

# HARBOR LIGHTS

newsletter

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Desert Harbor, a 55+ community

Apache Junction, Arizona

## New Members Elected to the Board

by Connie Riter (#81)

At the December 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Residents Meeting ballots were counted and results were:

Ken Camp (#178) was elected as President,  
Jan Ginsburg (#183) as Vice President,  
Jean Hansen (#151) as Treasurer and  
Midge Drouin (#203) as Member-at-Large.

We wish to extend a warm welcome to these new Board members who join continuing officers Barbara Pein, Secretary, Tom Hennessy and Mary Lou Croyle, as Board Members and wish them all every success in all that they plan to do in 2009.

The members whose terms were completed are:

President Joe Schnier (#146)  
Vice President Dave Blomeyer (#58) and  
Member-at-Large Bob Mueller (#108)

During their time in office we saw the development of a 4-page survey of all the residents to determine interests and concerns in addition to revisions to the by-laws, introduction of themed dinners with entertainment, a return of the monthly Saturday morning breakfasts, ladies soup and salad luncheons and the popular Happy Hour every Friday.

We wish to thank each of these three officers for their hours of service and the many ideas they contributed in helping make Desert Harbor a fun-filled home.



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## New Year's Eve Party

When: Wednesday, December 31, 2008  
Where: Desert Harbor Clubhouse  
Time: 8:00 p.m. 'til after midnight

Sign-up Sheet is in the Clubhouse  
Bring H'ordeurves and join us for a celebrative  
time to welcome in the New Year!!!

## Christmas Pot Luck Party Highlights



by Bob Mayo

The annual Christmas party was held in conjunction with the Pot Luck supper on December 20<sup>th</sup> in the Clubhouse. There was an outstanding turnout and all those who attended had a good time. The clubhouse was beautifully decorated for the season and we want to thank all of those residents that contributed their time and talents to do such an outstanding job. There are too many to mention by name but their efforts are

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# Holiday Greeting from Ken Camp

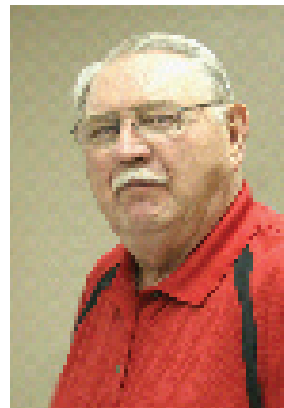
I would like to wish all of our community residents a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. May you and your loved ones enjoy the coming year.

Our Christmas Potluck was held on December 20th. The ham entrée was provided by the Activities Organization and American Land Lease. I want to thank those who volunteered to cook the hams.

A New Years Eve party is planned and I know fun will be had by all who attend.

Lastly, I would like to thank all who helped with the decorating of our clubhouse for the Holidays. If you haven't seen inside the clubhouse lately, please stop by during the evening to enjoy the lighting display.

As President of the Activities Organization I look forward to working with all of you in the coming year and thank you for your future support.



Ken Camp  
2009/10 Activities Org. President

## Caroling in Desert Harbor

It was early evening on Friday, December 19th when Desert Harbor residents witnessed a rag-tag bunch of 20 souls roam up and down our streets and walkways with song. The group went about their task singing Christmas carols to any and all who might listen. It was a fun way for those who braved the cold and dark of night to spread some season's cheer. The goal was to have fun during the two hour sing along. It was all good and everyone was rewarded in the end with hot chocolate and cookies back at the clubhouse.

Much thanks is given to Cyndy Schauer-Walker and Penny Newby for all their hard work organizing this fun event. Merry Christmas to everyone and a Happy New Year to all.



Here Jackie Dennis and Mary Pat Summers sing to Carol Miller, #202.

## Decorating the Clubhouse

by Connie Ritter

On Monday December 8, a group of elves from Desert Harbor meet in the clubhouse to spread holiday cheer by decorating. The boxes were pulled from the closets and the fun began. They sorted through the available material and transformed the clubhouse into a holiday show piece. The group was sustained first by donuts and coffee to get them started and pizza followed at noon to keep them going. They wound down about 3:00 and it called a successful day. Thank you to all those who assisted with this very joyous and fun filled day.





# Merrily We Roll Along...

There are some exciting bus trips available in January through the Sue Sinclair Agency who will give our Activities Committee a 5% commission on all trips selected through them.

