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The history of Valentine's Day has been a mystery to date and no one knows the correct information about the history and origin of Valentine's Day. Although there are a number of legends surrounding Valentines' Day history, most of these stories about that history have been passed on through the generations.

As we celebrate Valentine's Day in 2010, most of us are less concerned with that history but more with its current meaning for us and the past memories it brings. Though St. Valentine is credited with its creation, we are responsible for keeping it alive and moving it forward!

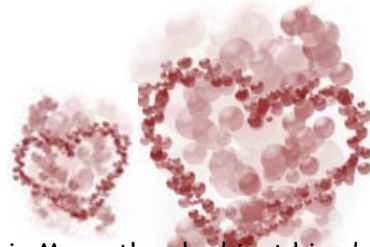
Love is the nucleus for the Valentine celebration, and "I Love You" is said in many languages around the world, such as:

- Bulgarian Obicham Te
- Croatian Ljubim Te
- Czech Miluji Te
- Dutch Ik Hou Van Jou
- Filipino Mahal Kita
- French Je T'aime
- German Ich Liebe Dich
- Italian Ti Amo (Relationship/Lover/Spouse)
- Norwegian Jeg Elsker Deg (Yai Elske Dai)
- Polish Kocham Cie
- Russian Ya Vas Liubliu
- Slovak Lubim Ta
- Spanish Te Quiero
- Swedish Jag A'Lskar Dig
- Ukrainian Ja Tebe Kokhaju (true love)

As with last year's February edition, I have invited a few of our residents to contribute any special, unique, humorous or romantic stories they have involving the Valentine holiday. I would like to thank each of these couples for taking the time to dig deep into their past and share those memories with us.

Stories from residents who share their

Valentine Memories



Alice Johnson #5



In 2000, I was working at a nursing home in Mesa, they had just hired a new man by the name of Bill, but no one knew his last name and he was kind of a quiet man. On Valentines Day, friends of mine, a nurse and her husband came to the kitchen and told me there was a Valentine gift! I said, "For me?" They replied yes, but it wasn't from them. They said, if I could guess who it was from, that person would have it engraved. The only clue I had was that it was from someone I worked with. I finally guessed who my gift was from, and Bill and I started our dating, we were married on October 20th, 2000.

It is 2010 and I still haven't got my gift engraved, maybe our 10th anniversary he will do it. My guess is he wanted to be sure it would last before he put the money into it!

Connie Riter #81

A long time ago, in the cold dismal days of February in New York, I was "bummed out" because Art and his ex-wife, Beverly, were flying to sunny Arizona to attend their daughter's wedding -- around Valentine' Day. I offered to drive them to the airport and was preparing for a quiet week alone. That afternoon, I received a beautiful heart-shaped vase from Art filled with roses..... "Happy Valentine's Day, and thanks...." I saved that vase for many years!



Al and Dee Goodwin #200



Here we are at Desert Harbor! Time does fly when you're having fun - Wow! I remember when I was a sophomore in high school our Rainbow club was having a Valentines Day formal dance. Well, I had this big crush on 'Goodie" so I had his sister (my friend) ask him if he would like to go with me and he said yes! WHEW WHOO!

Well, 55 years and many Valentines Days later, we are living at Desert Harbor and we are so proud to be here! Happy New Years to All!

Judi Quetschenbach #141

Here is what we remember about the FIRST Valentines Day (02-14-61) that Jack and I were together. We had been dating about 4 months and he came to my house with his arms full of gifts for me (A heart shape box of chocolates', a dozen red roses and an outfit to wear that was red and a huge valentine day card. He then took me out to a nice Restaurant for Dinner and I must say I was overwhelmed and decided then that I wanted him to be my VALENTINE forever.

I must admit that the many gifts and big cards have disappeared, however our love for one another has always been there each year as we remember each other on that special day. We have had many great Valentines' Days since then and this year we will be on our last day of a Mexican Riviera Cruise, which we know will be very eventful along with all the past ones as well.



Karen Stephens #156

It's February 14th 1997, we are in the middle of a big snow storm in Chicago. Jim and I had been dating for a while but today, Valentines Day, he was loading up his Dodge pick-up with all his belongings, everything that could fit in the cab. His motorcycle was in the bed of the truck and there was the smallest U-Haul he could find hooked up behind! He was leaving for Bullhead City, NV and I was staying in Chicago, Jim's last call was to me that day before having his phone shut off!

After six months of traveling back and forth from Chicago to Bullhead City, Jim and I were married in Bullhead City and the rest is history! The last year we were apart on Valentines Day was 1997, the rest have been spent together.



From the President's Desk

by Ken Camp

I have a hard time thinking of this as 2010! I do not know where the time goes. At this stage of our lives we would hope time might slow down a little, instead of speeding up faster and faster. Oh well, as long as we are of good health, we should be grateful. I have always said, "As long as we have our health and good friends, what more could we ask for?"



January will almost be over by the time you receive this, so I hope you had a great New Year's Eve with friends and neighbors. I know Joanne and I did at the Clubhouse New Year's Eve Party. If you missed it this year, you may want to consider coming to the next one. Those who were there really seemed to enjoy it.

