

APRIL SHOWERS BRING MORE THAN JUST FLOWERS ... By Jan Ginsburg #183

As of March 21st, the spring season officially began and *not too soon*, even for those of us living here in Sunny Arizona! When the Vernal Equinox arrives, (it's simply a date on which night & day are almost equal in length) the earth begins a re-birth. Really not so complicated, trees will fill with color, flowers start blossoming, air is much warmer and Mr. Sun (*as I refer to him!*) shines much brighter throughout our day. When thinking of the month of April, these things come to mind:

April 1st or APRIL FOOL'S DAY doesn't have a clear history, some believe it revolved around the 1st day of spring, some believe it started as far back as1582 in France. Now that's no April Fool's joke.

Here in the United States, lest we forget, April 15th is the unforgettably "Big Tax Day," when everyone must file their Federal and State Tax Returns or an extension to the IRS for fear of penalty!! Some people may dread this day as it means sending Uncle Sam money, and for others, they can look forward to a nice 'Refund.'

This year the Christian holiday of Easter is celebrated on Sunday April 4th. The **2010 Easter Date** applies to the western calendar (Catholic and Protestant Churches), and also to the Eastern Orthodox Church. This is an unusual event since the two branches of Christianity have different methods for calculating the correct date for Easter. There are only a few years each century when these Easter dates match like this so Easter 2010 is seen as extra special.

Locally, April has a lot in store for us around the Valley, almost too much for us to list but here are just a few things you and your family might be interested in checking out during the month of April:

- Arizona Diamondbacks Baseball Arizona Diamondbacks play professional baseball at Chase Field. In 2010: Various dates in April
- Arizona Easter Pageant Since 1928 the Mesa Arizona Temple has been producing the annual Arizona Easter Pageant, proclaimed as the world's largest annual outdoor Easter pageant. In 2010: March 24 - April 3
- ASU Art Museum Street Party Live music, hands-on art activities & games for kids until sundown, and an on-site exhibition of work by local artists curated by ASU Art Museum. Phoenix. In 2010: April 10
- Chandler Museum Historic Downtown Walking Tour An hour-long guided
 walking tours of the historic downtown area. The tours provide a look back in
 time to the founding of Chandler in 1912, and include a look at the interior of
 some of the historic buildings in modern downtown Chandler. The tours are
 open to all ages, and pre-registration is required at 480-782-2751. Downtown
 Chandler.
- Desert Botanical Garden Butterfly Pavilion Walk among the beautiful butterflies at this special springtime event located at the Desert Botanical Garden in Phoenix. In 2010: March 6 - May 9
- Gilbert Spring Concerts in the Park These free concerts take place at the Freestone Park amphitheater, located by the lake in Freestone Park (Lindsay and Juniper roads) in Gilbert. Bring a blanket or lawn chair. In 2010: April 1

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- Heard Museum Guild American Indian Student Art Show & Sale View and purchase work by more than 1,000 students from the United States and Canada at this unique event celebrating the achievements of young Native artists. Proceeds benefit the students. Free with museum admission. Heard Museum. In 2010: April 10-14
- Herb Festival Music and herbal exhibits and demonstrations at the Boyce Thompson Arboretum. In 2010: April 10
- International Migratory Bird Day Bird walks, educational presentations, kid crafts, and games. Activities include live animals, speakers, face painting, story time, scavenger hunts, bird watching and a 7th-12th grade art & photography contest. Booths from local conservation organizations. Mason Pulliam Rio Salado Audubon Ctr, Phoenix. In 2010: April 10
- Kachina Kennel Club Dog Show Over 2,000 purebreds. Includes all breed conformation, junior showmanship, and obedience/rally and agility competitions. Dog show tours, meet the breed, and educational opportunities for adults and children. Dog care, grooming vendors. University of Phoenix Stadium In 2010: April ?
- · Katsina Doll Marketplace

The nation's largest gathering of Hopi katsina doll carvers takes place at the Heard Museum, as more than 100 artists gather to show and sell their unique creations. Enjoy musical performances, book signings, carving demonstrations and drawings. Free. In 2010: April 10

From the President's Desk

Desert Harbor 2010

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NEW RESIDENTS

02/01/10 Through 02/28/10

Name Lot #
Gene & Donna Balfour 135

... by Ken Camp

The month of February has been a month of many events and a month where we lost a good friend and neighbor--Kay Borowczyk. We extend our condolences to Bruno and his family. May you keep them in your prayers.

I hope all enjoyed the Dixieland Band and the St. Patrick's Day Dinner with the Silent Auction. Other events in March not to forget are Doc and Lynette's Workshop on March 24th and our Pancake Supper on March 31st. Also remember April 3rd is our regular residents' meeting. This is the time when you can discuss events that you may have on your mind. Remember that events are approved by the people in attendance at these residents' meetings.

April 17th is our Potluck and a Pancake Breakfast, costing \$3 per person, will be held on April 24th.

I hope all are as satisfied as I am with our new trash pick up. At least now, we don't have trash on our streets at all times of the day and we don't need a separate pick-up for landscape trimmings.

A special thanks to Larry and Marj Lepic for their donation of their TV for the clubhouse. As for now, we will keep both televisions until a later date. Thanks, again.

Some residents have asked, "What does A.L.L. contribute to the Activities Club?" I would like everyone to know that they furnish the meat for our dinners on St. Patrick's Day, Memorial Day, 4th of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's. This saves the Activities Committee a considerable amount of money.

Our new chairs were delivered on Friday, March 5, 2010. A special thanks to all who helped unpack and Scotch Guard them. Thanks to: Jack and Judi Quetschenback, Michael Bauschard, Steve Davison, Joann Hankison, Miles Lowery, Jim McKersie, Dick Smith, Al Goodwin, Leroy Ague, Art Roberts, and Connie Riter. "Many hands make light work." We were done unpacking and setting them up in just one hour!!

