

THE MESSENGER AT FOUR SEASONS

MARCH
2025

Winter Lodge Hours of Operation:

Monday-Thursday: 6am-7:30pm

Friday: 6am-10pm

Saturday-Sunday: 8am-5pm

Outdoor Amenities:

Monday-Sunday:

5am-10pm



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Resident Kitty DeArmond continues to provide us with Bakersfield/Kern County History. Bakersfield Street Names was compiled by Curtis Darling, KCHS President 1982-1984.

Have you explored the Association's Website?

Log in at: www.FSBHOA.com

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

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

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To advertise your business in the messenger, reach out to us via email at fsbhoa.messenger@gmail.com or visit the Lodge to collect an advertising application.

<http://>



NEW TEMPORARY GATE CODE

EFFECTIVE March 1ST, 2025

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!

Cover Photo: Quilt by Yolanda Espinoza, Resident

BOARD MEETING UPDATE

The Board of Director's General Session meeting was held on Wednesday, February 26, 2025. The following are items that were discussed or actions taken.

Mike Callagy reported on the Executive Session that was held on February 25, 2025, and the Special Executive Session held on February 7, 2025. The following items were disclosed to the Members. There were 6 rule violations, 6 ARC violations, and 2 hearings held.

Bill Ferguson reported that the Financial Committee met for the first time, and it was great to have his committee back.

Jose Moreles and Grant Clack from C&M Landscape Inc. gave their monthly report. They will continue to fertilize the lawns, planter areas, and the iceberg roses. They will be trimming down the Lantanas and grasses to promote new growth and will continue to prune the trees throughout the Association. They should finish applying mulch to all the tree wells and planter areas in both the common area and residential areas. They have also installed the first new irrigation box that services the area on Vale Royale and Lyon.

Committee Reports were received from the Social Committee, the Facilities Committee, the IT/Website Committee, and the Newsletter Committee.

Sherry Davis, Social Committee Chair, reported that the Chili Cookoff was a success. There were originally 9 residents who signed up to participate in the cookoff, but on the day of the event, there were only 6 residents in the competition. There were approximately 80 people in attendance. She also reported that while there is nothing planned in March from the committee, Tuscan Nights is scheduled for April 12th and a bus trip to the Santa Anita Racetrack is scheduled for April 26th. The tickets will go on sale March 7th.

Dave Keeney, IT/Website Chair, reported that his committee has been hard at work installing all four of the new license plate cameras and that the hard drive will be installed to support the new cameras this week. The fob reader for the gym door was also installed but did not work; however, a replacement part was found and is expected within the next few days. Residents in attendance were informed that these readers are being installed to allow residents gym access in the early morning hours. This is the area of the Lodge primarily used between the hours of 6 am and 8 am, allowing the rest of the Lodge to open closer to 8 am, enabling a reduction in staffing hours, saving the Association money.

Florn Core, Facilities Committee Chair, reported on a number of items the committee has been working on, which includes staining of the wood

Board Meeting Update Continued...

fences on the Patinas, sidewalk grinding for the trip hazards marked in the community, the completion of the roof inspection and recommended repairs from the inspection, discussion on the ballroom chair replacement/refurbishment, slurry seal for this year, cost-saving ideas the committee is looking into including solar for the Lodge, facility inspections that started in February, and lastly the lighting concerns on the new pickleball courts. The lighting for the new pickleball courts should be fixed by trimming the branches away from one of the lights, which has already been done, and repairing a light, which has been scheduled.

The committee reported they felt like the ballroom chairs were still in good condition and just needed to be cleaned. The Board gave the directive to Management to get a bid for cleaning them but also a bid for replacement or refurbishment because the chairs have grown uncomfortable.

The committee also stated they feel the fountain at the south entrance should not be replaced and that the area can be improved by other ideas like a planter or a bench. The Board stated they will look into all ideas but that they will wait to hear back from the insurance company first.

The Board gave Management the directive to get bids to stain the wood fencing on the patinas and to look into having a seal put over the stain that will help the longevity of the work done.

The Board approved a bid from Solid Integrity in the amount of \$4,590 to grind the tripping hazards identified. This is a reserve expense.

The Board approved a bid from ED and J Roofing in the amount of \$2,850 to repair the items identified in their report of the Lodge, Pool Cabana, and Gate House, which includes cracked tiles, sealing pipes and vents, securing multiple loose cut pieces on the valleys, securing and sealing intersections where hips meet ridges, removing debris from valleys and the drain on flat areas, and sealing corners.

