

HARBOR LIGHTS

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newsletter

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Desert Harbor, a 55+ community

Apache Junction, Arizona

ITS TIME! NEW YEARS RESOLUTIONS

by Jan Ginsburg

As we prepare to close the books on another year and fondly kiss 2009 good-bye, hopefully, there is *some memory* of the resolutions we started at the beginning of 2009. Ouch, did I hit a nerve; I know I just felt a twinge in the back of my neck when I thought about well-intended resolutions that fell by the way side! As history shows, "We are not alone!"

It may have something to do with 'what' resolutions we choose, the high expectations or major life changes we promise ourselves and we do this starting fresh with each New Year.

I thought it might be interesting to ask some of our neighbors and friends here at Desert Harbor to pick at least one resolution they would like to make for 2010. So here are my willing volunteers, including myself??



For those who are afraid of making those kinds of resolutions, here are some suggestions of ones that might be easier to keep!!

- Spend more time watching TV / movies.
- Chat more over phone / Internet.
- I want to gain weight.
Put on at least 30 pounds
- Stop exercising.
Waste of time.
- Procrastinate more.
- Drink. Drink some more.
- I will give up chocolates totally. 100% Completely.
Honestly
- I will not tell the same story at every get together.
- I won't worry so much

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NEWSLETTER SURVEY RESULTS

by Connie Riter

It was not surprising that the "Calendar of Monthly Activities" ranked as the number one item in the results of the Newsletter survey. Many residents depend on it for activities in the Park and the Committee will try to keep it as accurate as possible.

What was surprising, however, was that the "Meet Your Neighbor --- Old and New" article ranked second, with only one less vote for being the most important as the Calendar! You will see that in this January issue there is a "Meet Your Neighbor" who is BOTH old and new-- a singular accomplishment. We will try to include these articles each month, but would appreciate your help in finding people to write about. If you have a neighbor whom you think would be good to highlight, or if you would like to be included in a future article yourself, please notify a member of the Newsletter Committee or drop a note in the clubhouse suggestion box. Indicate the name, lot number, and a brief note as to why you think they should be highlighted. You don't need to write the article unless you want to. The Committee will take care of writing the article, we just need your suggestions.

Other articles in order of importance to those who completed the survey were: the Seasonal Cover Article, the Restaurant Review, the List of Birthdays and Anniversaries, AJ History, Recipe of the Month, Available Trips, Casino Trips, Travel Articles on Trips Taken, and the Book Review.

Thank you to all who completed the survey and to those who have submitted Restaurant Reviews. The kind comments many of you wrote on the survey are also really appreciated such as this one-- "The newsletter is great. Really enjoy reading it. Look forward to it every month." This is your Newsletter and we need your help in keeping it interesting and useful.

Your Desert Harbor Newsletter...

How are we doing?

The Desert Harbor Newsletter Committee would like your opinion

Please rate the following and circle a number:

What do you think of...	Very Important	1	2	3	4	5	Least Important
Cover Article with Seasonal Theme							
Calendar of Monthly Activities							
Birthdays/Anniversaries							
AJ / AZ History							
Meet Your Neighbor							
Casino Trips							
Other Trips							
Recap of Trips							
Recipe of the Month							
Restaurant Review							
Book Review							

Please tell us if there is anything you would like to see added to the monthly newsletter.

Optional:
Name: _____ Lot No.: _____

Please place in suggestion box in club house

NEW RESIDENT UPDATES...

Welcoming Committee:

- Bev Borchardt #142
- Judi Quetschenbach #141

LOT #22

Kay Morris and Robert M. Jones

(no photo available)

Kay is from Minnesota and Robert is from Florida. Both are part time residents. Kay's birthday is on July 28th and Robert's birthday is on September 15th. Kay has 2 children and 3 grandchildren while Robert has 3 children and 9 grandchildren. Robert is interested in golf and Kay is interested in card games.

LOT #121

Bill and Ardith McEwen

(no photo available)

Bill and Ardith are from Edmonton, Alberta and are part time residents. Bill's birthday is on August 27th and Ardith's birthday is on February 9th. They were married on May 2nd and have 2 children and no grandchildren yet. Bill and Ardith like golf, fishing and walking. Bill & Ardith both enjoy seafood and would appreciate any recommendations from other residents on any good seafood restaurants. Staying with Bill & Ardith is Norman Patmore and Alberta Dunbar and both are from Alberta. Norm's birthday is March 12th and Alberta's is August 19th. Norm likes to golf and Alberta likes crochet. Norm has 3 children and 4 grandchildren and Alberta has 3 children and 7 grandchildren.

LOT #23

Steve and Jan Hase

Steve and Jan are from Oregon and are part time residents. Steve's birthday is on October 4th and Jan's birthday is on June 2nd. They were married on November 23, 1974 and have 4 children and no grandchildren yet. Steve likes golf, pool and swimming and Jan likes to knit and would like to play golf as well.



FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

by Ken Camp



Christmas has come and gone and I hope all of you have had a wonderful time with friends and family. My thanks to all who helped decorate the hall and to all who participated in the holiday activities. This is always a fun time of the year! Remember the food bins for the less fortunate than we are. These are trying times for all of us and I hope you will remember those in need.