Some dates to remember will be our Valentine's Dance on February 13th and our Pot Luck on February 20th. This Pot Luck will also be the night of our first Silent Auction. We will have some great baskets "for your bidding pleasure." The Chili Cook Off is on February 24th, the Dixie Land Band will be with us on March 10th, and the Patio Sale will be held on March 13th.

Please remember to help fill the food bins in the Clubhouse for those who are less fortunate than we are. Many children, according to the paper, did not have food for Christmas! This is something to think about. Don't forget that the time of our Pot Lucks has changed. "Happy Hour" starts at 4:30 pm now and dinner begins at 5:00 pm. This is to help the clean up committee get out of the clubhouse at a reasonable hour. Also there is a sign up sheet for hosts for the Pot Lucks -- there isn't a lot of work to do, but we really need hosts and helpers. PLEASE SIGN UP. I'll show you what to do, if you are not sure. Finally, just a reminder that our activities will be posted every quarter in the form of a flyer so you can plan accordingly. We hope this will encourage more of you to come to our planned activities.

SAVE THE DATE! . . . by Kay McKersie

Wednesday, Feb. 24 th /4:30	Chili Cook-off
Tuesday, Mar. 10 th /7:00	Dixieland Band
Saturday, Mar. 13 th /7:00-12:00	Patio Sales
Wednesday, Mar. 17 th /4:30	St. Pat's Dinner
Saturday, Mar. 20 th /4:30	Pot Luck
Saturday, Mar. 31 st /4:30	Pancake Supper

Desert Harbor 2010

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"Bright Ideas Suggestion Box"

in the Clubhouse or contact a member of the Newsletter Committee....

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MAKING OUR NEW RESIDENTS FEEL WELCOME

by Margo Crawford

Our Winter Visitors have arrived. We have new full-time neighbors in the park. The holiday season has come and gone by the time this article will be printed and published.

While preparing the clubhouse for the Christmas potluck, we were once again faced with the fact that sometimes the tables appear to be reserved. This is a situation that can make "Newbies" feel out of place. I was new here once. I went through the same thing. However, not all tables are reserved. There are groups who like to make certain that they can be seated together. But there are many of us who come in and sit at any open table.

At the Christmas potluck I sat with 3 other people and there were empty chairs at our table that we would gladly have accepted new people to use. There were several tables that weren't full. We had plenty of room for everyone. And we always have more tables and chairs that can be pulled out if necessary. I do not want anyone to ever feel unwanted at any of our park events. So, please, please, please join us. Feel free to ask the host and hostess of the potluck, or our Activities President, Ken Camp, or just about anybody if you have questions about seating arrangements.

In order to make it easy to identify the host and hostess, we are going to start wearing "Host" and "Hostess" badges. And for our residents who have been at Desert Harbor for a few years please check with your new neighbors and let them know that they are welcome at all our events, we will always make room. Perhaps, those of us who have become used to the routine need to be more aware of making people feel welcome. Our new neighbors want to participate and they want to get to know us. We want to get to know them. We know that we have a very friendly group of people in this park. I mentioned in my previous writing that we came back to Desert Harbor because of the people.

You might also find it easier to join in if you start by attending Saturday morning coffee and donuts! We always have plenty of room. Special events? Again, please join in. If the room is full or all seats are taken we will get more chairs out!

Newbies! Stand up! Join in and make yourselves known. I'm usually floating out around the park some place. If you see me and have questions, ask! I'm shy, but I don't bite.

3rd ANNUAL DESERT HARBOR CHILI COOKOFF

... by Bob Mayo

Well here it is time again for our annual chili cook-off. This will be our third annual chili cook-off and will be held at the clubhouse on

**Wednesday
February 24th at 4:30**



in the afternoon. It is free to all park residents and for those of you who have a favorite chili recipe we hope you will prepare a batch of your chili and join us. For those of you who just like to eat chili come on down and sample the dishes your neighbors have prepared.

There will be independent judges from outside the park that will sample all of the entries and offer their judgments as to which are in their opinion are the best chili recipes and cash prizes will be awarded to the winners.

Signup sheets for the event will be in the clubhouse for both those who wish to enter their chili offering for people to enjoy and a second list for those who just wish to eat chili. Those wishing to participate either as a chili chef or as a chili eater are asked to sign up not later than February 20th so we will have some idea of how many we need to prepare for. This has been a very enjoyable event in the past so we hope you will all come out and join us.

UPCOMING EVENT

CASINO TRIP FOR FEBRUARY 2010

by Celine Leonard

Casino trip in February will be to Payson to the **Mazatzal Casino** on

Thursday, February 25th

Check in is at 7:45 am at the Clubhouse. You will get \$10.00 upon arrival at the casino and I will need your Players Club card number or birth date, including month/date/year.

I need everyone to sign up early; I have to fax everything to them the week before the trip. There are lots of penny slots, great bingo, cards, food, what else could you want...

2009 Christmas Pot Luck

... by Midge Drouin

As everyone entered the beautifully decorated Club House here at Desert Harbor for their annual Christmas Pot Luck, you could feel the holiday mood "in the air." Once inside, the tables were filled with people talking, visiting, and laughing with one another. Over 100 people attended! The colorful tablecloths, decorations, and two Christmas trees with adorning lights helped to set the scene.