POTLUCK DINNER AND SILENT AUCTION

by Jane Boudreau

During our regular February Potluck Dinner on February 20, a silent auction and raffle were held. Residents and merchants contributed items to create the fund raising baskets. Additionally, merchants were canvassed and requested to provide gift certificates to be included in the baskets and raffle. Contributions were received from 30 local merchants. We ask all of our residents to support those vendors. Check out the poster in the clubhouse as a reminder of those who supported us. Our silent auction and raffle added over \$500 dollars to our treasury.

A special thank you goes to those residents who contributed items used to create the baskets and those who assisted with the final assembly of the baskets.

We anticipate the second half of our silent auction being held on St. Patrick's day will add to our treasury. Vendors:

Panda Express
Albertsons
UPS
Village Inn
Papa John's
Coco's
Walgreens
Marty Berk
Starbuck's
Papa Murphy's
Cold Stone Creamery
Fat Willy's
Del Taco
IHOP
PostNet

Native New Yorker
Cactus Valley Pools
Taylor Rays
Total Wine and More
Doc & Lynette Stevenson
Chevron
McDonald's
The Dolly Steamboat
Los Gringo Loco's
Apache Junction Flowers
Simply Tan
Time For Us Day Spa
Premier Nails
Super Clips

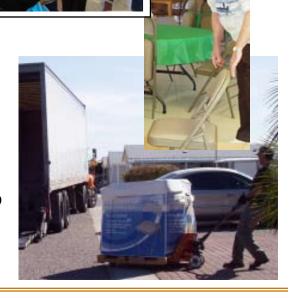
In-N-Out Burgers



By Connie Riter

First it was one o'clock...then one-thirty... Then for sure in 15 minutes...People were anxiously pacing around the clubhouse on Friday, March 5th...waiting...

Have you ever heard 15 men attempting "small talk" while they were waiting for something special to happen? A huge 18 wheeler finally arrived around 2:15 p.m. with two large crated boxes-- large enough to hold at least 5 residents each. THE NEW CHAIRS HAD FINALLY ARRIVED! Then commotion hit a new level as boxes were unpacked, chairs inspected, old chairs stacked, new chairs Scotch Guarded and arranged around the tables, and then a final "AHHH" as everyone tried out the new comfy seats....



2010 CHILL COOK-OFF

by Jane Boudreau

The Chili Cook-Off has become an annual event at Desert Harbor. This year it was held on Wednesday, February 24, 2010. Our local chef's presented eight varieties of chili for the judges to sample. The impartial judges were not residents of Desert Harbor. Bill Johnson took first place receiving \$25 followed by Bev Borchardt with \$15 and Jim McKersie with \$10. The other entries were submitted by Bill Boudreau, Chuck McCall, Judi Quetschenbach, Helen Rietow and Cyndi Smith. By the end of the evening the pots were empty and remnants of two cakes remained on the desert table. The sign-up sheet contained over 70 names. I would say everyone had a good time.

A big thank you to all those who entered for a job well done and to our three judges Larry, Rosa, and Diana.



RESIDENTS' MEETING by Bob Mayo

The residents' meeting for the month of March was called to order by Ken Camp at 9 a.m., March 6, 2010. The minutes from the previous meeting were accepted by those present by a voice vote. The Treasurer's Report was presented by Art Roberts and was also accepted by voice vote.

Several committee reports were presented including upcoming casino trips as well as an update on the upcoming patio and bake sale. People were advised about where and when to bring items they may have for the white elephant sale.

Ken Camp mentioned several items he had discussed with Yvonne in regard to park matters. The resurfacing of the remainder of streets in the park is tentatively scheduled to begin after many of our winter residents have gone for the summer. We still have no internet service in the park, even in the manager's office. Jan Ginsburg reminded people that we always are in need of articles or suggestions for articles for the newsletter. Midge Drouin also is requesting recipes for the park recipe book that she has been working on.

A major point of discussion was concerned with security in the park. While we are a gated community, the gates cannot be closed 24/7. A

primary reason is that Ironwood Drive is a major travel artery and there is concern that having the gates closed during the day will certainly result in traffic backups on Ironwood as well as increasing the possibility of accidents. Some people drive like Ironwood is the front straightaway at the Indianapolis Speedway so it has been determined that having the gates closed during the day is not a feasible solution.

Other security issues were raised including solicitors or other non-residents getting in and causing problems or possibly stealing items. This has happened on a number of occasions where items have been taken from patios or driveways, even during the day. Several ideas were mentioned including such items as cameras in the park, warning signs, the possibility of a neighborhood watch but it seems the primary responsibility remains with residents through simply being aware of what is going on around them and looking out for their neighbors, particularly if they know someone is gone from their home. The word is just "stay alert to what is going on around you" and when in doubt you can call the police or contact park management.

Meeting was adjourned.

Residents Enjoy Dixieland Band ... By Connie Riter

Almost 40 residents gathered at the clubhouse on Wednesday, March 10th to attend a concert by the Bourbon Street Dixieland Band. This seven piece band, who were here last year for our Mardi Gras celebration, were just as entertaining (and perhaps even funnier) than they were last year. Besides several brass instruments, the members played an accordion, banjo, keyboard, and clarinet, while the bass player also sang. Many enjoyed their rendition of "I Got My Education Out Behind the Barn." They also invited six residents to accompany them in playing bells, whistles, and horns during the song, "You Always Hurt the Ones You Love." Jackie Bowman on whistle, Midge Drouin, Bev Borchardt, and Cyndi Smith played various bells while Art Roberts and Larry Lepic played horns. Larry and Marj Lepic once again danced a lovely waltz and Art Roberts and Jan Ginsburg did a guick two-step. The performance ended with a rousing "When the Saints Go Marching In." Our residents had another enjoyable Wednesday evening of music and laughter at "Cabaret Desert Harbor"!



