

# HARBOR LIGHTS

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Desert Harbor, a 55+ community

Apache Junction, Arizona

## ST. PATRICK'S DAY IS MARCH 17<sup>th</sup> AND EVERYONE CAN BE IRISH!

...by Jan Ginsburg #183

St Patrick's Day is an official holiday in Ireland. Although it is not an official holiday in Canada, the United Kingdom, Australia, New Zealand or the United States, it is still celebrated by many people. However, today anyone can partake in a St. Patrick's Day celebration without necessarily being of Irish descent. That's the beauty of the day; it includes everyone who is interested. The Irish are a very welcoming bunch, with fun personalities, who like to share it with everyone.

These days, St Patrick's Day is widely celebrated here in America by Irish and non-Irish alike, with many people regardless of background, wearing green-colored clothing. Traditionally, anyone caught not wearing green is 'pinched', but usually affectionately.

Looking for Irish Pubs to tip back a few or share a bit of blarney? Check these local ones out!

Molly Brannigan's  
Traditional Irish Pub & Restaurant  
1744 South Val Vista Drive, Mesa  
480-507-8741  
[contactus@mollybrannigans.com](mailto:contactus@mollybrannigans.com)

RT O'Sullivan's  
1010 W. Southern Avenue,  
Mesa  
480-844-1290  
[info@rtosullivan.com](mailto:info@rtosullivan.com)



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### The First Parade

The first St. Patrick's Day parade took place not in Ireland, but in the United States. Irish soldiers serving in the English military marched through New York City on March 17, 1762. Along with their music, the parade helped the soldiers to reconnect with their Irish roots, as well as fellow Irishmen serving in the English army.

Over the next thirty-five years, Irish patriotism among American immigrants flourished, prompting the rise of so-called "Irish Aid" societies. Each group would hold annual parades featuring bagpipes (which actually first became popular in the Scottish and British armies) and drums.



# Valentine's Day Dance

...by Connie Riter



A relaxing evening was enjoyed by about 30 people on Saturday, Feb. 13<sup>th</sup>, as we listened to the music of "Uncle Beaver," who was here earlier for New Year's Eve.

The Clubhouse was especially festive because Monica Bauschard decorated the silk tree in the back with colorful hearts (see picture below) and the tables were set with centerpieces, bags of "White Trash" made by Connie Riter and small bowls of holiday candy provided by Joann Hankison.

Two holiday gift baskets, donated by Doc and Lynette Stephenson from Southland National Insurance, were raffled off and both were won by guests to the Park, Betty Duggan and Dianna Tetreault.



Thanks to all who attended this event and especially Larry and Marge Lepic who, once again, graced us with their beautiful dancing. Art Roberts, Connie Riter, and Janet Ginsburg, who hosted the event, also want to thank everyone who helped out to clean up and rearrange the tables after the dance.



Monica Bauschard decorated the tree with colorful hearts.

# Meet My Grandkids . . . . by Toni Ague

Well, as you can see from the picture, I have four lovely grandchildren-- from left to right, Tavin (4 yrs) and Jersee (18 mos) who are brother and sister. Their parents are my son Joshua and Shaleen, his wife. The other two are Gage (4 yrs) and Ava (7 yrs) who are also brother and sister. They are the children of our oldest son, Jeremy, and his wife, Morgan.



Both girls have blue eyes like their grandma, and both boys have brown eyes like "Papa", their grandpa. I think that is because the boys are "full of you-know-what!" The boys are three months apart so when they are together, it is like seeing twins. Oh, boy! They can get into trouble without even trying!

I love it when they both are down in Leroy's shop in Iowa and he is trying to work on the car. Leroy is looking for the creeper and the boys are using it to give each other rides. Then Leroy will ask if I can find something for them to do. So I take the three oldest for a bike ride on the trail behind our home. That is always fun because they always manage to come up with wonderful stories--from the alligator in the pond that pooped on the sidewalk to the frog that is smashed from someone running over it on the trail. "That's ok," they tell me. "Mom will come and take him to the hospital, and he will be fixed up just right!" Each one of them are so very special to me.

They give me a reason to look forward to each day. When I call them on the web cam on our computer here in Arizona, I'm always surprised at what each one does. Ava shows me her new dance. Then Gage comes over to say "Hi, Jamma. Love you....Bye." And back he goes to his Wii game. When we call Tavin, he always wants to show us his butt, for some reason. Last is Jersee. She is up near the web cam saying "Hi...hi....hi..." and waving at us. Then she gets up and gives us kisses on the computer screen.

The other day I was painting at Art and Connie's when I got a phone call. This little voice on the other end kept saying, "Hi...hi...hi." I realized it was Jersee and I could hear her mother say, "Who are you calling?" "Gumma," Jersee answered. Then her mother asked for the phone, and Jersee said very plainly, "NO!"