Jan. 13<sup>th</sup> — A “Mystery Tour”, leaving the valley around 6:30a.m. and returning around 7:00 pm. Wonder where it’s going?? (\$75pp).

Jan. 14<sup>th</sup> — Phoenix City Tour and Museum with Lunch. (\$52 pp) This is a great trip for out-of-town visitors. Did you know Phoenix has three separate downtowns?

Jan. 16<sup>th</sup> — Tucson Quilt Show (\$42 pp)

Jan. 20<sup>th</sup> — Sedona and Jerome (\$39 pp)

Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup> — Chihuly Glass Exhibit and Desert Botanical Gardens (\$42 pp). Have you seen the commercials on television about this?

Jan. 28<sup>th</sup> — Sheriff Joe’s Tent City (\$48 pp)

Jan. 29-31 — Apache Gold Casino — Visit Besh Ba Gowah, Tour the Morenci Copper Mine, Golf Option, visit Boyce Arboretum, and other sights. Includes two nights at the Best Western Casino Hotel, \$10 coupon book and \$10 cash. (\$108 pp db)

Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup> — Quartzite Arts and Crafts Fair — Arts, crafts, gems, antiques, hundreds of vendors. (\$38 pp).

Feb. 14<sup>th</sup> — Chocolate Lovers’ Festival on the Verde Canyon Railroad — a 40 mile train ride. Ride First Class!! Lots of appetizers, gourmet coffee, chocolates. The bald and golden eagles are at their peak now. Beautiful scenery! (\$138 pp)

Other trips available through Tour West America include:

Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup> — A Tour of Cardinal Stadium, behind the scenes. (\$39)

Jan. 29<sup>th</sup> — Phoenix Craft and Sewing Festival (\$39)

Feb. 23-24 — Northern Arizona and Grand Canyon Trip. Watch the sunrise and sunset from the Canyon. Stay one night at the Maswik Lodge inside the Park. (\$179 pp dbl)

**Other trips are also available.**

**There is a booklet on Grand Canyon railway trips.**

**Check the Travel Book in the Clubhouse.**

**Call Connie at 641-7753 for questions or reservations.**

*January's*

## Casino Trip

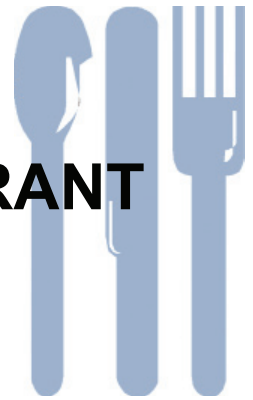
Casino Trip for January will be to

**Harrah's**  
**Ak-Chin Casino**  
**Wednesday, January 21st**

The bus will leave at 8:00 a.m. and return at 3:00 p.m. sharp. You will need to have your ID.

Each person will receive \$10.00 upon arrival. Bingo opens at 11:30 a.m. There are lots of new slots.

## RESTAURANT REVIEW



### PAPPADEAUX SEAFOOD KITCHEN

11051 N. Black Canyon Hwy.  
Phoenix, AZ 85019

*reported by Kay McKersie, #177*

If you like New Orleans and “Cajun” cooking, you will like Pappadeaux. The décor is old brick and wrought iron reminiscent of the French Quarter. The lobster bisque is to “die for” while the remainder of the menu is excellent. There is a lot of seafood and fish, but an American menu is available also. It is quite a drive from Apache Junction, but well worth the time. Nice Sunday drive???

We first ran into Pappadeaux in Beaumont, Texas and look for it everywhere we travel. They are a major chain.

# Apache Junction & Other Events



## Pinal County Fiddler & Bluegrass Jamboree Festival at Annual Festival Friday, January 9th - Sunday, January 11th

The 23rd annual Fiddlers and Bluegrass Jamboree will be held at the Pinal County Fairgrounds on Friday, January 9, through Sunday, January 11, 2009.

In addition to the music, there will be an Arts & Crafts Bazaar, Car Show and Tractor-Pull.

The Jamboree begins on Friday, January 9, and ends on Sunday, January 11. Gates open at 9 a.m. and close at 5 p.m. The admission is only \$4 per day.

The car show at the jamboree will take place on Saturday, January 10, 2009. For more information on the car show please call the Pinal County Citizens Contact Center at (520) 509-3555 or 888-431-1311.

