

HARBOR LIGHTS

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newsletter

Desert Harbor, A 55+ Community February 2011, Apache Junction, AZ



Oh, No! It's February!!

By Connie Riter

A lot of people really don't look forward to February. In the northeast people dread another month of hibernation buried in record snowfall and subzero temperatures. In other parts of the country, mudslides, flooding, and gray skies are not exactly a welcoming thought. Perhaps this is why the calendar makers made this the shortest month of all -- they didn't like February either! Christmas is over, Easter and springtime are many weeks away, and not only is this the shortest month, but whoever heard of a "silent r" in a word?

February does have some notable holidays to save it. Of course there's Valentine's Day on the 14th, ground hog day on the 2nd, and President's day on the 21st (a celebration of Lincoln's birthday on the 12th and Washington's on the 22nd.) There are other reasons to tolerate February. Chinese New Year (the Year of the Rabbit) is on the 3rd. This is a time when families gather for reunions and wear red to ward off evil spirits and bad fortune. There are other less known celebrations also during February -- this is Black History Month, American Heart month, and National Dental Month. In fact, there is a website which will give you a holiday to celebrate for EACH of the 28 days...<http://familycrafts.about.com/library/spdays/blfebdayslong.htm>.

So...if you want to celebrate, how can we enjoy this month? Here's a few of the events in our area for you to consider. In Apache Junction, the Lost Dutchman Days occur from the 25th through the 27th. During this time, there are rodeos, carnivals, and a craft fair. In Gold Canyon, the Renaissance Faire starts on the 12th and is open on Saturdays and Sundays through April 3rd. If you like sports, the Superbowl takes place on the 6th, and if you like baseball, the Chicago Cubs vs. the Oakland Athletics at Hohokam Field on the 27th. "Dancing on Ice" will be presented at the Chandler Center for the Arts on the 12th and 13th.

If you like plays, "Menopause, the Musical" is available at the Mesa Art Center on the 22nd through the 27th, "The Sound of Music" begins on the 17th at Broadway Palms, "Hello Dolly" begins at the Hale Centre Theatre on Feb. 17th. "9 to 5, the Musical" is at ASU Gammage on the 22nd through the 27th, and "The Music Man" is at the Higley Center for the Arts from the 18th through the 26th. Wayne Newton and Shirley Jones are also in the area during February. Newton on the 9th at Valley Del Oro Resort and Jones on the 22nd.

So, we'll make it through February if we try -- and my wish for each of you is that "your troubles be less, your blessings be more, and nothing but happiness come through your door" during this month of February.

**Message from the
Activities
Organization President**

By Dick Smith



I can't believe we are already into February. I guess it is true what they say. "Time flies when you are having fun." I hope you had a great New Years Eve party with friends.

Don't forget the Valentine Pot Luck on February 19. We decided to not do a dance this year but will work on one for next year. Our board is working on some great musical programs for the next year and we will keep you informed as they come up. Also, start planning for the next patio sale which will probably be in March.

Don't forget we need to help fill the food bins in the clubhouse. There is always a need and we do have the privilege of helping out. Also, we need people to sign up for hosting the pot lucks and for buying the donuts on Saturday mornings. There isn't anything hard about either one and there is always a lot of help. Once again, if you have any questions or suggestions, let us know and we will sure work with you.

A NOTE FROM THE MANAGEMENT OF DESERT HARBOR

The Management has indicated that the thermostat in the Clubhouse is being tampered with. It is their request that this stop -- serious problems can be caused if this continues. Your cooperation is appreciated.

ACTIVITIES ORGANIZATION

PRESIDENT	DICK SMITH	#74	480-983-5819
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MIKE BAUSCHARD		#99	480-288-4332
TIM CHRISSIS		#34	816-838-9934

REMEMBERING OUR NEIGHBORS

By: Jane Boudreau

During 2010, we have lost several members of our community and wish to remember them here. A pictorial remembrance is posted on the website. However, pictures were not available for all those included. Inclusion here is with the approval of their families.

Marie Lazarri - August 25, 1946 to December 20, 2010

Donald 'Don' Crump - November 27, 1939 to December 14, 2010

Theodore 'Ted' Mueller - October 23, 1931 to November 9, 2010

Andrew 'Joe' Crawford - February 15, 1946 to June 27, 2010

Ilya Orkis - September 28, 1924 to April 15, 2010

Celine Leonard - March 26, 1931 to April 11, 2010

Estelle Watts - September 20, 1917 to January 29, 2010



Want to go a-traveling?