I feel so lucky to have my grandchildren and they make our lives so wonderful! Leroy will ask if I have heard from his "little buddy" (Tavin) or the "Big G" (Gage). Then he'll ask about "Miss A" (Ava) and "little Jo" (Jersee). They are what makes our lives complete and gives us a smile every day!

# From the President's Desk

by Ken Camp

At the time of this writing, we have finished with the wet "sunshine" outdoors. I don't know about you, but a little rain goes a long way with Joann and I. As far as I could see, we had very little damage and I do believe the drainage system worked like it should have!



Those of us who attended the Saddle Strings performance had a good time and many asked if they could return next year. I contacted them and made a date for January, 2011. This will have to be approved by the new President and Board Members.

For those interested, I found out what happened to the bench press in the weight room....

Leases need to be signed ASAP. The office is open each day and this is up to you to renew your lease.

Those of you who have dogs, please pick up after them and dispose of the waste at your house. The ash trays around the clubhouse are not the place to dispose of the waste.

Please remember the residents who are sick or in the hospital. A call or a visit is sometimes the greatest medicine we can give. Remember Elaine Kereluk is our person to call if you know of anyone in the Park who is sick or in the hospital.

In closing, I hope your team won the Super Bowl and that those who attended the party here at the Clubhouse had a great time.

## Chili Cook-Off



When: Wednesday February 24, 2010

Time: Happy Hour @ 4:30 PM

Judging @ 5:00 PM

Where: Desert Harbor Clubhouse

Cost: FREE

Judging by non resident judges and prizes will be awarded! Sign-up sheets are on the Activities Organization Bulletin Board.

## March

"The air is like a butterfly  
With frail blue wings.  
The happy earth looks at the sky  
And sings."

- Joyce Kilmer, *Spring*

*Desert Harbor 2010*

## Activities Organization

President..... **Ken Camp**  
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## **Other Information...**

**Newsletter** - If you want something to appear in the newsletter, submit a request in writing and place it in the

**"Bright Ideas Suggestion Box"**

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

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

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# St. Patrick's Day Dinner and Silent Auction!

...by Jane Boudreau

On Wednesday, March 17 the residents of Desert Harbor will celebrate St. Patrick's Day with a Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner followed by a Silent Auction. The Activities Organization is providing the corned beef, cabbage, potatoes and carrots. This dinner replaces the regular potluck for March.

The evening begins with Happy Hour at 4:30 PM and the opening of bidding on the auction items. The baskets on the auction block have been donated by the residents and friends of Desert Harbor as well as local businesses. We encourage you to support the local businesses who have provided gift certificates for this auction. Dinner will be served at 5:00 PM and bidding closes at 6:15 PM. Please sign up early and join us for a fun filled evening.

From the Kitchen of **Jane Boudreau**,  
Lot 179



## Cabbage Soup

Served at the February 2010 Ladies Get Acquainted Soup & Salad Luncheon.

- 1½ # ground beef
- 2 14.5 oz. cans stewed tomatoes
- ½ med. onion chopped
- 2 14 oz cans beef broth
- ¼ tsp garlic powder
- 8 beef bouillon cubes
- ½ tsp garlic salt
- ½ head chopped cabbage
- 1 tsp dry parsley flakes
- 2 stalks diced celery
- 1 can kidney beans

Brown ground beef, onion and celery then add all the remaining ingredients and mix well. Simmer for 1 to 2 hours on stove top. You may want to add a little black pepper and additional garlic salt to suit your taste.

# Super-Bowl Party Sunday, February 7, 2010

...by Eileen Wilson

The biggest game is over between **Indianapolis Colts** and the **New Orleans Saints**. The Colts lead off first but at the end, they lost the game with the score 31 – 17 against the Saints. February 7, 2010, was the greatest day in Super Bowl history for the New Orleans Saints as they became Super Bowl Champions.

Drew Brees was awarded the Most Valuable Player with 32 completed of 39 passes for 288 yards and a pair of touchdowns with no interceptions in the victory. He set a career-high with 6 touchdowns.

Desert Harbor residents were invited to come out and cheer for their favorite team at this year's Super-Bowl with friends and neighbors in the Clubhouse. Bob and Eileen Wilson, Lot 53, hosted this event and provided foot long sandwiches and paper goods for everyone. Super Bowlers were asked to bring a dessert, chips & dip or a salad of some kind and a beverage (BYOB) of choice! After the game board was filled out and everyone grabbed their eats, we were ready for the game to begin (and the commercials).

Leroy Ague and Miles Lowery won the money from the game board. Whether you were a Colts fan or a Saints fan, we all had fun at this Super Bowl party.