The Board gave Management the directive to obtain bids to seal the next phase of the Association's streets which includes Shelburne Dr. from the corner of Stockholm Pl. all the way down to where Shelburne Dr. turns into Toscana Dr. and continues on Toscana Dr. to the intersection of Barcelona Dr., Stockholm Pl., Petersburg Pl., Tallin Pl., Richland Hills Ln., Orange Hills Ln., Torrey Hills Pl., Trafford Pl., Torin Ct., Dubois Pl., Sandwell Pl., Falkirk Pl., Colchester Pl., and the Lodge parking lot.

The Board set new guidelines for club submissions to the newsletter starting in April. Clubs can only submit half a page of information including pictures to be published, with Management having discretion to allow more space in The Messenger.

The next Board of Directors General Session Meeting is scheduled for March 26, 2025 at 6 p.m.

FROM THE TREASURER

Bill Ferguson

Welcome to March, in like a lion and out like a lamb? Well, we'll see.

As I'm writing this, I am really looking forward to our "official" financial committee meeting on the 18th. The board has appointed an experienced team consisting of Phyllis Baer, Kathy Clark, Mary Sullivan, and Judy West. Each one has all of the financial knowledge and desire which will improve our HOA's financial position.

The January financial report was received and, I'm pleased to report that, unlike last month's it was not delayed due to the management transition.

At the end of January our operating cash & investment funds totaled \$75,767.88 a decrease of \$26,506.98. The reserves cash & investment funds decreased \$44,219 lowering their percent funded from 52.6% to 47.1% (by 5.5%).

When we needed to increase our operating cash on hand, and we held up funding to our reserves from October through December of last year, the funding level dropped to 48.3%. Our 2025 budget holds the 2024 funding at \$425,352 and will allow this level to reach 51% by the end of year.

The current Balance Sheet is carrying an item under Operating Assets as "1060 - Due to Reserves" with a value of \$92,356.07. This was entered as a justification for the loss last year when the reserves were underfunded. Since this had been accounted for in the 2025 budget, I have asked the BOD to write off this reserve from future financial reports.

You may note that under (Fixed Assets) we are showing the Lighting Conversion as \$77,687.34. The Balance Sheet has this as \$99,174.34 for the actual conversion but we have an Accumulated Depreciation of \$21,487. Even though we paid off our commitment for the LED Light Conversion in April of last year, since that was a large value capital improvement, we are obligated (by tax law) to carry the Accumulated Depreciation when identifying it as a Fixed Asset.

The end result of all this is that we had more income than the budget projected by 3.0% and the expenses were under by 6.9%. That gave us a net income for the month and the end of year of \$19,032.83. That lets us remain on the plus side of the ledger.

Once again, thank you for reading my "words". My intention is to respond to all of your thoughts and questions as candidly and accurately as I can, either personally via email or in next month's "Words". So send your responses and questions to: billfergus@aol.com.



K.Hovnanian's Four Seasons Bakersfield Financial Report - January 31, 2025

	<u>Current Month</u>	<u>Prior Month</u>
<u>ASSETS</u>		
Operating Cash & Investment Funds	\$ 75,767.88	\$ 102,274.86
Reserve Cash & Investment Funds	\$ 1,776,678.25	\$ 1,820,897.06
Total Accounts Receivable (AR)	\$ 55,377.62	\$ 53,944.88
Total Prepaid Expenses (Insurance)	\$ -	\$ -
Other Prepaid Expenses	\$ -	\$ -
Clearing Account	\$ -	\$ -
Total Fixed Assets - Lighting Conversion	\$ 77,687.34	\$ 77,687.34
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 1,985,511.09	\$ 2,054,804.14
<u>LIABILITIES</u>		
Pre Paid Dues plus Owner refunds	\$ 65,364.96	\$ 52,887.19
Move Out Refundable	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Accounts Payable		
PG&E Note	\$ 77,687.34	\$ 77,687.34
Accrued Expenses	\$ -	\$ 57,100.00
Unfunded Reserves	\$ 32,165.99	\$ 32,165.99
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 176,218.29	\$ 220,840.52
<u>PRIOR YEAR'S EQUITY</u>	\$ 63,688.66	\$ 63,688.66
<u>RESERVE FUNDING LEVEL</u>		
Account Balance	\$ 1,868,025.33	\$ 1,820,897.06
Reserve Study @ 100%	\$ 3,771,698.00	\$ 3,460,406.00
Current Percent Funded	49.5%	52.6%
	<u>Current Month</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
<u>TOTAL OPERATING INCOME</u>	\$205,945.97	\$205,945.97
<u>TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES</u>	\$186,913.00	\$186,913.00
ACTUAL NET INCOME (LOSS)	\$19,032.97	\$19,032.82
<u>ADDED SIGNIFICANCE</u>		
Allowance for Doubtful Accounts		(5,976.33)
Delinquencies - As of 1-31-25		57,196.45
Four need BOD approval for lien		7,834.74
Fourteen notices of intent to lien in process		10,594.05
Two notices of intent to lien have been sent		2,999.82
Three at attorney		28,601.63
Two accounts in Payment Plan		5,457.11
Four Accounts being monitored		1,709.10