We have planned many exciting activities for the Residents during this New Year. Here are a few:

- January 13th, the **Saddle Strings** from Colorado will be at our Park. A flyer will be posted on the bulletin board. Mark this event on your calendar because I'm sure you will enjoy them.
- We did not have a pancake event in December since we had so many other activities going on. The next **Pancake Breakfast** will be on January 30th. Details will be posted.
- A **Valentine's Day Dance** will be held on February 13th.
- Start thinking about the next "**Silent Auction**" because it will be held on February 20th.

The year of 2009 has gone by very quickly and I hope that the new and old residents have had a good year.

I am looking forward to an exciting 2010 as we welcome the newly elected members of the Desert Harbor Activities Committee Board.

We always need to say a little prayer for those of us who are sick or in the hospital. May the New Year bring us all good health!

The Board Decides...

POT LUCKS PERMANENT TIME CHANGE

by Dave Borchardt #142

We now have a starting time that will be standard for all pot lucks. The happy hour time will be 4:30 to 5:00pm and the eating start time will be 5:00pm. We have had different start times in the past depending on the specific event, but now have standardized this for all pot lucks.

Desert Harbor 2010

Activities Organization

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Other Information...

Newsletter - If you want something to appear in the newsletter, submit a request in writing and place it in the "**Bright Ideas Suggestion Box**" in the Clubhouse or contact a member of the Newsletter Committee....

Janet Ginsburg, Connie Riter, Dave Borchardt,
 Kay McKersie, Bob Mayo, Midge Drouin,
 Jane Boudreau, Pat Ballock, Dick Smith, Don Walker and others

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QUILTS, QUILTS, QUILTS

by Reni Dieball

Come and see what the Closet Quilters have created, who meet at the clubhouse every week.

We have quilts of all sizes. For the past six years, we have had a quilt block exchange. The group picks a six and one-half inch (6 1/2") block and each quilter makes twelve to fifteen (12-15) blocks to exchange. At the end of three months, we each have approximately seventy-two (72) different blocks. The quilters exchange blocks and they are then assembled by each quilter. It is amazing how different each quilt looks. We will show these quilts, too.

There will be refreshments after the viewing, so please come and join us on

Tuesday, January 14, 2010
1:00 to 4:00 p.m.
 For our very first "official" Quilt Show.

Christmas Spirit in the Clubhouse By Connie Riter

Over 30 residents stayed in the Clubhouse after the monthly meeting on Dec. 5th to add some "Christmas Spirit" to the Hall. Boxes and bags were carried from storage and soon teams were decorating the trees, converting the pictures into gift packages, adding yuletide greenery everywhere, and even redecorating the bulletin board.

Helen Rietow and Ron Ruetz painstakingly set up the Christmas village while others climbed ladders to string Christmas lights and ribbons from the hall lights. Everyone enjoyed working together until the inside and outside were festive. We then had a pizza party when most of the work was done. Ken Camp wishes everyone to know how much he appreciated the large number of people who helped make a would-be difficult task so enjoyable.



MICROWAVE CHICKEN DIVAN

From: Kay McKersie

Cook four chicken breasts in the microwave on high for 7-8 minutes. (I prefer to brown them in a frying pan)

Blanch 1½ pounds of cut up broccoli in a large casserole dish for 6 minutes on high.

Place cooked chicken on broccoli.

Combine the following ingredients and pour over chicken.

- 2 cans cream of chicken soup
- 1 cup mayo
- 1 tsp. curry powder
- 1 cup shredded cheese

Spread a cup of bread crumbs over top. Bake in microwave on high for 10-12-minutes or oven bake at 350 degrees for 30-40 minutes.

I serve this over rice.....



HERE IS YOUR INVITATION...

If you have any family or friends that you would like to do a little bragging about, this is the place to do it.

Even if you would like to brag a little about yourself, please let a member of the newsletter committee know.

Don't worry about the wording, lay-out or set-up, we will take care of that, just let us know the details and we will make it look good.

Desert Harbor Bragging Corner . . . by Dave Borchardt, #142

Helen Rietow and Ron Ruetz, #74, would like to do a little "bragging" about their grandchildren. First, Helen and Ron's grandson Jake Rietow was recently featured in the local Knox, IN newspaper for being selected as a member of the 2009 Indianapolis Colts Academic All Star Team. Jake Rietow

Helen and Ron, Lot #73, are very proud of their grandchildren.



Joe Rietow

is currently ranked No.1 in his class and his twin brother, Joe is ranked No.2.

Helen's and Ron's granddaughter, Danielle DePoy, graduated December 7, 2009 from the Bel-Rea Institute of Animal Technology in Denver, CO. Danielle put herself through school in 2½ years. She did an internship at the Strasburg Vet Clinic and enjoys working on large and small animals. She hopes to find work as a licensed veterinary technician in the Denver area.

KHS senior Rietow named Colts All-Star

BY JAMES LANDRUM CORRESPONDENT

KNOX - Jacob Rietow, Knox High School senior quarterback and safety was selected as a member of the 2009 Indianapolis Colts Academic All Star Team.