Thanks to Bob, Eileen and Estelle Pein, too, for hosting this event. Perhaps next year we can have more participation.... everyone thought this was a great idea!



Bob and Eileen Wilson

I won, NO! I won.

We had lots of food.

Leroy and Miles are big winners

# FIRST "OFFICIAL" QUILT SHOW

by Reni Dieball, Chapter Chair

The Desert Harbor Quilt Show on January 14, 2010, hosted by the Closet Quilters, was a great success! There were approximately 100 quilts on display, as well as tops to be finished. Of the 18 members we had 15 represented by their quilts. Also, 76 visitors signed in and we had a very nice response to our little show. Thanks to all who came to support us.

Many thanks as well to Sharon Ziccardi, who provided lunch for the worker bees, Carole Hobson for signing in visitors and handing out gloves for touching the quilts, Toni Reinert for doing a great job at the refreshment area and Sherry Erway for demonstrating English paper piecing of hexagons. Once again, many thanks to all the hard working Closet Quilters who came and helped make this a success.



Toni Reinert and Gayle



Darlene Higgins (former resident) and Carol Rysavy



Sharon Ziccardi with her quilts.



Carole Hobson greeting and signing in visitors



Midge Drouin and Marj Lepic



Reni answers all questions about quilt making.



Norma Moreland with her "Dear Jane" Quilt.

## "Dear Jane" Quilt

Reproduction of 1863 Civil War quilt designed and sewn by Jane A. Stickle. Over 5600 pieces of fabric. 238 4½" blocks and 52 pieced triangles in the borders.

This quilt was made jointly by Norma and Dorrence Moreland, Mesa, AZ 2003 & 2004

Credits to Brenda Papadakis for researching and publishing the "Dear Jane" book and patterns. Original quilt hangs in Bennington Museum, Bennington, Vermont.



Reni Dieball shows her extensive display of quilts.

## RESIDENTS' MEETING ...by Bob Mayo

Meeting was called to order by Ken Camp who asked if we had any new residents. Cheryl Nagy introduced herself and her husband Guy and they were welcomed by the members present.

Minutes of the previous meeting had been passed out for members to review and were accepted by those present. The Treasurer's Report was presented by Art Roberts and also accepted. It was brought up that we must get a receipt for all cash dispersals, such as to individuals providing entertainment.

Reports were provided by several committee chairpersons on upcoming trips, luncheons, etc. Connie Riter announced that since the year was about half over, the remaining Coyote Coupon books would now be sold for \$7.50 to those who wish to purchase them.

Midge Drouin provided an update on the upcoming Patio Sale and the related White Elephant and Book sale scheduled for March 13<sup>th</sup>. Midge also requested people provide recipes that can be included in a park Recipe Book that has been in the works for over a year. She needs more recipes. Judi Quetschenback provided an update on the status of the Desert Harbor tee shirts. There have been some problems in getting the correct shirts but she has been told that the supplier will fix the problem and the shirts will be coming in. Keep the faith!

Jan Ginsburg discussed a book on "Elder Resources Guide" that provides information of use to senior citizens. Some of these books were handed out to residents and additional ones are being obtained for those who may wish to have one; and they are free.

Ken Camp discussed some issues that keep coming up and that residents need to be aware of and do something about. The first issue is litter, such as cigarette butts and paper just tossed on the ground, particularly in the area around the mail boxes. There are containers where such trash can be placed. Please use the containers and don't just throw the items on the ground. Another major issue is picking up after your animals. There are those who continue to not pick up their animal's droppings. This is a requirement of the park and also just common sense. Also when disposing of their droppings, please **do not** dispose of such items by placing them in the trash cans either inside or outside of the clubhouse or the cigarette butt containers provided outside. These are not the places to dispose of such waste. It is both unsanitary and fails to consider other people who live in the park. Take it with you and dispose of such materials along with your other waste.

There are also some people who need to get in to see Yvonne and sign their leases. This applies apparently to those on a permanent lease as well as those on an annual lease so please check with Yvonne.

During the January meeting a decision was made to purchase some new chairs for the clubhouse which had padding rather than simply just metal seats and backs. A motion was made to scrap obtaining the chairs and using the money to buy a big screen TV instead. After some discussion about the wisdom of this, the motion was tabled for consideration at a later time.

Meeting was adjourned.

*Desert Harbor's*

## PATIO SALE

SAVE THE DATE

*...by Midge Drouin*

Saturday, March 14, 2010

From: 7:00 am till 12:00 pm

Where: Clubhouse and at individual homes

Remember to get your items together that you will be selling that day. Please sign up at the clubhouse if you are planning to have a patio sale at your home. This is our way to generate a map for our "customers" and to make our advertising more specific.