Social Committee

Sherry Davis (Committee Chair)

Activities are off to an exciting start. On Saturday, February 22nd, the Social Committee hosted the annual Chili Cook-off. With 80 friends and neighbors in attendance, 6 master cooks competed for the title. In the battle were Roxy Briganti, Leola Grove, Jeff Lemucchi, Lon Leatherman, Bobby Marshall and Cassie Witherspoon. The dishes were delectable, and the tally was very close. When the dust settled the emerging winners were:

1st Place- Leola Grove

2nd Place- Bobby Marshall

3rd Place- Cassie Witherspoon



Thank you to our judges: Bill Ferguson, Evie Freeman, Lou Formano, Jose Morales and Tyler Thoms, who took their job very seriously. Job well done.

Coming on April 12th is our annual Tuscany Nights. Weather permitting, the event will again be held on the patio. In the event of an unlikely rainstorm, we will move to the ballroom. Entertainment will be provided by the ever popular, Isaiah Morfin.

Do you like horses??? Do you like horse races??? Now is the perfect time to experience the excitement of Santa Anita. On April 26th we will travel to Arcadia for an exciting day of fun and friendship. We will enjoy lunch in the Frontrunner Restaurant which offers tempting Mediterranean California cuisine. Gambling is optional but exhilarating. Tickets are limited, so secure your reservation early. Information for both events can be obtained at the Lodge.

As always, thank you for supporting the efforts of the Committee. We look forward to seeing you at the next event.





Chili Cook Off 2-22-25



Social Committee
Presents

Tuscany Nights

Saturday April 12, 2025

6:00 - 9:00 PM

On Sale
Friday, March 7th

Come hang out with us on The Lodge Patio for a night
brimming with tunes, laughs, and fabulous company!

This is a B.Y.O. event - Decorations, Appetizers,
Utensils, Plates, and Glasses.

Homeowner Decorating time: 10 AM

Last Day for Ticket Sales>Returns - Monday, April 7th

\$5 a Seat, Table of 6 - \$30, Table of 8 - \$40,

Table of 10 - \$50. Adults Only

Singles, Couples & Newcomers

Welcome!

ENTERTAINMENT BY

ISAIAH MORFIN

Tickets for
Tuscany Nights
Sat, April 12th

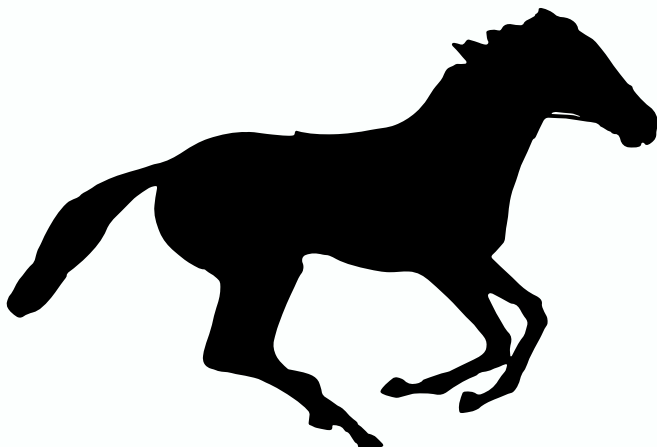
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Santa Anita

'Four Seasons at Bakersfield
Day at the Races'

Sat. April 26th

Go on sale Friday, March 7th



SANTA ANITA RACES

SAT. APRIL 26TH

BUS LEAVES AT 7:30 A.M.

Limit 2 Guests per
Resident.
Only 46 spaces
available.

Discount of \$5.00
(\$60 total) for the
first 20 people
to sign up

\$65.00 per person. Price gets you admission, race
schedule and a seat at the Frontrunner Cafe to watch
the races while you dine and drink (you are
responsible for the cost of food and drinks).

Tickets on sale Friday, March 7th. The last day for
refunds is Friday, April 11th.

PRESENTED BY THE SOCIAL COMMITTEE



Bob Bonacorsi's Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, May 24th, in the Ballroom, at 2 p.m.



Our family would like to honor the loss of my husband, Don Bender, who we lost on February 6th. Father and brother.

Rest in Peace my love, married 62 years.

- Donna Bender

Our beloved Charlie Wilson, past but very well remembered resident of K. Hovnanian's Four Seasons at Bakersfield, went home to our Lord and Savior on Thursday, February 20th. His funeral services will be held at the Bakersfield National Cemetery on Wednesday, March 5th at 2 pm. Here is a link to Charlie's obituary <https://www.bashamfuneralcare.com/obituaries/charles-wilson>



What an amazing life!