The smell of baked ham, purchased by A.L.L., salads, and desserts made for a delicious meal. We had our usual 50/50 raffle and split the winnings with 4 lucky ticket holders. After our meal, we were entertained with organ music beautifully played by Midge Drouin.

The residents would like to thank Gail and Steve Davison and Kay and Jim McKersie for hosting the Christmas Pot Luck. We would also like to extend our thanks to those who decorated the hall and set up tables; also to the clean-up committee who graciously donated their time at the end of the evening. Thanks to everyone who made this evening not only possible but a pleasant one.

Desert Harbor Christmas Carols

... by Dave Borchardt #142

It was a beautiful evening on Thursday December 17th when a group of enthusiastic Desert Harbor residents went out to entertain other residents with Christmas Carols. We couldn't have asked for any better weather, it was a very balmy evening. We had about 22 residents who volunteered to sing Christmas Carols and everyone did a terrific job. Most of us walked the park and there were a few who rode on golf carts. After the caroling was over, we went back to the club house for cookies and hot cocoa which was enjoyed by everyone.

A big thank you to all the singers, we know it was appreciated by the other residents.



It was the season to be jolly and spread good cheer through out the land.

Desert Harbor Bragging Corner ...

HERE IS AN INVITATION...

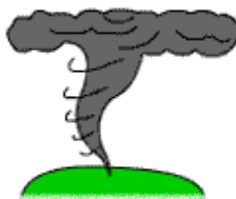
If you have any family or friends that you would like to do a little bragging about, this is the place to do it. Even if you would like to brag a little about yourself, please let a member of the newsletter committee know.

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

Chasing Tornadodes ...

by Bob McCann, #42

My 21 year old granddaughter, Sarah, has always been a weather watcher. Even when she was very young, she would watch and read weather reports to see how accurate they would be. Since she was born and raised in Kentucky, there was a variety of changes in the weather--unlike here in Arizona.



Sarah is now in college and as part of her study she will have the opportunity to spend some time this May in the Midwest states to watch and track

tornadoes in "Tornado Alley." Her dad bought her a video camera for Christmas so we'll all be anxious to see the results of her trip. I'll ask her to give us an update when her studies are over. Do you suppose she will see Dorothy and the Wizard of Oz if she stops in Kansas?



Estelle Pein was so grateful, she was brought to tears by the roaming Carolers.

ARIZONA HISTORY

by Kay McKersie

Superstition Mountain Lost Dutchman Museum

The Superstition Mountain/Lost Dutchman Museum is located on Highway 88 and Mountain View Road. The Museum opened in December, 2004 with the Presley Memorial Chapel and the old barn from the Apacheland Movie ranch being added in 2006.

The Museum is often overlooked, but it has a wide selection of books, maps and field guides for the area. The books are fiction and non-fiction for those who enjoy western lore.

The staff are volunteers who have done their homework and know the history from the original pre-Columbian people, the Spanish explorers, the mountain men, cattlemen, prospectors, miners and others who followed their dreams. They can guide you to the information you are seeking.

The Museum also sells souvenirs, postcards, Native American arts and crafts including jewelry and pottery. Exhibits both inside and outside of the Museum reflect the Society's mission to collect, preserve and display the artifacts, history and folklore of the Superstition Mountains.

POOR MAN'S STROGANOFF

From: Kay McKersie



Sauté:

- 1/4 cup butter
- 1 lb. ground beef
- 1/2 cup diced onion
- 1 clove diced garlic

Add:

- 1 can (12 oz) Carnation Milk
- 1 can sliced mushrooms
- 1 can cream of chicken soup
- 1 cup sour cream

Salt & pepper to taste.

Top with 2T parsley flakes before serving.

I serve it over noodles, but some like it over mashed potatoes.

LADIES

GET ACQUAINTED SOUP & SALAD LUNCHEON

by Jane Boudreau

The Ladies of Desert Harbor met for lunch on Tuesday, January 5, 2010. We were joined by two of our newer residents Monica Baucshard and Sheila McClaine, as well as Alma Shepherd who was attending for the first time. We also welcomed three non-resident guests in attendance. This was a wonderful way to start the year with 31 ladies attending. The food was very good and we are looking forward to more enjoyable Tuesday luncheons.

A 50/50 drawing is held after we have completed our meal. This month the winners were Elaine Anfang and Agnes Miller each receiving \$6.25 and \$12.50 was contributed to the Activities Organization Treasury.

In February we will celebrate the beginning of our third year of Ladies Get Acquainted Soup and Salad Luncheons. They were begun as a means for the ladies to meet and become acquainted in a community setting. We share a few laughs and just have an enjoyable time in each other's company. If you would like to attend our next luncheon it is on February 2, 2010. A sign-up sheet is posted on the Activities Organization Bulletin Board. Please bring your own table service and a beverage. Coffee is provided and hot water for tea. We get together in the clubhouse about 11:45 AM and begin serving around noon.

If transportation to the clubhouse prohibits you from attending, please contact one of the committee members and they will assist you in finding a ride.