Twenty-four players were selected to the first team out of 80 players who were nominated and ranked in the top five percentile of their graduating class. On this year's team, every player was ranked in the top two percent. Currently, Rietow is ranked No. 1 in his graduating class.

Rietow will travel to Indianapolis in December to be recognized for his achievement. He will be recognized with the entire 2009 Indianapolis Colts Academic All Star team during halftime of the Colts game in Lucas Oil

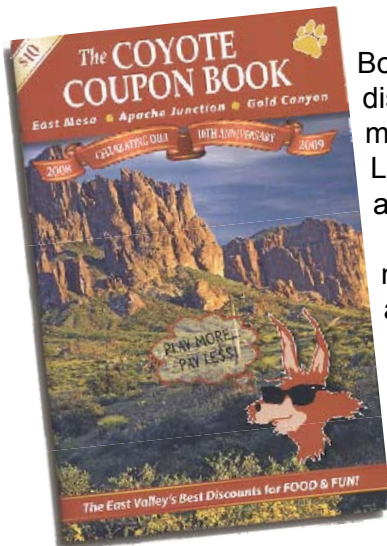


Jake Rietow

Stadium against the Denver Broncos on December 13th. Rietow has demonstrated a high level of excellence in both the classroom and on the field. Rietow is the son of James and Julie Rietow and grandson of Helen Rietow and Ron Ruetz.

13 COYOTE COUPON BOOKS TO GO!

by Connie Riter



If you haven't purchased a Coyote Coupon Book, we still have some available. These discount books have over 130 local offers with more than 50 "buy-one-get-one" free coupons. Lots of local restaurants, many golf coupons, and even pet coupons and a florist.

If you know you're having visitors in the next few months, you may want to purchase a book to save some money on the tourist attractions and restaurants. Just using a few will more than pay for the \$15 book, and it's another way to help fund our Activities Committee. A sample is on display at the Clubhouse or you can check www.CoyoteCoupons.com to see all that is in it.

Jan Ginsburg and Connie Riter are selling them.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST



Saturday, January 30, 2010

Beginning at 8:00 am - 9:30 am

Scrambled eggs, sausage, pancakes, juice, applesauce and coffee

Cost is \$3.00 per person

Please bring your individual table service

RESIDENTS MEETING – by Bob Mayo

The monthly residents meeting for December was held on December 5th and was called to order by Ken Camp. The minutes of the November meeting were previously provided for residents to look at and were accepted by voice vote. Art Roberts presented the Treasurers Report for both the month of November as well as a recap of all financial transactions from the time he had taken over as Treasurer at the beginning of April 2009. These reports were also approved by a voice vote of residents present. Art also provided an update on the move of the activities organization funds from Wells Fargo Bank to M&I Bank. This had been discussed at the meeting in November because of Wells Fargo's change in their fees that impacted our funds in that institution. Art requested the resident's to approve writing the necessary checks to open up a new account at M&I Bank and to subsequently close the account at Wells Fargo. His request was seconded and subsequently approved by a voice vote.

Connie Riter raised an issue of a family named Tucker living in Queen Creek which was experiencing extreme personal and financial issues as a result of Mr. Tucker having just learned he had a very aggressive form of Cancer and having been apparently given a matter of days to weeks to live. Friends and others were seeking any donations that might help the family, particularly in an effort to at least give the three children some sort of Christmas and Connie was asking if there were those in the park that might wish to help. With a short speech by Jim McKersie as well as a donation to get the ball rolling a total of over \$300 was raised just from those at the meeting with promises of more to come. It was a wonderful display of concern and sharing by the people who live here for those who may be suffering through hard times at this time of the year.

The members chosen to fill the three open board positions were verified by a simple vote of residents present as all were running without opposition. Those members include Judy Quetschenback as the new Secretary, Art Roberts to continue as Treasurer, and Dick Smith who will serve as the new board member at large. Congratulations to all the new members.

There were reports from various committees including one on the results of the combined patio, white elephant, book, and baked goods sale. The organization realized a gain of approximately \$500 total from the white elephant sale, book sales, and sale of baked goods. Thanks to all who made this event so successful.

Ken Camp brought up a request to change the starting times for the monthly pot luck suppers to allow the cleanup crews to be able to finish up and get out at a reasonable time. As a result during the coming year potluck suppers will start with Happy Hour at 4:30 with dinner beginning at 5:00. This was approved by a vote of residents present. There will also be a change in how the 50/50 is handled. Art Roberts and Dick Smith will handle the 50/50 for all special events. Rather than going around the room giving out tickets and collecting for the 50/50, they will have the tickets available at the front door so that when residents arrive they can get their tickets at that time. There will no longer be roving ticket sellers at the special events.

The meeting was adjourned and many of the residents stayed to help put up the Christmas decorations and we wish to thank all those who participated.

Residents Help Family in Need

by Connie Riter

During the recent Activities Meeting Desert Harbor residents were told of a family in need of help. A young family is facing a bleak Christmas because their 46 year old father is in a local hospital

dying of inoperable cancer. The doctors have given him one day to a month to live. The Tucker family lives in Queen



Creek and their mother is a nurse in a local hospital. There are three children -- Adam who is 14 years old, Sarah who is 7 years old, and Trinity who is 5.

