced that a special meeting will be called when Management has obtained a third bid to do Phase II of the Parkway Project in Artificial Turf. Artificial Turf is being considered because of the new AB 1572 and this option keeps the unity of the community, looks aesthetically pleasing, and complies with the new laws coming into effect in 2029 so the Association does not risk wasting the Member's money.
- Social Committee reported 85 people attended the Chili Cookoff and everyone had an amazing time. The winner was Ty Morris for the second year (he changed his recipe this year also). The upcoming events are Tuscany Nights on April 13th, Solvang Bus Trip on May 4th and then the 4th of July.
- The Messenger is looking for people interested in telling their stories. If you have an interesting story please reach out to Jami Hughes, the Activities Coordinator. In April they will be doing an Employee Spotlight article on one of the newer staff members.
- The ARC reviewed and approved 12 applications this month and had 4 notice of completions turned in. 3 of the notice of completions were approved and 1 was denied as the project was not done per the plans originally submitted. The committee continues to work on the Standards and Guidelines and will submit the final revision at the March meeting.

# February Board Meeting Recap (Continued)

- The IT/Website committee updated the phone system in the office this month. They would like to ask that all Committees and Clubs look at their pages on the website and see if there is anything they can do to freshen up the information. Dave had also put together a Media Package for the Conference room that would give it capabilities to have meeting presentations (PowerPoint, web searching), Zoom, a conference telephone, and a regular TV using off the air signal, and streaming media (Netflix, Prime, etc.). Leanna announced that Seabreeze purchased the Media Package for the Association as an apology because they realize the transition of Seabreeze's operational system has not been easy on anyone, the Board or members.
- Rules and Regulations has begun looking at the Lodge Rental and Reservation package and Club Guidelines.

**Reminder:** There are 3 Board Positions Available for the upcoming Election on June 12, 2024. Candidacy Statements are due on March 19, 2024, by 5 pm. Email GM@fsbhoa.com for the application.

The next Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for  
March 27, 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.*

## Some Words From Your Treasurer

Bill Ferguson - BOD Treasurer

Don't forget to vote! You must either vote in person or mail in your ballot by March 5.

On the 10th of the month, it's time once again to adjust our clocks to daylight savings time. So, on Saturday the 9th set your clocks one hour ahead (and you may want to go to bed an hour earlier) so that you won't be late for church.

While I'm remarking about the calendar schedule, don't forget the second Tuesday March 12. We have scheduled a Financial Forum for that evening at 6:00. Please attend so that you may stay informed and get the answers to, hopefully, all of your questions.

Last month I reported that the financial reporting problems we had experienced in the past had been resolved and we now have revised year-end financials in hand. They appear to be a promising prelude to the remainder of 2024. The anticipated significant carryover into this year was realized at \$63,115.

The December actual income, less the expenses, came in at \$22,488.73. This was a great improvement over November's loss of \$30,052.80. The buffer we have between our cash and the budget requirement has increased from last month by another 1 1/4 days and now stands at 1.53 weeks. This is still not good enough and, as I mentioned last month, we continue to battle this problem. The increase in assessments for 2024 at \$390 will surely result in more favorable numbers by the end of the year.

There continues to be good news on the Consumer Price Index front. As had been predicted, we are approaching a "soft landing". For the last two years the federal fund rate has increased from 0.5% to 5.4% in an attempt to cool an inflationary trend. All the while there was a danger of falling into a subsequent recession. The chance of that now is thought to be minimal as the CPI-U rate at the end of January was 3.1%. The prediction was that it would fall to 4.0% by the end of this year and close 2025 at 2.25%.

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

This all is a two-edged sword. Interest rates and CPI affect each other through a feedback loop. On one hand, higher interest rates tend to reduce the inflation rate by discouraging borrowing and spending and encouraging saving and investing. This reduces the demand for goods and services and lowers their prices. On the other hand, lower interest rates tend to increase the inflation rate by encouraging borrowing and spending and discouraging saving and investing. This increases the demand for goods and services and raises their prices.

The Federal Reserve has to walk a fine line, so hang on and we'll do our best to ride it out.

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



# JANUARY TREASURER'S REPORT

## K.Hovnanian's Four Seasons Bakersfield Financial Report - January 31, 2024

<u>ASSETS</u>	<u>Current Month</u>	<u>Prior Month</u>
Operating Cash & Investment Funds	\$ 67,563.83	\$ 63,114.57
Reserve Cash & Investment Funds	\$ 1,911,723.40	\$ 1,880,696.10
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>\$ 1,979,287.23</b>	<b>\$ 1,943,810.67</b>
Total Accounts Receivable	\$ 47,525.25	\$ 37,932.81
Total Prepaid Expenses (Insurance)	\$ 20,049.87	\$ 22,076.20
Other Prepaid Expenses	\$ -	\$ 608.60
Clearing Account	\$ 1,193.00	\$ 1,193.00
Total Fixed Assets - Lighting Conversion	\$ 77,687.34	\$ 77,687.34
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 2,125,742.69</b>	<b>\$ 2,083,308.62</b>
<u>LIABILITIES</u>		
Pre Paid Dues	\$ 57,858.13	\$ 45,457.08
Total Accounts Payable	\$ 79,437.70	\$ 97,182.39
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$ 137,295.83</b>	<b>\$ 142,639.47</b>
<u>PRIOR YEAR'S EQUITY</u>	<b>\$ 63,322.96</b>	<b>\$ 18,778.41</b>
<u>NET INCOME (LOSS)</u>	<b>\$ 13,484.50</b>	<b>\$ 22,488.73</b>
<u>INCOME</u>	<u>Current Month</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Revenue Budget	\$187,260.00	\$187,260.00
Revenue Actual	\$191,392.47	\$191,392.47
Net Difference from Budget	<b>\$ 4,132.47</b>	<b>\$ 4,132.47</b>
	Over Budget	Over Budget
	2.2%	2.2%
<u>EXPENSES</u>		
Expense Budget	\$187,265.00	\$187,265.00
Expense Actual	\$177,907.97	\$177,907.97
Net Difference from Budget	<b>\$ (9,357.03)</b>	<b>\$ (9,357.03)</b>
	Under Budget	Under Budget
	-5.0%	-5.0%
<b>ACTUAL NET INCOME (LOSS)</b>	<b>\$ 13,484.50</b>	<b>\$ 13,484.50</b>
<u>RESERVE FUNDING LEVEL</u>	<u>Current Month</u>	<u>Prior Month</u>
Account Balance	\$ 1,911,723.40	\$ 1,880,696.10
Reserve Study @ 100%	\$ 3,407,946.00	\$ 4,283,163.00
Current Percent Funded	56.1%	61% 43.9%

# MARCH FUN FACTS

March was named for the Roman god of war and was the 1st month until around 700 BCE when January and February were added to the calendar

Full moon on March 25th, called the Worm Moon because that is when the earth thaws and the earthworms emerge.