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RINGING IN THE NEW YEAR

...by Connie Riter

Fifty residents enjoyed the last hours of 2009 by sharing fun and friendship in the Clubhouse. Party hats, noisemakers, and favors decorated the tables. Large Champagne bottle balloons floated happily nearby. The hors d'oeuvres table looked more like a pot luck than a snack table! Music was provided by a talented "Uncle Beaver" who played and sang music of the 50's and 60's. The minutes ticked away as many ladies enjoyed line dancing. Larry and Marge Lepic charmed the "audience" by their graceful waltz. Special recognition was given to honor Janice and Rick Whitmarsh who were celebrating their 41st wedding anniversary! As the evening progressed, even Estelle Pain was seen on the dance floor -- several times. Smiles were contagious!

When the "New York midnight hour" was only 30 minutes away, a major crisis occurred -- the champagne bottles were impossible to uncork! Thanks to Art Roberts, Lynn Futhey, Cyndi Smith and Rick Whitmarsh who tried everything including cork screws, a catastrophe was averted and everyone enjoyed a champagne toast as the ball dropped in Times Square. Then began the hugs and Happy New Year wishes shared by all.

Thanks to Jan Ginsburg, Connie Riter and Vernita Loveridge for hosting this event and to all on their committee who helped to make the start of 2010 an enjoyable moment. And a special thanks to all who attended.



DESERT HARBOR RESIDENTS OFFER SERVICES

The following Desert Harbor residents offer the following services:

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

**May your
2010
be
Healthy
and Safe!**

A Bus Trip to Winterhaven's "Festival of Lights"

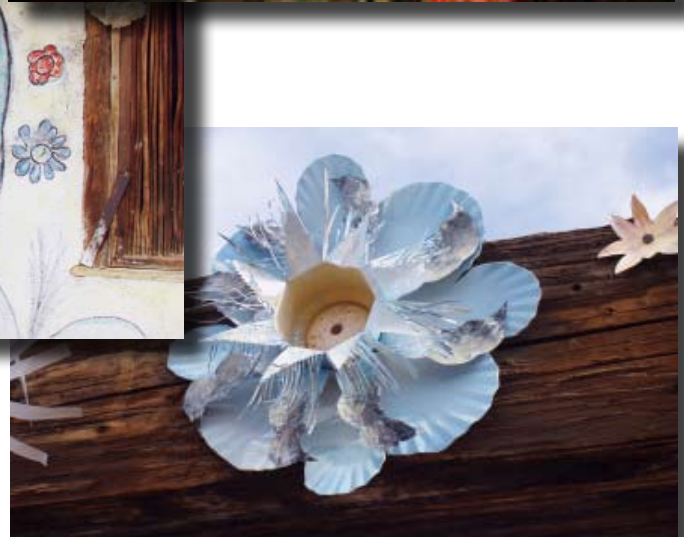
... by Connie Riter

Where is Winterhaven? It's a community near Tucson where since 1949 the residents have all agreed to decorate their homes for the holidays as a fund-raiser for the Food Bank. Last year the Festival brought in over 22,419 pounds of food and \$21,836.86 to the Food Bank. Through a partnership with Tucson Electric Power, the Festival has gone green in recent years ... replacing 300 strands of traditional bulbs with new energy-efficient Light Emitting Diode (LED) lights. The Power company also gives them a discount on their electric bills during the festival.

Five of us from the area went on a bus trip here in December. The trip began with a tour of the DeGrazia Center, home and museum of the famous Italian artist who lived in the area. His original paintings, sculptures, jewelry, and even his eccentric soda-can flowers (see picture) are on display here. We enjoyed a walking tour of his grounds, then had lunch and "playtime" at Casino del Sol. After about 2 hours, our tour continued with a drive by visit to the airplane "cemetery" near Tucson where thousands of planes are stored on acres and acres of land. In the early evening we met the other buses in our group at Winterhaven and were amazed to see how many people were already walking through this colorfully decorated neighborhood. This was a secret everyone else seemed to know and we had just discovered this year!

We climbed into mule-drawn wagons for an hour long tour of the outstanding lights and decorations. Many of the homes had mechanical displays and dancing water fountains synchronized to Christmas music and lights. We couldn't help but sing Christmas carols as we were engulfed in the Christmas spirit of Winterhaven. Many of the residents were selling hot chocolate and had bon fires in their grills for the walkers to stop and enjoy.

We all agreed that the display of Christmas lights was by far the best display any of us had ever seen -- anywhere! And as we arrived back in the valley later in the evening, filled with holiday spirit, we agreed to visit this magical place again--next year! Come, join us next December.



LADIES LUNCHEON by Jane Boudreau

The next Ladies Luncheon will be held at "TAYLOR RAYS on main st." on February 16, 2010. This is a family owned and operated restaurant located at 4906 E Main St., Mesa, AZ. I visited their web site www.taylorrays.com for an idea of their cooking style and atmosphere. They describe their restaurant as "best in home cooking and customer service". "TAYLOR RAYS on main st." has been in its location for several years. The Ladies of Desert Harbor have held luncheons at its previous location.