APRIL'S CASINO TRIP

... By Celine Leonard #106

- · Casino trip for April is to Harrah's Ak Chin
- Thursday, April 22nd, 2010
- · Check-in @8:00 a.m.
- · Bingo starts @11:30 a.m.
- · Bingo is now in the Casino.

Sign up early, we have to fax everything to the casino the week before our trip. We will need your Harrah's club card number or your birth date. We are told they have more penny slots...

Any questions regarding this trip, give me a call at: 480-982-1618, Celine, #106

REMEMBER THESE FUTURE TRIPS:

MAY: Talking Stick
JUNE: Cliff Castle
JULY: Casino Arizona...

DESERT HARBOR

SPRING TEXAS HOLD 'EM TOURNAMENT ...by Dave Borchardt

Tournament will start on Saturday, April 17th, 1:00 p.m. and play will continue on April 20, 23, 24 (times will be posted) and if more time is needed, future dates will also be posted. There is a sign up sheet in the clubhouse and we are limited to 18 people, so first come, first served. The buy-in will be \$25.00 and the usual payout of 40% to 1st place, 30% to 2nd place, 20% to 3rd place and 10% to 4th place. Total prize money will be determined by the number of entries.

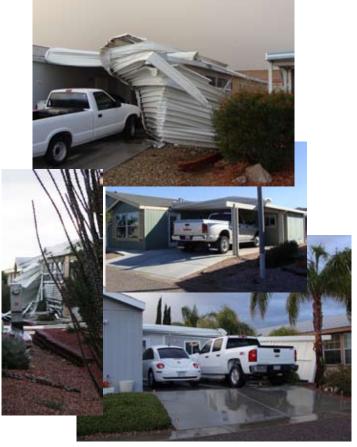
Please contact Cyndi Smith at 480-983-5819 for information.

STORM DAMAGE

By Dave Borchardt

A quick moving storm passed through Desert Harbor in the early afternoon on Monday, February 22nd. The storm badly damaged four carports and partially damaged screened in Arizona rooms. The damage started with lot #150 by completely lifting their carport roof and flying over lot #119 landing on the carport roof of lot #114. Lot #114's carport roof also suffered damage as well as the Arizona room, and lot #115 next door suffered some damage to their Arizona room. The microburst continued eastward damaging the carport of lot #103 and also the carport at #77. Thankfully, nobody was hurt during this

storm.



DESERT HARBOR RESIDENTS OFFER SERVICES

The following Desert Harbor residents offer the following services:

<u>NAME</u>		<u>SERVICE</u>	PHONE
 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,	319-533-1098
		Other Odd Jobs	
 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	480-671-3147
		& Woodworking Jobs	
 Midge Drouin 	Lot #203	Haircuts, Sets & Styling	480-982-9425

BIRTHDAYS / ANNIVERSARIES

APRIL 2010 BIRTHDAYS

Date	Name	Lot #
8	Gary Ross	119
8	Jeanette Ketterman	36
10	Carol Haydter	154
13	Mel O'Mealy	55
15	Lorna Alomn	9
15	Peggy Ziegele	71
19	Judy Mathews	18
20	Leonard Sellheim	27
20	Marty Martinez	112
21	Rose Brunett	140
23	Sandi Schwiezer	89
24	Jim Mathews	18
26	Ruthann Sather	10
27	Carol Ann Sabareio	166
27	Eleanor Bieder	125
28	Charles Van Wickle	192

MARCH 2010 ANNIVERSARIES

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

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



MEXICAN RIVIERA CRUISE February 7-14, 2010 By D

By Dave Borchard

There were 4 couples from Desert Harbor that went on a Mexican Riviera Cruise that left Long Beach, CA on February 7th and returned on February 14th. The couples were Jack & Judi Quetschenbach, Dave & Midge Drouin, Dick & Cyndi Smith and Dave & Bev Borchardt. This was the first cruise for Dave & Midge, Dave & Bev, and Dick Smith. The ship was the Carnival Splendor which weighs 113,000 tons, is 952 feet long, has 13 decks, holds 3006 passengers and has 1150 staff people. There were a total of 18 elevators on our ship. It was pretty amazing and we were all very impressed with it.

Dick & Cyndi had driven to Long Beach on Saturday and the rest of us flew from Sky Harbor to Los Angeles Sunday morning, and then took a shuttle bus to Long Beach. The sight of the ship was very impressive. The ship was parked close to the Queen Mary and the Queen Mary looked pretty small in comparison to the Splendor. Once we were on the ship, we couldn't get into our rooms right away, so we all made our way to the buffet for lunch.

Next thing you knew it was almost 6:00 and time to eat again, but this time we ate in the formal dining room with linen tablecloths, napkins and the whole works. The wait staff brought us menus to order from and we could order as much and whatever we wanted. We had two waiters, Leo I and Leo II, who were from the Philippines and they were the best. The Maître 'D that evening asked if our group would like to sit at the Captains Table for the balance of our evening dining and we all gladly agreed.

We pulled out of port during our meal and spent the next two days at sea heading for Puerto Vallarta at which we arrived early in the morning of February 10th. While we were at sea, there was plenty to do aboard the ship. There was the exercise room (never did find that room), plenty of swimming pools, and by one of the pools was a 12' by 22' jumbo screen TV with a 70,000 watt sound system. The casino was open the whole way (we did find that room), there were shows to see, and of course the many areas of food, pizzas and hamburgers by the pool area, and the many buffet areas with different types of food.