Gem Stone: Aquamarine and Bloodstone

Flower: Daffodil

Horoscope: Pisces Mar 1-20 - Sensitive, Creative

Aries Mar 21-32 - Fearless, Trailblazer

## SPECIAL MARCH DAYS

8 - International Women's Day

11 - National Fannypack Day

16 - National Panda Day

16 - Absolutely Incredible Kid Day

19 - Vernal (Spring) Equinox when sun is directly over equator

31 - World Back-up Day

## MARCH IN HISTORY

1754 - Benjamin Waterhouse invented smallpox vaccine

1831 - George Pullman invented the railway sleeping car

1862 - First US paper money issued on 3/10 and became legal tender on 3/17

1864 - First black woman to receive medical degree

1899 - Felix Hoffman patented aspirin

1963 - Arthur Melin received patent for hula-hoop

1994 - Largest omelet made in Japan with 160,000 eggs

## Conversation with the Rules & Regulations Committee Evelyn Freeman- Committee Member

The article explains the reason and importance of HOA Rules and Regulations. It was thought this month might be a good time to repeat the article for the many new homeowners at Four Seasons along with reacquainting the long-standing Homeowners.

**Why do we have Rules and Regulations?**

Every Homeowners Associations has Rules and Regulations. The Rules and Regulations work in concert with our community to help allow the community to work in harmony. Rules and Regulations provide specific guides for day to day living and without them and the means for enforcement, our community living experience could become chaotic.

When you purchase a home that is part of a community association, you automatically become a member of the association and become responsible for following all its rules and regulations. The primary purpose of having community rules and regulations is to protect your investment and provide a common framework for neighbors. For HOA homeowners the rules are designed to not only safeguard home values, but to avoid potential conflicts and issues, and comply with safety standards.

While it's true that part of association membership requires abiding by community guidelines, HOA life is about far more than following a long list of rules. Community guidelines and rules can help lay the foundation for a successful neighborhood.

**Benefits of HOA Rules:**

At first glance, having rules for a neighborhood or community may seem restrictive. However, there are many benefits to having a robust set of guidelines, including:

- Preserving the aesthetics of an area
- Protecting and enhancing home values
- Enforcing the community's Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions (CC&Rs) & Bylaws
- Maintaining the property of the association and its owners

Any member is welcome to attend the Rules and Regulations meetings. Look for the date and time in the Messenger Calendar.



## IRISH MUFFINS



- 2 8-1/2 ounce box of corn muffin mix**
- 1 4 pound corned beef brisket  
(with seasoning packet)**

### Cabbage Ingredients:

- 1 head cabbage, chopped**
- 1/2 medium onion, chopped**
- 3 tablespoons butter**
- 1 tablespoon sugar**
- 1/3 cup juice from corn beef  
salt and pepper to taste**

### Corned Beef Ingredients:

- 1 10-1/2 ounce can French onion soup**
- 1 12 ounce dark beer**
- 2 tablespoons butter melted**
- 2 teaspoons dry mustard**
- 2 teaspoons cumin**
- 1 tablespoon sugar**
- 1 teaspoon pepper**
- 3 garlic cloves, chopped**

- 1.** Trim majority of fat from brisket, rinse brisket. Rub brisket with seasoning packet and place in crockpot.
- 2.** Mix all corned beef ingredients in bowl and pour over meat. Cook in crockpot on high for 6 hours.
- 3.** Remove meat from crockpot. Place on rack to drain. Chop meat and place in bowl.
- 4.** Place all cabbage ingredients in large pot. Cook on low for 20 minutes or until desired tenderness. Stir occasionally.
- 5.** Drain cabbage with large colander and place cabbage in large bowl.
- 6.** Preheat oven 400 degrees.
- 7.** Make cornbread batter according to box directions.
- 8.** Generously spray muffin tin with non-stick cooking spray.
- 9.** Put 1 tablespoon of batter into each muffin cavity.
- 10.** Then put 1 tablespoon of cabbage on top of batter.
- 11.** Next put 1 tablespoon of meat on top of cabbage.
- 12.** Then put heaping tablespoon of batter on top of meat.
- 13.** Bake 20 to 25 minutes or until golden brown. Remove from oven and brush butter on top.

**Recipe  
provided by  
Four Seasons  
Resident, Cassie  
Witherspoon!**



**Do you have a kitchen creation you can't wait 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!**

## A Perfect Time of Year to Visit: Kern's Scenic Canyon Submitted by Kitty DeArmond, Resident



*Photo from the DesertUSA website*

**Red Rock Canyon State Park is the most photographed site in Kern County, but certainly not the most famous.**

**The little-known park is well known in Hollywood. There's little wonder why this scenic wonder is the backdrop for movies, television and print media. Its red striped cliffs crushed together from sediment and plied from the earth out 10 million years ago have been sculpted by water and wind to a fine fluted form. Streams carried away rubble at the base of the cliffs leaving sharp, distinct lines.**

**Created in 1968, multihued Red Rock Canyon is the Rodney Dangerfield of the geology world. Countless film crews have shot footage here, but the area is rarely identified. Often budget scrimping directors stay in California and use the area to illustrate New Mexico or Arizona. . .**

**Red Rock's movie credits include: The Big Country, Beneath the Planet of the Apes, Capricorn One and Poltergeist II, Zorro Rides Again, Jurassic Park, and many more. . .**

**Red Cliffs are the most famous cliffs in the "Little Grand Canyon of California" and the one travelers see as they speed northward on Highway 14 enroute to Mammoth Lakes and the rest of the Eastern Sierra. The park, 80 miles east of Bakersfield, spreads across Highway 14 for 3 miles. . .**

**A Perfect Time of Year to Visit: Kern's Scenic Canyon**  
**Submitted by Kitty DeArmond, Resident**

Located at 2,600 feet in the westernmost El Paso Mountains where they meet the southernmost Sierra Nevada, Red Rock Canyon is a significant fossil bed, home to rare and threatened animals and plants and is one of the most colorful spots in a desert alive with color.