The December Luncheon at Dema's Italian Bistro was well attended and the ladies were impressed by the size of the luncheon portions. Half of my veal parmesan came home in a Styrofoam box for another lunch. Dema's is on my list for a return visit.



A special thank you goes out to Karen Stephens who provided a gift for each of the ladies in attendance.

To our newer residents or those ladies who have never attended one of our out-of-park luncheons, please mark your calendar for February 19 at 11:00 AM to join us in the clubhouse. Car pools will be forming at that time for our trip to "TAYLOR RAYS on main st."

Please contact Helen Rietow, #73, at (480) 983-6151 for questions or your suggestions on restaurants.

RESTAURANT REVIEW – *By Nancy Pavkov*

FAT WILLY'S

Located in the Basha's Plaza at the intersection of Baseline and Crismon. Ph: (480) 380-6307

Fat Willy's is a sports grill which has a large variety of selections from which to choose, including appetizers

and salads up to complete entrees of steak or seafood dinners. There is also a selection of baskets and combos or sandwiches and there is even a kids menu if one is needed. Prices for the various meals and combos, with the exception of the kids menu, range from around \$8.⁰⁰ up to about \$17.⁰⁰.

Some of the daily specials include \$5 hamburgers on Mondays as well as an all you can eat fish fry on Fridays. There is also Texas Hold'em poker on Wednesdays and Ladies Nite Thursdays as well live music on Saturdays for your entertainment. For those who are so inclined there is also "Happy Hour" from 2 pm to 7 pm daily.

Fat Willy's has a very sporty and friendly atmosphere and we found the service to be very nice and friendly as well.

If you wish to learn more their web site is at www.FatWillysaz.com.



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



In Search of Restaurant Reviews

We asked residents to share your review with our readers. Complete the form below and place it in "Good Ideas Suggestion Box" in the clubhouse or send it to our newsletter 'librarian' Bob Mayo at bmayo46490@msn.com.

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

JANUARY

RESIDENTS MEETING – by Bob Mayo

The residents meeting for the month of January was held on Saturday January 2nd at 9:00 A.M. in the clubhouse. After the meeting was called to order, the minutes of the previous meeting which had been passed out to those attending were approved by a voice vote.

Art Roberts presented the Treasurers report for the month of December. This was presented in two parts as during December, as previously approved by the residents, funds in the activity organization's account were transferred from Wells Fargo to M&I Bank. The first part dealt with transactions prior to the transfer and the second part with those following the transfer of the funds. The report was accepted and approved by a voice vote.

Various committee reports were presented including some upcoming events. Of particular note, Connie Riter spoke about an upcoming 16 day cruise through the Panama Canal that residents can sign up for. This will be in either April or May and information will be posted on the bulletin board in the clubhouse for those who may be interested in this trip. Connie also gave an update on the Tucker family for whom donations had been asked to provide some kind of Christmas for the Tucker children. The family is going through a very difficult time since Mr. Tucker was diagnosed with terminal cancer.

Jane Boudreau gave an update on the Silent Auction to be held on Saturday February 20th in conjunction with the monthly pot luck dinner. They are still looking for contributions for the baskets and would ask that any items people wish to contribute be given to Jane Boudreau, Joanna Hankison, or Ken Camp not later than February 1st so they can get the baskets made up.

Ken Camp brought up the issue of new chairs to replace the metal ones currently available in the clubhouse. These are similar in design but with padded seats and backs that should be more comfortable to sit on. Following lengthy discussion, a motion was made and approved by a voice vote to authorize the purchase of 100 of these chairs. The chairs cost \$14-\$15 each and the total cost for the chairs and any shipping charges may not exceed \$2,000.00.

It was announced that Steve Davis is maintaining a list of those individuals who have agreed to host the monthly pot luck dinners. Anybody wishing to host a pot luck dinner should contact Steve.

Meeting was adjourned and many residents stayed around to take down and pack away the Christmas decorations and we thank all those who helped out.

AN UPDATE ON THE TUCKER FAMILY . . . by Connie Riter

Perhaps you have seen the picture of the three children in last month's newsletter and on the Clubhouse bulletin board. They were faced last month with the tragic news that their 46 year old father was dying of cancer and had only a few weeks to live.

Through the generosity of our residents we were able to send \$391 to friends of the family who were willing to purchase Christmas gifts for the children. Clothes and games were purchased and beautifully wrapped for each of the children and presented to them before the holiday. In addition \$251.41 in cash was given to their mother, Patty, at that time and she was told that this was all from the Desert Harbor residents. "She was moved to tears for the generosity of total strangers to her family."

In the pictures you can see the gifts purchased for the girls, Sarah and Trinity, and another photo shows the gifts for their older brother, Adam.



All gifts for the Tucker children.



Items for Adam.

Gifts purchased for the girls, Sarah and Trinity.



From left: Adam is 14 years old, Sarah is 7, and Trinity is 5.

Their father's condition worsened during December. He lost over 60 lbs and was heavily medicated for pain. He came home for Christmas, but was readmitted to the hospital in early January. Allen passed away on January 5, 2010.



Desert Harbor's

VALENTINE'S DAY DANCE

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13TH

6:30 P.M. in the CLUBHOUSE -- B.Y.O.B.