Don't forget that this same day we will be having a bake, book, and white elephant sale at the Clubhouse. If you are planning to have your own Patio Sale, please donate an item for the white elephant sale to help cover the cost of the advertising. When you bring your item to the clubhouse, you may also pick up a flag -- or balloons -- to mark your home as one having a sale. If for some reason you can't be here for the sale and want to contribute items for the white elephant sale, please feel free to drop them off to either Connie Riter Lot #81 or Midge Drouin #203. .

You will be able to drop your food items or white elephant items off at the club house on Friday afternoon and evening. We are looking for cakes, pies, fudge, brownies, cookies etc. If possible, please package the baked items in smaller quantities and price them. We will be at the club house around 4:00pm that Friday before the sale where you will be able to have first choice in buying items for sale. If you have any questions regarding this event please feel free to contact Midge at 480-982-9425 or Jane at 480-671-0477.

# AVATAR.....A Movie Review by Don Crump



I was asked if I would do a movie review of Avatar....so here it goes! I had seen ads on TV and in the papers about this movie. I decided to go see it. Now I didn't want to go by myself, so I asked my old friend, Jack Bellestri, who lives in Gold Canyon, to go with me. He agreed to go because he knew it was a fantasy movie, and at our age, fantasy is all we have left. I drive out to pick him up. Now this is an experience on its own. We have to load his scooter in the car and then we have to load-- JACK!

We get to the movies, buy our tickets which were \$9.00 each, and get ourselves situated in the theater. We

didn't buy any popcorn or drinks-- BECAUSE OF THE \$9.00 TICKET. We looked around to see if we were the only old farts there and found that there were a LOT of us old fantasy people there. Forgive me, you wanted to know about the movie....

It was in 3-D and the sound made you feel like you were right there. The scenery was excellent and I could not tell the difference between computer animation and reality. I got "butterflies" when they showed the high up scenes and the valleys.

OK...Let's talk about the movie. 1). Planet earth has used up its natural resources; 2). Corrupt people find another planet with valuable resources; 3). This planet is inhabited by beautiful people whose most holy place is sitting on top of the resources the bad guys want; 4). The bad guys try to infiltrate the natives, but it backfires when the infiltrator falls in love with a pretty native; 5). War breaks out and you know the movie is a fantasy because the natives with their dragons (Oh, yes... they ride the flying beasts and all the other bizarre animals)...win. I would recommend this movie to everyone, if the only reason you went was because of the scenery and the imagination of the director.

## 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

## HEALTH CORNER

*...by Connie Riter*

### How to Recognize Signs of a Stroke

*...from the Internet*

A nurse friend sent this and if everyone can remember something this simple, we could save some folks. A neurologist indicated that if he can get to a stroke victim within 3 hours he can totally reverse the effects of a stroke...totally. He said that the trick was getting a stroke recognized, diagnosed, and then getting the patient medically cared for within 3 hours, which might be difficult.

Sometimes symptoms of a stroke are difficult to identify and the lack of awareness could spell disaster. The stroke victim may suffer severe brain damage when people nearby fail to recognize the symptoms of a stroke. Now doctors say a bystander can recognize a stroke by asking three simple questions which can be remembered by the letters, "S...T...R..."

"S" Ask the individual to SMILE.  
 "T" Ask the person to TALK and SPEAK A SIMPLE SENTENCE (I.e. "It is sunny out today.")  
 "R" Ask the person to RAISE BOTH ARMS. If he or she has trouble with ANY ONE of these tasks, call the emergency number immediately. Another sign of a stroke is if you ask the person to stick out his tongue, and the tongue is "crooked" (that is, it goes to one side or the other), this may also be an indication of a stroke. These three easily remembered questions could perhaps save a life someday...

# BUS TOUR OF AUSTRALIA'S EAST COAST

. . . by Jim McKersie

In 1990, we decided to take a two week Christmas vacation bus tour of Australia's East Coast. After flying for thirteen hours from Los Angeles we landed in Cairns (pronounced "CANS") on the west coast of the Coral Sea. This area is very much like Hawaii, tropical, hot and humid.

Cairns is a beautiful city with a large boat harbor. We were taken to our hotel with a nice room overlooking the beach and harbor. We took a walk along the esplanade where there were several tourist shops and restaurants. We retired early to allow our bodies to catch up to the new time zone.

The next morning we walked to a cafe on the pier and had an Aussie breakfast of "steak pie". It was different, but okay.

After lunch, we met in the hotel lobby to greet our tour hostess and driver. There were twenty of us from all over the world. Our mode of travel was a new fifty passenger Mercedes Benz diesel bus. Traveling on the wrong side of the road was an adjustment for many of us.

The weird sensation of being "down-under" and knowing that north was hot and south was cooler attacked us. Of course, we were also fourteen hours off schedule!

The second day was only a try-out run to a local sugar plantation and processing plant. Been there--done that in Hawaii!