Ken Camp suggested that we try to help them out by giving what we can and by also giving the money which would have gone to the 50/50 raffle. The generosity of so many people was overwhelming and \$391 was collected for the family! Helen Rietow also donated two coloring book organizers which she makes, for the two little girls. These will be wrapped and given to the children along with the other gifts and gift cards which will be purchased for the family.

Thank you so much for all your generosity and prayers for the family. I will keep you updated on the situation as circumstances change.

Our Return to Desert Harbor

by Margo and Joe Crawford

Many of the long time, or fairly long time, residents of Desert Harbor remember when Joe and I lived here previously. We moved in April 2003 during triple digit temperatures to a very early, very hot heat wave. That was when we moved to Lot 107. We moved out of DH in late March of 2006. Joe had decided to go back to work for his former company. That meant life on the road again. We made the decision to sell our home and purchase another 5th wheel trailer so we could live together, travel together and work together once again. Joe was a foreman / superintendent for one of the top 10 paint contracting companies in the country. In the past he has run work at Ft. Leonard Wood, MO., the Aladdin Hotel & Casino, the Sahara Hotel & Casino and the Orange County Convention Center Phase 5 Expansion in Orlando, FL. There are many other job locales that are just too many to mention. People always comment that we sure saw a lot of the country. My reply is, "Well, what we could see from the interstate at 70 mph!"



Now we have returned to Desert Harbor. Prior to moving back we drove through the park a few times to see what was for sale and we would stop and chat with old friends. Or we would run in to someone at Wal Mart, don't worry Sandy Carmon, I won't mention any names! We would receive an invitation to join in on the upcoming potluck as that person's guests. Lucky us! So, why did we return to DH? The answer is simple. We ran out of people willing to invite us for the next potluck! We had to buy so we could attend.

But in all honesty, we have returned to be with friends. Our old friends from our previous life here and new friends we have just met and friends we have yet to meet. We looked around before making this decision. We spent weeks or actually months looking. Every place we went there were 'problems'. High lot rents, small houses at big prices and/or enough rules to choke a really big elephant. We figured that in the end it all balances out. You might save in one area or maybe get a 'stick' house or maybe a bigger park or fancier or whatever. But what it all boils down to is the people. And when you live in Desert Harbor believe me you will meet the best. We have spent much time in RV Parks and some were mixed mobile home and RV Parks but the people don't match up to the friends we have here. We are very happy to be back and only 3 doors from where we used to be!

UPCOMING EVENT **CASINO TRIP IN JANUARY 2010**

by Celine Leonard

We have a Casino trip to Ft McDowell on Tuesday January 19th, 2010; it is going to be a night trip with check in at 2:30 pm and return will be around 10:30 pm after the bingo. You get \$10.00 in slot play on arrival; but you will need a pin number. If you do not have one you can get it on arrival.

When you sign up, I will need to know everyone that has a card for the casino, if you don't have a card, I will also need your birth date so I can fax this information to the casino a few days before. On arrival they will have your card made up in advance, no standing in long lines, no waiting just straight to the slots! Sign up early, we have a 56 passenger bus and would like to fill it up with Desert Harbor residents and friends, but we must guarantee 40 people or more. Looking forward to seeing all of you then!

GOOD NEWS ANNOUNCEMENT

Landscape Pick-Up

**Effective
December, 2009**



American Land Lease announced that Desert Harbor has a new provider for trash pick up which includes the removal of our landscape waste cuttings. Landscape waste may now be picked up with regular trash on Monday and Thursday. The first Wednesday of the month for landscape waste NO LONGER applies.

Preparation of landscape waste material must still be properly contained and tied in bundles. Bundles must not be longer than four (4) feet in length. All debris containing thorns, needles, or other sharp protrusions must be placed inside a disposable container, preferably cardboard boxes. Saguaro cacti and palm trees will not be picked up. Palm tree trimmings, however, are acceptable. Please make sure that tree limbs are bundled together and no larger than 12 inches in diameter.

For any questions, please feel free to contact our community manager, Yvonne Cavazos at (480) 288-8876.

THANKSGIVING POT LUCK

by Dave Borchardt #142

The annual Desert Harbor Thanksgiving Pot Luck Dinner was held on Saturday, November 21, 2009 and was a huge success. There were 105 people in attendance as well as 7 meals that were prepared for the people in the park that could not make it to the dinner. There were 2 complete turkeys and 4 turkey breasts that were prepared for a total of 79 lbs. of meat. The turkey, mashed potatoes and gravy and stuffing were fantastic. Our residents brought many, many types of salads, breads and entrees that made for a very impressive array of food. All of the desserts were equally delicious and again there was an abundant selection.

Ken Camp and his crew did an outstanding job for this event. Ken had many, many helpers who prepared the turkey, and helpers who peeled 40 pounds of potatoes for the mashed potatoes, and the people who helped make the gravy. There were many people who helped set up the tables and many people who helped clean up at the end. There were so many people that helped we could not possibly name them all, and they deserve all of our thanks. It truly was a wonderful Thanksgiving Day Dinner for all of us not only for the food but also for the terrific friends we have here at Desert Harbor.