Mathew 25:23 - "His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!'

Fun Facts in March

March 4 - Mardi Gras begins

March 9 - Daylight Savings begins

March 14 - Full moon

March 20 - Spring equinox



Silly Days in March

March 4 - Pancake Day

March 9 - Barbie Day

March 14 - Pi Day

March 19 - World Sleep Day

March 20 - World Frog Day

March 28 - World Hat Day



March Dates In History

1692 - Salem Witch trials began

1762 - First St Patrick's Day Parade in Chicago

1790 - US Supreme Court convened for 1st time

1872 - Yellowstone becomes 1st National Park

1936 - A consortium of 6 companies completes work
on Hoover Dam

1958 - US launches Explorer I, its 1st satellite



BAKERSFIELD STREET NAMES

Compiled by Curtis Darling, KCHS President 1982-1984
Submitted by Kitty DeArmond, Resident



Baker Street - Named in honor of Colonel Thomas Baker, first county surveyor and the original owner of the business section of the city of Bakersfield.

Beale Avenue - Named in honor of Edward Fitzgerald Beale, owner of Tejon Ranch, Indian affairs superintendent, and a hero of the Battle of San Pasqual in the Mexican-American War.

Bernard Street - Named for the early merchant, James Bernard.

Brundage Lane - Named for Judge Benjamin Brundage, the first Superior Court Judge and master of the first Masonic Lodge in Bakersfield.

Buck Owens Boulevard - Named for the famous country-western singer, formerly Pierce Road.

Buena Vista Street - Takes its name from Buena Vista Lake, named by Commander Don Pedro Fages in 1722. Early map markers also called the San Joaquin Valley Buena Vista. The name was also proposed for Kern County during its formation in 1866.

Calloway Road - Named for a canal of the Kern River.

Castro Lane - Takes its name from the well-known Castro family that emigrated from Mexico and settled here a century ago.

Chester Avenue - Chester Avenue is named after Chester Land Company, a company that subdivided that area in 1865. The Chester family owned the store at the southwest corner of 19th and Chester Ave., once known as Vest's Market.

Bakersfield Street Names- cont.

Cottonwood Road - Was named for the great number of cottonwood trees in that area.

Edison Highway - Was named for the settlement Edison, approximately 10 miles east of town. Edison itself was named for the off-loading railroad siding to ship Edison Power Plant equipment up the Kern River for power development.

Golden State Highway - Highway 99 in its original form.

Gosford - Named for the Gosford Feedlot which was the Kern County Land Company's feedlot for many years. The feedlot was closed in approximately 1975, leaving a grain elevator and substantial property. It was sold to a salvage operator who ultimately sold the land.

Grapevine - The portion of Highway 99 from Grapevine Village to Gorman. It is named for the grapevines that exist on both sides of the road approximately two miles south of Grapevine Village. It is not named for the grapevine shape of the road, as many believe.

Holtby Road - Named after Robert M. Holtby, pioneer sheepman.

Hughes Lane - Was named for Elsworth L. Hughes who farmed the adjoining property.

Jewett Avenue - Formerly Jewett Lane, was named for Solomon Jewett, prominent sheepman in this county. His home formerly stood bordering this street which was once the chief route into Bakersfield from the north. Numerous holdups are said to have been committed here by robbers who hid behind the trunks of the great trees that once lined the street.

Kern Island - Was the name once applied to the present city of Bakersfield. At one time the various channels of the Kern River made the early community a veritable "island."

Ming Avenue - Named after the Ming family whose farm was in the neighborhood.

Niles Street - Streets east of Union Avenue going east and west were named alphabetically: Monterey, Niles, Oregon, Pacific, Quincy, etc. Niles was just a name that began with an "N".

Oak Street - Oak Street received its name because of the Oak trees growing in the north slough of the Kern River, west along 21st Street and south on Oak, and in Beach Park.

Bakersfield Street Names - cont.

Old River Road - Runs from Taft Highway to Maricopa Highway through the so-called “Kern Lake” area. Its name came from an old slough of the Kern River which spilled into the Kern Lake.

Pacheco Road - Named for Manuel A. Pacheco whose family established, in 1895, a ranch in Panama (3 miles south of Bakersfield near the intersection of Stine Road and Panama Lane).

Panama Lane - Named for Panama and the immigrants imported by Miller & Lux to farm their southern farms around 1890.

Pierce Road - (Now known as Buck Owens Blvd.) was named after Charles Clarence Pierce, an early landowner in the area. First appearing on the map in 1886 the property was subdivided into ten acre lots in 1912. The subdivision was called “Piercedale.”

Ridge Route - The portion of Highway 99 from Gorman to Castaic.