That evening the tour group met on the grounds for "steak and shrimp on the barbie" and a marvelous buffet. "Barbie" is the term used for a barbeque. The Aussie's did not know how to grill a steak--well done like shoe leather! The rest of the food was excellent.

Day three started with a buffet breakfast consisting of: poached or scrambled eggs, bacon, wonderful sausage, Franco American spaghetti, Van Camp's Pork 'N Beans, fried tomatoes, and kippers (fish). We learned early on that they do not use condiments: salt, pepper, mayo, catsup or mustard. They do have "vegemite" which we never adjusted to using. This was a typical breakfast every morning.

After breakfast, we took a Reef Cat (catamaran type boat) out to Green Island which is a coral cay with a rain forest. We toured the marine land and underwater observatory. The sea life was outstanding.

Leaving Green Island we went to Norman Reef which is a large floating platform in the middle of the sea. We went on a glass bottom boat and a submersible type boat to view the reef. Many of the people also went scuba diving and snorkeled. The reef was gorgeous and the beautiful fish were outstanding. This was even better than Hawaii. A delicious lunch of shrimp on the barbie was served. The shrimp were the size of a small pork chop!

We arrived back at the Hotel just in time to shower and get ready for dinner. The Australians are big on sweets: Pavlova, Apple Strudel, pies and cheesecakes. Needless to say, we did not go hungry.

On day four after breakfast, we traveled north along the beaches of the Coral Sea to the Daintree River. We transferred to a flat bottom boat for a cruise down the river. The area is very tropical, hot and humid. We saw hundreds of large fruit bats hanging in the mango trees (their favorite diet). The river has large fresh water crocodiles that sun themselves along the banks of the river.

We met up with our bus at the ferry landing and had a very nice lunch. The hostess always called ahead with our lunch orders so everything was ready and waiting for us. We then proceeded to an Aboriginal settlement where we were told about their culture, living off the land, and taking a guided walk in the rain forest. Before leaving

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# **Desert Harbor Dixieland Band Dance Activities Organization**

**The Desert Harbor Activities Organization  
invites you to join the fun and excitement as  
Wally's Dixieland Jazz Band  
performs for your listening and dancing enjoyment!**

**Wed. March 10, 2010**

**7:00 PM**

**Tickets - \$5.00 per person**

**Please pay at door.**

**BYOB**



# In Search of Restaurant Reviews

We asked residents to share reviews 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](mailto: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

## RESTAURANT REVIEW

— by Nancy Pavkov

### DEMA'S PIZZA & PASTA ITALIAN BISTRO



18256 E. Williams Field Rd,  
Gilbert, AZ 85295  
(480) 988-7223



Bill and I ate at this place recently. It is a family run restaurant with a pleasant wait staff. Bill said it was the best lasagna he'd ever had. I ordered a personal size pizza that was very good. The place is very clean. If you go it's located just south of the Gilbert Hospital on the same side of the street.

Dema's offers a wide range of items from appetizers and salads up to various pasta dishes and full entrée meals. They also provide Calzones and a variety of pizzas as well as a selection of desserts and beverages. Beer, wine and cocktails are also available for those wishing to partake. Prices for entrees range from around \$6 or \$7 up to as much as \$20-\$22 for some of their specialty pizzas. They offer lunch specials Monday through Friday from 11am to 3pm, with prices ranging from around \$4 to \$12. There is also a takeout service available should you wish to call ahead for orders to be picked up.

If you wish to learn more, their web site is [www.floridinosgilbert.com](http://www.floridinosgilbert.com)

## E-MAIL ADDRESSES ... by Dave Borchartt #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](mailto:azhighways@aol.com). This is Dave & Bev Borchartt'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.

## BIRTHDAYS / ANNIVERSARIES

### MARCH 2010 BIRTHDAYS

Date	Name	Lot #
3	Rosemarie Williams	162
10	Robert Galli	95
11	Peggy Swanson	204
14	Joe Patricca	136
15	Joyce Morrison	195
18	Ron Fisher	78
22	Hank Hilliard	101
22	Phillip Thau	32
24	Cyndi Smith	74
25	Midge Drouin	203
26	Celine Leonard	106
26	Tony Tenaglia	140
27	Sylvia Novak	187
28	Judy Ross	119
30	Toni Ague	126

### MARCH 2010 ANNIVERSARIES

Date	Name	Lot #
5	Harry & Barbie Davis	94
12	Jim & Lois Wagner	33
13	Roger & Naomi Howard	16
13	Bob & Eileen Wilson	53
23	John & Margaret Mitchell	103
31	Art & Elaine Anfang	145

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

## LADIES LUNCHEON ...by Jane Boudreau



The monthly LADIES LUNCHEON was held on Tuesday, January 19, 2010 at JB'S Restaurant on Main Street in Mesa. We all enjoyed our meal which was served by a wonderful waitress. She had a group of 37 people for breakfast so the 13 of us were a breeze for her. The restaurant's décor has been updated and the premises were very clean. I would recommend JB'S for good American style food. A plus for those of you who like breakfast dishes for lunch

or dinner, they are available all day long.



