



Desert Harbor Newsletter

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Activities

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Sandy Steps Down as Editor



Sandy Carmon, the long time editor of our community newsletter has decided to step aside for her own reasons. As editor, she admitted the job motivated her to meet most everyone in the Park. Along with making many friends, she said she witnessed so much kindness and compassion during her time in the Park as editor. There is a really caring side to the people of Desert Harbor. With that said, times do change and people get tired. To use her words with regard to the newsletter, "it's just not fun anymore."

Sandy did want to express her gratitude to the entire community for allowing her the privilege of doing the newsletter for almost 4 years. Her success was due to everyone in the Park and their many contributions. Sandy admitted she experienced absolute fun and enjoyment with every minute while compiling it each month.

As shown in the picture above, Sandy demonstrates deep feelings as she holds her grandchild so tenderly. Many others have seen this too and the community had things to say that typically went like this: "her hard work showed and she had a good sense of humor" ... "did an outstanding job with the newsletter and we all appreciated her efforts" ... "truly enjoyed the newsletter and have greatly appreciated the time and effort it took to make it happen."

Thank you Sandy for all your dedicated hard work from the Desert Harbor family of residents.

A New Look

As you can see our newsletter has a new look. Members on the Activities Board and others have thought a new format was needed. This change is just one of many steps towards creating a more enjoyable place to live. Changes started with the New Year's Eve Party and then the Spaghetti Dinner complete with entertainment on our brand new stage. February saw the Valentine's Day Dinner Dance and we're planning to celebrate St. Patty's Day with corn beef and cabbage in conjunction with our always popular Pot Luck dinner.

The Board is hoping to initiate even more exciting changes in the months ahead and everyone is encouraged to come out and join the activities. Hey we're not bad people once you meet us! The "US" here is you, me and everyone else living at Desert Harbor.

Saint Patrick's Day

honors this patron saint of Ireland. The day is celebrated on March 17 but it's not the day of

St. Patrick's birth but instead the day of his death in 461 AD.

St. Patrick was born in Wales around 385 AD and in later years studied religion. As a priest, he traveled to Ireland to teach the people there about God. Many stories attributed to St. Patrick, some are true and others not so. One says he drove the snakes out of Ireland. This did not happen but the Irish will quickly point out that you can not find a single snake throughout the whole country of Ireland.

Green is the national color of Ireland and it's to be an essential hue in your attire on this most happiest of Irish holidays, or lest you be pinched!

Happy St. Patty's Day!

**A Message
from
Joe Schnier**




I would like to take this opportunity to thank Don Walker for agreeing to be the new editor of the newsletter. A thank you also goes to Sandy Carmon for her past years of dedication in doing our community newsletter...thank you Sandy for a GREAT job!

Please fill out the Desert Harbor Activities Questionnaire and return it by March 10th. We need your input in planning New Activities and Direction for the Organization.

Don't forget the Breakfast on March 10th. The menu will include corn beef hash, eggs, hash browns, fruit, and coffee.

In April there will see more good things coming up. If you like chicken and steak, this should be your month! Look in the April newsletter for more info about this event.

Joe Schnier, *activities president*



Everyone needs one of these directories if you want to call a neighbor. This convenient little book contains alphabetical listing with lot and phone numbers for everyone in the Park. This little phone book is handy to have close to the telephone whenever you need to borrow a cup of sugar or just want to chat. To get your copy, see Hank Hilliard, Lot #101 or call him at (480) 671-1330. They only cost 50¢ ea. and that's just to pay the printing cost.

Ladies Luncheon

The ladies luncheon activity is coordinated by **Agnes Miller** and she reports it's been a fun event with our ladies for years. Agnes has lived here for about 10 years and in that time confesses to have eaten in just about every restaurant there is in the East Valley.

In February, the group went to the **Great China Restaurant** where 15 ladies were in attendance. Everyone said they enjoyed their meals whether they ordered from the menu or had the buffet.

The restaurant picked for March is **Taylor Ray's** at Apache Wells G.C. in Mesa. Ladies who have eaten there have said they serve the best bread pudding and that alone is worth the outing. Add your name to the sign-up sheet in our clubhouse if you want to go.



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News from A L L Management

Resurface Shuffleboard Courts -- Property manager, **Yvonne Cavazos**, wanted to inform the Park that within the next 30 to 45 days American Land Lease will resurface the shuffleboard courts. Their condition has been a long time gripe with many of the regular players. One complaint often heard concerns unevenness of the courts especially that of the third one furthest from the clubhouse. Players who meet every Thursday morning will surely be happy when this work is complete.