<http://pinalcountyaz.gov/Departments/FairGrounds/Pages/Fiddler.aspx>

## Apache Junction Public Events Series

Season tickets to the 2009 Apache Junction Public Events Series, a 7 event winter series of exceptional entertainment programs, are now available for \$50. The Arizona Lecture Series of 13 events will leave you with a greater appreciation of Arizona and are also now available for \$50.

All events are presented in the Apache Junction Performing Arts Center located on the campus of Apache Junction High School, 2525 S. Ironwood Drive. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. Seating is not assigned so arrive early for your the best choices. Shows begin at 7:00 p.m.

Individual tickets may be purchased at the door for \$10 each and season tickets are available online by going to [www.AJUSD.org](http://www.AJUSD.org) and clicking on "PAC Tickets" located at the bottom of the homepage or by phone at (480) 982-1110, ext. 2014. You can even purchase tickets in person at the AJUSD's Community Services office located at 1575 W. Southern Avenue, Suite 4.

## Public Events Series Presents for January:

### January 8<sup>th</sup> - **Music of Sidney Poolheco**

Sidney Poolheco was recognized as the Best Contemporary Native American Male Artist of 2008. The solo artist will perform sharing his love of Country Western, Cajun Rock and Native American music.

January 15<sup>th</sup> - **Comedians of Our Times** – Brad Zinn "The Greatest Comedians" celebrates the diversity of American pop culture humor of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century. The show bridges generations with hilarity and clean, timeless laughs. Those over 40 will have no trouble identifying the great comic entertainers portrayed in the program.

January 22<sup>nd</sup> - **The Arizona Spirit** – Marshall Trimble, Dolan Ellis (very popular get your tickets now) One is billed as "Arizona's Historian" the other is "Arizona's Balladeer" and together they perform a highly entertaining show with an Arizona focus. The duo will share music, humor and tall tales in the tradition of the Old West that was Arizona.

January 29<sup>th</sup> - **Silverridge Pop Orchestra**. This orchestra is entirely made up of retired musicians who have been entertaining Arizona audiences with their timeless mix of popular music for more than 20 years.

## The Arizona Lecture Series Presents for January:

January 12<sup>th</sup> - **Postcard Era of Arizona** by Jeremy Rowe. A survey of photographic images taken between 1900 and 1920 documents the social and cultural development of early 20<sup>th</sup> century Arizona that helped shape the perception of the West before 1920.

January 19<sup>th</sup> - **Apache Kid** by Paul Machula. An educator and local historian from the Globe area, Paul Machula recounts the story of the Apache Kid who was one of the most complex personalities of the Old West. The clash of cultures sheds light on the question – was the Kid a renegade or the victim of tragic circumstances?

January 26<sup>th</sup> - **Geronimo's Surrender** by Jay Van Orden. This slide-lecture combines both rare historical images and researched eyewitness accounts to add new historical depth to the story of the surrender negotiations between Geronimo and General Crook in 1886.



# Annual Christmas Lighting Decorating Contest by Dave Vorhardt, #142

Once again, Desert Harbor residents gave a great deal of time, effort and expense to decorate their home for the holiday season and make our park very beautiful with lights and displays that were truly a joy to look at. This year the judging was done on Dec. 10th by people from outside the park and they came up with the first, second and third place winners. In our book, all of the homes that participated in decorating were winners and we very much appreciate their efforts. The winners of the gift certificates this year are:



**1st Place 2008 - #169**

John & Anne Eubank  
\$75.00 VISA Gift Card



**2nd Place 2008 - #134**

Steve & Gail Davison  
\$50.00 Home Depot Gift Card



**3rd Place 2008 - #193**

Leon & Delores Henager  
\$25.00 Gift Card Olive Garden (or) Red Lobster

# MEET A NEIGHBOR

*by Jan Boudreau, #179*

Volunteering often provides more benefits to the volunteer than to the recipient. That's definitely true for Elaine Kereluk. She enjoys assisting others and has to remind herself she is the coordinator of the "Help Your Neighbor" committee. She doesn't have to fulfill all the requests herself. The number of calls she receives from residents requesting assistance has declined. Her hope is neighbors are assisting one and other therefore not needing to request assistance from the committee.

The committee provides a variety of services that may include trips to the doctor office, grocery store and drug stores, assistance with cleaning their home or just someone to check on them. They have also provided food for meals following the death of one of a residents.

