

# THE MESSENGER AT FOUR SEASONS

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

## JANUARY 2025

Outdoor Amenities:  
Monday-Sunday:  
5am-10pm

Happy  
New Year



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connect@PMPManage.com

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## Fire Department

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## 2024-2025 Board of Directors

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President

Pawel Bankowski

Vice President

Bill Ferguson

Treasurer

Michael Callagy

Secretary

Steve Roberts

Director at Large

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Resident Kitty DeArmond has shared historical story on Alferd E. Packer. \*Please be advised some readers may find the story disturbing.

## Have you explored the Association's Website?

The Website features the HOA's live calendar. Additionally, you can access Association documents such as Board meeting agendas, Board meeting minutes, the governing documents, annual budget report and annual policy statement, annual financial audits, treasurer's reports, community and business directory, architectural improvement application, residential information update forms and more. You can also get information of the clubs with meeting times, locations and contact information.

Log in at: [www.FSBHOA.com](http://www.FSBHOA.com)

If you have never registered for the Website, contact the Lodge Front Desk to get signed up.

## JANUARY CALENDAR- 16-17

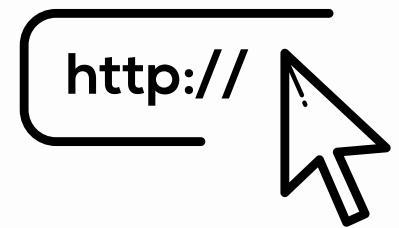
Keep track of all the upcoming events and meetings for January.

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## BOARD MEETINGS UPDATE

The General Session Board of Directors Meeting took place on Wednesday, December 4, 2024. Draft minutes from this meeting can be found on the FSBHOA.com website. Here's a summary of the key discussions:

- After hearing a suggestion box request for either a stop sign or "Slow for Pedestrian" sign at the pedestrian crossing on Barcelona from the Botanical Gardens to the Paseo, Board Member Mike Callagy suggested that the Facilities Committee explore the installation of speed bumps designed for speeds up to 25 miles per hour, because the speeding is what needs to be addressed.
- The Board reviewed correspondence from homeowners regarding the previous Architectural Review Committee's decision to continue using organic bark mulch. Additionally, there was a request for the Board to clarify how the Association plans to achieve 70% funding for reserves that were not allocated this year. Treasurer Bill Ferguson pointed out that this information was included in the Annual Budget and Annual Policy statement sent to all owners before the end of November.
- The Board also addressed a letter signed by 33 homeowners expressing dissatisfaction over the absence of a New Year's Eve party this year and requesting that the Lodge remain open on holidays. Board President Rodger Barnes explained that the Social Committee opted not to host a New Year's Eve event this year due to declining attendance in recent years - a point confirmed by Social Committee Chair Sherry Davis. The Board noted there are certain holidays when the Lodge will remain closed and others when it will be open. However, they emphasized that having staff on the road for New Year's Eve, following an event that ends after midnight, poses safety risks due to the increased likelihood of drunk driving.

During the review of Executive Session Meetings held on October 22 and December 3, as well as a Special Executive Session on November 12, it was reported that the Association has secured a new Insurance Policy with Prendiville Insurance Agency, covering Property, General Liability, Directors and Officers, Cyber Liability, Workers' Compensation, Crime-Employee Dishonesty, and Umbrella coverage. The Association's Earthquake Insurance has been renewed with Berg Insurance.

The Board has signed a lease agreement with Percussive Coffee for the Lodge Café area, which is set to open on January 2, 2025, instead of mid-December as initially planned. Lastly, the Board has sought bids for Landscape services and, after reviewing six proposals, has not yet

## Board Meeting Update Continued...

finalized a contract for 2025, but has signed a letter of intent.

Treasurer Bill Ferguson reported that the financial statements for October are currently unavailable due to the transition between Management Companies.

It is anticipated that everything will return to normal by early 2025. Bill requested the Board to authorize the reinstatement of the Finance Committee, as no owners have volunteered for the Assistant Treasurer position(s). He mentioned that if the Board did not reinstate the Finance Committee, he would ask to be released from his role as Treasurer. The Board President called for a Special Open Session meeting to take place before the year's end to address this issue.