If you've never played shuffleboard before, the Thursday gang will be more than happy to show you how. Everyone is invited. Just show up a few minutes before 10 on Thursday morning and so they can get the teams sorted out and whaala, that's how you get involved. Happy shuffleboarding everyone!

Replace Pool Table Cloth -- Over a period of the next three months beginning in March, management will start replacing the cloth on all pool tables in our billiard room. It's been a while since this was done and is sorely needed. In fact in spots on a couple of the tables the cloth is completely worn away. When finished, guys and some ladies but particularly those gentlemen who play regularly on the Park's Monday and Thursday evening pool nights will no longer be able to blame those bad shots on the table. Sorry fellows!

An Overview of Our Activities

Check the Calendar Page
for specific
Dates & Times in March

Out of Park

Golf - We're not that good but your welcome to join us each Thursday at 11:00 a.m. We play 9 holes at Sunland Springs Resort 5 minutes west on Baseline Road. Sign-up in our clubhouse. **Al Pein, sponsor**

Ladies Luncheon - Ladies in our neighborhood get together to have lunch at a different restaurant each month. It's fun, come car pool with us. **Agnes Miller, sponsor**

Senior Day at the Movies - The price is right...**FREE!** This monthly program is designed for seniors (and we all are) to see first-run movies at the Harkins Superstition Springs 25 theater. There's raffles and other contests where participants can win great prizes. For information see www.seniordatthemovies.com or check the Dry Erase board each month for the date and movie title.

Casino Trips - Once a month we to go a different casino be it local or a little further away. A **FREE** bus is always provided and the casinos give \$10 to start you off. **Celine** has coordinated these well attended trips for years and if you have any questions she'll help with answers. **Celine Leonard, sponsor**

Cultural

Geneology - Learn about your history by exploring and creating your personal family tree of ancestors. **Ester Lough, sponsor**

Sponsor List

	Lot	Phone #
Fred & Reni Dieball	# 85	983-0578
Larry Lepic	# 83	288-1565
Celine Leonard	#106	982-1618
Ester Lough	#126	288-8579
Agnes Miller	#152	982-6063
Robert Mueller	#108	983-1119
Al Pein	# 53	983-9304
Dick & Cyndi Smith	# 74	983-5819
Mary Pat Summers	#189	983-4227
Jackie Watts	#117	361-4759

Games

Bridge - A card game that takes team work to win. Come and we'll teach you how play this fun game. **Larry Lepic, sponsor**

Bunco - This really a simple fun card game that everyone can get involved with and YOU can win. **Cyndi Smith, sponsor**

Card Bingo - If you know bingo, you will fit in with Card Bingo. It's fast, exciting and very easy to play. **Celine Leonard, sponsor**

Card Games - You name it, we play it. For a relaxing time with your neighbors, come join us. **Fred Dieball, sponsor**

Cribbage - An old fashion card and peg board game that's simple to learn and stimulates the brain. **Bob Mueller, sponsor**

Mahjongg - A n old Chinese game for centuries and now has become very popular with Americans too. Please join us, its easy to learn and you will enjoy. **Celine Leonard, sponsor**

Pinochle (single deck) - Play this game once and you'll become a regular. **Al Pein, sponsor**

Poker, Mens Club - Nothing like Vegas but a fun group with lots of kidding through out the session. A \$10 buy-in to get \$10 in chips

Poker, N.D.Q. - 5¢, 10¢, and 25¢ only, no high stakes here. A \$10 buy-in gets you \$10 in chips.

Poker, Texas Unlimited - For the serious player, this is for you. A \$10 buy-in to start and you get \$250,000 in chips to play. 1st place winner here gets 50% of the entrance fees, 2nd gets 30% and 3rd 20% of the fees. Not bad!!! **Fred Dieball, sponsors all Poker**

Crafts

Applique - A simple craft with beautiful results. Apply artwork to any kind of material by various methods. **Reni Dieball, sponsor**

Closet Quilters - Frontier women made quilts in the winter when conditions wouldn't allow them do anything else. Today it's become a popular hobby all year round. Everyone is welcome to join us but we encourage membership in the quilters guild is \$25/yr. **Reni Dieball, sponsor**

Stich, Craft & Chat - Sewing and craft making will never be out of style. Come gather and create with us. We do some chatting too. **Reni Dieball, sponsor**