Desert Harbor

BIRTHDAYS / ANNIVERSARIES

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
19	Janis Whitemarsh	49
23	Ed Croyle	120
24	Bob LeVeque	62
25	Dave Drouin	203
29	Ken Novak	187
31	Dorothy Bowles	181

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

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

If you wish to add your birthday and/or anniversary or make any corrections to the list, please call Kay McKersie at 480-288-9531.

E-MAIL ADDRESSES

... by Dave Borchardt #142

If you would like to be notified by e-mail of last minute items in the park, please be sure to give us your e-mail address. We have several already and if you would like to be included, please let us know by sending your e-mail address to azhighways@aol.com. This is Dave & Bev Borchardt's e-mail address and we use this account to notify residents of last minute events in the park or when we are notified of upcoming water shut off or any other last minute park items. Also, please be sure to let us know if you change your e-mail address.

ARIZONA HISTORY

Boyce Thompson Arboretum

by Kay McKersie

Boyce Thompson Arboretum is located on Highway 60 outside of Superior. The elevation is 2,400 feet and is slightly cooler than the Valley of the Sun.

The Arboretum offers hiking trails through the cactus gardens, Ayer Lake, volcanic rock formations and a path alongside Queen Creek.

The trail is a 1.5 mile loop and parts of it are accessible by wheelchair.

More than fifty acres of developed gardens let visitors learn about desert landscaping, bird-watching and Sonoran ecology. Each season offers something new in plant life and birding.

The Arboretum opened in 1925 and has become a botany research affiliate of the University of Arizona's College of Agriculture and Life Sciences and a State Park.

Colonel William Boyce Thompson founded the arboretum because he wanted "to instill in people an appreciation of arid land plants through fostering education, recreation, research and conservation". He was an early silver and copper baron with investments in Superior, Globe and Miami mines.

There is a museum, bookstore and a wide selection of desert plants for sale. There are also guided tours available.



Art, Connie and Abby visit the BTA often.



Desert Harbor
New Years Eve Dance

The Desert Harbor Activities Committee invites you to help ring in the New Year! A New Years Eve Dance will be held at the Clubhouse on

December 31, 2009

featuring "Uncle Beaver", the one man keyboard player and singer, beginning at 7:30 PM.

Tickets - \$7.50 per person

For Tickets contact:

Art Roberts - 480.641.7753

Dick Smith - 480.983.5819

Janet Ginsberg - 480.983.5303

Ken Camp - 480.641.0975

In Search of Restaurant Reviews

In October's Harbor Lights, we asked you to share a restaurant review with our readers. Just complete the form below and send it to our newsletter 'librarian' Bob Mayo at bmayo46490@msn.com or give your review to any one on our newsletter staff.

Thanks for your help



Desert Harbor Restaurant Review

Restaurant Name _____

Address/City _____

Major Intersection _____

Telephone _____

Web Site _____

Hours _____

Happy Hour Specials _____

Busy Time _____

Specialty _____

Entertainment _____

Service _____

Reservations Required? Would you go back? Approx. price per person

Yes No

Yes No

Under \$20 Over \$20

What did you have? _____

Date / Resident Name _____

Any additional comments: _____

(overall opinion) _____

If you can, please take a menu

RESTAURANT REVIEW

by Dave Borchardt #142



Bev and I along with Jack & Judi Quetschenbach have eaten at The Streets of New York a few times and have been impressed with each visit. The wait staff is very friendly and are very attentive, stopping by to check on us frequently and to refill our drinks. They do not sell hard liquor, but have beer, wine, soda pop and iced tea. The portions are more than what we could eat and they were very kind to divide our entrees so we could easily share our meals and provided us with containers to take home what we couldn't finish. The restaurant hours are:

Sunday-Thursday 10:30am to 10:00pm
 Friday-Saturday 10:30am to 11:00pm

They are located at 1959 S Signal Butte Rd in Mesa (Signal Butte & Baseline) and their phone number is (480) 986-6175. The web site is www.streetsofnewyork.com and their menu is on the web site.

They have an "Early Bird Special" from 3:00-6:00pm, Sunday through Wednesday where you buy one entrée and get the second entrée (equal or lesser value) for free. You do not need a coupon for the special and they include 10" pizzas, salads or any pasta entrée. I would definitely recommend trying the early bird special, you won't be disappointed.



Do you see yourself in this picture? Could it inspire a New Year's resolution?

Our summer back home, 2009



The "gang" gathers before the cruise!



LeRoy and Toni Ague are seen here.



Iowa Mystery "Gang" Cruise

by Toni Ague

During the past summer, LeRoy and I put together a fun event for our car club in Iowa. Pictured above is the gang who participated with us. We all had a blast!

As the organizers of this event, we came up with a route that took about 3 hours to complete along some of Iowa's prettiest country roads (not to fear, they all were hard surfaced). If drivers stayed on track, we were to travel 83 miles in all. There were 29 cars with each carrying numerous passengers who joined in on the adventure. Remember, LeRoy and I were the only ones who actually knew where we would wind up and for us, that was the fun part!

We had printed maps with instructions for everyone and we had all turns carefully highlighted. Hopefully, no one would get lost but to add a little mystery to the adventure, our wayward members had to provide answers to timely questions along the way. Everyone brought food for the end of the journey and with that we had a fantastic pot luck picnic.

