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Apache Junction, Arizona

HOW DID RABBITS & EGGS BECOME SYMBOLS OF EASTER?

By Connie Riter

We celebrate Easter this year on April 12th, but did you know that such a holiday can trace its origins back to pagan times...when people celebrated the return of Spring and the new life it always brought? Even the word "Easter" has its origins in the name of the Mother Goddess of Northern Europe called "Eastre" which means "Spring" in their ancient language. There are many symbols associated with Easter but the two most common are the Easter Egg and the Easter Bunny.

The Easter Egg as a symbol of this holiday is fairly easy to explain. The shape of the egg is oval. It is the shape of a drop of water and of a seed. Both are symbols of life and Easter celebrates life. But the egg also promises new life. Especially in the Easter season of spring, the young chick emerges from the egg as a new life. The rabbit, because of its prolific breeding characteristics, is also a symbol of the new life of Springtime....but there is an old German legend of the Easter bunny which is fun to consider.

"Once upon a time there was an old lady who on Easter Sunday morning put colored eggs in her garden for the children of the neighborhood to find. As the excited children were looking for the eggs, they saw a hare hopping across the garden. Mistakenly, the children thought the hare had laid the eggs. So before every Easter, they would prepare a nest for the hare to lay its eggs there. Every Easter morning thereafter in the garden of the kind old lady, they would find the Easter eggs of the hare. Soon the Easter hare was visiting not only one garden but most gardens throughout Germany and many kind old ladies were smiling on many happy children on Easter. When the Germans migrated to the U.S., they brought the custom with them...and now we have the Easter Bunny!"

Other symbols of Easter are the candle which quietly lights up the darkness with its gentle light, the lamb which is symbolic both to Christians and the Israelites, the white Easter lily which symbolizes purity; bells, spring flowers, and the cross. One of the more unusual symbols is the pussy willow. These were picked at Easter in England and Russia and people would (gently) tap each other on the shoulders with a branch--for good luck!

Whatever the symbol used, there is a joy at Easter and Springtime as the world looks forward to "new life." Ultimately the joy of Easter is in the heart and lives of those who feel that life is worth living, that we are worth loving, that friendship is sacred, and that all does not end forever with the passing of this life.

(This article was the result of summarizing many websites and especially the thoughts of Rev. Joel Tabora, S.J.)

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

by Ken Camp

Here it is another new month. I don't know where the time goes.

I just want to take a minute and address the theft issue we are having. People are taking food from the Food Donation bins in the clubhouse. It is beyond me why anyone would steal from the poor and needy. It is such a lack of respect for those who have donated, what we are trying to do, and for yourself. If you need food please call me and we will get you help.



Once again I would like to welcome our new resident's. At our March Residents' meeting, we had three new residents. It was very nice to meet them.

St. Patrick's Day dinner was held on the 17th of March along with another fun Silent Auction. Our first pancake breakfast was on the 21st. April will be a pancake dinner on the 29th. Please sign up for coming events, as this gives us a count on how many to plan for.

On April 15th the comedy team of Jerry Kitchen and his wife will entertain us. This is a BYOB and the cost per ticket is \$5.00. The Show starts at 7:00 p.m.

Thanks again to all who volunteer each month for our different activities. Your help is greatly appreciated.

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BIRTHDAYS / ANNIVERSARIES

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Date	Name	Lot #
5	Kathi Mayo	124
8	Jeanette Kitterman	36
13	Melvin O'Mealy	55
15	Barbara (Cookie) Pein	53
15	Lorna Almon	9
15	Peggy Ziegele	71
19	Judy Matthews	18
20	Marty Martinez	112
20	Leonard Sellheim	27
21	Rose Brunett	140
23	Sandra Schwiezer	89
24	Jim Matthews	18
26	Ruthann Sather	10
27	Eleanor Bieder	125
27	Carol Ann Sabareio	166

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

Date	Name	Lot #
20	Joe & Barb Schnier	146
23	Jim & Judy Matthews	18

If you wish to add your name to this list, please call Kay McKersie at 480-288-9531 or pencil in your info on the Birthday / Anniversaries list hanging on the manin Bulletin Board in the Clubhouse. We'll incorporate your info to our data base. Thank you.



The Red Hats from La Casa Blanca

Are inviting all the ladies from
Desert Harbor
who are interested in Red Hats
to come to a

Tea Party
Thursday April 9th at 1:30pm

To RSVP
Call Linda Aemmer at 480-474-8999
If you wish to come...
Bring a tea cup to drink your tea.

A LITTLE TAX RELIEF

By Jan Ginsburg

Wednesday, April 15th, you need to mark your calendars, (*Okay, I know Uncle Sam already circled it for you*). That evening from 7 to 8 p.m. we will have the comedy team of Jerry and Maryellen Kitchen performing for us with lots of *down to your toes, tears in your eyes, belly shaking laughter!* The Kitchens have performed all over the East Valley for several years, receiving all-star reviews wherever they go.