By Connie Riter

Now that the holidays are over, would you like to plan a fun bus trip to see something new, to entertain visitors, or to just relax? Here are a few of the trips available. Desert Harbor residents are going to Primm/Las Vegas on February 16 - 18 (\$79 ppd) This includes an optional trip to Vegas on the second day and two buffets. Reservations are still being taken. See the sign up sheet at the Clubhouse.

We also have a smaller group planning to go on a day-trip to a copper mine and to Bisbee on Feb. 24. (\$79 pp). Other tours you may find interesting are: Morenci Copper mine tour on March 9, a 6 hour tour of the Phoenix area on Feb. 24 or March 24 (\$49 pp). You can travel old route 66, see the Grand Canyon caverns and Oatman on March 15-16 (\$199 ppd). If you like Casino trips, there is a Laughlin trip, staying at the Edgewater on Feb 22-24, or March 22-24 for \$89 ppd, and a 3-day trip to Las Vegas staying at the remodeled 4 Queens Hotel and Casino for \$109 ppd. There are 4 dates in February and 5 in March.

Many other trips are also available. Just check the white bus trip binder in the Clubhouse and call me for more information or reservations. Now's the time to travel!



WELCOME TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD

By: [Alice Johnson](#)

Please welcome new residents Herm and Sherry Weinert and Sherry's mother Dorothy Miller who have moved into Lot 186 this past November. The family moved here from Saratoga, WY. The Weinert's family consists of five children, eleven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Herm, whose birthday is 04/09, likes sports, yard work and hunting. Sherry, whose birthday is 02/11, likes quilting, sewing and baking. Dorothy whose birthday is 11/1, has eight children, eleven grandchildren, and thirteen great-grandchildren and she likes to gamble and watch game shows. If you happen to see the Weinerts or Ms. Miller at the clubhouse or at the mailbox, make sure you say hello and *welcome them to the neighborhood!*

DESERT HARBOR ACTIVITIES

ACTIVITY	COORDINATOR	TELEPHONE
APPLIQUE	RENI DIEBAL	983-0578
TRAVEL/BUS TRIPS	CONNIE RITER	641-7763
CASINO TRIPS	CYNDI SMITH	983-5819
CLOSET QUILTERS	RENI DIEBAL	983-0578
GENEALOGY	ESTHER LOUGH	288-8579
GOLF	DON WALKER	288-5686
LADIES LUNCHEON	HELEN RIETOW	983-6151
LADIES SOUP & SALAD LUNCHEON	JOANN HANKISON	641-0975
LINE DANCING	MARY PAT SUMMERS	983-4227
MAH JONGG	TBA	
PINOCHLE	ELAINE KERELUK	987-8587
POKER	MIKE BAUSCHARD	288-4332
STITCH & CHAT	RENI DIEBAL	983-0578
TAI CHI	DICK SMITH	983-5819

**BIRTHDAYS / ANNIVERSARIES
BIRTHDAYS**

FEBRUARY 2011

DATE	NAME	LOT #
2	Philicia Hightower	6
3	Barbara Atkinson	110
5	Fay Brandt	109
6	Judy Fischer	96
10	Bette Roy	130
11	Barb Schnier	146
14	Jean Hansen	151
18	Alana Zimmer	41
20	John Smartt	20
22	Al Atkinson	110
24	Elmer Stambaugh	69
26	Beverly Thau	32
29	James Almon	9

ANNIVERSARIES

FEBRUARY 2011

DATE	NAME	LOT #
1	Melvin & Jerry O'Mealy	55
7	Gene & Eileen Lervold	90
10	Jerry & Patricia Murphy	205
14	John & Anne Eubank	169
19	Michael & Monica Bauschard	99
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.



Desert Harbor Web Master: Tom Hennessy #70
Email address: tomhennessy@mchsi.com
Desert Harbor Manager: Yvonne Cavazos 480-288-8876

Lost Dog is Found!

By Fred Watts

I want to thank everyone who helped in the search for the black and white dog that wandered into our Park. Later in the afternoon and after posting several flyers on postal stands in our area, the owner of the dog called and said that we had his dog. The owner and his children came to get "Shep." It was fortunate that we kept the dog safe because he is diabetic and he wouldn't have survived by himself. The little boy was so happy to see Shep and Shep was so happy to see his family. So all is well for everyone involved.