Elaine will post a new signup sheet on the Activities Organization Bulletin Board as the current list contains many former residents. She wants to make sure those on the list still wish to participate. When a resident signs up to volunteer, Elaine contacts them and clarifies how they want to be involved such as:

- *Are you willing to provide rides outside the park?*
- *Will you help a sick neighbor with household chores or run them to the drug store?*
- *Are you willing to prepare food when a death has occurred in our community?*

If you would like to participate with "Help Your Neighbor", look for the sign up sheet in the clubhouse.

For those of you new to our community Elaine also leads the "Positive Thinking Group". This group began when members of the community felt they were being adversely affected by some negativity in their lives. The group uses the bible as a basis to improve individual attitudes and thinking. The group is small but welcomes anyone who is interested in studies that are based on the bible. Elaine has lead similar groups over her years in the community and she very much enjoys these sessions.

If you are interested in either of these groups, Elaine encourages you to become involved.



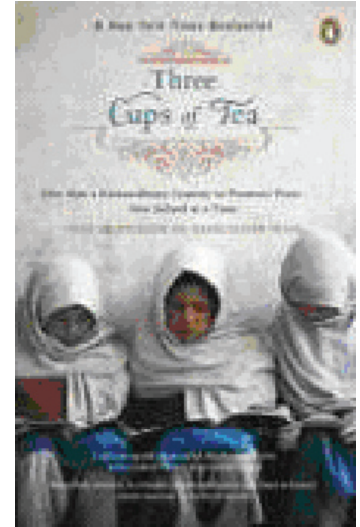


## A Book Review...

# “Three Cups of Tea”

Written by Greg Mortenson, this is the true story of one of the most extraordinary humanitarian missions of our time. In 1993, a young American mountain climber named Greg Mortenson stumbles into a tiny village high in Pakistan’s beautiful and desperately poor Karakoram Himalaya region. Sick, exhausted, and depressed after failing to scale the summit of K 2, Mortenson regains his strength and his will to live thanks to the generosity of the people of the village of Korphe. Before he leaves, Mortenson makes a vow that will profoundly change both the villagers’ lives and his own - he will return and build them a school.

This is an enlightening non-fiction book and worth reading. It has an appeal for female and male readers alike, don’t let the title fool you!



*Reviewed by Ruthann Sather, #10*

## November Patio Sale

*reported by Connie Riter, #81*

Everyone was out...the streets were filled with traffic....and neighbors were casually sitting around enjoying one another’s company. Some neighbors hadn’t been seen for weeks — and weren’t even snowbirds!

This was a special day...our Patio Sales Day in November. Many of the visiting shoppers commented on how nice our park looks and how clean and organized it is. A big thank you to all those who helped “make the day” by having their own sale, by donating things for the white elephant sale, or for the tremendously successful bake sale. I would especially like to thank Justine Hilliard (#101) for organizing the White Elephant Sale which netted \$53.35 and Midge Drouin (#203) for hosting the bake sale which earned \$178.00! Yes, \$178.00!! This was a successful park activity with many people silently contributing to the outcome. Thanks to Dick Smith (#74) who helped Midge put up the banners and helped Art Roberts (#81) welcome early shoppers at 7:30 a.m. Let’s hope that our next Patio Sale in the Spring will be even better!

## COYOTE COUPON BOOKS

**STILL AVAILABLE**

*reported by Connie Riter (#81)*



Sales of the Coyote Coupon Books have reached our first goal of 50 books! We have made a profit of \$250 which has been given to our Activities Association. Thanks for supporting this campaign and books are still available by signing up at the clubhouse or by calling Connie Riter 641-7753 or Jan Ginsberg 983-5303. Perhaps we can

find a day to use some of the coupons as a group by planning a trip to Barleen’s Arizona Opry or lunch at one of the restaurants featured in the book.

# UPCOMING EVENTS for the LADIES by Jane Boudreau, #179

## **Ladies Luncheon**

The **Ladies Luncheon** is held on the third Tuesday of each month at a local restaurant. Agnes Miller is the coordinator for this outing and with recommendations from the ladies selects the monthly location. A signup sheet is posted on the Activities Organization Bulletin Board for you to indicate your intent to attend. Agnes uses this information to confirm the number of attendees to the restaurant. The ladies meet at 11:00 a.m. at the clubhouse to form carpools. This conserves on gas and provides another opportunity to meet a neighbor while driving to the restaurant.