Helen Rietow has selected Mimi's Café as the location for the March

luncheon. The restaurant is located at 1250 S. Alma School Rd. in Mesa. Mimi's Café has hosted our Ladies Luncheons in the past and the food as well as the service has been very good. They have a nice selection of items on the luncheon menu. When I checked their web site they were offering a two course lunch including your drink for less than ten dollars. I recommend you check the web site prior to March 16 for current specials. I have included the link to their web site for you. <http://www.mimiscafe.com/MenuLunch.aspx>

As a reminder we meet at 11:00 AM in the clubhouse and car pool to the restaurant. Please sign up in advance to allow Helen to notify the restaurant of the number to expect.



## Classified Ads

Free to Desert Harbor residents

### For Sale

#### Red 3 Wheel Sonic Scooter

3 yrs old \$500

Contact: Dave or Karen, #58  
(480) 982-3938 or  
(480) 221-6414

### For Sale

#### 2 Person Hot Tub

Hardly used  
Made by Colombia  
10 jets & w/cover  
supplies - 110w  
\$1500 OBO  
Contact: Ron or Pat, #77  
(480) 288-2083

### For Sale

#### 7ft Chest Freezer - White

Kirkland by Whirlpool  
29" deep - Only several yrs old  
\$99  
Contact: Al or Donna, #44  
(480) 983-4749

# LADIES GET ACQUAINTED SOUP AND SALAD LUNCHEON

by Jane Boudreau

The Ladies of Desert Harbor meet on the first Tuesday of each month in the clubhouse for lunch. The menu is the same each month--soups, salads and desserts. We sign up in advance as to which of the categories we will provide that month. The February luncheon featured six soups: Beef Barley, Shrimp and Clam, Pasta Fazool, Turkey Noodle, Sausage Cabbage and Split Pea. Accompanying the soups was a nice array of salads and a full table of desserts. Needless to say, we enjoyed tasting all the items. We did not take an official count, however, we believe thirty ladies attended this month.

If you missed the February luncheon, a repeat performance will take place on March 2 at 12 noon in the Clubhouse. The items on the menu will change. However, the good fellowship will continue. We hold a 50/50 drawing each month so please remember to bring your dollar. You could be the lucky winner in March. The sign-up sheets are posted on the Activities Organization Bulletin Board. Coffee is provided and we ask you to bring your full table service including a bowl(s) for tasting the soup.

We look forward to seeing you at the next luncheon. If transportation to the Clubhouse is an issue please contact a committee member for assistance.

Elaine Anfang	480.984.3290
Jane Boudreau	480.617.0477
Joann Hankison	480.641.0975
Kay McKersie	480.288.9531
Carol Rysavy	480.983.3142



## BUS TOUR OF AUSTRALIA

the settlement, we were treated to "billy tea" (prepared in a tin can) and "damper" (an unleavened biscuit)". It left a lot to be desired. While we were eating, one of the men demonstrated his considerable talent on the didgeridoo (a hollow tree branch about five feet long). It makes a low pitched sound which is rather hypnotic.

This evening we were taken to the Jibiru Cabaret for an excellent dinner and show. There were professional dancers doing the aboriginal style, but only a few were actually aborigines. Several of us were called upon to demonstrate our skills on the didgeridoo or dancing. Needless to say, I did not do well!!

On the morning of the fifth day, we were dropped off at the railway station in Cairns to take a ride on the Kuranda Train. The train has quite a climb out of the valley to the top of the mountain. The views were terrific as we traveled though more than twenty tunnels and passed the Barron Falls. The bus met us at the Kuranda Station and after a brief stop for tea (lunch), we went through the rain forest to Lake Barrine, which is a large inactive crater.

We took a boat ride around the lake and saw a lot of water fowl, fish and very large eels about three feet long. One of the men would hold up a piece of meat and a large hawk would swoop down and take it from his hand. After a delicious lunch (although the room was home to several kitties), we got back on the bus for a drive to our next lodging place. It was Mission Beach where we would stay for two nights. We couldn't go into the water as it was posted "stinging jelly fish". We did enjoy walking on the beach.

The next morning we were taken to the docking area of another reef cat. The sea was rougher this time as a cyclone was approaching from the north. We were taken to Dunk Island which has an observation point looking over the Coral Sea that was used during WWII.