San Emidio - Named after the famous early rancho of the same name. The name is a corruption of St. Emygdius, a saint credited with the ability to protect travelers from earthquakes and shipwrecks.

Seventh Standard Road - Named for the 7th Standard Base and Meridian, identifies map sections southeast and west of 7th Standard Road to approximately Wheeler Ridge and Interstate 5.

Stine Road - Named for the Stine Canal. The Stine Canal is diverted from the Carrier Canal and generally follows north Stine Road southerly to Stine Road and south. The Carrier Canal’s name is taken for its duty to carry water in compliance with the Miller-Haggin Water Agreement of 1888. Water is diverted into Carrier on the south side of the Calloway diversion. The water required to satisfy the flow requirements at the Second Point of Measurement (near the intersection of the canal and Enos Lane) remain in the canal. The balance is diverted off into the Stine and James Canals.



Bakersfield Street Names- cont.

Stockdale Highway - Named for the Stockdale Ranch. The Stockdale subdivision was created in 1928 or 1929 with Henry Mack buying and building the first house on the corner of Fairway Drive and Stockdale Hwy. Fairway Drive is the street leading from Stockdale Hwy. to the Country Club, which originally had no entrance from Fairway. The former entrance was the row of palm trees and road from Stockdale Hwy. to the club. The present entry is Kane Way, named for Walter Kane, publisher of The Bakersfield Californian. The latter road was completed in 1955 and now is the main entrance to the Stockdale Country Club.

Sumner Street - Named in honor of Judge J.W. Sumner.

Truxtun Avenue - Originally called Railroad Street because it ran parallel to the Santa Fe Railroad tracks. Renamed for Truxtun Beale, the son of General E.F. Beale. and donor of the children's library, located on the corner of Chester and 17th Street. Truxtun Beale also donated the Clock Tower, originally located in the intersection of Chester and 17th .

Union Avenue - Named for Union Cemetery. Old Cemetery parades once went down Union Avenue to California, even though Union was part of the Golden State highway.

Wible Road - Named for county surveyor Mr. Wible. It is the extension of Oak Street, south of Stockdale Hwy.

Williams Street - Named for H.F. Williams, former land man for the Southern Pacific Railroad whose home still stands near the roundhouse in East Bakersfield.



Tickets go on sale
March 3, 2025 for Friday, March 21, 2025
THEMED WINE TASTING CLUB WELCOMES
IMBIBE, PRESENTING A VARIETY OF WINES FROM
DAOU VINEYARDS
SPRING INTO WINE TIME!

LODGE BALLROOM
DOORS OPEN AT 5:30PM
EVENT BEGINS AT 6PM

\$25 PER PERSON

BYO APPETIZERS TO SHARE WITH
YOUR TABLE AND YOUR OWN
WINE GLASSES TO ENJOY YOUR
WINE AFTER THE PRESENTATION

TABLE RESERVATIONS MADE IN ADVANCE IF ENTIRE
TABLE IS PAID FOR.

IMBIBE WILL PROVIDE WINE TASTING GLASSES,
INCLUDING CHAMPAGNE TO BEGIN YOUR EVENING.
DON'T MISS OUT!

MULTIPLE RAFFLES PROVIDED BY THE
THEMED WINE TASTING CLUB AND
IMBIBE WINE AND SPIRITS



LIMITED SEATING OF 64
RESERVATION DEADLINE: MONDAY MARCH 17, 2025
CANCELLATION/REFUND DEADLINE:
FRIDAY MARCH 14, 2025



March

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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. We also are 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

Book Club

Kathleen Reisig (Club Leader)

In 1915, the Ottoman Empire began systematically killing Armenians by first executing the men and then leading the women and children on a death march across the desert. Elizabeth Endicott and her father have traveled from Boston to Aleppo, Syria to help the women arriving daily from across the desert. She meets Armenian engineer Armen and refugees Nevart and Hatoun who introduce her to life in Syria and Armenian culture she's previously been oblivious to. She's swept up by the sad stories of Armen and his past-life and how Hatoun lost her mother and sisters crossing the desert and how Nevart's husband will never come back. The story is interspersed with narration from Laura Petrosian, Elizabeth and Armen's granddaughter and the author of the story. She is retracing her family history during the genocide and learning things about her grandparents that they never told her in their lifetimes. This historical fiction novel, "*The Sandcastle Girls*" by Chris Bohjalian is our book for March. "*The Sandcastle Girls*" is based on the author's family history. The Book Club will meet on Thursday, March 20th at 10:00 am in the Lodge Library.

Ladies' Luncheon

Annette Harder (Club Leader)

The Bakersfield Country Club is a most exclusive golf club. It is in the hills of northeast Bakersfield with a commanding view of the Tehachapi mountains and San Joaquin Valley. This vista becomes spectacular as the sun sets and gives way to the glow of the city at night. We were greeted to a warm sunny day and seated in the fireplace room with special love songs played on the piano by Ruthie. As always we were spoiled by the great staff. We even had birthday cake for our four February birthday gals.