The red sandstone stripes come from the oxidation of iron flakes. The rust acts as a good bond making the red layers stronger and more resistant to erosion. The white stripes are volcanic ash spewed here from the north about 12 million years ago. Likewise, the rounded pink rock tuft on top of many of the cliffs is volcanic material spewed from the Mojave Plateau to the south. Orange stripes are where dark brown lava-scorched rock create a "bake zone." Water dripping down the face of the cliffs created the accordion pleats.

Fossils of ten different types of horses, from dog-sized three-toed horses to the more modern one-toed version, have been discovered. Also found have been seven types of camels, rhinoceroses, elephants, sheep, saber-tooth cats, a ferocious bear-dog the size of a bear, and oreodonts, a cross between a pig and a sheep that traveled in herds.

The park keeps finding new plants. Many are rare or uncommon. The Mojave fishhook cactus, with pinkish red flowers and hooked spines is a candidate for federal threatened status.

Red Rock Canyon was once the home of the Kawaiisu people who left some petroglyphs and pictographs in the area.

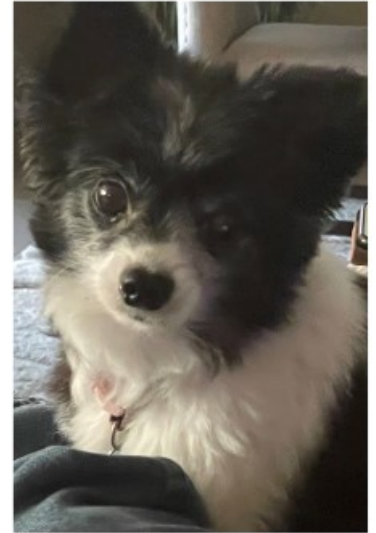
Editor's Note: Red Rock Canyon gained state park designation because of the efforts of local community activist Viki Araujo. In her own words: "I joined the Kern County Historical Society and for many years was active in the development of Pioneer Village under the leadership of Dick Bailey. As an offshoot of that special interest in history, I was named to the Red Rock Advisory committee, then appointed to the California Park Commission, which was my favorite achievement."

*The preceding article was written by Curtis Darling, and published by the Kern County Historical Society in 2003 in Kern County Place Names, Second Edition.*

Four Seasons  
Pet Corner



Babette Baier's Cat & Dog - Mojo is a 1 1/2 year old Yorkiepoop and Arya is his 4 1/2 year old big sister. They wrestle and she lets him get away with way too much, but they love each other.



Jann Klein's Dog - Abby

Lon Leterman's Dogs - Russel and Rosie are brother and sister English Cream Golden Retrievers. They are 4 and a half years old. They love people and enjoy traveling. If you see us out and about. They would love to meet you!



Ellen Linder's Dog - Boston Linder

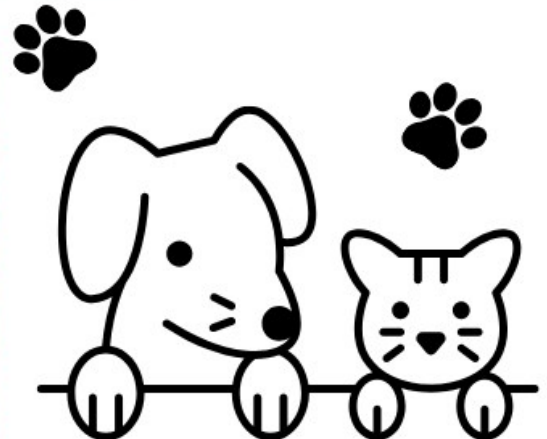


Here is Vern and Yogi. Vern is the little one on left. We caught him running in the neighborhood in Four Seasons in September 2023. The pit-mix is Yogi. He was found with a pack of 16 other dogs near Juarez, Mexico in 2021. Proud parents are Mark and Nancy Cota.

Martha Zaragoza's Dog - Kiwi



Melanie Yates' Dog - Ruby





# Calling All Four Seasons Pets



Hey there, Four Seasons Fam!  
Get those cameras clicking because we want to see your pets in the spotlight. It's a furry free-for-all, so whether you have a pup, kitty, birdie, creepy crawly, or fishy friend, send in your photos to



[fsbhoa.messenger@gmail.com](mailto:fsbhoa.messenger@gmail.com)



Hurry, paw-rents!  
The deadline for submissions is  
**03/20/24!**  
Lets get these pets rockin' the  
Messenger!



Patty Barton's Dog -  
Dolly



Jan Lemucchi's Dogs -  
Pete & Gino



### 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 April Messenger cover. We want to see what you think would look great for March. Don't be afraid to demonstrate your talent!