During the Committee Reports, Sherry Davis, Chair of the Social Committee, announced that they are planning five events for 2025. Steve Roberts, Chair of the ARC/Landscape Committee, reported receiving three new ARC applications, with two approved and one denied. Additionally, there were two notices of completion, both of which were approved. Steve presented an updated ARC/Landscape Committee Charter to the Board, which received approval. Grant Clack, President of C&M Landscape Inc., informed that the crews were completing the cleanup of fallen leaves and cutting lawns every two weeks. He noted that due to slower grass growth in colder weather, some lawns may shift to an “as needed” cutting schedule. Soon, the roses will be pruned, and fertilizer will be applied before spring. Grant also reported that the oak tree at the North Entrance has a disease called “Armillaria” and girdled roots. He recommended its removal and suggested replacing it with a Podocarpus tree.

Jan Lemucchi, Chair of the Rules and Regulations Committee, reported that the committee is updating the Club Guidelines, Lodge Room Reservation and Rental Agreement, and Election Rules, with all updates expected to be completed by the first quarter of 2025.

The Board approved the date for the 2025 Annual Meeting, scheduled for June 11, 2025, where two (2) positions will be open for election. The “Date of Record” was established as the day the ballots are mailed out. This date will determine which members are owners at that time and, thus, eligible to vote in the election.



## **Board Meeting Update Continued...**

The Board of Directors convened a Special Open Session Meeting on Monday, December 30, 2024.

During this meeting, it was announced that Bill Ferguson will continue to serve as Treasurer of the Association. Additionally, the Board collaborated to create a Financial Committee Charter, which accurately outlines the Committee's role in supporting the Treasurer. Copies of the new charter and applications for committee membership were distributed and are also available at the front desk of the Lodge. The Board plans to appoint Committee members during the next General Session Meeting on Wednesday, January 29, 2025.

Another significant matter addressed during the special meeting was the adoption of the draft update to the Election Rules. This update proposes the inclusion of policies for electronic election balloting, which became permissible on January 1, 2025. Furthermore, it provides information regarding Corporate Transparency and outlines procedures for elections by acclamation, should the Association find itself in a position to implement this method. The Proposed Rule change was posted on the Association's Bulletin Board the same evening, after the meeting, giving owners a period of no less than 28 days for comments. The proposed change to the Election Rules will be on the January 29, 2025 agenda for formal adoption, after review of any comments.

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### **Board Meeting Conduct Reminder**

The following is a reminder of the K. HOVNANIAN'S FOUR SEASONS AT BAKERSFIELD COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC. MEETING CODE OF CONDUCT FOR DIRECTORS, COMMITTEE MEMBERS, AND ASSOCIATION MEMBERS, ADOPTED: December 6, 2018.

A. Proper Decorum. No person attending any meeting shall:

1. Engage in personal attacks, insult, or belittle any individual or group by name or otherwise, or make any statement which can reasonably be construed as insulting or belittling an individual or group by name or otherwise;
2. Use threatening or abusive language or gestures;
3. Engage in speech, conduct, or activity that disturbs, disrupts, impedes, or otherwise interferes with the orderly conduct of any meeting to which this Meeting Code of Conduct applies;
4. Record any meeting to which this Meeting Code of Conduct applies;
5. Interrupt any attendee or director who validly has the floor, including during Board discussion; or
6. Raise an issue or question that has already been discussed.

# Rules & Regulations Committee

## Jan Lemucchi (Committee Chair)

Residents, the purpose for Four Seasons Bakersfield Rules and Regulations Committee is "To act as a review board for all Rules and Regulation's amendments, deletions and additions. To provide their recommendations and suggestions to the Board of Directors for review and approval. To ensure consistent and fair rules are applied in accordance with the governing CC&Rs and Bylaws of the Corporation."