We awarded 4 winners with cash prizes for those having the most right answers to questions on the trip. No, LeRoy and Toni Ague did not win!



We finished the day with a tour of the Iowa City Antique Car Museum. Everyone reported having a great time on the drive, the good food with friends, great prizes, and finishing with the tour of an awesome car museum at the end.

When we mentioned this story to some of our Desert Harbor friends, it was suggested that we might explore the possibility of doing a similar adventure here in Arizona. Talk it up and let's see what develops.

This was our second Mystery (car) Cruise with the group and we will most likely have another cruise next summer. It was great fun!

Bus Trips in January by Connie Riter

If you're new to the area and you want to see things without having to drive there, you may consider taking a bus trip. Any that you book through Connie (641-7753) will give our activities committee a 5% commission.....Perhaps, 2010 is the time to see some new places. Here are a few available and more are listed in the travel book in the Clubhouse.

Sedona sightseeing-- Jan. 8th - \$50 pp. Take a trolley tour and a scenic drive through Oak Creek Canyon.

Phoenix City Tour -- Jan. 20. \$29 pp.

Phoenix Cardinals Stadium -- Jan. 22-- guided tour of the stadium and a visit to Cabela's. \$48pp.

Tucson Quilt Show -- Jan. 22nd -- Over 300 quilts, craft demonstrations, vendors, shopping. \$43pp

Palm Springs Follies -- Jan. 27 thru 29. Show featuring the Four Aces, Wind Mill Tour/ Valley tour, and Village Fest. \$377 pp. dbl.

Rocky Point -- Jan. 19-21st. Stay at the Playa Bonita on the beach. City tour, dinner at hotel, lots of shopping, visit fish market, stop at general store in Sonoita on the way back. \$259 pp dbl.

Hockey game -- Jan. 28th. Phoenix Coyotes vs. Calgary Flames. \$79 pp.

Algodones and Yuma Swap Meet -- Jan. 22nd. \$49 pp.

Casino trips are also available to Las Vegas (2 nights at 4 Queens) \$99 pp dbl.; and several to Laughlin, staying at the Colorado Belle, the Edgewater, or Avi. For more information you may also check the two websites involved:

www.sinclairtravelcenter.com and www.especially4utours.com

Sputz Rides Again

Sputz rules our home at Lot #27 and has Opal and Leonard Sellheim well trained. He is our 2½ year old Shih Tsu (pronounced SHEED-zoo). A handsome little (fat)

guy, he came to us from breeder

Wendy Hanley in Goodman, Missouri. His Sire's name is

"Break'n the Rules" and the Dam is

"Rebecca." He is registered with the American

Kennel Club. The name Shih Tsu

means "Little Lion" in Chinese. Unlike his namesake, he is known for his sociable temperament. He is exceedingly friendly to all humans and animals.

Sputz found Opal in the Animal Kingdom store at the mall where she was admiring the puppies. Sputz was 3 pounds then and the salesperson said he would only grow to be 7 to 11 pounds. WELL!!! He now weighs 20 pounds!

Pap, aka Leonard, feeds him pork chops, steak and numerous rewards for just about anything. However, if your grandchildren have not given you any greats, we suggest a Shih Tsu – he'll keep you moving!



"THE SADDLE STRINGS"

Three talented musicians will be entertaining our Desert Harbor residents on Wednesday, January 13, 6:30 to 8:00 pm. Carol Lep, Dave White, and Don Schwartz are from Colorado and truly enjoy their cowboy form of music. They fully understand and recognize that cowboy music plays an important role in sharing the western lifestyle with the public.

Everyone is encouraged to attend this musical treat and the cost is only \$5.00 at the door.

For more information contact any Board Member or show up at our Clubhouse on January 13th.



LADIES GET ACQUAINTED SOUP AND SALAD LUNCHEON *by Jane Boudreau*

On Tuesday December 1st, 2009 the monthly luncheon was held at the clubhouse. The luncheon was attended by 25 ladies including three guests from outside the community. We were also pleased Estelle Pein, Dorothy Mueller, and Faye Brandt were able to join us this time. Committee members and those attending the November meeting were encouraged to invite someone from their street who had not recently attended our luncheon. This practice will continue during 2010.

The Ladies Get Acquainted Soup and Salad Luncheon is held on the first Tuesday of each month at 12 noon in the clubhouse. Those attending are asked to bring a soup, salad or desert as their contribution for our lunch. The organization committee prepares coffee and hot water for tea. If you would like something different to drink please bring it with you as well as your table service. Remember you will want to bring a bowl or two with your full table service for sampling of the soups.

A sign-up sheet is posted on the Activities Organization Bulletin Board for those attending to indicate their contribution.

Ladies this is a wonderful opportunity to meet your neighbors and try out a new recipe. We look forward to seeing you on January 5, 2010.



LADIES LUNCHEON AT A LOCAL RESTAURANT *by Jane Boudreau*



The Ladies of Desert Harbor meet on the third Tuesday of each month for lunch at a local restaurant. We meet in the clubhouse at 11:00 AM to form carpools. This ensures everyone has transportation to the restaurant as well as reducing the number of cars at the restaurant. Those ladies wishing to attend are asked to put their names on the sign-up sheet on the Activities Organization Bulletin Board.