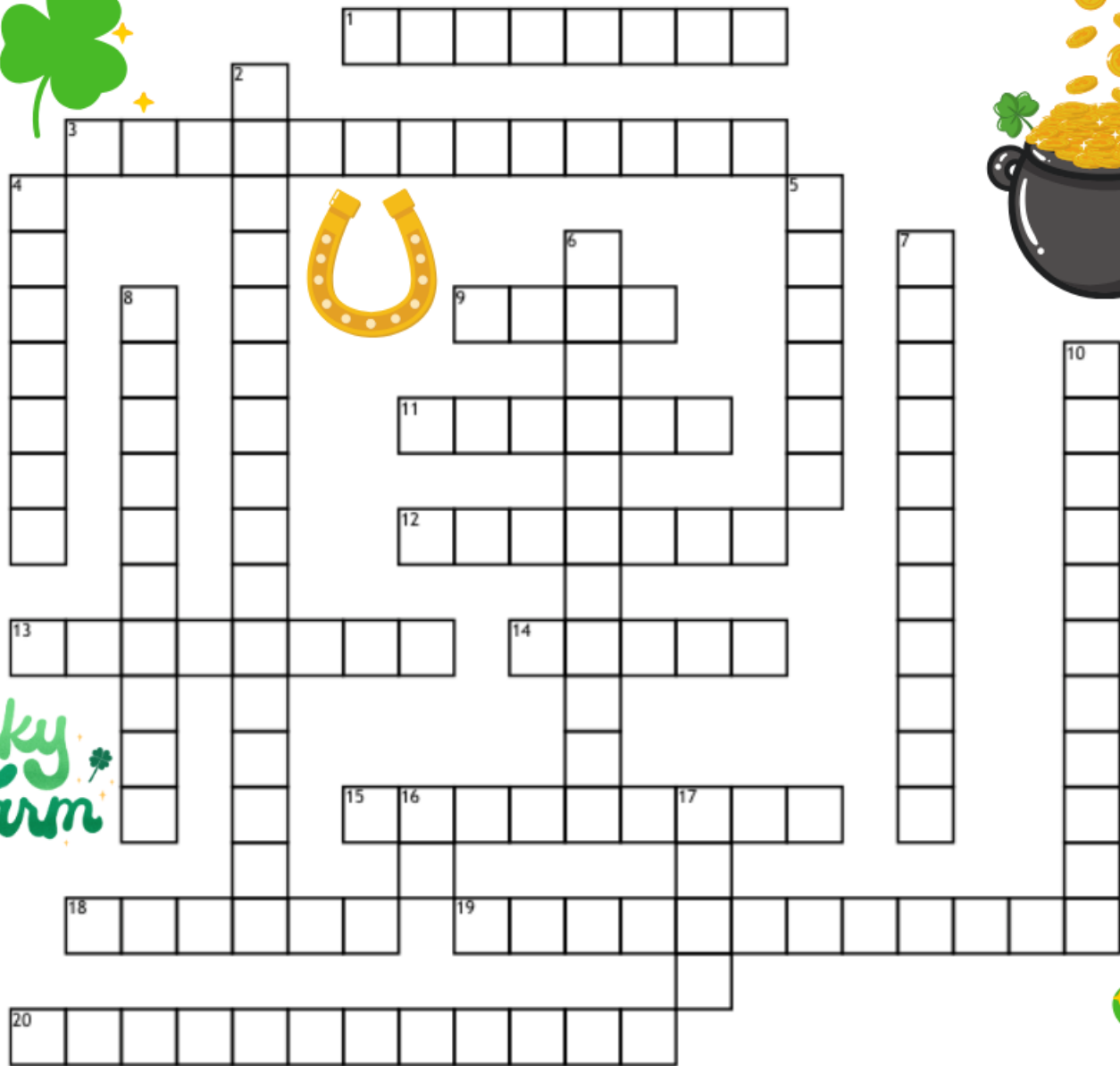


### Four Seasons Resident Spotlight

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!



# St. Patrick's Day Crossword Puzzle



*Lucky Charm*



## Across

1. Something that leprechauns love
3. When was St. Patrick born?
9. What was the original color of St-Patrick's day?
11. In legend, what did he drive out of Ireland?
12. What city marks the holiday by colouring its river green?
13. What is the national flower of Ireland?
14. Each leaf on the shamrock represents something: Hope, luck, love and ?

15. The tradition of wearing green on Saint Patrick's day is because, to leprechauns, green makes you \_\_\_\_\_?

18. What color is not good to wear on St. Patrick's Day?
19. Other than Ireland, which country celebrates St. Patrick's day to such a great extent?
20. What is St.Patrick's real name?

## Down

2. Why is St-Patrick's day so important in the United States?
4. What are leprechauns based on?

5. Where was the first ever St-Patrick's day parade in 1737?

6. What is a leprechaun's favourite food?

7. What do shamrocks symbolize?

8. Who was St. Patrick?

10. How do leprechauns earn their gold?

16. Do female leprechauns exist?

17. What is the most consumed beverage on St-Patrick's day?

# 2024 CHILI COOK-OFF



## Social Committee

### Sherry Davis (Committee Chair)

As promised in the December newsletter, the Social Committee presented its first event for 2024. On February 24th, 85 friends and neighbors gathered in the ballroom for the annual Chili Cook-Off. Nine confident contestants perfected and brought forth their finest recipes and watched intently as the judges tasted and analyzed each sample. A world of thanks is extended to the following contestants:

Ed Borgens & Beth Rodacker  
Rex Childers  
Eddie Elliott  
Jon Fink  
Leola Grove  
Sue Hollingsworth  
Lon Leatherman  
Ty Morris  
Rita Salcido



When the dust settled and the votes were tallied, the winners are Ty Morris, 1st Place, Lon Leatherman, 2nd Place and Rex Childers, 3rd Place. I would like to add that Ty Morris was the 1st place winner for the 2023 Chili Cook-Off. Congratulations to all. With the judging completed, attendees enjoyed samples along with their hotdogs.

Next on the Social Committee calendar is Tuscany Nights, scheduled for Saturday, April 13th. Again, soloist Isaiah Morfin will perform. All details and sign-ups will begin soon.

On May 4th the Social Committee will host a day trip to Solvang. The bus is reserved and will transport us to the central coast Danish village for a lovely day of shopping and sightseeing or you may opt to spend your day at the casino. More details will be available soon.

Thank you so much for your continued support and if there are events that you would enjoy seeing on our calendar, please feel free to contact me. I am in the directory.