As residents of Four Seasons Bakersfield, it is our responsibility to adhere to and abide by these rules. This is your community and you have a voice to share any suggestions, complaints or questions about the rules and regulations. You can either attend a meeting, held on the second Wednesday of the month at 1:00 pm., or email your opinion to the [frontdesk@fsbhoa.com](mailto:frontdesk@fsbhoa.com) or Jan Lemucchi, [janlemucchi@yahoo.com](mailto:janlemucchi@yahoo.com)

### Common rule violations:

- Encroachment of backyard vines, trees, bushes over to common areas.
- Holiday decorations may be hung or set out fifteen (15) days prior to a holiday and must be removed fifteen (15) days after the holiday. Christmas Holiday lighting and decorations shall be installed no earlier than Thanksgiving and shall be removed no later than January 15th.
- Oil / Fluid Stains in driveway must be removed by resident.
- Trash containers should be placed for collection after 4:00 p.m. the evening prior to the day of collection and be removed by evening on the day of collection; need to be kept screened and concealed so they cannot be viewed from any portion of the Association Property; trash is to be picked up if fallen from either the trash container or the City Waste Vehicle.
- Any motorized vehicles or trailers parked in a driveway cannot extend into the sidewalk.
- Gate Codes: For the protection of the entire community, the resident gate code should NOT be shared. Temporary gate codes are changed every 30 days and provided for visitor and vendor access to Four Seasons.
- All Members and their guests must sign in with the front desk when visiting the Lodge.

# CASINO NIGHT

A SPECIAL RECOGNITION TO THE VENDORS AND SPONSORS WHO DONATED GIFTS TO THE ASSOCIATION'S CASINO NIGHT. WE APPRECIATE YOU!

- 🎰 C&M LANDSCAPE, INC.
- 🎰 COURTS AND GREENS
- 🎰 HD MAINTENANCE, INC.
- 🎰 ATLAS POOL CARE
- 🎰 DIGNITY MEMORIAL
- 🎰 CALIFORNIA BUILDER SERVICES
- 🎰 WISE ELECTRIC & COMMUNICATION, INC.
- 🎰 KELLY GIBLIN, LEMONADE LOCKS
- 🎰 DON & VIVIAN ISAAK, RESIDENTS





# Social Committee

## Sherry Davis (Committee Chair)

What a year it has been. Our community has celebrated, and we have done so with laughter, song and dance.

The Social Committee rounded out their 2024 events with the annual Holiday Gift Exchange With 53 guests in attendance, it was a wonderful, fun-filled afternoon. The guest of honor was Bill Ferguson, who presented us with a whimsical version of “The Night Before Christmas (a visit from St. Nicholas)”. Thank you, Bill and thank you, Ruthie Haworth for your exceptional musical talents and accompaniment.

I would like to thank the community, Leanna and her staff, as well as the Board of Directors for their support over the past year. My blessings to you all and I look forward to seeing you at the annual Chili Cook-Off on February 22nd. Details to follow.

Happy New Year,  
  
Sherry Davis  
Committee Chair





# Fun Days in January

**1 - NATIONAL HANGOVER DAY**

**14 - NATIONAL DRESS UP YOUR PET DAY**

**16 - NATIONAL DO NOTHING DAY**

**18 - NATIONAL BELLY LAUGH DAY**

## Strange Items

**Animals usually born in January are pandas, koalas and penguins;**

**Eating 12 grapes at midnight believed to bring good luck;**

**In some parts of US, eating black-eyed peas brings prosperity.**

## January Dates In History

**1773 - The ship Resolution under Capt James Cook was 1st vessel to cross Antarctic Circle**

**1885 - Lowest temperature (-89.9F) recorded in Verkhoyansk, Russia**

**1892 - First immigrants entered US at Ellis Island**

**1949 - First Emmys awarded**

**1954 - The USS Nautilus, the 1st nuclear powered sub launched from Groton, Conn.**

**1967 - First Super Bowl played**

# ALFERD E. PACKER, A CAUTIONARY TALE

Submitted by Kitty DeArmond, Resident

Some readers may find the subject matter in the following article disturbing. Apologies are offered in advance.