On Thursday, March 20th at 11:30am we will return to Wool Growers located at 620 E. 19th Street. Yes, I called and talked to the manager and she remembered me. She also said "yes" to separate checks so maybe cash is best.

Sign up at the front desk. Meet at the flagpole at the lodge at 11:00am if you need or can give a ride.



Mah Jongg Club

Charlene Kwek (Club Leader)

If you have seen the movie "Crazy Rich Asians", you may have noticed a scene where the game of Mah Jongg was being played. American Mah Jongg is a variation of the Chinese game Mah Jongg. American Mah Jongg is an exciting game, lots of fun, and is addicting! Strategy, skill and luck are all part of the excitement. The object of the game is to be first to match tiles to a specific hand from a National Mah Jongg League card. Players draw and discard tiles, and make strategic decisions that, hopefully, will lead to a winning hand!

If you are interested in learning to play, please feel free to come join us on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 2:00-4:00pm in the Game Room.

Charlene Kwek
(661) 809-2316

Bridge Club

Catherine Patrick (Club Leader)

The Bridge Club meets in the library at the Lodge on Tuesday and Thursdays from 1-4 p.m. 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

Pinocle 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.

Tripoley Game Day

Jeannie Willmon (Club Leader)

Welcome new players. Super easy to learn in one minute. You can google Michigan rummy or Tripoley to learn the rules. Bring your quarters, nickels and dimes. We promise a fun afternoon. Fridays 1-4pm in the game room, come join the fun! Contact info: Jeannie 601-764-8105

Poker/Dealer's Choice

Jeannie Willmon and Randy Holtzclaw (Club Leaders)

We welcome those who love to play poker. Come show us a new game & learn our favorites. Every hand is dealer's choice. We play baseball, 7 card no peek, 7 card stud high spade in the hole wins 1/2 the pot and many more. We meet Thursdays 1-4pm in the game room, come join the fun! Contact info: Jeannie 601-764-8105

Pickleball Club

Fred Walkover (Club Leader)

On Saturday, February 8, the Four Seasons Blazing Paddles held our first tournament with 15 players from Highgate Regents, another 55 and over community in the Southwest. What a great event that widened our horizons and offered a chance to socialize with other senior pickleball players. Fun and exciting times were had by all. A big thanks goes out to Freddy Walkover who organized the event and scheduled all the games so players always played with a different partner and against a different team. Thanks to Rita Salcido and her team for organizing the potluck lunch afterwards. Finally, thanks to the non-participants who kept track of the time, rang the cowbell, and made sure the matches continued on schedule.

Don't forget to sign up at the Lodge for the next tournament with Solera on March 29, 2025. For this tournament, if your last name ends A-H, bring a salad; I-R, bring dessert; and S-Z, bring a main dish. Again BYOB. Paper goods and pickleballs will be covered with your \$5.00 registration fee.

New players and less competitive players continue to come on Monday, Wednesday, and Fridays to learn rules and meet other beginner players. All players are always welcome any day and time.



Safety First at Four Seasons

Jan Lemucchi (Club Leader)

Safety First @ Four Seasons meets three times a year on the 2nd Tuesday of the months of January, May, and September. The group discusses and plans presentations throughout the year to help the safety of fellow residents. If you have any suggestions or requests for a specific presentation, please contact Jan Lemucchi at 661.754.2957 or janlemucchi@yahoo.com

The next meeting is set for Tuesday, May 13, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. in the Lodge Ballroom.

Bocce Ball Club

Ray Wallace (Club Leader)

Have you ever tried Bocce Ball? For those who have thought about playing it, Four Seasons has a Bocce Ball Club that plays every Tuesday evening at 6:00 pm, weather permitting. Bocce Ball is a fun and not too strenuous game that is easy to learn but difficult to master. Club members are always happy to teach newcomers. We split up into teams for play, but the game is just for fun and we don't take it too seriously.

Please join us on Tuesday at the newly refurbished bocce ball courts located at the south-west corner of the lodge grounds.

Chair Yoga

Melanie Yates (Club Leader)

Are you curious about Chair Yoga? Come give it a try! Yoga is now available on most Saturday mornings— a bonus day for those who can't come during the week or just want another day! (Be sure to check the calendar for Saturdays.)

Chair Yoga is a very effective way to stretch and strengthen our bodies and to improve flexibility and balance. As we mature, those things are very important for our well-being. Follow along at your own pace and ability. On Mondays only, we do a more vigorous chair exercise routine. This is also video instruction and done while sitting in a chair. Again, you follow at your own pace. You will be surprised how much you can accomplish, even sitting in a chair. Everyone is welcome to join us on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, and now most Saturday 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.