Sweedish Weaving - This craft is so beautiful and it's fun to learn. Stop in and we'll get you to thread a needle and weave a little before you know it. **Dick Smith, sponsor**

Clubhouse/Patio

Line Dancing - Thanks to Mary Pat for her supreme patience and teaching skills with this class. It's a lot of fun - and great exercise too. **Mary Pat Summers, sponsor**

Water Exercise - You can increase strength, flexibility and cardiovascular health with significantly less stress on joints, bones & muscles. Thanks to Jackie Watts for leading this excelent class. **Jackie Watts, sponsor**

Shuffle Board - This is such an easy game to play, you can do it. If you've never played before we'll teach you. It's all about having fun. **Dick Smith, sponsor**

Also check the Dry Erase Board at the Clubhouse for last minute changes. Some activities require you first sign-up to participate. This prevents any possible disappointments.

Special Reminders

Newsletter

Please remember that this is YOUR newsletter to participate in...so if you have something to sell, celebrate, have a story to tell or pictures to show from your last trip or a fun activity, by all means share them with the community! Appropriate contributions will always be welcomed. Write or print clearly your thoughts and pass them on to **Don Walker**, Lot #206. You may call (480) 288-5686 or e-mail desharb206@msn.com

A Desert Harbor Profile



Who is **Joe Schnier**? Many know him as the recently elected President of the Desert Harbor Activities Organization. Some people see Joe as abrasive and somewhat overbearing but all admit he has a lot of good ideas. Simply put...you either like him or not!

Before people make that choice, you need to know a little more about this interesting man called Joe Schnier, president of our Activities Org! A closer look reveals that he was born in Quincy, Illinois on July 31, 1942. It's a small town in western Illinois on the Mississippi River just 2 hours from St. Louis and 20 minutes from Hannibal, MO., home of Mark Twain.

Fresh out of hi school, Joe served in the Navy as an electrician but soon got the love bug and married a young lady named Barb on April 20, 1963. Almost 44 years later, the Schnier family moved to Arizona and finally settled at Desert Harbor in November of 2005 with their 14 yr old dog CJ and Fred, a 2 yr old cat who often terrorizes CJ.

Joe's charitable activities started years ago beginning with the Dobson (High School) Band Parents Assoc. He would pack off with hi-school kids during summer for their week long band-camp-in-the-pines. As cook, he prepared all meals every day for 175 teenagers and from that time continued donating his energy to church and other activities over the years.

His working career includes restaurant management and maintenance locally and on a national level with a large chain of restaurants. He later started his own business cleaning restaurants, including their exhaust systems (meaning all the "yucky stuff" from fry burgers and other such foods...a process that would make you switch to a vegetarian!!).

Joe at one point had a hobby collecting fish aquariums and it got to a point that Barb finally said, "too many, TOO MANY!" and now they have none. This did however prompt the beginning of an aquarium maintenance business that Joe continues PT today. Finally Joe and Barb are proud grandparents of 3 grandchildren by son Christopher and his wife Jennifer who currently live in Virginia.

Community Recipe Book

Desert Harbor is trying to create a unique recipe book. You can be part of that process by submitting your favorite recipe(s) for inclusion. **Don Walker**, Lot #206, is coordinating this project. Contact at (480) 288-5686 or e-mail desharb206@msn.com for additional information. Blank forms are available in the craft room for your convenience.

Recycle Your Newspapers

To help earn money for our activities, we collect old newspapers and cardboard for recycling. Use the dumpster behind the clubhouse to toss your papers and cardboard. Just remember to flatten the boxes before placing them in the bin.

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Be Charitable

Community Alliance Against Family Abuse (shelter) in Apache Junction provides a helping hand for those experiencing hard times. This shelter can always use your donations of household items like cleaning supplies, bedding materials, toys, etc. **Harry and Barbie Davis**, Lot #94, have agreed to collect your donated items and take them to the shelter. Also, there are barrels located in the clubhouse for canned foods and used clothing. Spend a few minutes and look around to see what you can contribute. The website is www.caafaaz.org/

Sunshine Acres Children's Home is a residential home for children separated from their parents. The facility depends wholly on private donations for their existence. Kids there help out by making crafts of all kinds to sell in their Boutique. As an example they take the fronts of **used** greeting cards and make all kinds of projects. They would very much appreciate your seasonal and all other special day cards. There's a basket in the clubhouse to leave your cards. **Celine Leonard**, Lot #106, takes your cards to this incredible home when the basket is full (often she hopes). See the Home's website at www.sunshineacres.org/

Superstition Mtn. Mental Health Care needs donations of small soaps, shampoos, and all other hygiene products like the ones everyone borrows from motels/hotels when traveling. These small items are actually preferred and unopened notions provide individuals with safe contamination free hygienic products. This facility takes in anyone who needs help without decremenation. **Celine Leonard**, Lot #106 (480) 982-1618, coordinates this worthwhile effort in our Park. For more information their website is www.smmhc.org/



Lady in the Street?