Supplementing Your Heart Health : With Omega - 3 *info taken from Web MD*

By Midge Drouin

If you have high cholesterol or if you're at high risk for heart disease and heart attack, some supplements can help lower your cholesterol. You've likely had "the talk" with your doctor. For many people, making lifestyle changes is enough to lower cholesterol. Other people need medications like cholesterol-lowering statin drugs. Dietary supplements can be part of the prescription, too.

Here are some of the supplements that may benefit your heart: fish oil, plant sterols, niacin, fiber (psyllium), red yeast rice, green tea extract, B-complex vitamins (B6, B 12, folic acid). coenzyme Q10, policosanol.

A few cautionary notes: always check with your doctor before using supplements because some can interact with other drugs you take, including women who are pregnant or breastfeeding should not take supplements other than prenatal vitamins. Make sure you purchase supplements that have a standardized dosage, approved by the (USP) which means they contain 95% to 100% of the active ingredient.

Some fish that contain Omega-3 are: salmon, mackerel, sardines and tuna. How much omega-3 fish oil is safe? Taking no more than 3 grams of fish oil daily is classified by the FDA as generally recognized as safe. Are there side effects with omega-3 fish oil? A fishy taste in the mouth, fishy breath, stomach upset, loose stools, and nausea.

New Residents—12/1/10 Through 12/31/10

Bonnie & Jim Harrison	Lot #40
Allen Horning	Lot # 106

OUR SPECIAL CHRISTMAS DINNER/POT LUCK

By Connie Riter

Over 100 people attended the Desert Harbor Christmas Pot Luck on Saturday, Dec. 18th. Only one week before Christmas, we were all greeted by a stage full of Christmas baskets, wreaths, and talking stuffed animals. The reason they were there? We soon learned that Doc and Lynette Stephenson, of Southland National Insurance, had come to wish everyone happy holidays. They began drawing residents' names and presenting them with a special "prize" if they answered a Christmas trivia question correctly. (Cheating was allowed). Mike Bauschard, one of Santa's tallest elves, was selected to deliver the prizes to the winners. He could have used a flying reindeer to make his many trips around the Clubhouse a little easier.

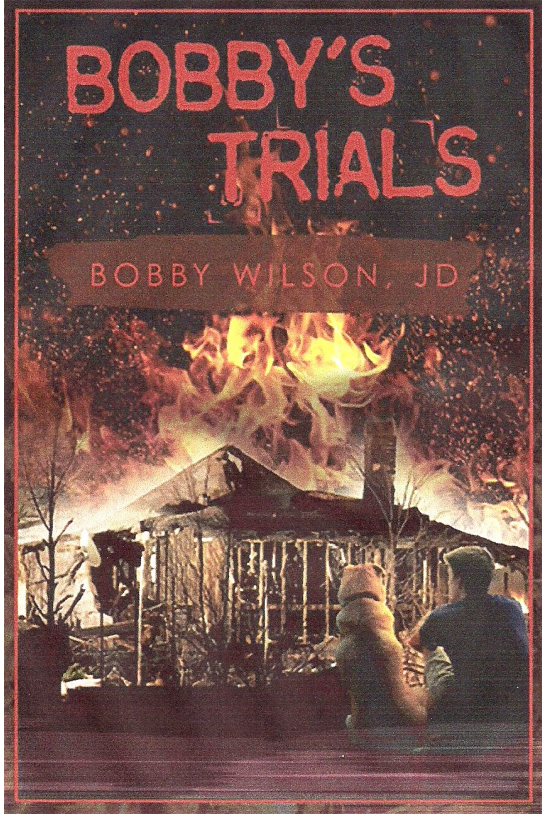
Ken Camp volunteered to purchase the six hams needed for the dinner. He spent many hours on Saturday baking the hams and making the special raisin/pineapple ham sauce which kept the ham so moist and delicious. Doc and Lynette honored him, as our outgoing president, by presenting him with a grinch doll, although Ken is far from being a grinch!

Residents brought items to accompany the ham which was purchased with funds from A.L.L. The large tables included freshly made rolls, glazed carrots, green bean casseroles, jello salads, fresh fruit, cheesy potato dishes, and many desserts including cupcakes decorated with marshmallow snowmen. Elaine Kereluk said the blessing and as we looked around the festive tables and the food, we couldn't help but think that this was a Christmas dinner to remember, and our thoughts went out to all our good friends here in the Park-- to the many people who prepared the Clubhouse, to the food staff, and to the clean up crew under the direction of our new president, Dick Smith, and his lovely first lady, Cyndi. We are indeed blessed with so many friends here who live the true meaning of Christmas.