Koffee Klatch

Ray Wallace (Club Leader)

The Koffee Klatch Club meets every Monday morning from 8:30am to 10:00am in the Arts and Crafts room. We share coffee, decaf, tea or hot chocolate while sharing stories and enjoying each other's company. At our age, we all have a lifetime of memories to share. For instance, ask Keith Clark about his time in the recording industry. You will be entertained!

Hearts Go On Club

Debby Cline (Club Leader)

Some of you may know that I recently lost my son to ALS. During that devastating time, I often thought how fortunate I was to have my family close to me during this time. I think of how hard a loss would be for people who have a small family or family that lives far away. During the past year, I have had people come to me and tell me that they also lost a child and know what I am going through. Every time that has happened, I feel a connection that can only be felt by a person who knows the pain you feel after such a loss. I wanted to find a grief group that I could attend but it is very difficult to open up to people I don't know. As time has gone on, my pain is not so raw, but still life changing and the hurt will never go away. I thought of starting a club within our community and mentioned it to my friends going through a loss and received so much positive feedback that I took the leap of faith and am starting this club.

I know so many people our age that are going through some kind of loss, whether it is a spouse, child, or best friend and would want some support. There will be no professional support, just new friends going through a difficult time and in need of someone to talk to.

I envision this group as a "no judgement" situation because everyone grieves in different ways. It should be a safe place with the expectation that what we discuss will be considered private and not shared publicly.

Our first meeting will be on Friday, March 14th at 11:00 a.m. in the Arts and Crafts room and we can determine how frequently we want to meet from there. There is no cost, just a lot of friendly faces and understanding. If you are interested, please text or call Debby Cline at (661)487-9122.

Scavenger Hunt Club

Stacy Davis (Club Leader)

The winners of the Valentine's Scavenger Hunter were Charlie Marie, Alina Canales, and Kathi Sakamoto. The scavenger hunt club will be meeting on March 10 & 25 from 1:00-2:00pm at the lodge to work on the Easter themed scavenger hunt. You are invited to join us.



Neighbor to Neighbor Club

Margaret DeArmond and Donna Holzclaw (Club Leaders)

Thank you Four Seasons Community members for your donations to the Dream Center. Items most requested are kitchen basics (pots, pans, utensils, dishes, flatware), towels, twin sheets, blankets, hygiene items, jackets and warm clothing. Please keep in mind that these items are for emancipated foster youth ages 18 to 24, many of whom are getting their first apartment. When you are cleaning out your cupboards, skip the visit to Goodwill and consider the needs of the Dream Center youth. Please contact the club leaders if you have a question about donations. We can pick up items at your home.

The Neighbor 2 Neighbor Club is considering a new project, and we would like your input. We would like to produce a Four Seasons Community Cookbook and that means we would need recipes from you. Are you interested? Do you have suggestions? Please let us hear from you. Dates for your calendar: Saturday, May 3 ~ Four Seasons Craft Fair ~ visit our N2N Club table.

Friday & Saturday, May 16 & 17 ~ Dream Center Raffle Fundraiser in the Lodge Ballroom.

*****Be sure to see our flyer in the advertisement section of this newsletter.*****

Our next club meeting is Tuesday, March 11th at 1:00 pm in the Arts & Crafts Room. All community members are always welcome to attend.

Learn to Play Pool

Bobby Marshall (Club Leader)

Hello Four Seasons Residents. I am Bobby Marshall Pool Club instructor. I am so proud of the Pool Club. We started the club in 2024 with 6 members, now we have 13 members. They are learning to play the game and having a lot of fun. Anyone is invited to join the club if you're a resident of Four Seasons.

We had t-shirts made for the pool club and they are beautiful, thanks to my assistant Cassie. On March 7th at 9:00 a.m. Four Seasons will have a pool Tournament in the game room. I am happy to say that I have several players from the pool club playing in the Tournament. I invite you to come out and support the pool club.



BEEF CABBAGE 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
Cassie Witherspoon,
Resident**

Sunset Cruisers Club
Susie Yslas (Club Leader)



Welcome Golf Cart Owners to the Four Seasons Sunset Cruisers. If you have a golf cart and would like to join our Golf Cart Club, we meet the second Tuesday of every month. Our next cruise will be March 11th at 4:30 p.m. After our cruise we meet in the Lodge Cafe area, so bring the beverage of your choice, as well as a snack to enjoy while chatting. This is a great opportunity for all of you golf cart owners to get acquainted with one another as well as getting familiar with our neighborhood. If you have a empty seat or two in your golf cart, you may want to invite a neighbor for a ride along. The more the merrier, they all are certainly welcome. See you soon!