Our first formal night was on Monday the 8th and all of us were dressed up to the nines and, of course,

this was the first night we dined at the captain's table. It seemed like every time we turned around, there was someone who wanted to take our picture and of course sell us a copy the next day. We all ended up with many pictures in addition to all the ones we took with our own cameras.

We visited three ports; Puerto Vallarta, Mazatlan and Cabo San Lucas. We didn't spend a lot of time ashore, we just did a little shopping, sightseeing and eating. Then it was back to the ship. The three ports were all very colorful and unique with beautiful scenery. You could tell that Puerto Vallarta and Mazatlan were older communities and Cabo was newer and more modern. There was one rather humorous event as we were leaving Mazatlan. The six of us were looking to take a cab back to the ship and of course there were about 25 taxis

clamoring for our business. This one cabbie shouted out that he would take us back to the ship for \$15.00 and I thought he said \$50.00, so I shouted back that we would pay \$20.00. He looked at me rather funny and said "Okayyyyyyyyy,", and that's when the rest of our group informed me that he said \$15.00 and not \$50.00, so they said I could no longer serve as their negotiator. He only charged us the \$15.00 so it all worked out. On the way back to the ship, the six of us were sitting in the back of this taxi (it was kind of like a pick up truck with benches on both sides) and a gust of wind blew my hat off. Apparently the driver saw it too and stopped the taxi, backed up into oncoming traffic and gave me enough time to jump off and retrieve it. It was quite the experience.

Overall, it was a fantastic experience and we all are looking forward to another cruise.



BUS TOUR OF AUSTRALIA'S EAST COAST II BY: Jim McKersie

Are you ready for more commentary about Australia?? If so, read on....

On day eight, we caught a launch back to Townsville where we boarded the bus and traveled south to Shute Bay. Another reef cat took us to Hamilton Island for two days with a short stop at Long Island for lunch. It was very hot and tropical and the restaurant was open air. Very pretty with a nice beach, but not much else.

Hamilton Island is paradise--really the high light of this trip. There are no vehicles on the island except a fire truck and ambulance. There are small golf type carts called "mokeys", which run on LP gas, for rent. We walked most of the time.

We were impressed by the plush life style provided. We had a complete suite of rooms on the eleventh floor with a large balcony overlooking the bay. The wild cockatoos would land on the balcony rail and beg for food. They are also thieves. We were warned not to leave anything on the table or chairs. This place would be very easy to get accustomed to.

Breakfast was served by the dolphin pool with the dolphins performing. All the meals were excellent and much fancier than we had been served.

We took a tour of the island and saw Paul McCartney's home, a nice zoo and a cockatoo show. The birds were very talented.

Two days here was much too short a time. You may recall CNN News in 2009 reporting on looking for a new manager for six months. The pay was \$100,000. There were thirty-five thousand applicants!

The morning of day ten began with our catching another reef cat for our trip back to Shute Bay. We could see a cyclone off to the north following our path.

We boarded the bus and began our trek southward. This was a driving day through sugar fields and dairy farms. We arrived in Rockhampton around three. Today is Christmas Eve and most everything is closed. The Aussies shut down for the two weeks around "Chrissy" for their annual vacation period. Makes it inconvenient for travelers, but we did very well.

All of our hotels were very nice and the food was good. By now, we had picked up a bottle of hot sauce to add to our food.

Christmas Day began with breakfast with a cook who had a grill! After ten days of poached or scrambled eggs, we asked the cook to fry our eggs on the grill. He had never fried an egg! He did comply though with instructions.

Back on the bus to tour the area and we stopped to have our pictures taken at the Tropic of Capricorn monument. A restaurant opened to serve us lunch. This was the only time we saw gravy served with the potatoes. Lunch included turkey, ham, beef, lamb and shrimp.

We continued on our way to Hervey Bay. Dinner this evening was very festive and included crab on the menu.

The morning found us on a ferry boat to Fraser Island. This island has seventy continuous miles of beautiful white sand beach which we covered in a large four wheel bus with extra large tires to accommodate the sand.

There is only one small resort on the island where we had a champagne luncheon with fried chicken. After lunch we drove through some rain forest to a small fresh water lake with a white sand shore line. The lake was one of the clearest we had seen anywhere. Most of the tour group went wading and some even went swimming in their clothes. One woman from England stripped down to her bra and panties for her dip!

Cyclone Joy was still on our tail with a sky full of dark clouds. The cyclone did not hit land until we were in Brisbane and it struck Cairns, Townsville, Rockhampton and several miles in-between. Roads were flooded and the trains were not able to run. A lot of property was destroyed, but we did not hear of any deaths.

We spent the night at Hervey Bay and boarded the bus on day thirteen for another driving day. We went through pineapple plantations for the greater part of the morning. We had lunch at the Sunshine Pineapple Plantation and took a miniature train ride around the property.

After lunch we traveled on to Brisbane and Surfer's Paradise. It's a beautiful area and we walked the beach before dinner. Our buffet was extra special this night and there was a piano bar for entertainment afterwards.

We were surprised to find all street signs in English and Chinese due to the large Chinese population brought in years ago to work in the fields.

It's a small world! My wife and I met a young Japanese couple on the beach. We found out that his best friend lived in the small town in northern Minnesota where we lived and his friend worked with my step-father.

If we were to move to Australia, we think this area is where we would like to settle. It is not as tropical as further north and the beaches are wonderful. It is a very expensive area though.

Day fourteen was spent driving towards Sydney. We stopped for lunch at a Banana Plantation in Coff's Harbor. Another tourist trap!