Until next time,

Sherry Davis, Committee Chair



● Neighbor 2 Neighbor ●  
**HOBBIES, CRAFTS  
AND COLLECTIONS**

**SHOWCASE**



**MARCH 9TH, 2024  
10 AM - 1 PM**

**This showcase is a great opportunity for you to share your passion, skills, and creativity with others in our Four Seasons community. Whether you're into stamp collecting, knitting, photography, or any other hobby, there's sure to be someone who shares your interest and would like to visit and learn from you. If you have items you wish to sell, that's fine too.**

**Sign Up Now at The Lodge Front Desk  
to Secure Your Display Table!**

**This Event is Sponsored by The Neighbor 2 Neighbor Club!  
For More Information Contact the Club Leaders:  
Margaret DeArmond - 661-304-0093 - mdearmond@mac.com  
Donna Holtzclaw - 661-303-6649 - donnaholtzclaw@yahoo.com**

**Hey There, Spectators!**

**The Four Seasons community is invited to join your showcase neighbors for a fun-filled day of creativity and community spirit. It's a chance to learn new things, make new friends, and enjoy the company of fellow Four Seasons residents.**

**Be sure to bring cash in order to enjoy the taco lunch!**

**\*Spectators do not need to sign up for event\***

**IT IS ESSENTIAL TO NOTE THAT THIS EVENT IS EXCLUSIVE TO THE FOUR SEASONS COMMUNITY AND NOT OPEN TO OUTSIDE VENDORS. THIS IS NOT A CRAFT FAIR.**

### Margaret DeArmond

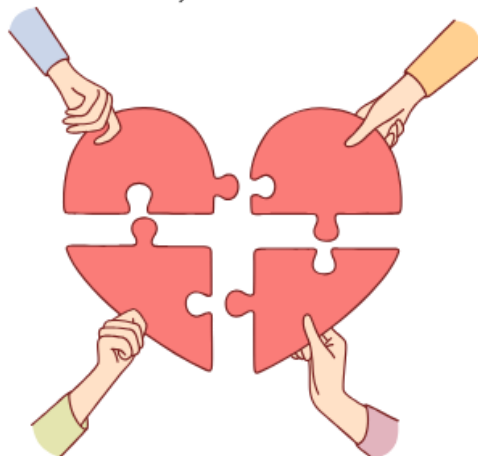
The **Hobbies, Crafts, & Collections Showcase** is being held on **Saturday, March 9th, from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm** in the Four Seasons Ballroom. This event is a wonderful opportunity to meet your Four Seasons neighbors and learn about their special interests. No cost and no need to sign up to attend — just drop by the Ballroom the morning of March 9th and enjoy the community spirit. Be sure to bring cash as there will be tacos and more available on the patio.

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The annual **Raffle Fundraiser for the Dream Center** is scheduled for **Friday, May 17th from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm** and **Saturday, May 18th from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm**. Raffle tickets are \$1.00 each and can be purchased from Neighbor 2 Neighbor Club members. The drawing for the raffle items will be held at 1:00 pm on Saturday. You do not need to be present to win. In previous years, many generous people in our community have donated items for the raffle such as dinner and wine baskets, wreaths, gift cards, pool items, manicure basket, movie snack items, gardening items, ice cream party basket, barbecue basket, dog lover items, succulents, items to pamper you, and many more. If you are interested in donating a basket or item for this fundraiser, now is the time to start thinking about those ideas. This is a perfect activity for getting together with your neighbors or with members of your Four Seasons club and create a joint basket. All proceeds from this fundraiser will be used to purchase items needed by the emancipated foster youth at the Dream Center as they settle in their first apartment.

Our next club meeting is Tuesday, March 12th 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*





Sunday
Monday
Tuesday
Wednesday

# March 2024

**Lodge Hours**  
 Monday - Thursday:  
 Friday: 6am-10am  
 Saturday-Sunday: 8am-10am  
**Outdoor Amenities**  
 Monday - Sunday 5am-10pm

 3	Dance Fitness 8am Koffee Klatch 8:30am Chair Yoga 9am Pinochle 1pm Pickleball 5:30pm Dance Fitness 5:45pm	4 	Pickleball 8am Bridge 1pm Crafters Club 1pm <b>SOCIAL COMMITTEE 1PM</b> Pickleball 5:30pm Bocce Ball 6pm	5 Dance Fitness 8am Chair Yoga 9am Canasta 1pm Poker/Dealers Choice Scavenger Hunt Club Dance Fitness 5:45pm
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Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

6am-9pm  
10pm  
11am-7pm  
Activities:  
11am-10pm


Committee Meetings & Club  
Times are Subject to Change,  
Check with The Lodge for  
most current information  
  
Pool Closed for Maintenance  
MON, WEDS & FRI  
6AM-10AM

Dance Fitness 8am 1  
Chair Yoga 9am  
Tripoli Game Day 1pm  
Pickleball 5:30pm  
**\*ARC APPLICATIONS DUE BY 5PM**  
  
**WINE CLUB: WOMEN WINEMAKERS**  
5:30PM

Pickleball 8am 2  
  
POOL TOURNAMENT 9AM  



6  
Voice 1pm  
Club 3pm  
5pm

Pickleball 8am 7  
Art Club 10:30am  
Bridge 1pm  
Pickleball 5:30pm  
Bingo 5:45pm  



Dance Fitness 8am 8  
Chair Yoga 9am  
Tripoli Game Day 1pm  
Pickleball 5:30pm  


Pickleball 8am 9  
Computer Club 9am  
  
**NEIGHBOR 2 NEIGHBOR SHOWCASE**  
10AM

13  
**STARTING 10AM**  
10am  
Voice 1pm  
5pm

Pickleball 8am 14  
Art Club 10:30am  
**ARCHITECTUAL REVIEW 1PM**  
Bridge 1pm  
Pickleball 5:30pm  
Bingo 5:45pm  


Dance Fitness 8am 15  
Chair Yoga 9am  
Tripoli Game Day 1pm  
Pickleball 5:30pm


Pickleball 8am 16  
Golden Karaoke Voices 6pm  



20  
1:30pm  
Voice 1pm  
5pm  
**CAFE COOKING**  
5PM


Pickleball 8am 21  
Art Club 10:30am  
Book Club 10am  
**FINANCE MEETING 1PM**  
**NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE 1PM**  
Bridge 1pm  
Pickleball 5:30pm  
Bingo 5:45pm  


Dance Fitness 8am 22  
Chair Yoga 9am  
Tripoli Game Day 1pm  
Pickleball 5:30pm

Pickleball 8am 23  
Computer Club 9am

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Voice 1pm  
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Pickleball 8am 28  
Art Club 10:30am  
Bridge 1pm  
Pickleball 5:30pm  
Bingo 5:45pm  


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Tripoli Game Day 1pm  
Pickleball 5:30pm  


Pickleball 8am 30  




## ORIGAMI MAKING CLASS



### Art Club

Norma Neil (Club Leader)

Art Club continues with the dual functions of providing free art activities in the community and professional watercolor classes weekly.