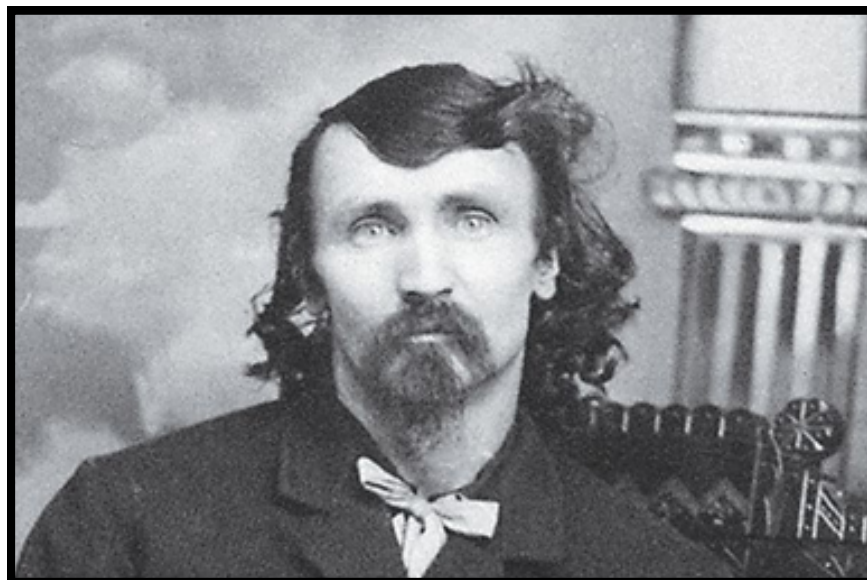


I recall hearing of this story for the first time about 40 years ago, and it has enthralled and entertained me ever since. Apologies in advance if you consider this story in “poor taste.” The lesson imparted is near and dear to my heart.

In the late 1960’s, the University of Colorado Board of Regents at the Boulder campus were adding a new dining facility to the school. They wisely requested suggestions for a name of the establishment. Unwisely, they chose the name that student government members submitted: The Alferd Packer Restaurant and Grill (formerly known simply as the Alferd Packer Memorial Cafeteria).

Alferd E. Packer, was a person of some notoriety in local history. Therefore, it was suggested he was deserving of the honor. The Regents in charge, being very pleased that that the young people had expressed an interest in local history, accepted their recommendation.

## Alferd Packer, A Cautionary Tale - cont.



**ALFERD E. PACKER, HE ATE HIS WEIGHT IN DEMOCRATS!**

Moral of this story: Local History is important: learn about it, study it, and celebrate it, when appropriate!

Alferd Packer (1842-1909) was a prospector seeking gold in Colorado's Rocky Mountains. In February of 1874 he and his five companions became trapped in the deep snow of the San Juan Mountains. Packer, the only survivor, stated upon his return to civilization: "Three or four days after our provisions were all consumed, we took our moccasins, which were made of raw hide, and cooked them. . . . Our trail was entirely drifted over. In places, the snow had blown away from patches of wild rose bushes, and we were gathering the buds from these bushes, stewing them and eating them." Packer explained that he had been abandoned by his companions, but suspicion arose when he appeared to be hardly malnourished, and despite beginning his prospecting with no money, he arrived in civilization with unlimited funds.

## Alfred Packer, A Cautionary Tale - cont.

When winter had passed and the snows had melted, the remains of Packer's companions were discovered with broken bones, skull fractures, and "the fatty parts of their bodies sliced away." Alferd E. Packer was arrested, convicted of robbery, murder and cannibalism, and sentenced to forty years in prison.

The judge in the case pronounced, "Stand up, Alferd Packer, you voracious, man-eating s— of a b——. There were only seven Democrats in Hinsdale County, and you ate five of them! I sentence you to hang until your are dead, dead, dead as a warning against reducing the Democratic population of the state."

Packer is believed to be the nation's only convicted cannibal. However, Packer's story did not end there. Because Hinsdale County did not exist when the crimes were committed, the Colorado Supreme Court ruled that the government could not hang a person for committing a crime before Colorado became a state. He was eventually sentenced to 40 years in prison. In 1901 he was paroled and lived out his life in Littleton, Colorado, where he died in 1909.