We stayed in Port MacQuarie this night. The hotel lobby was decorated with pictures of Marilyn Monroe, Elvis Presley, James Dean and Clark Gable. They are big on our celebrities.

Day fifteen was another driving day to Sydney. We arrived about five in the afternoon and this was the end of our tour.

We stayed in Sydney for three days at the Royal Garden Hotel. It was very nice and new, but on the edge of Chinatown. We were the only Caucasians in the place. We found a McDonald's for dinner and it was great!

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BUS TOUR OF AUSTRALIA

Sydney is a great city with lots to do. We took bus tours, harbor cruise and we walked miles! The bay has one hundred fifty-two miles of coast line.

Sydney is one of the cleanest cities in the World. They even have ash trays on street corners--no littering.

Bondi Beach is a topless beach which did not live up to the men's expectations. The driver says you can always tell the Americans--they want to be first off the bus!

We took a bus tour that included "The Rocks", the Opera House, and the Paddington Area. The Paddington area is a lot like our New Orleans with its wrought iron balconies on the row houses.

This evening we went to the Waterfront Restaurant on the quay. I ordered a large lobster and enjoyed every five dollar bite. The total cost was seventyfive dollars. Kay had prawns the size of chicken legs.

The last day was a shopping day for the wife starting at Queen Victoria's Mall and ending in the Rocks area. We ate at the oldest pub in Sydney called The Hero of Waterloo. It was built in 1843 and the floor had a trapdoor through which drunken men were dropped and "shanghied" as sailors. We had a "pint" with steak and chips.

Tonight is New Year's Eve so we splurged and went to a fancy Chinese Restaurant for dinner and watched the parties begin. We watched the fireworks from our hotel window. They were spectacular and kept us up much of the night.

We leave Australia today and because they are a day ahead of us we got to celebrate the New Year every hour crossing the ocean (it was New Year's somewhere!). To say there was a lot of drinking is putting it mildly and all free!

After just this small taste of Australia, we knew we would be trying to return. The people are wonderful and there is just so much to see.

If you are interested, a good book to read is A SUNBURNED COUNTRY by Bill Bryson. Think there is a copy in the clubhouse.

LET US TELL YOU ABOUT OUR GRANDCHILDREN By Jack and Judi Quetschenbach

We have been so blessed with five beautiful grandchildren and they are all so loving and special in their own way. The oldest three are the children of our daughter and son-in-law Julie and Scott Shepherd of Gilbert, AZ. They are Alex 18 years old, a senior at Gilbert High School and who is on the baseball team. Alex has a part time job at DSW Shoes in the San Tan Mall and now is looking forward to graduation in May, at which he will be going on to school and it looks as though Business will be his major. He really wants to be a physical therapist, but does not like looking at 7 more years of school.

Justin is 16 years old and is a sophomore at Gilbert High School and just finished a great year of playing on the soccer team, the varsity team finished fourth in the state this past month. He will be getting his driver's license next month and is waiting for his parents to purchase him a ride.

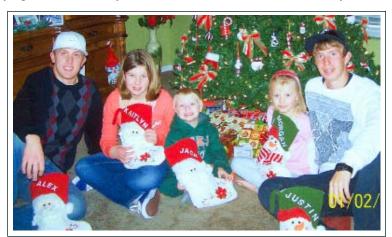
Kaitlyn is 12 years old and is growing up to be quite a little lady. She is in the 6th grade and will be moving to junior high this fall. She keeps busy with her best friends and does not come over to stay with us much anymore, but always has a hug and smile for us when we see her. She has played soccer during the fall for several years, and seems to enjoy that. She and grandma have been working together doing scrap booking the past few years and I definitely enjoy that time together.

Our youngest two grandchildren are children of our son and daughter-inlaw Joel and Maree Quetschenbach and they recently moved to Lakeville, MN. after living in Kansas City, MO. for 6 years. Our granddaughter Morgan, 6, is in kindergarten and loves it very much. Most of her time is now spent at home reading and drawing. For the past couple of years she has played soccer and likes it. She is a charmer. Morgan took dance for a couple of years and has been a beautiful little dancer.

Jack (yes he was named after his grandpa) is 3 ½ years old and has attended pre-school and is an active young boy and loves any kind of ball there is, so we are not sure what sport or sports he will participate in, we now say probably baseball and basketball, only time will tell. We have been so lucky in the past 6 years as we have got to watch Morgan and Jack while their parents have traveled and even though there are many miles from us we get to see them a few times a year, (we are going to be there for a couple of weeks during April). Of course it would be wonderful if they were closer.

Even though there is a spread of ages (3 to18) they are all so excited when they know they get to be together and love one another so much. We love each of them so much and never get enough of any of them. Grandpa and Grandma love it as well when all five are together with us too. Over the years we have followed the oldest in their sports and still attend the high school sporting events today, and hope we will be able to do the same for the youngest two. They all hold a special place in our hearts. Our daughter gave me a saying once that I truly love. "Grandchildren are the reward you

get for not strangling your teenager." Also I like the one on my refrigerator, "Grandma is a Lean Mean Spoiling Machine."



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.

Thanks for your help

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Desert Harbor Restaurant Review			
Restaurant Name			
Address/City			
Major Intersection			
Telephone			
Web Site			
Hours			
Happy Hour Specials			
Busy Time			
Specialty			
Entertainment			
Service			
Reservations Required ? Yes No What did you have? Date / Resident Name Any additional comments: (overall opinion)	Would you go back ? Approx. price per person Yes No Under \$20 Over \$20		
If you can, please take a me	nu		

RESTAURANT REVIEW

...By Kay McKersie

Manuel's Mexican Restaurant

2350 E. Southern Ave. Tempe, AZ 85282 480-897-0025



Manuel's has been one of our favorite Mexican Res-

taurants since they opened in Tempe about twenty-five years ago. We make it our lunch stop approximately twice every month!