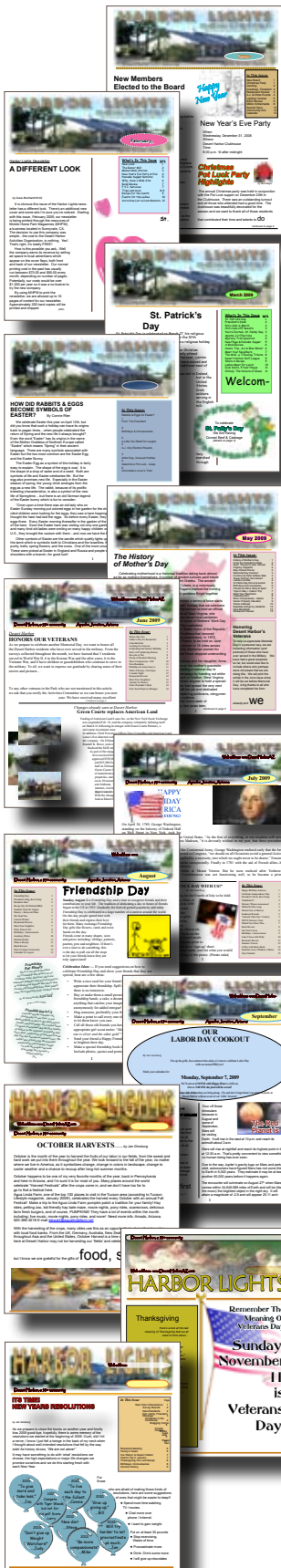
Helen Rietow has selected JB'S Restaurant in Mesa for the January luncheon. That JB'S is located at 6810 E. Main St., Mesa, AZ, at the corner of Main St. and Power Rd. If I were going to describe the menu I would classify it as "American Cuisine". In addition to the menu items, they also have a salad bar. Their web site is www.jbsfamily.com if you would like to view their full menu.

We hope all the ladies at Desert Harbor will join us for one or both of these luncheons during 2010.

Reflections of 2009

... by Don Walker

We thought it might be interesting to look back and offer a brief review of our Desert Harbor Newsletter for the year. You know something, now that we look at it...We did a lot in 2009!!! Yeah to Desert Harbor!



● **January** -- We started the year with new elected members to the Activities Organization: Ken Camp, Pres, Jan Ginsburg, V.Pres, Jean Hansen, Treasurer, Midge Drouin, Member-at-Large. The New Year's Eve Party welcomed 2008 and the continuing and new members of our Activities was off and running. We learned that American Landlease was being acquired by Green Courte Partners for a cash purchase price of \$14.20 per share (\$438 million).

● **February** -- We celebrated Valentine's Day with timeless and memorable stories. We restarted the Pancake Supper midweek and many enjoyed the late afternoon time. The neighbor profiles were reintroduced and we called it "Meet Your Neighbor". The Park offered to support the AJ Food Bank by collecting food for the less fortunate in our community and we've continued that effort to this day. We saw another Mardi Gras Party at Desert Harbor and it was great. The newsletter printing costs dropped to zero when we signed on with Mobile Home Park Magazines, they sell advertising and we get our paper FREE.

● **March** -- St. Patrick's Day and we celebrated it with a corned beef & cabbage potluck. The results of the January Chili Cook-Off were printed and the winners were Mike Kereluck, 1st., Estelle Pein, 2nd., and Jim McKersie, 3rd. Many participated in the community's Spring Patio and Bake Sale.

● **April** -- Of course April is synonymous with paying taxes so Kitch & Calli were invited to ease this event with a little comic relief...the clubhouse was packed. The ladies monthly luncheons continue to be a success both in the clubhouse as well as at local restaurants with many ladies in the park.

● **May** -- Mother's Day was recognized with sentimental memories by some Park moms. "Meet Your Neighbor" starred this month sisters and long time residents, Agnes Miller and Marce Desiderio. Some park residents ventured to Canyon Lake to enjoy an afternoon on the Dolly Steamboat. The Golf Group gathered for their end of season BBQ. Local residents visited Spring baseball teams and shared their experiences.

● **June** -- Desert Harbor honors our veterans on Memorial Day with a beautiful display and potluck dinner. The first half of the community's streets were resurfaced and the results were very nice. Fathers' Day brought back memories for many of our local fathers...thanks for your thoughts. Reni Dieball won again with 2 handmade quilts at the Annual Quilt Show in Mesa. Ken (our Pres) and Joann were "Meet Your Neighbor" subjects this month.

● **July** -- The 4th of July was hot dogs and hamburgers with all the fixin's as we further honored our vets at the clubhouse and later we enjoyed the aerial fire works display, courtesy of AJ, from the comfort of our own yards...Happy Birthday America! We sadly learned of the passing of Ann Haggarty, a big helper on our Harbor Lights newsletter committee.

● **August** -- The lazy days of summer catch up with Desert Harbor as heat bears down. We recognized our friends on "Friendship Day". The new Coyote Coupon Book went on sell to benefit our Activities Org. Chris Tomlinson revealed his love of automobiles and racing in our "Meet Your Neighbor" column.