So, for some "Comic Relief" on "Tax Day", meet your friends and neighbors at the clubhouse for a cabaret style show, all for \$5 per person and all the ambience you can handle. B.Y.O.B. so after you've done all that laughing you can quench your thirst. See you there!

KITCH & CALLI COMEDIEE



Kitch & Calli are a senior comedy duo that have performed over 100 shows in the East Valley. "We don't just tell jokes, we act them out, with body language. We are the happiest when our audience feels good and leaves us laughing!" For more information call or email: jkitchen1@cox.net 430-357-0032

APACHE JUNCTION CITY ELECTIONS

By Bob Mayo

It appears that the election season has come to an end. During the Primary Election held 10 March 2009, all incumbent members of the City Council were returned to office. These included Mayor John Insalaco and Council Members Douglas Coleman, Richard Dietz, and Robert Eck Jr. A General Election later in the year will not be required since all of the incumbents received a sufficient number of votes in the Primary election to make the need for a General Election unnecessary. We wish to congratulate the winners as well as all of the other candidates that participated in the election.

The ballot proposition regarding what is known as Home Rule, or Proposition 100, passed handily which will be good for the city as it can now continue to fund those programs and services that residents of AJ consider to be important. It will not have to revert to a state mandated limitation that would prevent the city from spending money it already has, for services that its' citizens consider necessary.

In the Recall election, that was held in conjunction with the Primary election the incumbent members of the City Council including the Mayor prevailed and the recall was defeated handily.



CELEBRATING AN UNUSUAL HOLIDAY

By Connie Riter

Most holidays remind us of past events, but Arbor Day, set aside for the planting of trees, looks toward

the future. The idea of Arbor Day started on January 4, 1872, when J. Sterling Morton, a member of the Nebraska Board of Agriculture introduced a resolution that the tenth of April, 1872 be set apart for the planting of new trees and that it be called Arbor Day. He forcefully pictured to the people in his area what value, beauty, and comfort the planting of trees would bring. Over a million trees were planted that first Arbor Day in Nebraska. Over the years with the support of the National Education Association, Arbor Day grew in popularity and support among school children and others even in other countries. It is even celebrated as a school festival in Australia.

Today all states have an Arbor Day and most recently the last Friday in April has been set aside as National Arbor Day in the U.S. This year Arbor Day falls on April 24th, and what better way to celebrate (if you don't want to plant a tree) than by visiting Boyce Thompson Arboretum near Superior.

They will be having a guided Sunday walk on April 19th from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. called "Trees of the Arboretum." The tour will be conducted by Horticulturist Kim Stone and you can enjoy a relaxed, leisurely tour through the forested areas of the Arboretum. Learn about the towering Sycamores and Cottonwood trees, the native Palo Verde and Mesquite trees. Meet "Mr. Big," the giant Eucalyptus tree, and see what is so strange (besides the name) of the Boojum tree. This is a rewarding place to visit and dogs are permitted as well, as long as they remain on a leash. You and your favorite pet can celebrate Arbor Day together!

PANCAKE & SAUSAGE SUPPER

WEDNESDAY - April 29, 2009

COST \$3.00 PER PERSON

INCLUDES:

ORANGE JUICE, COFFEE, AND HOT TEA

HAPPY HOUR 5:30 P.M.

SERVING BEGINS AT 6:00 P.M.

SIGN-UP SHEET IN CLUBHOUSE

JUST A NOTE:

Celine Leonard (#106) is still collecting used greeting cards for Sunshine Acres and hotel samples for both Sunshine Acres and Superstition Mountain Health Clinic. Deposit them in the baskets provided in the clubhouse.

She is also collecting knick / knacks for the Apache Health Center. These will be used for prizes for some of their games and to sell in their gift shop.

VALENTINE'S DAY POT LUCK AND SILENT AUCTION

By Jane Boudreau

Preparation for our Valentine's Day celebration began with decorating the clubhouse. A group of residents gathered on Monday January 26th to work their magic on the clubhouse. They hung hearts from the ceiling and fans and garland were strung across the ceiling. The tables were bedecked with red table clothes while red and white sparklers added a little sparkle. The final decoration balloons were placed on February 12, just prior to the residents congregating for dinner.

As the residents and their guests entered the clubhouse they were asked to register as bidders for the silent auction and door prizes to be drawn later in the evening. After the potluck dinner, when all the bowls were just about licked clean, the bidding continued until 7:15, at which time the bid sheets were collected, the winners were determined and then announced. Seventeen baskets were on the auction block bringing a total of \$359.00. Additionally, two gift certificate raffles were held while the auction winners were being tabulated. The raffles netted the organization \$128.00.