Fran O'Brien presented a free Art Club Origami class in honor of the Chinese New Year on February 10th. Fran is also an enthusiastic member of the watercolor class. The Arts & Crafts Room was full of excited students with help being extended around the room. By the end of class there were requests to continue with another session in March, possibly flowers for an Easter basket!

Plans are being made to showcase work from the Watercolor Class during the Neighbor 2 Neighbor Hobby Show on March 9th and again later in the Spring for Mothers Day. Not every student feels ready for the spotlight but all are making great progress.

New students can still be accommodated as the class remains an intimate and welcoming environment, regardless of the level of painting experience. If you are interested, contact the teacher, Norma Neil at 661-204-4653.

Several Art Class members are interested in joining a three-day Art Retreat in Morro Bay in mid-March. Norma Neil is the teacher with Jeff Carney as co-teacher. Art Retreats are a great way to charge the creative spirit.

Norma Neil



## 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

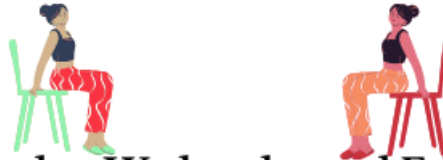
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### Chair Yoga Class

by Melanie Yates (Club Leader)

March is upon us and the spring weather won't be far behind. A great way to shake off the winter cobwebs is 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 has been well received. 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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### 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



### A Plant Slant

Patsy Ouellette (Club Leader)

Hello Four Seasons' Friends,



In February, we learned how to make spicy tofu. Yum, Yum, Yummy. This month of March, we will get back to our book, "How Not To Die," by Michael Greger, M.D. We will be discussing the first half of Chapter 6, "How Not To Die From Diabetes." Though many people are unaware of how close the relationship of our diet is to disease outcomes, it is becoming more evident as articles such as the following are showing up in mainstream media.

"Ultraprocessed foods linked to cancer and early death, studies find." British Medical Journal, CNN Sept. 1, 2022.

"Almost half of cancer deaths globally are attributed to preventable risk factors, study suggests." CNN Aug.19, 2022

"Coronary artery stents show no benefit in treating heart failure - landmark trial."

New England Journal of Medicine, Aug. 31, 2022

"The U.S. diet is deadly. Here are seven ideas to get Americans eating healthier."

NPR, Aug. 31, 2022.

We at Plant Slant are excited to get together, and to have the opportunity to learn more about how to achieve vibrant health. If you are interested, please join us on Monday, March 25.

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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)

We had a fantastic kickoff launching the additional pickleball courts on January 28. Maddie and Jeff began the afternoon teaching dinking skills and how to dink with a purpose. It was great to see players slow down to improve their shots. This wonderful exercise was followed by a fun game of King and Queen where players randomly paired up to play the King and Queen. Over the next hour we lost count of how many times the King and Queen were displaced by a new pair of players.



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

All playing levels welcome

We also invite all pickleball players, or those interested, to join us on the 4th Sunday of each month at 2:30pm for our Pickleball Club meeting. This is an open meeting where you can share your thoughts and questions to help us better support you and Pickleball at Four Seasons.

## Pickleball Club (continued)



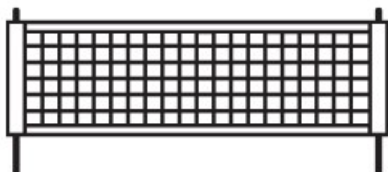
Join us and meet new players anytime during our scheduled play, or just reach out if you need some additional players to complete your foursome. You can find other players on the Pickleplay app by following this link.

<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



## CLUBS & CLASSES

### Book Club

Kathleen Reising (Club Leader)

What makes for a happy life, a fulfilling life? In their "captivating" (The Wall Street Journal) book, the directors of the Harvard Study of Adult Development, the longest scientific study of happiness ever conducted, show that the answers to these questions may be closer than you realize.

What makes life fulfilling and meaningful? The simple but surprising answer is: relationships. The stronger our relationships, the more likely we are to live happy, satisfying, and healthier lives. In fact the strength of our connections with others can predict the health of both our bodies and our brains as we go through life.

The invaluable insights in this book *The Good Life: Lessons from the World's Longest Study on Happiness* By Marc Schulz and Robert J. Waldinger emerge from the revealing personal stories of hundreds of participants in the Harvard Study as they were followed year after year for their entire adult lives, and this wisdom was bolstered by research from many other studies. Relationships in all their forms--friendships, romantic partnerships, families, coworkers, tennis partners, book club members, Bible study groups--all contribute to a happier healthier life. And as *The Good Life* shows us, its never too late to strengthen the relationships you have, and never too late to build new ones.

The club will meet on Thursday March 21 at 10:00am in the Lodge Library.



## Computer Club

by Dave Keeney (Club Leader)

Next Meeting: Saturday, March 9th, 2024 at 9:00 am

Location: The Lodge Theatre or Discord

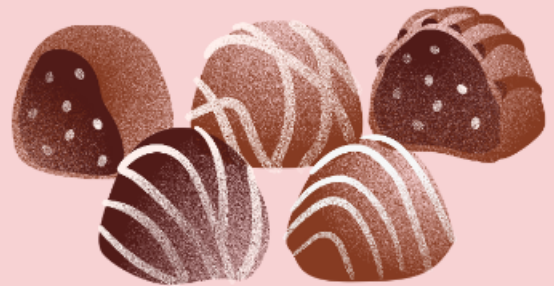


If you do not already have a Discord app installed on your PC, use a web browser like Chrome and go to <https://discord.com>, download and install their app. Then create a free personal account. You do not need to sign up for a server, but you will need to be authenticated as a real person (via email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



February's Candy  
Counting Champion:  
Phil Myers!