Packer has become quite famous:

-Known as the Colorado Cannibal, James E. Banks published Alferd Packer's Wilderness Cookbook.

-An online article is titled, Bone appétit: The story of Alferd Packer, Colorado's most infamous, yet beloved, cannibal.

-A 1984 Washington Post article recounted, "In the days before bean sprouts and granola, when the West was raw and men ate men, Packer chewed his way into the hearts of Coloradans by devouring five gold-seeking companions."



# January

## Sunday                      Monday                      Tuesday                      Wednesday

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 Monday - Thursday 6am-9pm  
 Friday: 6am-10pm  
 Saturday-Sunday: 8am-7pm  
Outdoor Amenities:  
 Monday - Sunday 5am-10pm

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

Pool Closed for Maintenance  
 MON 6am-9am  
 WEDS 6am-9am  
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# May 2025



## Wednesday      Thursday      Friday      Saturday

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## Alfred Packer, A Cautionary Tale - cont.

-Packer societies exist in 13 states. They dine and celebrate the anniversary of his 1909 death.

-In Washington, D.C., the “Friends of Alferd E. Packer” held a brunch at the National Press Club. On the menu: Bloody Marys, hearts of palm and steak tartare.

-Meanwhile, back at the University of Colorado, May Packer Day events include rib-eating, meat-tossing and an Alferd Packer look-alike contest. Students sport T-shirts with slogans such as “What’s the Beef?” “Reach out and Munch Someone” and “When You Care to Eat the Very Best.”

And lastly, the Alferd E. Parker dining hall sports the slogan: “Have a friend for Lunch!”



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### **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!**



“LUKE” Owned by Santos Cepeda

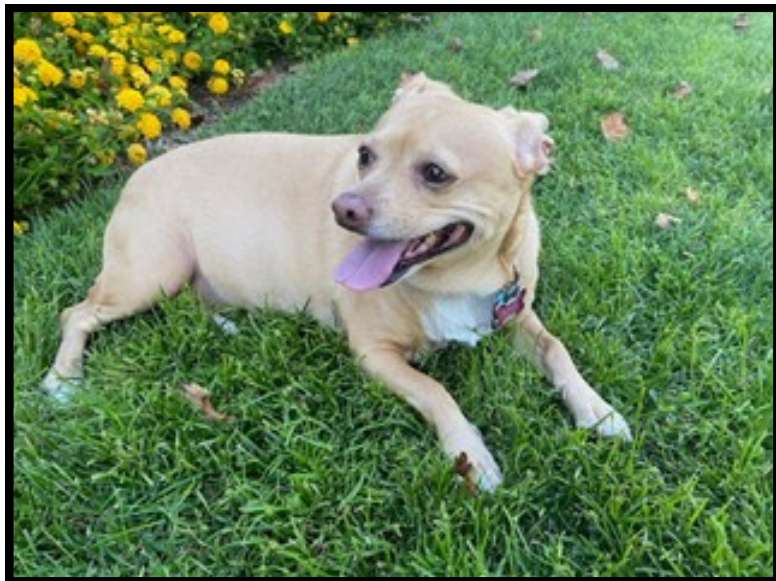
## Pet Rule Reminders:

Pets are like family members, and we adore them. But, like every one else in the family, they have are some restrictions to help us all live together.

- Member’s are responsible, either by financial reimbursement or other corrective action determined by the Board, for any damage or disturbances that their pets cause to any person or property within the Community. (An example would be to correct the pet residue or odor causing substances associated with animals.)
- All pets of a Member, Resident, or their guest must be kept in an enclosed yard of adequate height to prevent escaping.
- Pets are not allowed on the property of another Member/Residents property without permission of that Member/Resident. (this includes their front yards.)
- Pet urine kills grass/plants. Do not allow your pet to relieve itself within any portion of resident's yard.
- Members must immediately clean up pet waste from their pet deposited within any portion of the Community.