The December luncheon was held at Charleston's on the sixteen. We have had several luncheons at this restaurant. The group enjoys the ambience as well as the food.

On January 20, 2009 we will be going to Baci's Italian Bistro located at 8830 E. Germann in Mesa. This is the new location for this established restaurant. They were previously located at Williamsfield and Power Roads. As it's name reflects this is an Italian restaurant with luncheon selection ranging between seven and ten dollars. They have a website [www.baciitalianbistor.com](http://www.baciitalianbistor.com) which contains a sample menu. My family has eaten dinner at the old location many times. I hope you all enjoy their luncheon selections.

If you have a restaurant you would like the group to visit please provide the information to Agnes.

## **Ladies Get Acquainted Soup & Salad Luncheon**

The **Ladies Get Acquainted Soup & Salad Luncheon** is held on the first Tuesday of the month in the Desert Harbor Clubhouse at 12:00 noon. The ladies attending prepare soups, salads, and desserts to share with those gathered. You are asked to bring your full table service including something to drink if you do not want coffee or tea. A signup sheet is posted on the Activity Organizations Bulletin Board in the Clubhouse. The January luncheon will be held on the sixteenth (16).

A 50/50 drawing is held following the luncheon with the proceeds going to the Activities Organization. Please remember to bring your dollar so you can participate in the drawing.

If you need assistance getting to the clubhouse please contact one of the committee members and they will be happy to assist you. Joann Hankison, Carol Rysavy, Elaine Anfang, or Jane Boudreau.

These two luncheons provide an opportunity for the ladies of Desert Harbor to share fellowship as well as to meet our new neighbors. Call a neighbor who has not attended one of the luncheons and ask her to join you during January. Join in the fun!!

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## **Classified Ads -**

These ads are free for Desert Harbor residents

### **Items For Sale**

Farfisa electric organ \$100 or best offer.  
Carroll Cooper #198, 480-983-3147

Noritake china set "reina" pattern, service for 12 (105 pieces) excellent condition \$400.00.  
Marty Martinez #112, 480-474-8083

Nikon N50 35mm Camera (film)  
It comes with a Tamron 28-200mm zoom lens, filters and a carrying bag. \$75 or best offer  
Larry Lepic #83, 480-288-1565

Kenwood Stereo System  
Two speakers, radio, CD, tape, turn table  
Steve Davison #134, 307-262-4456

### **Light housekeeping Available**

Call Sandy Carmon #62, 602-748-6003

### **Free Boxes** for Packing or Shipping

Sturdy boxes with lids  
Call Dorothy Mueller #155, 480-984-9780  
Independent Avon Representative

### **Looking To Buy**

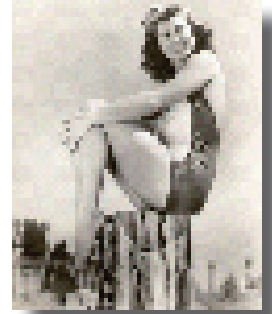
Electric golf cart, inexpensive,  
Dave Borchardt #142, 480-671-1682

Small entertainment center –  
Pat Ballock #183, 480-983-5303

# “THE MILLION DOLLAR MERMAIDS”

by Jan Ginsburg, #183

Here they *come*, fresh from a good night's sleep, wash the face; brush the teeth; throw on the suit and hit the water (No, not *running*) with such gusto and a promise of a new day! Yes folks, these are the gals of our very own *Desert Harbor Aerobics Class*, dedicated, determined and, by gosh, disciplined. If you stop by one morning you may see what I have noticed, *not just exercise* but a certain graceful flow to music, that's what I tell them. Esther Williams would have been real proud to have them on her swim team in her movie "**Dangerous When Wet**" (1953).



I talked with some of the ladies the other morning and asked them why they come every day with such commitment. Some answered, "When I come here I feel that I am comfortable in my own skin, don't have get ready just wash my face, brush my teeth, comb my hair and show up". Another woman stated, "I like to start my day early, if I don't, then I won't get the aerobics done. When we meet here I enjoy the camaraderie and the positive atmosphere. It's a great group and you can just be yourself." Talked with Toni who said she loves being in the water, it's the only place where she can move around with ease and do exercise that doesn't hurt. Agnes told me that being in the water was like being totally free to move around.