The restaurant was a large open air building with a bar, dance floor and eating areas. It was a beautiful setting and looked over the ocean and a large swimming pool with a blue Monarch butterfly painted on the bottom. We were warned to stay out of the ocean, but several of us went wading anyway. One of the women got stung on her upper left arm. It looked like a large burn blister. I am sure it will leave a bad scar. She was miserable for days.

The cruise back to Mission Beach was smoother than coming out. We enjoyed another one of those marvelous buffets before retiring for the day.

The seventh morning we climbed aboard the bus again and drove through the Cardell Ranges to Townsville. A bus tour of the City and a harrowing drive to the top of a mountain on a very narrow road offered us a terrific view of the City and the sea.

It was time for lunch and one of the women needed to see a podiatrist and another a doctor, so we were dropped off to spend some time on our own to visit a bank or whatever. We happened to see some mashed potatoes in a window and proceeded inside to have some hot beef sandwiches. We asked if they were served with mashed potatoes and were told they could be. We waited and waited. When she finally brought them out, we laughed. They had layered the bread, spread with mashed potatoes, beef, more bread and gravy--about three inches thick. I had to explain to her that we just dropped the potatoes on the side of the plate. They were very tasty. At that time, Australians only fixed potatoes one way--peeled and oven roasted. No gravy.

We took a ferry to Magnetic Island where we would spend the night. Our hotel was inland from the sea, but very nice. Towards dusk the sky was full of kookaburras heading to the restaurant as the cook would feed them raw meat. They eat snakes in the wild, but steak will do. The Aussie's call the kookaburras "laughing jackasses" because of their shrill call which sounds like the braying of a jackass.

This concludes the first week of our trip.

## MARCH CASINO TRIP

...by Celene Leonard

### Apache Gold Casino

in Globe

Thursday,  
March 25<sup>th</sup>

CHECK IN: **7:45am**  
at the Club House.  
RECEIVE: **\$10.00**  
upon Arrival.

BUS TRIP IS FREE  
BINGO STARTS AT  
12:00 NOON.

Apache Gold  
has plenty of  
1 & 2 cent slots,  
and a variety of other  
machines to play!  
Plus...Table games  
and cards.

PLEASE SIGN UP  
EARLY ON THE  
SHEET IN THE  
CLUBHOUSE.  
WE NEED

**AT LEAST 40  
PEOPLE**

BETWEEN OUR  
PARK AND MERIDIAN  
MANOR FOR THE  
CASINO TO OFFER  
THE \$10 ON OUR  
ARRIVAL!

THE FOLLOWING LIST IS A  
TENTATIVE LIST OF CASINO BUS  
TRIPS FOR SUMMER MONTHS  
THROUGHOUT AUGUST, 2010:

- MARCH APACHE GOLD AT GLOBE
- APRIL HARRAH'S
- MAY TALKING STICK @ INDIAN BEND

(NEW/REMOLDED)

- JUNE CLIFF CASTLE
- JULY CASINO ARIZONA ON MCKELLEPS
- AUGUST WILDHORSE/LONE BUTT

# He's Back!!

..... By Tom Hennessy #70

This is turning out to be a little different Computer article than the ones in the past. After travelling over to California to visit relatives there and those that flew into San Diego, I am back to offer all my loyal readers some opportunities that they might not have had before.

For the past few months, some of our neighbors have asked me when I was going to do another computer class. As some of you know, I conducted a Microsoft Excel class detailing some of the advanced features of this spreadsheet program. It was a "Tips and Tricks" series of classes and got a very good response from those who attended. Before I go farther, let me tell all that my experience, knowledge and forte' is in **Software**, the programs that tell computers what to do and how to do it. I am not a **Hardware** guy. I can open a computer using a screwdriver but then I stop. I have never worked on the equipment.

However, since the early 80's I have been working with computers and the software that has been installed on them. As most of you know, for the last 10 or 11 years, I have designed, developed and maintain web sites all over the country. I am working with eight of them at the present time. In addition to working with the software required to do these tasks, I have also worked with the Microsoft Office programs as well. Listed below, I have detailed the actual programs that I can use as a basis for any class my neighbors might want to participate in.

Microsoft Word (the most popular word processing program)  
Microsoft Excel (the spreadsheet program)  
Microsoft Access (a great database program for collectors of anything)  
Microsoft PowerPoint (a super presentation program)  
Microsoft Outlook (the email program) NO CLASS AVAILABLE AT THIS TIME



In addition to these programs, I am also listing the Adobe programs that I use to design, develop and maintain my web sites.