BOOK REVIEW - By Bob Mayo

Bobby's Trials – by Bobby Wilson



A boy and a dog sit in a field apparently looking on as a house is being devoured by flames; sparks flying high into the dark night sky! This is the scene on the cover of a book and the first thing a prospective reader will see when they come across "Bobby's Trials." The true story behind this haunting picture is the subject of a book written by the individual who lived the story.

Without giving away too much of the story, the book describes the life and experiences of a young boy growing up in a quite dysfunctional family situation. It provides a look at his early years and his experiences while trying to live up to being the "man of the house" for his mother and sister. It tells how and why he is eventually accused of murdering both his mother and sister and setting fire to their home to cover up his crime, even while he cannot fully remember the events of that night.

The reader is provided with a moving and disturbing look inside the "justice system" as it existed in rural Oklahoma during the early 1960's; including the author's experiences while being held in jail awaiting trial. It describes an appalling lack of concern for what is today accepted as due process for those accused of any criminal offense; including such things as access to counsel, especially in the case of a juvenile being accused of murder and arson; gross misrepresentation of fact by individuals conducting the investigation, and a deliberate poisoning of the potential jury pool by various methods. The book goes on to cover the story of the trials of the accused and how the author went on to eventually become a lawyer himself. A surprising and interesting twist toward the end of the book relates how a chance happening early in his career as a lawyer leads to his recall of what happened on that night. It's all there!

The book makes for very interesting reading and is well worth the time. Individuals may obtain an autographed copy by contacting Eileen or Bob Wilson in unit #53 or by calling them at 480-374-4162.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS LIGHTING CONTEST RESULTS

By Midge Drouin

Once again, Desert Harbor residents put quite a great deal of time, effort, and expense in decorating their homes for the holidays. As one of the three judges I thought the park looked beautiful with displays and lights of different colors and themes. The judging took place on Sunday, December the 19th, where we chose three winners. All the homes that participated in decorating were all winners in our eyes. We very much appreciated everyone's efforts. This year's winners of the contest are: 1st place 2010 #169 John and Anne Eubank (\$50.00), 2nd place 2010 #134 Steve and Gail Davison (\$25.00) and 3rd place 2010 #113 Betty Cuevos (\$15.00).

Congratulations go out to all three winners!

Winterhaven Christmas Trip

Monica Bauschard

Members of the Park signed up early to insure a seat on the bus for this trip. A total of 23 people went from Desert Harbor with visitors from other parks in the area making one very full bus. Our day started at 8:00 am and we returned home close to 10:00 pm--very tired after being on the go from when we started until we pulled into the gates of Desert Harbor.

At the start of our journey, our host, Rosemary, gave us an itinerary with an explanation of when and what had been planned for us. We were off and excited about a full day of things to do and places to see. On these bus trips, a certain amount of time is allotted for stopping to get something to eat and to stretch our legs. Our first stop was for a quick breakfast at McDonalds and soon we were off and headed for DeGrazia's Art Gallery which is located near Tucson. For people who have never been there, it was a treat beyond words and a pleasure for those who had. This artist has accomplished some beautiful paintings, drawings, and sculptures that have been reproduced and often seen in swap meets here in Arizona. A special treat for us was to stop and view his home, studio, and his workshops. There were prints for sale for as little as \$4.00 and many other lovely things in the gift shop were reasonably priced which made it possible for most of us to be able to find a treasure to buy.

When we arrived at the Casino del Sol, it was very impressive with many machines to enjoy-- some people contributing, and others winning. A lovely buffet was available for anyone who wanted lunch and many other quick snack food items were also available.

After three hours at the Casino, our next stop was for supper at the Country Buffet. It was wonderful with so much food to choose from, salads, meats, veggies, fruits, and desserts. It wasn't long before everyone was content and anxious to go to our final stop and purpose of the trip -- the Christmas lights at Winterhaven.

As we approached, we could see the homes from the main roads all lit up and so festive, but nothing prepared us for the ride around the community of these homes. We were all directed to find a seat in mule driven wagons and for the next 45 minutes we entered a wonderland of beauty. The lights and the decorations, some with synchronized music, left us all speechless and with memories of our childhood. Christmas carols were sung and we all shouted "Merry Christmas" as we were on our wonderland journey. All too soon it was over, and our journey home began with many nodding off and others watching a movie. Where is the sign-up sheet for next year? (Guess I am a little early.)