When asked, Bev (known as Big Bev) told of her inability to use her knees when she 1st moved to Arizona and this class has made big time improvement. She spoke of Lil' Bev as the older '*role model*' for the group and I can certainly see why. (*You can see the devilish twinkle in her eye*). As I spoke to each gal, they showed such respect for the others even some who weren't there that day. Bev spoke highly of Karen, who now manages very well without the assistance of a walker or chair because she works out very hard with the other **MILLION DOLLAR MERMAIDS**

There are two classes each day **Monday through Friday, 7:00am and 8:30am**, so think about taking the **PLUNGE!**

Thanks to Lil' Bev at the close of one the classes they proudly recite:

**"WE MUST WE MUST WE MUST IMPROVE OUR BUST  
FOR FEAR FOR FEAR FOR FEAR THEY'LL SLIP TO THE REAR  
WE MUST WE MUST WE MUST IMPROVE OUR BUST  
THE BIGGER THE BETTER THE TIGHTER THE SWEATER  
THE GUYS ARE DEPENDING ON US"**

by Beverly Norman, #66

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IN DESERT HARBOR, YOUR INDEPENDENT **AVON** SALES REPRESENTATIVE IS **DOROTHY MUELLER** AT LOT #155. **FREE BROCHURES** ARE AVAILABLE IN THE LIBRARY. SOME ITEMS ARE IN STOCK FOR IMMEDIATE AVAILABILITY FOR GIFTS AND/OR PERSONAL USE. SAMPLES OF LIPSTICK, CREAMS, AND PERFUMES ARE AVAILABLE. TO PLACE AN ORDER, REQUEST A BROCHURE OR SAMPLES, OR TO ASK FOR A PERSONAL CONSULTATION **CALL DOROTHY AT (480) 984-9780**

## Local Crafter Has Christmas Gift Ideas

Hi, my name is Carroll Cooper. I am a SCROLL SAW crafter and have a lot of gift items that will make great Christmas gifts. Tom Hennessy has built a website for me and you can see several of my creations at [www.coopercrafts.com](http://www.coopercrafts.com). Please feel free to stop by lot #198 for a visit or call.

My phone is (480) 671-3147.



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# Christmas Pot Luck

appreciated greatly. The dinner was set up and hosted by Jim and Kay McKersie along with Steve and Gail Davison. The hams for the dinner were furnished by Desert Harbor management and prepared by Jean Hansen, Elaine Kereluk, Joanne Hankison and Ken Camp.

A special highlight of the evening was a selection of holiday music performed by Geraldine Peterson on the organ during dinner as well as providing the accompaniment for the singing of Christmas Carols afterwards in which all were encouraged to join in.

There were two raffles including a 50/50 raffle won by Jackie Watts with 2nd place going to Kathi Mayo. The second raffle was for two tickets as well as a parking pass to the Arizona Cardinal's home game against the Seattle Seahawks on December 28th 2008. Bob and Fran Trundle provided the package with all proceeds going to the Desert Harbor Activities Organization. Miles Lowery won the raffle, but since him and his wife Bobbie will be traveling to California during that time, Miles opted to have the tickets raffled off to the highest bidder. Jim Wagner was "volunteered" to be the auctioneer and he did an outstanding job. The high bidder was Joanne Hankison with the proceeds again going to the Activities Organization.

Activities Organization President Ken Camp wishes to thank all of those people who attended the party, with special thanks to all those individuals who volunteered their time to make it such a success.



Geraldine Peterson playing Christmas songs on the organ.



There was lots of food and sweets.



Miles and Bobbie Lowery won the Cardinal tickets raffle but discovered they couldn't use them and auctioned them off. Jim Wagner was the fun auctioneer.



A big bunch gathered for this year's Christmas Pot Luck Party.