Crafters Club
Nancy McHenry (Club Leader)

If you enjoy crafting and getting together with friends, consider joining the Crafters Club. We meet every 1st and 3rd Tuesday from 1 pm - 4pm in the Conference Room or the Arts and Crafts Room. We knit, crochet, cross stitch and work on hand crafted projects while we talk about crafts and our other interests. We would be happy to include you!

60 YEARS

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Jack bringing home the bacon to his owners Greg and Sue Hollingworth

Resident Annette Harder took “The Messenger” on Vacation to Redding in Northern California. She stated the rivers are at max capacity covering walkways and the rice fields out of Sacramento look like lakes. The Sundial Bridge (in the photo to the right) is over the Sacramento River at Turtle Bay in Redding. On the way home Annette and resident Laurie Dean stopped in Fresno and attended a chocolate tea with resident Nancy McKenry. It was a sorority scholarship fundraiser and a lot of fun.



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Veteran's Club

Penny Martinez (Club Leader)

Are you a veteran? If so, we have a Veteran's group! The Veteran's Group is made up of veterans living in Four Seasons and Solera at Kern Canyon Communities. We welcome all branches of service, including the reserves, national guard, and spouses, as well. Our group meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 11:30 am at Huckleberry's Restaurant located at 2673 Mt. Vernon Avenue, Bakersfield. We invite guest speakers from veteran organizations and non-profits throughout Kern County. They speak to our group each year in January, March, May, September, and November. In October, we hold our annual dinner. In December, we work on putting together a simple holiday treat for everyone to enjoy. If time allows, and there is interest, we work on scheduling a couple local excursions to points of interests in Kern County.

Unfortunately, our February speaker, Mr. Derrick Ybarra, was unable to attend our meeting. However, we're looking at rescheduling him sometime in May. It's important that we think about and plan on getting our affairs in order. One of the perks of being a veteran is you have the choice of being buried in a national cemetery if you meet the requirements, one of which is being honorably discharged. Stay tuned for more information and we'll work on planning this information session for a Saturday morning or afternoon.

Our next veteran gathering is on Wednesday, March 12th at 10 am. It is a walking tour at Pioneer Village at the Kern County Museum, located at 3801 Chester Avenue. The walking tour will be conducted by experienced docents, cost is \$10 per person. We need a minimum of 20 attendees, guests are welcomed. After the tour will be dining at La Costa at The Ice House for lunch. We'll be collecting the fee for the tour the day of the event. If you plan on attending, please RSVP by Sunday, March 9th by either emailing, calling or texting Penny using the information noted below.

Penny Martinez

Four Seasons & Solera Veteran Group
Coordinator

Email: figment5802@gmail.com
(661) 302-3471

Clark Machamer

Four Seasons
Chaplain, Veteran's Group
(661) 496-2701





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Ashton Begagne



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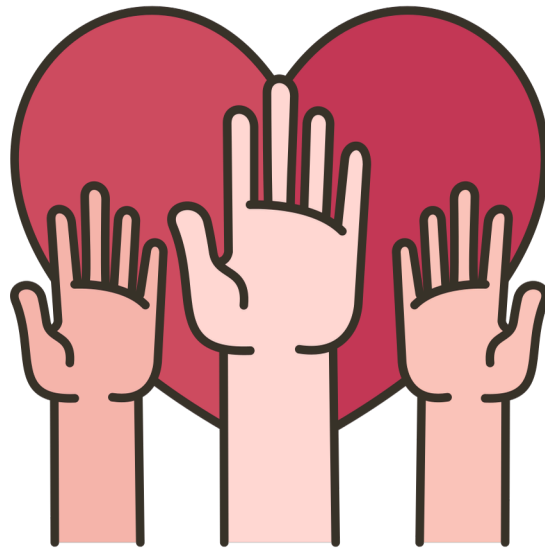
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In celebration of Foster Youth Month *May*

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Questions/Information, please contact:

Donna Holtzclaw 661-303-6649

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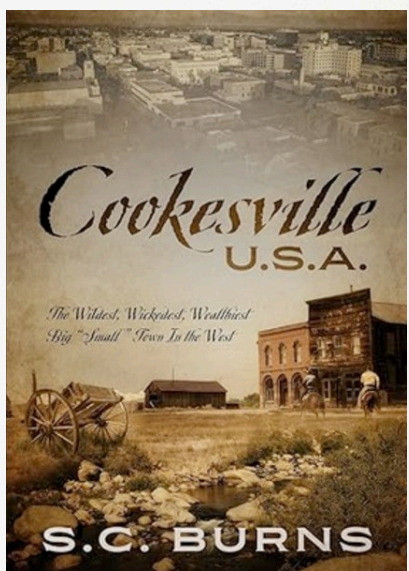


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