Manuel's was opened in 1964 by Manuel and Alice Salazar at 32nd Street and Indian School Road. Today they have eight restaurants in the Valley and they are operated by the extended family.

They are known for their pleasant atmosphere, excellent food and service. Our personal favorite is the Seafood Enchiladas served with beans and rice. We have tried them at other places, but Manuel's is still the best!

E-MAIL ADDRESSES

... by Dave Borchardt #142

If you would like to be notified by e-mail of last minute items in the park, please be sure to give us your e-mail address. We have several already and if you would like to be included. please let us know by sending your e-mail address to azhighways@aol.com This is Dave & Bev Borchardt's e-mail address and we use this account to notify residents of last minute events in the park or when we are notified of upcoming water shut off or any other last minute park items. Also, please be sure to let us know if you change your e-mail address.



For Sale

GE Washer / Dryer - Seven yrs old But in good working order \$150.00 See at Lot 96 or call Judy at 480-671-5009

Wanted - Queen or Full Size Bed

LOST DUTCHMAN MONUMENT

...Bv Kav McKersie

At the intersection of the Apache Trail and Highway 88 stands the oldest structure

in Apache Junction. It is the Lost Dutchman Monument constructed by the Dons Club during 1937-38.

Club members Rhes Cornelius and Louis Tisdale came up with the idea of building a memorial commemorating the Lost Dutchman. They put their heads together with Fred Guiry of the State Highway Department and Fred came up with the actual design of the monument.

Ground work began in December of 1937 and was completed in March, 1938. The structure was twelve feet long, two feet wide and eight feet high. The cutout figures of the Lost Dutchman and his burro were cut from boiler

plate by Ray Briest following designs made by Fred Guiry and placed on top.

Saguaros and a cactus garden were added to beautify the area.



Dons member, Oren Arnold wrote the inscription for the bronze plague to be affixed to the front of the monument. The original inscription read as follows: "Here lies the remains of Snowbeard, the Dutchman who in this mountain shot three men to steal a rich gold mine from Spanish pioneers, killed eight men more to hold its treasure, then died in 1892, without revealing its location. Dozens of searchers have met mysterious deaths in the canyons there, yet the ore lies unrevealed. Indians say "this curse of the thunder god on white men in whom

the craving for gold is strong. Beware lest you too succumb to the lure of the Lost Dutchman Mine in the Superstition Mountains." (This is a quotation taken from the book, History of the Lost Dutchman Monument by George E. Davis and Thomas Kollenborn.)

This plague was stolen in the 1950's and replaced by a much simpler "Erected by the Dons Club of Phoenix to commemorate the Lost Dutchman Mine, 1938" which can be seen today.

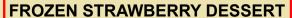
The attached picture is of my Father, Allen E. Hill taken in 1939 for his annual Christmas postcard. He was working for the Anaconda Mining Company in Miami.



NEW PARK TELEPHONE **DIRECTORIES**...By Jan Ginsburg

Our new park telephone directories have been printed and distributed for our use. They were put in the craft room of the clubhouse, into the individual cubbies for each resident. It took some time to coordinate and collate the information needed to compile all the changes that have occurred in our park over the last year or so. We would like to thank Dick Smith for his patience and hard work, as we owe him a great deal of gratitude for the tedious job of collecting the 200 plus names, addresses and phone numbers of Desert Harbors residents.

As with most publications, you may find some errors. If this occurs and you find corrections are needed, please contact Dick Smith so that he can correct the records. Although new books cannot be re-printed, an alternative to publish corrections will be given. Again thanks, Dick, for stepping up to this challenge, it was really appreciated!



..Submitted By Ruthann Sather #10



BLEND TOGETHER: 8 oz - cream cheese ³/₄ C − sugar

ADD:

10 oz - frozen strawberries (thawed)

1 – large can crushed pineapple; drained

3 - bananas; sliced

8 oz - Cool Whip; thawed

1/2 C - chopped walnuts

Pour into 9x13 pan, freeze overnight.

Enjoy!

PDF and FB, what are they?

By Tom Hennessy #70

Let us start this discussion with **PDF**. Is it "Pretty Darn Quick", "Please Delete File" or "Private Disk Forever"? Nope, the abbreviation stands for "Portable Document Format"!

A PDF file is one that is not dependant on the computer that originated it. Once published, it can be easily read in the free Adobe Reader, which is available 24/7 on the Adobe web site.

Whether you prefer using a PC, an Apple computer like the Mac or one that supports Linux or another operating system, by downloading the free reader, you can look at the PDF file.

PDF's adoption in the early days of the format's history was slow. Adobe Acrobat, Adobe's suite for reading and creating PDFs, was not freely available; early versions of PDF had no support for external hyperlinks, reducing its usefulness on the Internet; the additional size of the PDF document compared to plain text meant significantly longer download times over the slower modems common at the time, and rendering the files was slow on less powerful machines.

Adobe soon started distributing its Acrobat Reader (now Adobe Reader) program at no cost, and continued supporting the original PDF, which eventually became the de facto standard for printable documents on the web (a standard web document).

The PDF file format has changed several times and continues to evolve, as new versions of Adobe Acrobat were released. There have been nine versions of PDF with corresponding Acrobat releases:

(1993) - PDF 1.0 / Acrobat 1.0 to the most recent

(2009) – PDF 1.7, Adobe Extension Level 5 / Acrobat 9.1

The ISO 32000-1:2008 PDF open standard was published by the ISO on July 1, 2008. PDF is now the published ISO standard.