Adobe Acrobat Writer (Used to produce PDF files)  
Adobe Dreamweaver CS4 (the actual website producer)  
Adobe Fireworks CS4 (the animated production software)  
Adobe Photoshop CS4 (the photo and image editor) NO CLASS IN THIS ONE



*For those interested in taking a computer class, this is what is offered:*

*What I am offering to those who might be interested in a computer class is as follows:*

1. Talk among your neighbors to see if there is an interest in any of these subjects.
2. I can do a class at the clubhouse on any night that is not already scheduled. Monday and Wednesdays are best. Tuesday and Fridays are always busy. Some Thursdays as well.
3. To those that are trying to find people with similar interests, I ask for a minimum of five people and no more than ten so that I can give everyone personalized service.
4. If any student wishes to bring along his laptop, they are perfectly welcome to do so.
5. These are interactive classes. I am not going to stand in front of a class and lecture for two hours.
6. If there are any groups that want to learn, just email me at [tom.hennessy@mchsi.com](mailto:tom.hennessy@mchsi.com) or give me a call at **480-671-3696** and we will try to set up a class.

My Dad, who was a manufacturing executive for many years, gave me this advice, "Anyone who gives their service away free tells the world what he thinks its worth". There is a nominal charge for each class.

The charges depend on the complexity and the length of each class and are determined by print costs and other minor expenses.

One other thing that I have been asked to do is to conduct a class on HTML which is Hypertext Marking Language. This is the foundation language that is used for most web sites on the net at this time. However, this language has been upgraded so much in the last twenty years that it is not being written much anymore. The upgrade that is used now is Extensible Hypertext Marking Language, XHTML which is combined with Cascade Style Sheets (CSS) to provide a much better language for the modern software to use. What this

## Desert Harbor Activities & Coordinators

<i>Activity</i>	<i>Coordinator</i>	<i>Telephone</i>
<b>Appliqué</b>	Reni Dieball	983-0578
<b>Bible Study</b>	Elaine Kereluk	987-8587
<b>Card Games</b>	TBA	
<b>Casino Trips</b>	Celine Leonard	982-1618
<b>Closet Quilters</b>	Reni Dieball	983-0578
<b>Genealogy</b>	Esther Lough	288-8579
<b>Golf</b>	Don Walker	288-5686
<b>Ladies Luncheon</b>	Helen Rietow	983-6151
<b>Ladies Soup &amp; Salad Luncheon</b>	Joann Hankison	641-0975
<b>Line Dancing</b>	Mary Pat Summers	983-4227
<b>Mah-Jongg</b>	Celine Leonard	982-1618
<b>Pinochle</b>	Elaine Kereluk	987-8587
<b>Poker</b>	TBA	
<b>Stitch &amp; Chat</b>	Reni Dieball	983-0578
<b>Tai Chi</b>	Dick Smith	983-5819
<b>Travel</b>	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

# It's Spring Time in the Desert

...by Don Walker



With all the rains we've had this year, you should venture out and see how the Sonora Desert blooms in the spring. It will be great time to take time to smell the flowers. March and April will be the perfect time to go out to Superstition Mountain or perhaps continue on State Route 88, the Apache Trail, to Canyon Lake. It is a beautiful drive to Tortilla Flat this time of year but if you continue on to Roosevelt Lake, the road gets pretty narrow. You shouldn't be discouraged though, it is a beautiful drive (long and windy, but beautiful).

Another suggestion would definitely include the Boyce Thompson Arboretum near Superior (about a 30 minute drive east on 60). There are many walking trails, a lake, exhibits, and lots of birds. Well worth a picnic drive.

The pictures here were taken last year but with all the rain, this year should be MUCH BETTER. Please share your pictures for the Harbor Lights Newsletter.



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## He's Back!!

latest upgrade and program combination has done is leave all the structure code in XHTML and all the display code is written in CSS. I can do a class in HTML for those that just want some idea of what it is but if these folks want to eventually write a website, I would recommend a different class. If there are enough people that want to see what HTML is all about, I will do this class at no charge. After all, it is a kindergarten class.

I have personally been taking website design and development online classes for almost 15 years now and I am still learning new things about this process.

Hope that this article interests you. It is a commitment of time and some expense but people say it is important at any age to keep your mind busy.

I would like to see you all in one of these classes soon!

February 2010

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Desert Harbor's March 2010

# Calendar of Events

April 2010

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> 9:00a Tai Chi 1:00p Mahjongg 6:30p Billiards	<b>2</b> 12:00p Ladies Soup and Salad Lunch 6:30p NDQ Poker 7:00p Cards/ Games	<b>3</b> 9:00a Line Dancing 1:00p Mahjongg 1:00p Quilting 6:30p Quilting	<b>4</b> 9:00a Tai Chi 11:00a Golf 1:00p Bible Study 6:30p Billiards	<b>5</b> 1:00p Genealogy 4:00p Happy Hour 7:00p Cards/ Games	<b>6</b> 8:00a Coffee/ Donuts 9:00a Resident's Meeting
7:00a Water Aerobics					
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7:00a Water Aerobics					

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