This was a very successful fund raiser for our Activities Organization. A big THANK YOU to all who helped by canvassing businesses asking for gift certificates, donated items and helped create the baskets for the auction. We are very grateful for all your time and effort. Our sincere thanks to all the bidders who made the evening very enjoyable as we watched you attempt to out bid one another. To everyone who attended, thank you and we hope you will have fun at the St. Patrick's Day Silent Auction.



**MANY
THANKS TO
OUR
NEIGHBORING
RETAILERS**

By Jan Ginsburg

Those who attended our Valentines Day Party & Auction know what a huge success it turned out to be, but not without the generous support from our neighboring retailers, grocers, restaurants, salons, car washes and other supporters. We owe these establishments not only our thanks but our continued support throughout the coming year. Listed below are the names of the retailers who contributed to the February 14th Auction:

- Fat Willy's - 9937 E. Baseline Rd
- Rosati's Pizza - 9937 E. Baseline Rd
- McDonald's 2035 S. Ellsworth Rd
- Albertson's - 9243 E. Baseline Rd
- Starbuck's Coffee - 2043 S. Ellsworth Rd.
- Native New Yorker - 1947 S. Signal Butte Rd.
- T.G.I. Fridays - Power Rd.
- Papa Kelsey Pizza & Subs - 9124 E. Apache Trail
- Mirage Sports Grill - 1075 S. Idaho
- Walgreens Drug - 2440 S. Ironwood Dr.
- Pizza Hut - 9053 E. Baseline Rd
- Safeway - Ellsworth & Baseline Rd.
- Yogi's Grill - 2043 E. Baseline Rd.
- Streets of New York - Signal Butte & Baseline Rd
- Pamnes Nails - 3061 W. Apache Trail
- A Time for Us - 124 S Ironwood Dr
- Cobblestone Auto Spa - 1855 Signal Butte Rd
- Massage Envy - 1946 S. Signal Butte Rd
- Seafood Market & Restaurant - 3406 E. Baseline Rd
- Red Mountain Cafe - 4410 E University Dr
- AZ Tan Club 9115 E. Baseline Rd
- Cruise on Canyon Lake, PO Box 977



Verde Canyon R.R. - A Chocolate Lover's Train

... a review by Don Walker



It is hard to describe the beautiful picturesque railroad trip through the Verde Canyon departing from Cottonwood, AZ. It is just that. From the call, "All Aboard", by the conductor, the train lurched forward and began its journey back in time. The 4½ hour trip into the canyon was truly a breath taking experience offering incredible vistas with each turn of the tracks, with every bridge and crossing of the river. There was even a 680 foot long man made tunnel that was chiseled through the rocky cliffs along the way. The slow moving cars made their way on the meandering trails that originally were used to haul copper ore from the mines in Jerome more than a hundred years ago.

Starting out from the station, passengers enjoyed peaceful meadows where herds of grazing cattle were seen before heading into the canyon.

The Verde River soon came into view. The meadows turned rocky and canyon walls began to appear as our journey entered the river canyon and followed the river that flows from surrounding mountains. Along the way, we began to see nesting American Bald Eagles on the canyon walls and in trees and many migratory birds in the calm waters on the river. We saw Great Blue Herons and Red-tailed hawks, deer, and were told that even elk had been seen in and around the river.

Our journey took place on Valentine's Day and combined the love of the outdoors with the romance of chocolate on this special day. The trip was appropriately called the decadent Chocolate Lover's Train. Passengers were treated in first-class fashion with living room-style seating. There were complimentary salads, sandwiches and other appetizers, not to mention chocolates of all descriptions. It was truly a chocolate lover's dream and it made this trip just that much more memorable.

This would be a perfect outing for anyone seeking an adventure into the rustic scenery and wild life of the Verde Canyon. People wishing to visit what is called "Arizona's Longest-Running Nature Show" can check it out on the internet at <http://verdecanyonrr.com> or call 800-320-0718 for more information. You will not be disappointed!

MARDI GRAS

By Dave Borchardt #142

A little bit of New Orleans came to Desert Harbor on Saturday night, February 21st, to celebrate Mardi Gras. Mardi Gras means “Fat Tuesday” and is celebrated on that day of the week. However, we celebrated “Fat Tuesday” 3 days early so we could probably call our celebration “Fat Saturday”. Mardi Gras is always 47 days before Easter and this year “Fat Tuesday” fell on February 24th, so this year Easter is Sunday April 12th. “Fat Tuesday” is always between Feb. 3rd and March 9th, depending on the Lunar calendar used by the Catholic Church to determine the date of Easter.