Many saw this lady with her table and chair sitting in the street on Wednesday afternoon on February 21 cracking pecans on the side of the street across from the clubhouse. The question is why? Eloise is in town visiting her sister Paula Cooper at #198. This day she was handed a bag of pecans and told to get out of the house and go cracking...at least that was her story. In reality Eloise is here for a short time before going back to her home in North Dakota. We believe she was just trying to soak up as much of the nice warm Arizona sun before returning to the frigid north.

Your Special Day

BIRTHDAYS in March		Date	Date
Doyce Carmon	6	Cyndi Smith	24
Gerrilynn Champion	8	Dick Foss	25
John Greenwood	10	Celine Leonard	26
Joe Patricca	14	Dave Johnson	30
Joyce Morrison	15		
Ron Fisher	19	<i>Anniversaries in March</i>	
Fred Wiswell	19	Harry & Barbie Davis	5
Ann Marker	19	Bill & Gail Dunham	7
Hank Hilliard	22	Jim & Lois Wagner	28

If anyone wants to drop a personal note of recognition for these people in their pigeon slot at the clubhouse, we suspect they wouldn't mind the attention...Yes?

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SPECIAL EVENTS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				9:00a Tai Chi 10:00a Shuffle Brd 11:00a Golf 6:30p Billiards	1:00p Genealogy 7:00p Card Games	8:00a Coffee & Donuts 9:00a Residents Meeting 7:00p Card Bingo
		9:00a to 10:00a PoolAerobics - Monday thru Friday		1	2	3
1:00p Texas Hold'em Unlimited Poker	9:00a Tai Chi 10:00a Mahjongg 1:00p Swedish Weaving 6:30p Billiards	1:00p Cribbage 6:30p N.D.Q. Poker 7:00p Card Games	9:00a Line Dancing 1:00p Mahjongg 10:00a Shuffle Board 1:00p Quilters 6:30p Stitch, Craft & Chat	9:00a Tai Chi 11:00a Golf 1:00p Quilters 6:30p Billiards	1:00p Genealogy 7:00p Card Games	8:00a Breakfast Ice Cream Social
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
		9:00a to 10:00a PoolAerobics - Monday thru Friday				
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11	12	13	14	15	16	17
		9:00a to 10:00a PoolAerobics - Monday thru Friday				
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18	19	20	21	22	23	24
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25	26	27	28	29	30	31
		9:00a to 10:00a PoolAerobics - Monday thru Friday				

Thursday, March 15
Barleens Arizona Opry Dinner Theater in A.J.
 Make checks out to Barleens or Arizona Opry. Put in Celin's box #106 or call her at 982-1618. There is a waiting list for this event.

Tuesday, March 20
Ladies Luncheon this month is at **Taylor Rays** at the **Apache Wells G.C.** in Mesa. We will meet the clubhouse at 11:00 am and carpool to the restaurant. Reservations are for 11:45. Ladies say the Bread Pudding alone is worth the trip. Add your name to the sign-up sheet if you would like to come along

Monday, March 26
Day trip to the Mazatzal Indian Casino in Payson.
 We will check-in at the Clubhouse at 7:45am. The casino will give all \$10 ea. when we arrive and they have bingo too. Casino trips are our most popular event consistently. Come join us!!! Check the sign-up sheet in the clubhouse.

Saturday, March 31
Patio Sale - Always an opportunity to get rid of STUFF we no longer need. The coordinator for this event is Don Walker, #206

SOME PERKS OF BEING OVER SIXTY

1. People no longer view you as a hypochondriac.
2. There is nothing left to learn the hard way
3. Things you buy now won't wear out.
4. You enjoy hearing about other people's operations.
5. You quit trying to hold your stomach in no matter who walks into the room.
6. Your investment in health insurance is finally beginning to pay off.
7. Your secrets are safe with your friends because they can't remember them either.
8. Your supply of brain cells is finally down to a manageable size.

Some Other Happenings near by . . .



February 10th - April 1, 2007
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