# Special Days for Desert Harbor Residents

## January Anniversaries

Date	Name	Lot #
1	Ronnie & Pat Estes	(77)
22	Gene & Mary Pat Summers	(189)
25	Steve & Peggy Ziegele	(71)

## January Birthdays

Date	Name	Lot #
5	Pat Estes	(77)
12	Esther Lough	(123)
12	Elaine Kereluk	(82)
17	Reni Dieball	(85)
17	Margaret Poshka	(4)
23	Ed Croyle	(120)
24	Bob LeVeque	(62)
25	Dave Drouin	(203)
27	James Campbell	(171)
31	Dorothy Bowles	(181)

## NEW RESIDENTS



Lot 9  
James Almon – BD February 29th  
Lorna Almon – BD April 15th  
Anniversary - July 14th

Jim and Lorna just moved here from Sacramento, CA in late November. Both are competitive bowlers and have suggested they could help us start a bowling league if there was enough interest. Football and billiards are other interests and shoes for Lorna...lots of shoes!

Lot 204  
Jerry Murphy – BD July 14th  
Pat Murphy – BD May 14th  
Anniversary - February 14th



Jerry and Pat with their dog purchased their Desert Harbor home in August 2008. They really like it here when comparing conditions in AZ to those back in Detroit. Jerry says Pat loves to shop when he's out golfing.



Lot 203  
Larry Swanson – BD September 20th  
Peggy Swanson – BD March 11th  
Anniversary - Valentines Day

Peggy and Larry purchased their Desert Harbor home in October 2007 but have only been around part time since then. They are originally from Nebraska and just recently sold there but still maintain a boat at San Diego, CA. They like dancing and having fun as part time residents.

Lot 154 (no picture available)

Lanny Leathers and Carol Haydter moved here in December 2008 from Jackson, FL. They still work which requires a lot of travel time.



## Are Looking to make some music?

Well if you can answer yes to any of the following questions, you could be in good company!

- \* Are you a musician?
- \* Do you like to sing?
- \* Any musical talent?
- \* What about some jammin'?

If you think you might be interested or know someone who is call Midge Drouin 982-9425 or Jan Ginsburg



983-5303. It could be a lot of fun to get together and see what kind of music we can make!

## What Is Your Opinion?

*Drop a note in our Suggestion Box in the clubhouse.*

*We want to improve this newsletter and other activities with your thoughts and suggestions.*

*Please write only one (1) suggestion per note but write as many as you want.*

*Please include your name and Lot #.*

*Thanks!*



# My Christmas Village

by Joyce Morrison, Lot #195

Christmas at Desert Harbor is a little different from our home in Alberta, Canada. Bill and I do and don't miss all the snow and cold back in Alberta while we're here. One of ways we celebrate this time of year and also remind us of conditions several hundred miles north, I recreate my sense of home by erecting a small village on a bed of snow (fluffy white batting). I started this tradition of village building about 15 years ago with just 6 houses and some little people.



Over the years I've added a few pieces until now the once little village has grown to over 40 buildings, 5 trains, 2 train stations, a skating rink, firemen standing outside a fire hall, and a lighthouse. Friends have helped with giving gifts of trains, churches and Santa's house, etc. This year I discovered a few really nice pieces here in the community during the

Patio Sale. Each year my set up takes a little longer and I never know for sure how everything is going to look when I'm finished.

This annual construction project presents an ever increasing challenge with each new addition, the need for more lights and a larger and larger corner of the house. Bill has not been shy with verbal suggestions that there will come a time when enough is enough...I don't think I'm there just yet but I sense the time may be near. For those of you with technical leanings, the basic construction this year includes several different size boxes, a coffee table, one end table and I have lost count to the number of lights and extension cords.



## SHARE A RECIPE

Here is a favorite of mine from the Crème de Colorado cookbook. *submitted by Ann Haggerty, #64*

### CHICKEN HERO SANDWICH - Serves 4-6

- 2/3 cup mayonnaise
- 3 green onions, including tops, thinly sliced
- 1 8 oz can water chestnuts, drained and coarsely chopped
- 2 teaspoons Dijon mustard
- 1/2 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 4-5 drops Tabasco sauce
- 2 cups diced, cooked chicken
- 1/2 cup shredded Monterey Jack cheese
- 1/2 cup chopped tomato
- 1/2 baguette loaf French bread
- 1/2 cup shredded Monterey Jack cheese

Garnish: minced fresh parsley, sliced green onions, sliced black olives

In large bowl, combine mayonnaise, green onions, water chestnuts, mustard, Worcestershire, salt and Tabasco. Stir in Chicken and 1 cup cheese. *Up to this point, chicken mixture can be prepared ahead, covered and refrigerated for up to 24 hours.*

Split French loaf in half lengthwise. Trim any uneven crust from bottom so loaf rests evenly. Place bread, cut side up, on baking sheet. Mix tomato into chicken mixture. Spread evenly over each bread half and sprinkle with 1 cup cheese. Bake until cheese is bubbly and lightly browned about 10 minutes. Transfer to long cutting board. Garnish with parsley, sliced green onions or olives.