COST: \$5 PER PERSON

FRIENDS, SWEETHEARTS & NEIGHBORS ARE ALL INVITED TO AN EVENING OF MUSIC, DANCING, AND A CHANCE TO CELEBRATE VALENTINE'S DAY CLOSE TO HOME.

Music by "UNCLE BEAVER" on Keyboard, Singing songs from the 50's, 60's, Country, etc.

TICKETS at the DOOR

I don't understand why Cupid was chosen to represent Valentine's Day. When I think about romance, the last thing on my mind is a short, chubby toddler coming at me with a weapon.

~Author Unknown

"THE SADDLE STRINGS"

... Entertained Us!

by Connie Riter

Sixty one residents and friends spent a relaxing Wednesday evening on January 13th listening to the wonderful western music of the "Saddle Strings." This group of two men and their wives are from Colorado where they perform at a cowboy dinner show in Howard, Colorado. Dave has been a cowboy all his life and has worked on large ranches over twice the size of Rhode Island! Don, his singing partner, also provided much comedy to their performance. While they sang and played their guitars, the two "cowgirls", Theresa and Debbie, led some Desert Harbor ladies in line dancing. Rita Champion, Opal Sellheim, and Cyndi Smith danced like "pros" entertaining us all.

Many of the songs performed were originals written by some of their Colorado cowboy friends--such as "Don't Ever Sell Your Saddle," and "Riding Down the Canyon." Inviting more participation from the audience, Jack Quetschenback provided a cattle call whistle, Judi



played a "whip cracker," and a guest strummed a washboard while the boys sang "Ghost Riders in the Sky." The Clubhouse filled with squeals of laughter when the two sang "Fishing for Chickens" and the cowgirls with white chicken hats danced around pecking everyone on the head. Men with a limited amount of hair (such as Don Crump) received many more pecks! On a more serious note, Debbie, one of the cowgirls, who taught in schools for the deaf in many states, signed to the Carpenter's song, "Bless the Beasts and the Children." The "Saddle Strings" received a standing ovation when they concluded their 90 minute show.

Desert Harbor

BIRTHDAYS / ANNIVERSARIES

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

DATE	NAME	LOT #
3	Barbara Atkinson	110
5	Fay Brandt	109
10	Bette Roy	130
11	Barb Schnier	146
11	Marcy Desiderio	152
14	Jean Hansen	151
14	Val Fleming	190
18	Alana Zimmer	41
19	Susan Reynolds	68
20	John Smartt	20
22	Al Atkinson	110
24	Bill Morrison	195
24	Elner Stambaugh	69
26	Beverly Thau	32
29	James Almon	9

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

DATE	NAME	LOT #
1	Melvin & Jerry O'Mealy	55
7	Gene & Eileen Lervold	90
14	Jerry & Patricia Murphy	205
14	John & Anne Eubank	169
19	Ron Ruetz & Helen Rietow	73
28	Mike & Elaine Kereluk	82

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.

NEW RESIDENT UPDATES...

Welcoming Committee Bev Borchardt #142 and Judi Quetschenbach #141

LOT #171,

Jim & Sheila McClain (no photo available)

Jim & Sheila are from Idaho and are part time residents. Both Jim & Sheila enjoy travel and family. Jim also enjoys golf while Sheila enjoys knitting. Jim & Sheila have 4 children, 16 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren.

LOT #99,
Michael & Monica Bauschard



Michael & Monica are from Pennsylvania by way of England and both are full time residents. Their wedding anniversary is on February 19th. Mike has 2 children and 4 grandchildren, Monica has 6 children and 8 grandchildren. Mike is into woodworking while Monica enjoys knitting and card making.

Bus Trips in February

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.

Some exciting longer bus tours are to areas in California:

- **Feb. 21-26 – Tour San Francisco and the Gold Coast** – \$659 ppdo.
- Travel to Santa Monica, tour Santa Barbara. Stop at Solvang and San Simeon. Optional Tour of Hearst Castle, see Monterey Bay Aquarium, Tour San Francisco and Fisherman's Wharf, optional tour of Alcatraz or Harbor Cruise. Tour Sacramento, and other exciting places. Make reservations quickly...this is almost sold out!
- **Feb. 15-19 – Tour San Diego** – \$699 ppdo.
- Travel to San Diego, tour the city, see the Lawrence Welk Resort and museum. Spend a night on Catalina Island at the Pavilion Lodge, return to Long Beach Pier and see the Queen Mary and Carnival Cruise headquarters.
- **Feb. 25-26 – Another opportunity to see the Palm Springs Follies** – \$299 ppdo. This Vegas-style show features women from 55 and up who are former Rockettes and show girls. This is an unbelievable, glitzy, entertaining performance.
- **March 9-11 See Death Valley** – \$299 ppdo. Tour Death Valley National Park and see if the spring flowers are in bloom yet. Also see Scotty's castle, Furnace Creek, Badwater Basin (the lowest point in the US at over 200 ft. below sea level). Stay at various Casinos.