LADIES GET ACQUAINTED SOUP AND SALAD LUNCHEON

By Jane Boudreau

The first luncheon for 2011 was held on January 4 with over 30 ladies in attendance. When the ladies arrived in the clubhouse they found a piggy bank at each place setting. This was a clue of the surprise entertainment. While enjoying a variety of soups, salads and desserts they discussed the significance of the piggy banks.

Following lunch a fifty-fifty drawing was held with eighteen dollars being contributed to the Activities Organization treasury.

After the tables were cleared Connie Ritter asked the ladies to draw a pig on the paper provided. Once the drawings were completed, she explained the significance of the drawings based on the Meyer-Briggs Scale. Judging of the drawings and prizes were awarded for the best pig, the pig with the longest tail, the biggest ears, the most anatomically correct pig, the prettiest eyes and largest pig. We hope everyone had a good time.

If any of the ladies have suggestions for activities to follow the monthly luncheon, please share them with a committee member. One suggestion was a trip to Sunshine Acres to tour the facility and visit their boutique. A sign up sheet will be placed on the bulletin board to determine if there is sufficient interest to schedule a trip during February.

Please join the ladies on February 1 to see what new adventure they have in store for you. Remember to sign up and bring your own table service including bowls with you.

Cheese Cake Factory Restaurant

By Monica Bauschard

The Cheese Cake Factory is a chain of restaurants throughout the United States. As its name implies, it sells a very large variety of cheese cakes but, also some wonderful food, drinks of all kinds and priced very reasonably. The atmosphere is unbelievable for just a stop in or a special occasion-- this restaurant has it all. It is very spacious and clean, and the waitresses and waiters are very conscientious about making sure you have all you need. The menu is extensive from casual dining of hamburgers to elaborate chicken, steaks and seafood. The amount of food is more than substantial and is served quickly and is presented on your plate in an appealing way. You are not hurried, and not pressured into getting cocktails or deserts unless you really want them. I would highly recommend the Cheese Cake Factory to anyone for any occasion. We didn't make reservations but on holidays and weekends I think it would be advisable. On a scale of recommendation one being the lowest and ten the highest, I would say nine and half. One of our favorite places to dine. The closest Cheese Cake Factory is in Superstition Springs Mall. Enjoy your dining experience there and come away feeling satisfied with the food, service and price.

TOMATO SOUP STEW

By: Kay McKersie

Sauté:

2 lbs. stew meat

Add:

1 med. diced onion

1 pkg. small carrots

3-4 diced potatoes

2 cans tomato soup

1 can water

3-4 cloves

Salt & pepper to taste



Thicken the sauce with cornstarch before serving.

In an electric fry pan--simmer for an hour, then add 1 can of peas. Cook an additional 15 minutes.

In an oven, bake at 350 degrees for an hour--add the peas and then bake an additional 15 minutes.

RESIDENTS' MEETING -by Bob Mayo

The monthly residents' meeting was called to order on January 8th by the Activities Organization VP Jan Ginsburg. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Secretary Alice Johnson read the minutes of the December 2010 meeting, which were accepted as read. Treasurer Art Roberts gave the treasurer's report. Connie Riter provided dates for upcoming casino and other trips. These include a trip to Mazatzal Casino in Payson on January 20 and a casino in Primm for the 16-18th of February. Other trips include a trip to Bisbee for a tour of a mine, a trip to be a guest at the Price is Right show, as well as a trip in April to a gold mine where there will be demonstrations of how gold is found and you can even try your luck at finding some gold for yourself. Details of all these trips will be on the board in the Clubhouse. Connie also discussed new name badges that are available for residents who may wish to purchase them. Midge Drouin spoke of the upcoming patio, white elephant, and book sale scheduled for March 12th. Jan Ginsburg announced that Michael Bauschard would be the new coordinator for card games and poker. There was an extended discussion of memorial services and other considerations for when a park resident passes away. A motion was made, seconded, and passed regarding how the Activities Organization would handle these occurrences in the future. Midge also presented prizes for the winners of the Christmas Lighting Contest. First place went to John and Ann Eubank in 169; Second place was taken by Steve and Gail Davidson in lot 134; and Third place went to Betty Cuevas in lot 113. Congratulations to all the winners and thanks also to all who decorated their homes to make the season a festive time. There was a discussion of who would judge the contest this coming Christmas. It was determined that the Board would find judges from outside the park to do the judging. Tim Chrissis who had been nominated to fill the Member at Large position left vacant when Dick Smith was elected President was confirmed and Tim will serve the remaining 2 years of that term. Jan Ginsburg announced there are pancake breakfasts scheduled for January 29th and March 26th, as well as a pancake supper on February 23rd. There will be a Valentine's Day potluck on February 19th as well as a Saint Patrick's Day potluck supper planned for March 19th. Steve Davidson spoke regarding the need to plan for providing potluck meals to residents who may be unable to attend for health reasons and things to be considered when providing these meals. There was some discussion to allow people with walkers or scooters to go first during the pot luck dinners as well as discussion of parking during all events.