People call me Lexie, but name is really Rolex. That’s because I am a watch dog. I like to sit on my sofa and look out my front windows. I see many dogs walking their people, birds flying in and out of my trees, neighbors picking up their mail and the noisy gardeners mowing my lawn. I love doggy treats, meal time and taking walks with my friend Daisy!



Submitted by Kitti DeArmond

# Yule Love Us Carolers



*Music*  
is the voice of the soul.



## SUNSET CRUISERS

Wishing you a Happy  
New Year

Thank you for your support

2025



## Pinochle Club

### Linda Hofer (Club Leader)

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

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

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## Book Club

### Kathleen Reisig (Club Leader)

January 1962. Following in the tradition of Indigenous workers from Nova Scotia, a Mi'kmag family arrives in Maine to pick blueberries for the summer. Weeks later, four-year-old Ruthie, the family's youngest child vanishes. She is last seen by her six-year-old brother, Joe, sitting on a favorite rock at the edge of a berry field. Joe will remain distraught by his sister's disappearance for years to come. In Maine, a young girl named Norma grows up as the only child of an affluent family. Her father is emotionally distant, her mother frustratingly overprotective. Norma is often troubled by recurring dreams and visions that seem more like memories than imagination. As she grows older, Norma slowly comes to realize there is something her parents aren't telling her. Unwilling to abandon her intuition, she will spend decades trying to uncover this family secret. *The Berry Pickers* by Amanda Peters is a riveting novel about the search for truth, the shadow of trauma, and the persistence of love across time and is our selection for January. The club will meet on January 16 at 10:00 a.m. in the Lodge Library.

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## Bridge Club

### Catherine Patrick (Club Leader)

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

Contact: Catherine Patrick at [Capshamrock@aol.com](mailto:Capshamrock@aol.com)

## Crafters' Club

Nancy McHenry (Club Leader)

We meet every 1st and 3rd Tuesday from 1pm - 4pm in the Arts and Crafts Room. We knit, crochet, cross stitch and work on hand crafted projects while we talk about our crafts and other interests.

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## Scavenger Hunt Club

Stacy Davis (Club Leader)



The Scavenger Hunt club is going to meet on Monday, January 6th at 1:00p.m. at the lodge to start planning the Valentines Scavenger Hunt. You are invited to join in the fun.

The club would like to thank all the people who participated in the Thanksgiving Scavenger Hunt.

We would like to congratulate the winners: Rosie Gonzalez, Alina Canales and Ace.

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## Chair Yoga

Melanie Yates (Club Leader)

A New Year, A New You! Let's start the new year together in 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.

On Mondays only, we do a more vigorous chair exercise routine. 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. It's free and no previous experience or special equipment required. Questions? Call or text Melanie Yates at 661.703.0740.

## **Safety First at Four Seasons**

### **Jan Lemucchi (Club Leader)**

Safety First @ Four Seasons meetings are held three times per year in January, May, and September, on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:00 p.m. in the Ballroom.

For the January meeting, we are hosting the CHP who will be presenting "Older Adult Safe Driving".

If you have any suggestions or ideas on upcoming presentations, please contact Jan Lemucchi at [janlemucchi@yahoo.com](mailto:janlemucchi@yahoo.com)

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## **Mah Jongg Club**

### **Charlene Kwek (Club Leader)**

The Mah Jongg Club continues to play in the Lodge Cafe on Tuesdays 2pm-4pm and Wednesdays 5:30pm-7:30pm. We will be adding an additional time on Wednesdays from 2pm-4pm. If you are wondering how to play, come watch us play a game or two, or just join in! New players are always welcome!

Charlene Kwek

(661) 809-2316

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## **Sunshine Club**

### **Linda Hofer (Club Leader)**

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.