JOIN US FOR THE CLUB'S PREMIER DINNER

# *Four Seasons Café: Cooking Club*

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20, 2024 | 5PM - 7PM**

**FOUR SEASONS CAFE**

Reservations will start at

5:00, 5:30, 6:00, 6:30 & 7:00 pm

\$20 per person

Limited to Only 50 Reservations

Exclusively for Four Seasons Residents

Dinner

A maximum of

**SOLD OUT**

**French Bread**

**Dessert:**

**Spumoni Ice Cream**

**Beverages:**

**Water & Passion Fruit Iced Tea**

Residents are welcome to bring their own alcoholic beverages

(Kindly remember to bring your own glassware)

A door prize draw will be held at the conclusion of the event

To secure your reservation and purchase tickets, sign up at The Lodge Front Desk  
Cash & Check will be accepted

TICKETS GO  
ON SALE:  
02-15-24  
DEADLINE TO  
PURCHASE:  
03-10-24

# *Four Seasons Café: Cooking Club*

- The Cooking Club originated several months ago with the idea of having once-a-month dinners in the café.
- The vision is to bring quality homemade dinners to our homeowners by organizing and recruiting the cooking talent in our community to restore the heart and soul of the Lodge...our Café!
- To date, we have 24 homeowner volunteers ranging from a professional chef to servers and dishwashers.
- The community response to our Cooking Club has been tremendous. Our March 20 dinner tickets were sold out in one day!
- As we gain experience in working together as a team, we plan on increasing guest numbers.
- Our next event will be April 17th. The menu and ticket sales start date will be announced soon.
- If you would like to volunteer as a cook or BBQ person, contact Betty Marquez, [bettymarquez1947@gmail.com](mailto:bettymarquez1947@gmail.com)

## CLUBS & CLASSES

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

Does it feel like the days are moving faster and faster? It's March already! We enjoyed our Valentine's Day at Huckleberry's and those in attendance were in good spirits. If you haven't eaten at Huckleberry's, you should give it a try. The customer service is excellent and you will not leave hungry.

Our March gathering will be on Wednesday, March 13th, 11:30 am, and we'll be meeting at Huckleberry's located at 2673 Mt Vernon Ave Bakersfield, CA 93306. Our guest speakers will be representatives from the local chapter of Sons of the American Revolution. I can guarantee you it will be very educational. They'll be dressed in their American Revolutionary uniforms and showcasing some armament from that period in history; you won't want to miss it! If you plan on attending, please RSVP by Sunday, March 10th by either calling, texting, or emailing Penny Martinez using the contact information noted below. Remember, spouses are welcomed and encouraged to attend.

Exciting news, mark your calendars, we've scheduled a tour of Minter Field Air Museum on Wednesday, April 10th at 10:00 am. 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 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  
(661) 469-2701



## Sunset Cruisers

Susie Yslas(Club Leader)

Sunset cruisers were out in force again. What a special cruise. A gentleman had fallen off of his bicycle and we were able to help him get back on his feet as well as returning his bicycle back to his residence. Then along the way a grandson of one of our Four Seasons, residents joined in behind the Sunset cruisers along with his mom to ride his bicycle as his mom jogged. It was so good to see so many of our neighbors out and about enjoying the evening as we waved and said hello throughout the cruise. Later, we gathered inside the lodge to enjoy some more quality time socializing, socialize over a large spread of amazing treats and dishes. Looking forward to our next cruise, March 12th at 4:30 PM.  
Club Leader, Susie Yslas



# CLUBS & CLASSES

## Golden Karaoke Singers Club

### Greetings Four Seasons Friends and Neighbors!

Our Golden Karaoke night was held for the first time on Saturday, February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023, there were thirty-seven (37) guests that attended for another night of lively entertainment with our friends and neighbors.

I cannot express enough how my heart and soul felt/feel when I saw/see so many new guests that had never attended plus all the friends that continue to come every month! **THANK YOU THANK YOU!!** My heart is overfilled with so much happiness and JOY!

We opened our night with Reba McEntyre's emotional Super Bowl 2024 National Anthem Performance. Our evening was filled with meet and greets. There were stories shared about family members that are experiencing health issues. We heard that when a song was played, or they heard someone singing that their minds were opened and they began to sing. One family member touched everyone so much that it is something they will remember forever!

**Do you know that Music is recognized for its unique power over individuals' physical, mental, and emotional health.**

We had impressive soloists which included our very own **Frank Sinatra** aka known as Doc, there were group sing a-longs aka **table Karaoke**, dance moves including salsa. Numerous songs and genres were requested by the guests. Our last song of the evening was around 9:55 PM!!

One of our guests that commutes to attend our Monthly Karaoke Club Event shared that she loves attending! She heard a choir singing, lots of laughter and saw togetherness. Everyone was like a family! **"WE ARE FAMILY"**

**Do you know that several research studies have revealed that music is an excellent way to unite people and create a sense of social connectedness.**

**Have you heard that: Music gives a soul to the universe, wings to the mind, flight to the imagination, and life to everything." – Plato**

**For the Month of March:** "In three words, I can sum up everything I've learned about life: it goes on." ~ Robert Frost.

No matter what challenges or setbacks we face, life continues to move forward. March, a time of renewal, teaches us the importance of resilience and adaptation.

**It is still early as 2024 just got here - I hope you ALL DECIDE UPON YOUR TRUE DREAMS AND GOALS:** write down your specific goals and develop a plan to reach them.

**If you have any suggestions for our club, they are all welcome and I hope to see you at our next Karaoke evening which is scheduled for:**

**Date: Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

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

**Location: Lodge ballroom**

Lots of **Love** and **blessings** from my melodic home to yours!

**Laurie Dean / Club Leader**

**Phone: 949-690-3096**

**Email: izebra311@yahoo.com**

**Ladies Luncheon****Annette Harder (Club Leader)**

It never rains in California, so they say but this is the second time the ladies had to get out the umbrellas for our monthly lunch. Then we got to try out the new freeway system going to Wiki's Wine, Dive & Grill. If you read the Resident Spotlight in last months Messenger by Vickie Earhart you know she is a co-owner. Vickie and Mike had a vision of someday owning a restaurant and did just that in 2013.

Wiki's features wine pairings, boutique wines from around the globe and gourmet food at a reasonable price. The lunch menu was \$13.95 and a big hit with the 28 ladies. As we pre ordered for the convenience of the staff our outstanding waitresses did a great job to get us fed and back to the lodge for scheduled meetings. Retirement is so busy how did we find time to work?