Now, Facebook

Facebook is a social networking website that is operated and privately owned by Facebook, Inc. Since September 2006, anyone over the age of 13 with a valid e-mail address (and not residing in one of the countries where it is banned) can become a Facebook user. Users can add friends and send them messages, and update their personal profiles to notify friends about themselves. Additionally, users can join networks organized by city, workplace, and school or college. The website's name stems from the colloquial name of books given at the start of the academic year by university administrations in the US with the intention of helping students to get to know each other better.

Mark Zuckerberg founded Facebook with his college roommates and fellow computer science students Eduardo Saverin, Dustin Moskovitz and Chris Hughes while he was a student at Harvard University The original concept for Facebook was borrowed from a product produced by Zuckerberg's prep school Phillips Exeter Academy which for decades published and distributed a printed manual of all students and faculty, unofficially called the "face book".

Facebook has met with some controversy. It has been blocked intermittently in several countries including Syria, China, Vietnam, and Iran. It has also been banned at many places of work to discourage employees from wasting time using the service.

Privacy has also been an issue, and it has been compromised several times. Facebook settled a lawsuit regarding claims over source code and intellectual property. The site has also been involved in controversy over the sale of fans and friends. A January 2009 Compete.com study ranked Facebook as the most used social network by worldwide monthly active users, followed by MySpace, put it on its end-of-the-decade 'best-of' list, saying, "How on earth did we stalk our exes, remember our co-workers' birthdays, bug our friends, and play a rousing game of Farmville or Mafia Wars before Facebook"?

Just a few simple words of advice if you decide like a lot of us here in Desert Harbor, to join Facebook. Never place on your profile anything that you do not want the world to know. If you want to hide your age, just put the month and day on it. If you do not want your picture on your profile, just leave if off. It is up to you who you want as a FB friend. If it is not someone that you would like to correspond with, do not accept the offer of friendship.

Now, some of the fun things that FB offers. There are many games that you are offered and they are free as is Facebook itself. If you get involved with playing Farmville for instance, you will find it very addictive and unless you plan to spend many hours on the computer every day, join and have fun with it but do not miss meals to play it. I have been on FB since the early days and I have reconnected with classmates from high school back in ancient times as well as people I served with in the Navy and some students that I taught in my training days as a Navy civilian employee. Thanks to Connie Riter for suggesting, I do this article about PDF and Facebook. Some of these words are mine and some I discovered online.

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LADIES' LUNCHEON by Jane Boudreau

Tuesday, February 16 the Ladies' Luncheon was held at Taylor Ray's on Main St. in Mesa. Taylor Ray's is a local restaurant serving American cuisine. The group of twenty ladies enjoyed their lunch. Taylor Ray's is one of the contributors to our Silent Auction and we encourage you to visit their restaurant.

The April Ladies' Luncheon will be held at Charleston's Restaurant, 1623 S. Stapley Dr. in Mesa on Tuesday, April 20. Charleston's will be a repeat visit for the ladies. The restaurant is a warm and inviting setting serving American cuisine. They have wonderful croissants which are served warm from the oven. Their web site is included so you may wish to visit them at www.charlestons.com and review their menu.

We meet in the clubhouse at 11:00 a.m. where carpools are formed to drive to the restaurant. Helen Rietow our coordinator prepares a sign-up sheet. She asks you to indicate your intent to attend the luncheon. Using this information she contacts the restaurant with number of attendees. Please join the ladies for an enjoyable outing.

LADIES' GET ACQUAINTED SOUP & SALAD LUNCHEON

By Jane Boudreau

On Tuesday, March 2nd twenty ladies met for a lunch of soup and salad followed by decadent desserts. Tomato Rice, Seafood, Taco, Tortilla, and Scotch Broth were the soups accompanied by a Crock-pot of Paula Dean's Mac and Cheese. The salads as well as the desserts completed our feast. We really do eat well on the first Tuesday of each month.

Before our food settled and clean up began we held a 50/50 raffle

with \$10 going to the Activities Organization. Two winners were selected to receive \$6.00 and \$4.00 as the prize.

To all of the ladies of Desert Harbor we would enjoy your company at our monthly luncheon. You simply sign up in the clubhouse indicating what you would like to bring to the luncheon. We each bring our own table service including bowls for soup and our choice of beverage. Coffee is provided and hot water is available for tea. We look forward to seeing you on April 6 at 12 noon in the clubhouse.

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 Joanna Hankison 480.641.0975 Kay McKersie 480.288.9531 Carol Rysavy 480.983.3142



The Heartbeat taken from Web. M.D. by Midge Drouin

Getting Your Fats Straight

Eating heart healthy can be pretty complicated sometimes. Getting rid of your salt shaker is easy enough, but all the recommendations about fiber, fish oil, nuts and red meats are enough to raise your blood pressure. Lets simplify a heart-healthy diet by breaking it down to its most important element. A basic understanding of how different types of fat impact our health. Once you understand the truth about fat, it becomes easier to make heart-healthy choices that make sense.

The Good......The Bad......The Ugly

The Good: Unsaturated Fats

Categorized as monounsaturated and ploy unsaturated, these saturated fats can actually improve your cholesterol profile by reducing your LDL (bad cholesterol) and boosting you HDL (good cholesterol). Sources of monounsaturated fats include olive oil, canola oil, avocado and nuts. Corn oil, safflower oil, and soy oil provide poly unsaturated fats. Probably the best type of polyunsaturated fats are omega-3 fatty acids. Found in fatty fish, walnuts, and flaxseed, these fats not only improve cholesterol profiles but have been associated with a lower risk of heart disease and abnormal heart rhythms. The more the better.