We were entertained by Wally’s Dixieland Jazz Band, a seven piece group of musicians and a singer that had everyone tapping their toes as well as getting out on the dance floor. It was a fun filled evening of entertainment that was enjoyed by all.

Our Mardi Gras dinner started off with a tossed green salad and Cajun Chicken Gumbo soup followed by Red Beans and Rice with Andouille Sausage and Ham, Cajun style vegetables and corn bread with the traditional King Cake for dessert. The price of \$10.00 per person included the entertainment and all the food. We had a total of approx. 85 people in attendance. Our many thanks to Chef Tom and all his assistant chefs who helped with cooking rice and baking the cakes, and always a huge thank you to those who helped clean up.

Chef Thomas Hennessy explains what the significance of the King Cake.



90 yr. Earl Shively can still dance with the best, so says Jackie Dennis



Betty Cuevas dress in true Mardi Gras attire which help make the evening than mush more memorable

Rich and Sylvia Goodrich enjoy the party



Chef Tomaso and his kitchen crew, Midge Druin, Cookie Pein, Karen Stephens

understanding “computerese”

Mac or PC, hardware or software...your grandkids can probably tell you the difference without even thinking.

However, as you contemplate the purchase of a computer for your home, there are some things involved with this purchase that you should know about.

First of all, let's think about hardware. No, you aren't expected to go to Ace® and pick up nails and screws and hammers and pliers. When we talk about computer hardware, we are talking about the physical computer and its parts. The monitor, where you are able to see the results of a computer action, the Central Processing Unit (the CPU) where the computer does its work, the keyboard, the mouse which allows you to avoid typing in some cases and all the memory chips, the video and audio boards and all the cables that connect everything together are all designated as “HARDWARE”.

You can always purchase additional hardware items such as modems, CD-DVD drives, video and digital cameras and whatever else the “propeller heads” in the world invent.

By itself, hardware doesn't do anything. Look at your stereo. It sits there looking nice, without emitting sounds until the hardware pieces are given the sounds to play.

Your computer needs something to make it work also. That something is ‘SOFTWARE’

Software tells the hardware how to work, what to do and when to do it.

Software is what gives your computer its identity. It includes the basic operating system and all the utility or application programs, all expressed in a language that your hardware understands.

Think about the first time you balanced a checkbook. Either someone told you how or you followed the instructions on the back of the statement. Those instructions “programmed” you to do the job. Those instructions were the “software” and you were the “hardware” that did the job.

Here are some of the most common terms that you will hear as you explore the wonderful world of personal computers.

- **What is an Operating System?** An operating system is the master control program for the computer; it is the brain of the computer. It is stored information that your computer needs to operate. Without an operating system all the hardware would just sit there and collect dust. The hardware is like your skeleton, muscles and organs. Without a brain you would just sit there and collect dust, too! Examples: Windows Vista, Windows XP, Leopard
- **What is the Central Processing Unit (CPU)?** It is the computer chip that does all the processing for the computer. Inside this tiny chip are millions of transistors (electric switches) that are connected so they can carry out mathematical calculations. Everything that a computer does is essentially a mathematical calculation.
- **What is Random Access Memory (RAM)?** RAM is the computer's primary working memory. RAM is used for short-term storage while the computer does its work. It is read/write memory and it is volatile memory. It needs to be running to “remember” what it is doing. If the power goes out, you will lose all your work in RAM that you have not saved on a disk drive. Save your work frequently.
- **What are disk drives?** Disk drives allow you to store and move data from, and to, different types of media. There are several types of drives: floppy drive, hard drive, CD-ROM drive, and DVD drive, external hard drive, removable drive, and portable drives.

Because the computer world is ever changing, expect to see new drives in the future that will run our programs faster and make our tasks much simpler. **In the computer world, change is good.** However, you do not have to change computers every time a “new” improvement is made.

Congratulations to those of you who are still reading this very “dull” information. I do promise that, in the months ahead, reading about the world of computers will be more exciting and fun. We have just scratched the surface. This preliminary treatise is just so that when or if you decide to join the millions of personal computer users, some self-important “propeller head” looking to build his or her commission, doesn't try to confuse you with words that you have never heard before.

Next month, more information about personal computers and their uses.

LADIES GATHER FOR LUNCH

By Jane Boudreau

LADIES LUNCHEON

During February we enjoyed the Mexican cuisine at Los Gringo Loco here in Apache Junction. Twenty-two residents and guests sampled chips and salsa as we waited for our meal. A good time was had by all those in attendance.

The Ladies Luncheon for March, scheduled for Tuesday March 17, St. Patrick's Day, was cancelled to allow the ladies to prepare for the potluck dinner. The Activities Organization was holding a corn beef and cabbage potluck dinner that evening.