# BREAKING IN THE “NEW” NEW YEARS RESOLUTIONS!

by Jan Ginsburg, #183

Good resolutions are simply checks that men draw on a bank that they have no account ~ Oscar Wilde

Ah, it's almost the New Year, leaving behind 2008, a year filled and crowded with huge happenings, national economic upsets, political changes, news both good and bad. We have memories that we will cherish of laughter, of tears and sad goodbyes, new beginnings and, oh yes, "Whatever happened to those 2008 Resolutions we attempted to keep?" New Year's is the only holiday that celebrates the passage of time. Perhaps that's why, as the final seconds of the year tick away, we become very introspective and our thoughts of self-improvement and the annual ritual of making resolutions begin.

Here are a few resolutions you may want to ponder over or add to your own list while contemplating the New Year.

- **MAKE YOUR FAMILY LAUGH**-Your children, grandchildren, friends or spouses.
- **INDULGE GUILT-FREE**-Whatever your passion, make a point to enjoy it this year even in small doses. If chocolate is your thing, vow to indulge every now and then, a Hershey's Kiss will do it.
- **BE MORE SPONTANEOUS**- When was the last time you did sometime spur-of-the-moment? Being spontaneous can be healthy for the soul and express who you are! So, if your sister calls and invites you at the last minute for facials or massages, go. If a neighbor calls and asks you to sign up for a big pool tournament in Tempe, grab your stick and go. Bottom line, Just Do It!
- **SPREAD CHEER**- And do it every single day! Smile at strangers, hand out compliments, ask how someone is doing and really feel it.
- **MAKE ONE NEW FRIEND**-That's it, just one. Not too intimidating, right? Look around you, your new buddy may be someone you see everyday and didn't know it. We are never too old to find or be that life time friend!
- **SPEND MORE TIME WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS**- Make plans to meet up with friends and family for an evening of camaraderie. It is always a feel-good time and something you usually never ever regret. That's an easy resolution not to break, what do you think?
- **LEARN SOMETHING NEW**-Have you vowed to make this a year to learn something new? Perhaps you are considering a new hobby, want to learn a new language, or just how to fix your computer. Whether you take a course or read a book, you'll find education to be one of the easiest, most motivating New Year's resolutions to keep.
- **HELP OTHERS**-Let's face it, a non-selfish New Year's resolution, volunteerism can take many forms. We live in a time and in an area that can certainly utilize our help and efforts, not just the community of Apache Junction but right here in Desert Harbor.

One resolution I have made and try always to keep is this: To rise above the little things~John Burroughs

## Community Info

by Mary Lou Croyle

**POOLS AND SPA INFO:** I'm very concerned for the health and safety of our fellow residents. Rumors have it that someone has (been) playing around with the thermostats for the pool and spa. The State of Arizona has set standards for maximum temperatures in the spa. This is done for a reason. Many in our community are on various medications and/or have health issues. They use the spa and pool for medical reasons. Excessive temperatures of the water could have dire results. It would be terrible if someone suffered because others chose to play around.

**RECYCLE BINS:** As you know, we have new recycling bins. The new company is providing two (2) bins, one for paper and one for aluminum cans. **ONLY** aluminum cans (soda and beer) will be recycled and are to be placed in the bin provided and paper products, including broken down cardboard boxes, newspapers, magazines, catalogs, old phone books (don't put your old one in the craft room), junk mail, shredded paper, cereal boxes and paper bags, in other words paper of any sort. American Land Lease will continue to donate the proceeds from the recycling to our activities organization. This is a convenience and courtesy provided to the community by management, please do not abuse it (or we may lose it).

**TRASH PICK-UP:** American Land Lease has arranged for a new company to pick up our weekly trash. Because of this we will now be able to know exactly when to put out the trash. The new company has advised that it is closed only on Christmas and New Year's Day. Therefore, the only time the trash won't be picked up is if either of these holidays should fall on our regularly scheduled trash days of Tuesday and Friday.

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