Meeting was adjourned .

RESIDENTS OF DESERT HARBOR OFFER SERVICES

NAME	LOT	SERVICES	PHONE
Bill Hightower	6	Handyman	480-374-4570
Philicia Hightower	6	Cleaning & Errands	480-674-4570
Carroll Cooper	128	Installation of small locks	
		Woodworking	480-671-3147
Elaine Dupree	54	Notary Public	480-786-1503
Toni Ague	126	Painting, Alterations,	319-533-1098
Greg Sather	10	Painting	602-558-0612
Dorothy Mueller	155	Avon	480-984-9780
Miles Lowery	164	Handyman	480-276-8568
Margo Crawford	104	Photo restoration-scanning-slides	623-910-2713
Midge Drouin	203	Haircuts, Styling, Blow Drying	602-459-9039

DECEMBER LADIES LUNCHEON AT MIMI'S

By Jan Ginsburg

Twenty five of our residents and guests gathered for our Ladies Luncheon on Tuesday, December 21st at Mimi's Café on S. Alma School Rd. in Mesa, one of our favorite spots to stop for lunch. Everyone was in their festive dress and spirit, lots of laughter and chatting going about the table while Jane Boudreau captured it all on camera.

Our wait staff, Ed and Asia, made sure the service was good and kept things moving along while we enjoyed each others company. It was nice to have Barbi Davis join us this year; she is going to try to make more of these outings. One of newer residents, Sherry Weinert, and her mother, Dorothy Miller, from Lot 186 joined us for their first ladies luncheon, along with Jackie Watts and her mom, Thelma, and Linda Aemmer and her mom, Gladys, who is in visiting with her and Bob. Jean Hansen and Karen Stephens played Santa's elves and passed out special little gifts to everyone, thank you both for your kindness and generosity. Our bellies were full and we still had room for Mimi's famous muffins; what a great ending to a nice afternoon.

Our January luncheon will be held at Crackers & Co Café at 1325 N. Greenfield Rd, Ste 101, Mesa, AZ 85205, please try to meet us there for another great time.



ARIZONA HISTORY

By Kay McKerise

Another prehistoric people who lived in Arizona were the Sinagua. They were first thought to be part of the Anasazi culture or a branch of the Mogollon. The Sinagua lived near the San Francisco mountains north of modern Flagstaff, and later in the Verde Valley. It has been determined that they resided in the San Francisco mountains during the sixth and seventh centuries A.D.

They lived in both round and rectangular pit houses with center fire pits. The roof consisted of sloping poles covered with earth and the entrance was a long ramp facing east. Later, this style was replaced by the timber pithouse. Surface storage granaries made from timber were also used since the Sinagua did some farming and apparently lived a sedentary life, enjoying peace and prosperity.

Their way of life ended abruptly with the eruption of the volcano known as Sunset Crater in late 1064-65. The Sinagua may have interpreted the disaster being caused by the wrath of supernatural powers as they fled the area. They returned later and were surprised by the new richness of the soil from the volcanic overflow. Traders carried the news of the black earth to other parts of the Indian world and soon others were moving in to reap the benefits.

The resulting blend of different cultures can be seen today in the form of Hohokam ball courts and new architectural styles. The Sinagua people began building multi-room surface pueblos inhabited during the twelfth and thirteenth centuries which are preserved at the Wupatki National Monument near Flagstaff.

The Wupatki pueblos and others in the Flagstaff area were evacuated because of the twenty-three year drought (1276-1299) which turned the region into a dust bowl. Many people moved south to the Verde Valley where they joined Sinaguans who had migrated earlier and adopted the Hohokam system of irrigation. The two main populated centers were Tuzigoot, near present day Clarksdale, and Montezuma Castle, near Camp Verde.