● **September** -- Labor Day is a day we set aside for the working people so we had our "Cookout" and served bratwurst and burgers. Some residents shared their memories of their first job. For our "Meet Your Neighbor" segment, new residents at #192, Barb and Charlie volunteered their story.

● **October** -- Two big events occurred, "The 50's and 60's Dance" and "Halloween Party". The Dance brought us Larry & Judy Liles' musical comic antics and we enjoyed a lot of dancing this night. Halloween saw some pretty interesting characters come out of the woodwork for the fun of it. Dramatic pictures showed a lot of rain and lightening over our community.

● **November** -- Veterans Day allowed us time to reflect on the many sacrifices our men and women give and have given in the service of our Country, "Let Us Not Forget". Our newsletter committee offered its first "How are we doing" questionnaire. The Fall Patio and Bake Sale was a success by all accounts. Thanksgiving Potluck complete with turkey and dressing completed the month.

● **December** -- The annual Residents Meeting announced the new members of the Board to now include Judy Q., Secretary, Art Roberts, Treasurer, and Dick Smith, Member-at-Large. Winners of the fall Texas Hold'm Tournament were: Cyndi Smith, 1st, Sheila Galli, 2nd, Dave Borchardt, 3rd, and Joe Crawford, 4th. The Christmas Potluck is always a success.

Now, we start it all over again for 2010.
Stay tuned for MORE exciting newsletters to come!



Classified Ads

Free to Desert Harbor residents

For Sale

Screen Door
80" X 32" (85% screen)
\$25.00 -- Or Best Offer
Call Barb Olson, Lot 192
480-288-0568

For Sale

Kitchen Table
w/built Table Leaf
w/4 chairs
Oak Finish
\$150.00 -- Or best offer

6 X 4 ft. Area Rug
Dark Red Pattern
\$75.00 -- Or best offer
Call 623-698-9212, Lot 95

For Sale

GE Pot Scrubber 650
GE Electric Stove
Everything works great
See at #196 or call George or Dot
480-474-9104, Lot 196

For Sale

Computer Table
46" X 30", 3 Shelves
\$15.00
Call Steve Davison
1-307-262-4456, Lot 134

For Sale

Red 3 Wheel Sonic Scooter
3 years old \$500.00
See at #58 or call Dave or Karen
480-982-3938 or 480-221-6414

LOST

1 Brand New \$40.00 Gate Opener
Lost in front of #171 Tuesday 10-20-09
Call J. McClain at 208-262-4987
Please call if **ANYONE** saw it
or picked it up.

This
could be
where you
can sale
those no
longer
needed
items.

Desert Harbor Activities & Coordinators

Activity	Coordinator	Telephone
Appliqué	Reni Dieball	983-0578
Bridge Group	Larry Lepic	288-1565
Card Games	TBA	
Casino Trips	Celine Leonard	982-1618
Closet Quilters	Reni Dieball	983-0578
Genealogy	Esther Lough	288-8579
Golf	Don Walker	288-5686
Ladies Luncheon	Helen Rietow	983-6151
Ladies Soup & Salad Luncheon	Joann Hankinson	641-0975
Line Dancing	Mary Pat Summers	983-4227
Mah-Jongg	Celine Leonard	982-1618
Pinochle	Elaine Kereluk	987-8587
Poker	TBA	
Stitch & Chat	Reni Dieball	983-0578
Stretching Class	Midge Drouin	982-9425
Tai Chi	Dick Smith	983-5819
Travel	Connie Riter	641-7753
Yoga	Dick Smith	983-5819

For questions about these activities, contact the appropriate coordinator. Your participation is welcomed and very much appreciated. Thank you.

Activities with no specific coordinator:

Water Aerobics Billiards

Recent Activities cancelled or suspended:

Dominoes Bunco Card Bingo
Shuffleboard Cribbage Positive Thinking

DESERT HARBOR RESIDENTS OFFER SERVICES

The following Desert Harbor residents offer the following services:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>SERVICE</u>	<u>PHONE</u>
● Greg Sather	House Painting	Lot #10 602-558-0305
● Ron Ruetz	Small Electrical Jobs	Lot #73 480-983-6151
● Toni Ague	Painting, Alterations, Odd Jobs	Lot #126 319-533-1098
● Richard Nienkark	Roofing, Painting, Odd Jobs	Lot #128 480-983-1396
● Miles Lowery	Handyman	Lot #164 480-276-8568
● Carroll Cooper	Installation of Small Locks & Woodworking Jobs	Lot #198 480-671-3147
● Midge Drouin	Haircuts, Sets & Styling	Lot #203 480-982-9425

December 2009


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Desert Harbor's January 2010

Calendar of Events

February 2010

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		29 6:30p Board Meeting. Residents may attend if they have suggestions or issues to discuss.	30	31 7:00p New Year's Eve Party <i>Music by</i>  <i>Uncle Beaver</i>	1 7:00a Water Aerobics 1:00p Genealogy 4:00p Happy Hour 7:00p Cards/ <i>Happy New Year 2010</i>	2 8:00a Coffee/Donuts 9:00a Resident's Meeting
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