Shorter Trips in Arizona are:

- **Feb. 10 – Tour of Tucson** – \$79 pp Tour the Desert Museum and have a tram ride through Sabino Canyon.
- **Feb. 12 – Tubac Arts & Crafts Festival** – \$49 pp. A yearly festival of fine arts and crafts with music and ethnic foods.
- **Feb. 17 – See Kartchner Caverns and tour the Big Room** – \$99 ppdo. This is the second cavern that was opened and requires a 1 ½ hour walking tour of its features. See why this cave is one of the top 10 in the world!
- **Feb. 24 - Grand Canyon Express** – \$89 pp. Admission to the Canyon, tour the South Rim, nature walk and look-out points. Lunch at the south rim and dinner in Flagstaff (both on your own).
- **Feb. 25 – Verde Valley Train Ride** – \$129 – 4 hr. 40 min. diesel train ride in an enclosed or Gondola car. Includes Blazen M. Ranch Cowboy Dinner and Show.
- **March 24th – Sedona, Jerome, and Mingus Mountain** – \$49 pp. Tour the Red Rock Country and have a city tour of Sedona. Drive up the mountain to the restored mining town of Jerome with all its artsy shops. Shop in downtown Sedona. Optional trolley ride (approx. \$8) to Chapel of Holy Cross.

Casino trips are also available to **Cliff Castle, Primm, Vegas, Laughlin.**

For more information, check the Travel Book in the Clubhouse or the two websites involved:

www.sinclairtravelcenter.com and www.especially4utours.com

SILENT AUCTION PREPARATION

... by Jane Boudreau

Planning for the Desert Harbor Activities Organization's 2010 Silent Auction is underway. The first auction is scheduled to be held in conjunction with our monthly potluck dinner on Saturday, February 20, 2010.

Residents are currently canvassing local merchants for donations of gift certificates and items to be included in the auction. Other residents from our community have generously completed baskets or provided items to be used for creating themed baskets.

If you would like to contribute a completed basket, one ready to be auctioned or items to be included in a basket please drop the items off by February 1, 2010, with one of the individuals listed below. Their goal is to complete the construction of the baskets by February 12, You may drop off your contribution at the home of one of the following:

Joanna Hankison #178,
Elaine Anfang #145,
Jan Ginsburg #183,
Midge Drouin # 203.

As you can see the participation of our Desert Harbor Residents is very important in creating the baskets as well as bidding on them at the auction.

Two Movie Reviews for

The BLIND SIDE . . . by Art Roberts, Lot 81

I saw many ads about a wonderful movie about a white family from Memphis, Tennessee who took in a huge black homeless teenager. We all know the liberties that Hollywood takes with the truth, but while they embellished some of the facts, for the most part the movie was true to reality.

As you know, this is a true story of how a white family found a black boy in trouble and through tough love were able to bring this young man from the depths of ignorance and despair, through high school and college, to being a first round choice of the Baltimore Ravens in the 2009 professional football draft.

The acting of Sandra Bullock as Leigh Ann Tuehy and Quinton Aaron as Michael Oher are worth earning them a nomination for an academy award. They are both very much like the real people they represent and this makes the movie even more enjoyable. What is surprising is that Hollywood really can produce an entertaining popular movie without having to resort to violence, sex, or obscene language. If you like true story movies --- this is a good one!



Movie Review PG 13
Actors: Sandra Bullock
Tim McGraw
Kathy Bates
Lilly Collins
Jae Head
Quinton Aaron

The BLIND SIDE . . . by Midge Drouin, Lot 203

This movie depicts the remarkable true story of all-American football star Michael Oher. Michael was a homeless African-American youngster from a broken home. He is taken in by the Touhys a well to do family who help him fulfill his potential on and off the field. At the same time Oher's presence in the Touhy's lives leads them to some insightful self-discoveries of their own. Living in his new environment the teen faces a completely different set of challenges to overcome. As a football player and student, Oher works and with the help of his coaches and adopted family, becomes an all-American offensive left tackle.

We Need to Know by Connie Riter



Elaine and her helpers,
Willie and Molly

Do you know someone in the Park who is ill or in the hospital? Elaine Kereluk, #82, would like to know. She is in charge of sending get well and sympathy cards to residents at Desert Harbor. "But I can't send them a card, if I don't know they are ill," she said. So, if you have a neighbor who is sick at home or in the hospital, please notify her. She can be reached at (480) 987-8587 or by e-mail at mikekereluk4@msn.com.

This is our way to help those in our Park who may need assistance. Jim McKersie #177 and Steve Davison #134 will bring carry-out dinners to the shut-ins when we have Pot Luck dinners. **But, "We Need to Know."**

Classified Ads

Free to
Desert Harbor
residents

For Sale

Queen Size Sofa Bed
-- Excellent Condition

Attractive South West
Design with Decorator
Pillows and Matching
Arm Covers

Mattress is New
- Never Used

Cash Price - \$145.00

Contact: H. Davis at
(480) 288-1224
(to leave word)



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.

Meet Your Neighbor

Bill and Nancy Pavkov, #61

...by Don Walker

You see them riding their bikes every day around Desert Harbor, Nancy on her two-wheeler and Bill on his three-wheels. It's a routine they've been doing since moving here about 5 years ago from Corona, California.