Our April luncheon is scheduled for Tuesday the 21st at the Golden Corral Steak House and Buffet, 1868 N. Power Road in Mesa. The "Golden Corral® family-style restaurants offer the biggest and best buffet and grill available anywhere. Our famous buffet conlf you have visited a new restaurant and would enjoy returning with the ladies from Desert Harbor please share the information with Agnes Miller the coordinator. Agnes posts a sign up sheet on the Activities Organization Bulletin Board each month. From the sign up sheet she informs the restaurant of the number attending.

LADIES SOUP & SALAD LUNCHEON

On the first Tuesday of each month, the Ladies of Desert Harbor meet in the clubhouse to Get Acquainted. We share soups, salads, bread and dessert as well as good conversation. A sign up sheet is posted on the Activities Organization Bulletin Board. Please indicate which category of food you would like to prepare and share with the ladies. Please bring your own table service and don't forget a couple of bowls to sample the soups. If you would like to attend but need assistance in getting to the clubhouse please contact one of the committee members and they will be glad to help arrange a ride. We hope to see our new residents at one of our luncheons in April.

The March luncheon, held on the third, was attended by nineteen residents and guests. We had four delicious soups to accompany a variety of salads and desserts. We would like to congratulate the winners of the 50/50 drawing. We encourage the ladies to start early looking for new recipes or a favorite old one to prepare for our April luncheon. We hope all the ladies will join us on April 7 at 12:00 noon in the Clubhouse for lunch. If you have a guests in your home please bring them with you. We all enjoy meeting new people and hearing how they met our resident.



Committee members:

Joann Hankison
Elaine Anfang

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984-3290

Carol Rysavy
Jane Boudreau

983-3142
671-0477

FYI - Fraudulent Offer

Look out for a fraudulent offer: SRP has been alerted to a mail fraud scheme involving letters containing a phony SRP check, often valued at more than \$3000, often with a promise of more money. The letters have been showing up across the US and Canada in one of the following three forms:

1. An initial payment for “winning” the “SRP Financial Corporation lotto”.
2. An incentive to conduct market research for various products.
3. The initial payment of an unsolicited grant for small business or education.

SRP is not involved with any of these activities – even though their logo and watermark on the check appear authentic. If you receive such a check, attempting to cash it may put your financial information at risk and subject you to identity theft. In addition, the letter accompanying the check often advises recipients to call a “coordinator” to verify participation or receipt of the check. The “customer service” number usually is an expensive per-minute ploy; the caller is put on hold to accumulate excessive telephone charges. If you think you have received one of these letters, immediately contact law enforcement officials or the US Postal Inspector’s office. Arizona residents, who believe they may have been a target or victim of fraud, should contact the state Attorney General’s office at 602-542-5763.

Letting Guests in the Gate

If the gate is closed and you have guests, deliveries or workers coming, let them know that they should scroll down to your name and press the call button. You will receive a call at your home, if you have a land line. After identifying the person at the gate you then press 9 on your phone and that will open the gate for them. This does not work for cell phone numbers.

Food Bank Donations

Thank you very much for your continued donations. In these times even the smallest donation can make a huge difference in someone’s life. However we are having a problem; some residents are helping themselves to items placed in the buckets. If you can’t make it to the store, can’t afford food, or need help, PLEASE quietly call Ken Camp (416-0976) and he will make sure you get what you need. Don’t take food from the homeless & those in need.

Winter Residents

When you get ready to leave us this spring, please let Yvonne in the Office know who will be looking out for your property while you are away. Make sure she has all the contact numbers. And for those of you who have not yet signed your lease, please do so before you go.

Think & Plan Ahead **Pleasant Valley Park**

Invites you to join them for an overnight Casino & Sightseeing Adventure in Arizona’s Christmas City, Prescott

**Monday & Tuesday, December
14th & 15th, 2009**

\$75.00 per person

Receive \$20 back from Casino upon arrival; total 2-day, 1 night trip

Trip Includes:

- Luxury bus ride to Prescott, Whiskey Row and the Valley of Lights
- Accommodations at the newly remodeled Prescott Resort
- Bucky’s Fun Bag filled with gifts, coupons, & \$20.00 “In play”
- Complimentary Luncheon on 1st day, complimentary breakfast buffet on 2nd day
- Arizona’s Largest Gingerbread Village, Prescott Resort Lobby
- Valley of Lights, the most amazing holiday lighting display in all of Arizona
- Whiskey Row Tour
- Free shuttles between Bucky’s & Yavapai Casinos

Please sign up & pay
Cyndi Smith for your reservations

**Make checks payable to
CC & Company**

Departure time 7:00 a.m.

Limited space available,

Make your reservations early!