The latter is one of the best preserved cliff dwellings in America. Montezuma Castle was constructed between A.D. 1100 and 1400 by the Hohokam and Sinagua people. It was so skillfully engineered that most of the structure is still intact. There are nineteen rooms with approximately one hundred square feet in area.

The forty or fifty people who resided here worked their irrigated farm land and supplemented their diet with wild game, berries and nuts. They wove cloth, mined salt, fired a finely-polished red-ware pottery and in general seemed to be secure in their way of life. Yet, sometime around 1400, the Sinagua suddenly left the Verde Valley.

Dates to Remember

Pancake Dinner: Wednesday Evening Feb 23rd - 5:00PM- \$3:00 per person
Pancake Breakfast: Saturday Morning March 26th - 8:00AM- \$3:00 per person

Patio Sale: Saturday March 12th From 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM



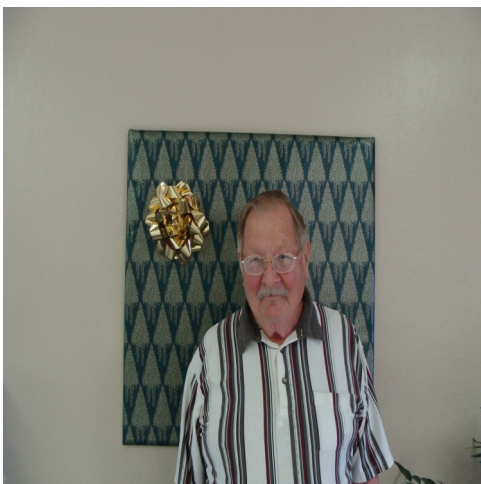
President—Richard Smith

Richard Smith - Dick and Cyndi have lived in Desert Harbor for 8 1/2 years. They have been married for 36 years with three children and six grandchildren. Dick was in the Army for three years and was a sergeant. For 33 years he worked for Safeway in numerous positions. He likes to work on his computer, crafts and fishing (although he hasn't done much since they moved to AZ). They like to travel and he is kept busy doing all kinds of "honey do" jobs around the house. As President of the Desert Harbor Activities Committee, he plans on making it a fun place to live. He wants to keep up the momentum that Ken Camp started, and hopes to continue the activities that everyone has come to enjoy. We have a great park and wonderful people living here and he can't think of a better place to live.



Vice President— Janet Ginsburg (Jan)

Janet Ginsburg - Jan has lived in Desert Harbor for four years this April, a transplant from Pittsburgh, PA where she retired from A.T. & T. after thirty years of service. She shares a home with her sister, Pat Ballock and their dog Beau. While in the "Burgh," Jan was a union steward, local board member and part of a national organizing drive. She was trained by the company to facilitate meetings and taught conflict management. She volunteered at her church, local charities and assisted in special community service programs. Since coming here, she has served as VP of our Activities Organization Board for the last two years, co-editor of our Harbor Lights newspaper and as a chairperson with the Women of the Moose in Apache Junction



Treasurer- Arthur Roberts (Art)

Arthur Roberts - Art has lived with Connie Riter here in Desert Harbor for five years. He is originally from West Virginia, but has lived in Maryland, Washington, DC and Upstate New York before moving to Arizona 10 years ago. In his earlier years, he enlisted in the Air Force during the Korean War, and was stationed in Japan and Washington, DC. Art acquired a Masters Degree in Accounting from Benjamin Franklin University in Washington, DC and worked for many years as an accountant for an architectural firm in Syracuse, as well as for Key Bank and the Burger King Corporation. He was also treasurer for several years of the Activities Organization in Sunrise Vista before moving to Desert Harbor.

Art enjoys traveling, bowling, reading, watching sports, and swimming. He is happy to help out the Activities Committee by being treasurer.



Midge Drouin - Midge resides at #203 in Desert Harbor with her husband Dave. They have been residents of Desert Harbor for almost four years. Dave and Midge came from the small town in Connecticut named Columbia, where they lived for over thirty-five years. They are true east coasters having lived there for over sixty years. They return each summer to spend time with their daughters and granddaughters. Dave and Midge decided to give Arizona a try because of the wonderful weather. They are truly enjoying Arizona and making many acquaintances here at Desert Harbor and throughout Arizona. While living in Connecticut, Midge ran her own business and was active in many fund raising events for non-profit organizations.