Bill retired after 40 years of adjusting backs, necks and most other body parts that causes our aches and pains. We all deal with various ailments throughout our lives. As a chiropractor, he has seen them all.

Bill was one of nineteen children (yes that's right, one nine, 19!) and grew up on a dairy farm in Erie, Pennsylvania. A farm?...where else would you control that many kids in one location.

Bill served in the military in the Navy and did a tour of duty in Korea during that "Conflict".

Bill was always the studious type and become fascinated with bones and how they affect the way we feel. He learned that the Palmer School of Chiropractics in Davenport, Iowa, was known throughout the profession as "The Fountainhead". He applied and soon began his studies finally graduating in 1962. Afterwards, he moved to California and settled in Corona where he opened his own practice.

Bill has two children from a previous marriage, a son named Bill who had three children and a daughter named Sarah who has been living with her husband in Australia for the past twenty-five years. In February, the family will get together here to celebrate Bill's 80th birthday. Happy Birthday Bill! We're just not sure if the birthday bash will include all the brothers and sisters from Pennsylvania, or not!

Bill and Nancy have been married for 25 years, the second marriage for both. Nancy came from a background as a retail clerk for 20 years before hooking up with Bill and joining him in his practice working in the front office.

Today, swimming at the pool and bike riding around Desert Harbor combine to solve all their exercise requirements and provides a good way to meet people. The couple helps out from time to time delivering the AJ paper to those who can't easily get around. They consider it their little paper route. Nancy also enjoys helping out at our local library on occasion.

Bill and Nancy enjoy their home and think Desert Harbor is the friendliest place they have ever lived.

Super-Bowl Party at the Clubhouse Sunday, February 7, 2010 3:30 p.m.



Come out and cheer for your favorite team in this year's Super-Bowl with your friends and neighbors in the Clubhouse.

Bob and Eileen Wilson

will be hosting this event and providing the sandwiches and all paper goods.
(You don't need to bring your own stuff)

You are asked to bring a dessert or chips & dip or a salad of some kind and of course your **ENTHUSIASTIC SPIRIT ! (BYOB)**

Bob and Eileen ask all those planning to attend sign up so they have an idea how many sandwiches and paper goods to have ready.

The Sign-Up Sheet for this event is on the bulletin board in the Clubhouse.

If you have any questions, stop by Unit #53 or you can call them at (480) 374-4162



Desert Harbor Activities & Coordinators

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Coordinator</u>	<u>Telephone</u>
Appliqué	Reni Dieball	983-0578
Bible Study	Elaine Kereluk	987-8587
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
Tai Chi	Dick Smith	983-5819
Travel	Connie Riter	641-7753

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
Stretching Class Yoga

January 2010

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Desert Harbor's February 2010

Calendar of Events

March 2010

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 9:00a Tai Chi 1:00p Mahjongg 6:30p Billiards	2 12:00p Ladies Soup & Salad Luncheon 6:30p NDQ Poker 6:30p Board Mtg 7:00p Cards/ Games	3 9:00a Line Dancing 1:00p Mahjongg 1:00p Quilting 6:30p Stitch & Chat	4 9:00a Tai Chi 11:00a Golf 1:00p Bible Study 6:30p Billiards	5 1:00p Genealogy 4:00p Happy Hour 7:00p Cards/ Games	6 8:00a Coffee/ Donuts 9:00a Residents Meeting
7 1:00p Texas Hold'em Poker	8 9:00a Tai Chi 1:00p Mahjongg 6:30p Billiards	9 6:30p NDQ Poker 7:00p Cards/ Games	10 9:00a Line Dancing 1:00p Mahjongg 1:00p Men's Poker 6:30p Stitch & Chat	11 9:00a Tai Chi 11:00a Golf 1:00p Bible Study 6:30p Billiards	12 1:00p Genealogy 4:00p Happy Hour 7:00p Cards/ Games	13 8:00a Coffee/ Donuts 6:30p Valentine's Dance w/Uncle Beaver 
14 2:00p Pinochle	15 9:00a Tai Chi 1:00p Mahjongg 6:30p Billiards	16 11:00a Ladies Luncheon at Taylor Ray's 6:30p NDQ Poker 7:00p Cards/ Games	17 9:00a Line Dancing 1:00p Mahjongg 1:00p Quilting 6:30p Stitch & Chat	18 9:00a Tai Chi 11:00a Golf 1:00p Bible Study 6:30p Billiards	19 1:00p Genealogy 4:00p Happy Hour 7:00p Cards/ Games	20 8:00a Coffee/ Donuts 4:30p Happy Hour 5:00p Pot Luck "Silent Auction"
21 1:00p Texas Hold'em Poker	22 9:00a Tai Chi 1:00p Mahjongg 6:30p Billiards	23 6:30p NDQ Poker 7:00p Cards/ Games	24 9:00a Line Dancing 1:00p Mahjongg 1:00p Men's Poker 4:30p Chili Cook Off	25 7:45a Casino - Payson 9:00a Tai Chi 11:00a Golf 1:00p Bible Study 6:30p Billiards	26 1:00p Genealogy 4:00p Happy Hour 7:00p Cards/ Games	27 8:00a Pancake Breakfast
28 2:00p Pinochle						