Please call Cyndi Smith

For more information...480-983-5819

A Book Review ... by Art Roberts, Lot 81

FIRST TO DIE

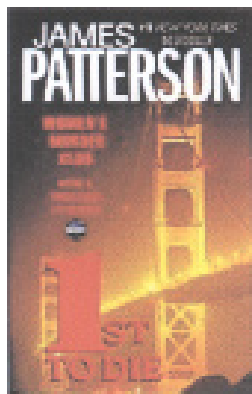
by James Patterson

James Patterson, famous for his gruesome murder depictions in his Alex Cross series, offers a slightly less horrific style in this first book of a new series about Lindsey Boxer, a homicide detective for the San Francisco Police Department.

Battling life-threatening situations, Lindsey fights a potentially fatal disease while she tracks a cold blooded killer. With three of her female friends, a medical examiner, an assistant district attorney, and a reporter for the San Francisco Chronicle (the Women's Murder Club, as they call themselves), they share inside information about the murders which have been happening in San Francisco and spreading throughout the United States. It seems there is a serial killer who attacks brides and grooms shortly after their weddings. A suspect is in jail and the case appears to be solved--halfway through the book. Wrong! The killer strikes again. The fast-paced action moves quickly in some of the shortest chapters ever written as readers are shifted from one event to another. You will love this two or three page chapter format. The young inspector's life and love take bitter turns as events unfold. The surprise ending leaves one satisfied that James Patterson has written another great book and has begun another suspenseful series!

Reading is a great leisurely activity which can be enjoyed in retirement when we have time to do the things which we couldn't do during our working years. My favorite authors are Tom Clancy, Philip Margolian, John Grisham, and James Patterson. Mystery writers challenge me to determine who dies, who is guilty and how the police will prove it. This is an excellent mental activity and there are no commercials in reading books!

Another advantage of reading is that books don't cost very much -- and our library has many great books which you can borrow for free! Take some time, visit our library, and find out for yourself about the joy of reading. If you have books which you have already read, you might consider donating them to our library so that others may enjoy them. Just leave them on one of the tables and take one you have not read.



CASINO TRIP

The April casino trip is **April 16th**.
Apache Gold in Globe, AZ
Check in 8:00 a.m. Bingo starts at 12:00.
We need 20 people for the
bus to stop at Desert Harbor.
Please sign up as soon as possible.

Desert Harbor Activities & Coordinators

Activity	Coordinator	Telephone
Applique	Reni Dieball	983-0578
Billards	<i>(we need a volunteer)</i>	
Bridge Group	Larry Lopic	288-1565
Bunco	Paula Cooper	671-3147
Card Bingo	Celine Leonard	983-5819
Card Games	Fred Dieball	983-0578
Casino Trips	Celine Leonard	983-5819
Closet Quilters	Reni Dieball	983-0578
Cribbage	Bob Mueller	983-1119
Dominoes	<i>(we need a volunteer)</i>	
Genealogy	Esther Lough	288-8579
Golf	Don Walker	288-5686
Ladies Luncheon	Agnes Miller	982-6063
Ladies Soup & Salad Luncheon	Joann Hankinson	641-0975
Line Dancing	Mary Pat Summers	983-4227
Mah-Jongg	Celine Leonard	983-5819
Pinochle	<i>(we need a volunteer)</i>	
Poker	Fred Dieball	983-0578
Positive Thinking	Elaine Kereluk	987-8587
Red Hat Ladies	Linda Aemmer	474-8999
Shuffleboard	<i>(we need a volunteer)</i>	
Stitch & Chat	Reni Dieball	983-0578
Stretching Class	Midge Drouin	982-9425
Tai Chi	Dick Smith	983-5819
Travel Club	Connie Riter	641-7753
Water Aerobics	Jackie Watts	361-4759
Yoga	Dick Smith	983-5819

If you have any questions about these activities, feel free to contact the appropriate coordinator or if you want to be a volunteer coordinator or to learn more, contact **Ken Camp, Activities Org. President, at 641-0975**. Your participation is welcomed and very much appreciated. Thank you.

NEW RESIDENTS

Our Welcoming Committee:

*Beverly Borchardt #142, 480-671-1682
Judi Q. (Qeltjenbruns) #141, 480-854-7553*

would like to visit with each of you, fill out some information and take a picture for our newsletter.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Lot #</u>
<u>11/11/08 - 2/9/09</u>	
- <u>11/11/08 - 12/10/08</u>	
Vernita Loveridge	#153
- <u>12/10/08 - 01/09/09</u>	
Elnor & Josephine Stambaugh	# 69
- <u>01/09/09 - 02/09/09</u>	
John & Margaret Mitchell	#103
Gary & Judith Ross	#119
Dennis Siddall & Judi Dugan	#157
<u>02/09/09 - 03/06/09</u>	
Roger & Naomi Howard	# 16
Doug & Karen Stoesz	#174
Kenneth & Sylvia Novak	#187

Lot 153

Vernita Loveridge –
BD, September 18th

Vernita moved here in November, 2008 from Georgia. Her hobbies include reading, card making, and loves to travel. She is a full time resident and we all welcome you our community.