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# Pickleball Club

## Fred Walkover (Club Leader)

The pickleball club continues to enjoy our new courts. Every morning and most evenings, you will find players enjoying exercise and social interaction. On Saturday, January 4th, we will celebrate our grand opening of our new courts with open play and a potluck lunch in the ballroom at 12:00pm. Old players, new players, and any who are interested in learning the game are invited to participate. Last names beginning with A through H, please bring a main dish; last names beginning with I through R, please bring a salad or side dish; those with last names beginning with S through Z, please bring a dessert. We will rotate the dishes for future events. The Club will provide paper goods and plastic silverware. If you have any questions, contact Freddy Walkover, Bonnie Welchans, or Rita Salcido. We ask that you sign up at the desk so we know how many people to expect. In December, Rita Salcido and Debbie Tisler organized a blanket drive for Teen Challenge. We thank the community for their generous contributions. Katherine Beals continues to volunteer her time to teach new players the basics on Wednesdays at 10:00AM. A casual group who enjoy practicing plays on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 10:00AM. Anyone interested in finding people to play off times need to post on the App Pickleplay. If you are not on the app and wish to join, contact Freddy Walkover or Bonnie Welchans to get an invitation to the link. The next meeting is scheduled Sunday, January 26, at 2:30PM.



## Ladies Luncheon

### Annette Harder (Club Leader)

Milt's is an institution in Bakersfield serving comfort food with unique flavors. The location on Knudsen opened its doors on Veterans Day in 1964 by Milt Huggs, who passed away in 2018. The owner, Roger Coughenour, of Old River Grill, purchased Milts from the Huggs family in October 2022. The historic Milt's Coffee Shop sign was then moved to the Kern County Museum's "Neon Plaza".

After months of public feedback, the new owner of Old River Grill on Knudsen chose to reopen under the original name after patrons consistently shared they missed Milt's.

As usual, December is a busy month and only 15 ladies were able to check out the new Milt's. We were seated in the back room with booth seating. This made meeting new friends much easier. Most of the ladies ordered my favorite, breakfast! Service was fabulous and I will add Milt's to my return list.

Another year is here, that means my birthday month!! Monday, January 20, 2025 at 11:30am, yes, I know it is a holiday. We will be going to the Original Hacienda Grill, 2600 Buck Owens Blvd, Bakersfield 93308. Sign up sheet is at the front desk. Meet at the flagpole at 11:00am if you need a ride or can give one.

### **Mark your calendars for the Upcoming Events!**

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**POOL TOURNAMENT 3-8-25**  
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**COMMUNITY YARD SALE 4-5-25**  
**TUSCANY NIGHTS 4-12-25**  
**VENDOR FAIR 5-3-25**



## Neighbor to Neighbor Club

### Margaret DeArmond and Donna Holzclaw (Club Leaders)

The Holiday Home Tour on December 14th was a huge success, raising money for the Dream Center and giving our community residents a holiday celebration and social time. Thank you so very much to our home tour hosts. It was wonderful to see your beautiful decorations and we appreciate your generosity in opening your home to the Four Seasons community.

- Roxy and Mark Briganti
- Debby Cline
- Ruth & Jerry Greer
- Donna & Randy Holtzclaw
- Martha Zargoza

The Home Tour reception was held in the Ballroom.



Julie Parsons won the wreath door prize



Neighbor 2 Neighbor Club is planning on having this Holiday Home Tour and Social again next year. If you are interested in showing your home in December 2025, please contact the club leaders.

Our next club meeting is Tuesday, January 14th at 1:00 pm in the Arts & Crafts Room. All community members are always welcome to attend.

Club Leaders:

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

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

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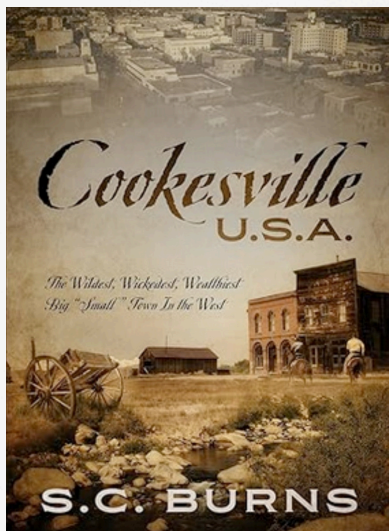
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