Wednesday, March 20 @ 11:30am we are going to the Crest Bar and Grill, 5025 Wible Rd, 93313. We will be driving across town again so plan accordingly. Sign up at the front desk. Meet at the flagpole between 10:45/11:00am if you need a ride or can give one.

I am always listening to your suggestions on local places to try. The biggest hurdle is separate checks for 29 people. If you have a favorite let me know.



# CLUBS & CLASSES

## Themed Wine Tasting Club

Kathy Clark (Club Leader)



If you love to taste and experience wine in a fun atmosphere then this is the club for you. Imbibe Wine & Spirits will be providing the tastings and educational information. Imbibe is a family-owned, one-of-a-kind retail shop and wine bar here in Bakersfield.

Each quarter we will come together and each event will have a theme. A glass of Champagne will be provided when entering the ballroom. Imbibe will provide the Tasting Wine Glasses, however, after the tastings the wine glass must be left on the table as they belong to Imbibe. Please bring an appetizer to share with your table.

The event will promptly start at 6PM and the presentation will begin at 6:05PM. It will be a ninety-minute presentation. We would ask that your own bottle of wine not be opened until the presentation has been completed.

Each table will need to have a volunteer to pour the wine, a sample glass will be on the table to show how it is to be poured.

When: Quarterly meetings, watch for announcements in the newsletter or E-blasts.



3/1/2024 – Women Winemakers  
6/14/2024 – Best of Paso  
9/6/2024 – Best of Italy  
11/15/2024 – Wines for the Holidays  
Doors open at 5:30pm, event starts at 6pm  
Where: Ballroom



Cost: Cost varies depending on wine offerings. Please watch for the flyers.



# **STAY IN THE KNOW & GET THE ANSWERS:**

- **How much money does the HOA have?**
- **Where is the money held?**
- **How much do we need, and for what?**
- **How did the HOA finances in 2023 agree (or not) with the budget?**
- **What are the projections for 2024?**



**Engage in insightful discussions with Board Treasurer, Bill Ferguson! Acquire comprehensive answers at the Finance Forum on March 12th at 6PM. Secure your spot by signing up at the Lodge Front Desk. Complimentary coffee, tea, and cookies will be available**

# CLUBS & CLASSES

## Scavenger Hunt Club

Stacy Davis (Club Leader)

### St. Patrick's Day Scavenger Hunt

Can you find the ten St. Patrick's Day decorations? There will be ten St. Patrick's Day symbols hidden on the Toscana, Shelburne, Vale Royale, Citrus Hill loop and the pocket park on Lyons. (See below for the symbols you will be looking for.) The game will start at 6:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 12 and end at 2:00 p.m. on Monday March 18. There is a number on the back of each picture. Please write the number of the picture next to the picture on your form. Turn your form in at the box in the lodge office for a chance to win a prize. The winners will be notified at 3:00 p.m. on March 18.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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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!

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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](mailto:hofer1951@gmail.com)



# CLUBS & CLASSES

## Safety First @ Four Seasons Club - Jan Lemucchi (Club Leader)

### Neighborhood Watch Overview

#### Purpose of the Programs:

- Organize and unify the neighborhood
- Communicate better with law enforcement
- Neighborhood and residence security
- Looking out for each other's homes
- Report suspicious persons and vehicles



#### Home Safety Tips:

- Be sure to lock all doors & windows, including the door the connects your garage to the house.
- Enhance your locks by adding a 3-inch screw to the strike plates to reinforce them from being kicked in.
- If you move or lose keys, change the locks.
- Security doors, Wooden Dowels, Peep Holes
- Alarm systems (Are an added layer of protection but are NOT a fix all solution to crime.)
- Do not open the door to strangers - **BUT LET THEM KNOW YOU ARE HOME**
- Keep record of serial #'s & model #'s for electronics
- Master bedrooms usually hold our most valuable items (Jewelry, firearms, family heirlooms)

#### Vehicle Burglaries:

- Majority of vehicle burglaries occur at night.
- Park in a garage, if you do not have a garage try to park in a well-lit area.
- NEVER leave anything of value in your car! Although it may be something insignificant to you, it may spark interest in someone else.
- Remove anything that entices the opportunists.

#### Suspicious Activity:

- If you see something, say something! Don't doubt yourself, listen to your gut feelings.
- Learn what is normal for your neighborhood and what is suspicious? (*Ex: What time does your neighbor leave for work? What time do they arrive home? What is normal behavior?*)
- Make yourself known! Do not put yourself in danger but always make eye contact, criminals do NOT want to be seen and making your presence known will help deter them.

#### Reporting Suspicious Activity:

- **Suspect:** Sex, race, age, height, hair color, clothing, tattoos, scars, facial hair
- **Directions:** Suspect's known direction of travel (North, South, East, West, Landmarks)

# Neighborhood Watch Overview

- **Vehicle:** Color, Make, Model, License Plate, and special features such as stickers

## Operation Identification:

- Put driver's license numbers on all property (NEVER SSN)
- Record Serial Numbers, make, models, and year of all items - for easy identification with Law Enforcement.

## Resources:

- Bakersfield Mobile App – The City of Bakersfield is improving citizen accessibility with its innovative Bakersfield mobile application. To download the FREE app please scan below:



- Nextdoor:
  - a. Stay connected with your neighbors
  - b. All neighbors are verified
  - c. Share local recommendations
  - d. Keep an eye out for your neighbors and create a safer, more connected community.
  - e. Follow our post updates, tips, and events
  - f. Follow BPD!
- Facebook:
  - a. Create a Facebook Group to keep in contact with neighbors.
  - b. Only approved members have access to groups.
- Group Text:
  - a. Create a group chat with neighbors!
  - b. Easy, quick, and keeps everyone informed.





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# ST. PATTY'S DAY GREEN APPLE SANGRIA

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1 (750-mL.) bottle moscato  
1 orange, thinly sliced into  
rounds, rounds quartered  
1 large green apple, chopped  
1 c. apple liqueur  
1 c. thinly sliced  
strawberries  
3/4 c. pineapple juice  
Ice

## DIRECTIONS

1. Step 1: In a pitcher, stir Moscato, orange, apple, apple liqueur, strawberries, and pineapple juice until well combined.
2. Step 2: Fill glasses with ice and pour sangria over. Spoon fruit over top.



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