Lot 103
Margaret Mitchell –
BD, May 17th
John Mitchell –
BD, December 22nd
Anniversary: March 23

Margaret and John moved in January, 2009 from Washington state. The Mitchells are not presently full-time residents. Golf is their hobby and Arizona is the logical spot to play year around. Welcome to Desert Harbor.

Lot 174

Doug Stoesz –

BD, November 27th

Karen Stoesz –

BD, December 8th

Anniversary: September 5

Doug and Karen purchased in Desert Harbor to enjoy the mild winters we have here. As Canadian, they have home in Souther Alberta. They both love to play golf and play it as often as they can get a tee time. When not golfing, Karen says enjoys Bunco & Mah-jong. They will be part time residents staying maybe 5-6 six months a year. We welcome you even as part timers. Thank you for picking Desert Harbor.



Lot 16

Naomi Howard –

BD, May 2nd

Roger Howard –

BD, November 3rd

Anniversary: March 13

Naomi and Roger and their eight year pouch, Missy, moved in February from Puyallup, Washington. They relocated seeking a dryer climate. (We think they found it!) Roger's hobby is painting and poker and Naomi likes to bake. Hopefully, she'll participant in our annual Bake Sales. They will be full time residents soon. Welcome to Desert Harbor.



Lot 187

Sylvia Novak –

BD, March 27th

John Mitchell –

BD, January 29th

Anniversary: June 8th

John and Sylvia moved here on March 6 most recently from California but called home, a number of places all over the Western US. Ken's hobbies include music, classic movies, and reading. Sylvia just likes people and games. We need people like you in our community and we welcome you to Desert Harbor.





SHARE A RECIPE

SNICKER BROWNIES

by Judy Oeltjenbruns, #157

- 1 Box - (18.25) Chocolate Cake Mix
- ¾ cup - Melted Butter
- 1 Can - Can Sweetened Condensed Milk
- 4 Bars - Regular sized Snicker Bars

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

Mix cake mix with melted butter and Condensed Milk. Spread half of that Mixture in a 13x9 pan and pat down with a spoon or your hand and then Bake it for 10 minutes. Meanwhile cut Snicker Bars in small pieces. When the 10 minutes is up, spread the candy pieces over the hot crust, then spoon the remaining mixture over the top, you do not need to spread it out as it is too thick and it will bake just fine. When done Bake another 20 minutes.

These can be ate alone or they are good served with ice-cream.

Classified Ads - Ads are free for Desert Harbor residents

Items For Sale

Farfisa electric organ \$75. Or best offer Carroll Cooper #198, 480-983-3147

Noritake china set "reina" pattern, service for 12 (105 pieces) excellent condition \$400.00 Marty Martinez #112, 480-474-8083

Nikon N50 35mm camera (film) It comes with a Tamron 28-200mm zoom lens, filters and a carrying bag. \$75.00 or best offer Larry Lopic #83, 480-288-1565

Kenwood Stereo System Two speakers, radio, CD, tape, turn table Steve Davison #134, 307-262-4456

Glass top kitchen table and four chairs (excellent condition) asking \$275.00 or best offer Dave or Midge Drouin #203, 480-982-9425

Light housekeeping Available Call Sandy Jakubowicz #35 480-288-6270

Free Boxes for Packing or Shipping Sturdy boxes with lids Call Dorothy Mueller #155, 480-984-9780 Independent Avon Rep.

Small entertainment center - Pat Ballock #183, 480-983-5303

FOR YOUR INFORMATION - FYI

Have you been faced with needing someone to check the supports under your house, or look to see if your roof is in good shape, or just get a piece of wood cut. I know I have and was very grateful to find that there are people in the community who I could hire to do these jobs and others for me. It was a relief to know this and not to have to look outside the park to find someone I could trust to do the work. The following people have agreed to let me share their names and what they can do:

Greg Sather	House Painting	602-558-0305	# 10
Ron Ruetz	Small electrical jobs	480-983-6151	# 73
Mike Kereluk	Screens & small jobs	480-987-8587	# 82
Leroy Ague	Odd Jobs	319-533-1098	#126
Toni Ague	Painting & Alterations	319-533-1098	#126
Richard Nienkark	Roofing, Painting, Odd Jobs	480-983-1396	#128
Miles Lowery	Handyman	480-276-8568	#164
Carroll Cooper	Installation of small locks & woodworking jobs	480-671-3147	#198
Midge Drouin	Haircuts, sets & styling	480-982-9425	#203

If you offer a service here in Desert Harbor and would like your name and service listed in our newsletter, please call Midge Drouin at 982-9425.