Alice Johnson - Alice and her husband Bill have lived at number 5 for the last seven and half years. Alice is originally from Dunkirk, New York. Her journey to Desert Harbor included a stop in Mesa. Her work experience is in Dietary Management in Nursing Homes. She was active in *Parents Without Partners* and a bowling league, where she held offices of president, secretary and treasure. She comes well prepared to serve our Activities Organization. Alice enjoys many of the activities available to the residents including the Ladies Luncheons, Happy Hours, Potluck Dinners, Saturday Coffee and exercising in the pool, to name a few.



Michael Bauschard – Mike has lived with his wife Monica in Desert Harbor for over a year. Although he was born and raised in England he lived in Pennsylvania for many years. Mike was a Facility Manager in a Catholic Church and school before retiring? He was ordained a Minister over twelve years ago and for three of those years had his own church in Youngsville where he lived. He was involved with Hospice and the elderly in Warren County PA. He was president of the local chapter of Kiwanis for several years and was President of a group that helped the homeless. This included extensive involvement with misplaced persons of Warren County. He enjoys playing golf, cards and is handy around the house as he started his working life as an apprentice carpenter and Joiner. He is looking forward to being a part of the committee for Desert Harbor and has a lot to offer with his past experiences.



Tim Chrisis - Tim and his wife Rose moved to Desert Harbor, August 28th, 2010. They moved here from Missouri, after living there for 13 years but they were born and raised in North Dakota and Minnesota. Tim was in the U.S Air Force for 24 years and they lived all around the world before he retired in February, 1992. He began a second career as a manager in a lamination company making memorial cards for funeral homes. He worked there for 13 years before retiring in August of 2009. Together they have 5 children and 11 grandchildren. Tim loves to travel, fish, play cards and play board games. He just loves retirement and Arizona.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 7am Water Aerobics 12pm Ladies Soup/ Salad Luncheon 6:30pm NDQ Poker 7pm Cards/Games	2 7am Water Aerobics 9am Line Dancing 1pm Mahjongg 1pm Quilting 6:30pm Quilting	3 7am Water Aerobics 9am Tai Chi 6:30pm Billiards	4 7am Water Aerobics 1pm Genealogy 4pm Happy Hour 7pm Cards/Games	5 8am Coffee/Donuts 9am Residents Meeting 5:30pm Texas Hold'em Poker
6 1pm Texas Hold'em Poker	7 7am Water Aerobics 9am Tai Chi 1pm Mahjongg 6:30pm Billiards	8 7am Water Aerobics 6:30pm NDQ Poker 7pm Cards/Games	9 7am Water Aerobics 9am Line Dancing 1pm Mahjongg 1pm Men's Poker 6:30pm Quilting	10 7am Water Aerobics 9am Tai Chi 1pm Quilting 6:30pm Billiards	11 7am Water Aerobics 1pm Genealogy 4pm Happy Hour 7pm Cards/Games	12 8am Coffee/Donuts 5:30pm Texas Hold'em Poker
13 2pm Pinochle	14 7am Water Aerobics 9am Tai Chi 1pm Mahjongg 6:30pm Billiards	15 7am Water Aerobics 12pm Ladies Luncheon 6:30pm NDQ Poker 7pm Cards/Games	16 7am Water Aerobics 7am Primm Casino 9am Line Dancing 1pm Mahjongg 1pm Quilting	17 7am Water Aerobics 9am Tai Chi 6:30pm Billiards	18 7am Water Aerobics 1pm Genealogy 4pm Happy Hour 7pm Cards/Games	19 8am Coffee/Donuts 4:30pm Happy Hour 5pm Valentine Pot Luck 5:30pm Texas
20 1pm Texas Hold'em Poker	21 7am Water Aerobics 9am Tai Chi 1pm Mahjongg 6:30pm Billiards	22 7am Water Aerobics 6:30pm NDQ Poker 7pm Cards/Games	23 7am Water Aerobics 9am Line Dancing 1pm Mahjongg 1pm Men's Poker 6:30pm Quilting	24 7am Water Aerobics 9am Tai Chi 1pm Quilting 6:30pm Billiards	25 7am Water Aerobics 1pm Genealogy 4pm Happy Hour 7pm Cards/Games	26 8am Coffee/Donuts 5:30pm Texas Hold'em Poker
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