Restaurant Review...

"LET'S DO LUNCH, A LITTLE SOMETHING HOT & SPICY, OLE'?"

By Jan Ginsburg

At the suggestion of my niece Cynthia, my sister and I met her for a late lunch at San Tan Mall at a refreshing Mexican restaurant called 'Cantina Laredo'. Outside on the sidewalk café, the girls were waiting for me with these delightful crispy chips and the guacamole that the waiter makes tableside. The salsas had a smoky chipotle flavor with just enough heat & plenty of flavors, what a treat and this was just the beginning. Our waiter was excellent without hovering and knew when our table needed attention, like when I needed to order their special Margarita, now, how great was that? Sis & I decided to split one of the combo platters on the menu, a Chicken enchilada and Chicken Fajita Taco covered with a sour cream pablano sauce, accompanied with rice & refried beans. The sauce was mouthwatering and the chicken in both entrees' melted in your mouth. This was plenty for the two of us and left us to ooh and aah afterwards. They have an eye-popping dessert menu but we were way too full to indulge. I would give this restaurant a 4 1/2 star rating for chain, one you should check out for yourself and see what you think . Need more details, here they are:



Cantina Laredo

2150 E. Williams Field Rd., Gilbert, AZ.

Phone: 480-782-6777

- Directions: Take SR Loop 202 San Tan Fwy south to Exit 40 at Williams Field Rd., Turn east on Williams Field Rd. ¼ mile to intersection of South Market Street
- Service - Excellent; Busy time - Dinner; Atmosphere - Casual; Price \$11- \$30
- Happy Hour - Cantina Mon-Fri 4-7 p.m. Sun Brunch 11-3 p.m.
- Thurs Night is - Ladies Night 1/2 off wine/margaritas

A Note to Our Residents Who May Be Leaving For the Summer

Pretty soon, many of you will be leaving on vacations or going back to your homes for the summer. It's a shame you'll miss our lovely Arizona weather coming up in the next few months. Even though you may be away, we still consider you part of our Desert Harbor family and would like to know what you're up to. We invite you to send us a note where ever you are. We'd love to hear about your fishing trips, you golf outings, or that vacation trip wherever you went. We'll put your words and photo's in our paper and give you credit for the info. You can still see the monthly issues via the internet by logging on to <http://www.DesertHarborAZ.com>.

Send us a short note any time but it's especially needed in the summer to find things to put in our newsletter. You can send us your notes and photo's...



On the internet to:
Ann Haggerty at Annah62@msn.com

or by snail mail to:


Ann Haggerty
3700 S. Ironwood Dr., Lot #65,
Apache Junction, AZ 85220





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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 9:00 Line Danc- ing 1:00 Mahjongg 1:00 Quilting 3:00 Shuffle board 6:30 Stitch & Chat	2 9:00 Tai Chi 10:30 Stretching 11:00 Golf 1:00 Bible Study 6:30 Billiards	3 1:00 Genealogy 4:00 Happy Hour 7:00 Cards/ Games	4 8:00 Coffee & Donuts 9:00 Residents' Meeting
	7:00am and again at 8:00am		Water Aerobics		Monday—Friday every week	
5 1:00 Texas Hold'em Poker	6 9:00 Tai Chi 1:00 Mahjongg 6:30 Billiards	7 10:00 Stretching 12:00 Ladies Luncheon In <small>Clubhouse</small> 6:30 NDQ Poker 7:00 Cards/ Games	8 9:00 Line Danc- ing 1:00 Mahjongg 1:00 Men's Poker 3: 00 Shuffle board 6:30 Stitch & Chat	9 9:00 Tai Chi 10:30 Stretching 11:00 Golf 1:00 Bible Study 1:00 Quilting 6:30 Billiards	10 1:00 Genealogy 4:00 Happy Hour 7:00 Cards/ Games	11 8:00 Coffee/ Donuts 7:00 Card Bingo
12 2:00 Pinochle Happy Easter 	13 9:00 Tai Chi 1:00 Mahjongg 6:30 Billiards	14 10:00 Stretching 10:00 Bunco 6:30 NDQ Poker 7:00 Cards/ Games	15 9:00 Line Danc- ing 1:00 Mahjongg 1:00 Men's Poker 3: 00 Shuffle board 7:00 Comedy Show \$5.00	16 9:00 Tai Chi 10:30 Stretching 11:00 Golf 1:00 Bible Study 6:30 Billiards 8:00 a. Casino Trip Apache Gold	17 1:00 Genealogy 4:00 Happy Hour 7:00 Cards/ Games	18 8:00 Coffee/ Donuts 5:30 Happy Hour 6:00 Pot Luck
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