The Bad: Saturated fats

These fats are present in meat, eggs, and cheese, in addition to coconut and palm oil. The USDA recommends that we get less than 10% of our total calories from saturated fat. Given that one gram contains nine calories, you're looking a limit of twenty grams of daily saturated fat for an 1800 calorie diet. By reducing your intake of animal products and choosing part-skim cheese and lean meats when you eat them.

The Ugly: Trans. fats

These fats wreck havoc with your cholesterol profile and your blood vessels. Fried foods, margarine and store bought baked goods are common sources. Snacks like cookies and crackers use partially hydrogenated vegetable oils to keep their crunch.....but you don't want your arteries to end up that way. The American Heart Association recommends limiting your trans fats to 1% of your total calories (that's about two grams), although cardiologists and the city of New York would prefer that we avoid them entirely. Look for menu labeling and new legislation about trans fats in restaurants in your area. It is important to mention that if a single serving contains less than 0.5 grams....so be careful to read the small print.

By keeping your fats straight, you will ultimately end up consuming a more Mediterranean diet higher in fish, olive oil, nuts, and lower in red meats. You'll enjoy fewer processed foods and more fruits and veggies, which will boost your fiber intake and natural antioxidents. Focus less on numbers, grams and calories, and more on concepts, and enjoy a glass of red wine now and then....you deserve it.

THE R & R OF THE 15 MPH SPEED LIMIT

...By Margo Crawford

The private streets of Desert Harbor are not as wide as the public city streets. They are built more on a casual basis for casual traffic. Respect for some of our residents who are not steady on their feet, ride motorized scooters and use walkers must be in our consideration at all times. Most of us are in a casual mood when we walk, bike, jog and use our scooters in the park. Remember, "Slow Seniors At Play." There is a responsibility for the walkers, bikers and scooter users, and, let's not forget the golf carts, to be aware of their surroundings. But if a quick stop by a motorized vehicle is ever necessary it is much easier at 15 mph than 25-30 mph. A scooter in the wrong gear can send someone out toward the street by accident.



Someone using a walker could still stumble and fall. Small pets can all too easily get away from their owner. In our community, let me repeat that it would be a tragedy if one of our residents, pets or even a grandchild was injured. Being inside a block perimeter provides a certain false sense of security. Groups of people stop to chat and spread out into the street a little too far. Many factors are involved in the decision for 15 mph. We all know we are safe and conscientious drivers. It certainly won't hurt any of us to be a little more considerate and take note of our speed as we drive through the park.

So please remember to Respect the speed limit and our neighbors and

be Responsible. We don't have park police and most people do not want to be tattle tales. The responsibility belongs to the driver. And pedestrians could use some more caution also. Let's work together to make Desert Harbor a safe community.

Sadly, I don't have any remedy for the professional service people who come into the park. I know many of them speed through. Two delivery services come to mind especially during the holiday season. Perhaps it will help if, as individuals, we make calls to the companies the drivers work for, asking them to remind their drivers to slow down.

15 MPH PLEASE!

Desert Harbor Activities & Coordinators

Activity	Coordinator	Telephone			
Appliqué	Reni Dieball	983-0578			
Bible Study	Elaine Kereluk	987-8587			
Card Games	TBA				
Casino Trips	Celine Leonard	982-1618			
Closet Quilters	Reni Dieball	983-0578			
Genealogy	Esther Lough	288-8579			
Golf	Don Walker	288-5686			
Ladies Luncheon	Helen Rietow	983-6151			
Ladies Soup & Salad Luncheon					
	Joann Hankison	641-0975			
Line Dancing	Mary Pat Summers	983-4227			
Mah-Jongg	Celine Leonard	982-1618			
Pinochle	Elaine Kereluk	987-8587			
Poker	TBA				
Stitch & Chat	Reni Dieball	983-0578			
Tai Chi	Dick Smith	983-5819			
Travel	Connie Riter	641-7753			

For questions about these activities, contact the appropriate coordinator. Your participation is welcomed and very much appreciated. Thank you.

Activities with no specific coordinator:

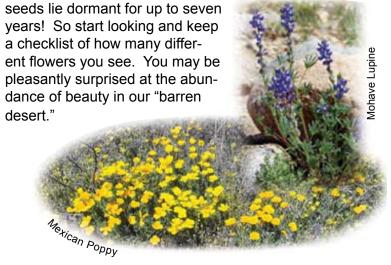
Water Aerobics Billiards

Recent Activities cancelled or suspended:

Dominoes Bunco Card Bingo Shuffleboard Cribbage Positive Thinking Stretching Class Yoga

MARCH RAINS BRING APRIL FLOWERS ... by Connie Riter

With all the rain we have been experiencing, the desert floor is not only turning an emerald green, but the wildflowers are beginning to blossom. Just take a ride on Route 60 toward Globe, or travel toward Tucson, and you will see the highway lined with brilliant yellow-orange flowers. These are the most common springtime wildflower here -- the Mexican Poppy (below). You will also see interspersed with the poppy, a striking purple-blue flower. This is the Mohave Lupine flower. There are many more wildflowers which may appear in a rainbow of various colors. An easy way to identify them is to go to the Arizona Wild Flowers website for pictures and descriptions. Each year new flowers may appear, depending on the amount of rain. Some



SURVIVORS and VETERANS BENEFITS WORKSHOP

When: Wednesday, March 24th, 5:00 p.m., Pizza served at 5:30 p.m.

Where: Desert Harbor Clubhouse

Who: Doc & Lynette Stephenson, Southland Funerals Planners Attorney Marlane Porter,

Elder Care Specialist

What: A workshop to educate all residents on wills vs. trusts, Veteran burial benefits and

identity theft. Cremation and why so many different price points in the valley.

AARP compliance, travel protection and more.

Why: Because Doc & Lynette have over 30 years experience in the funeral and

cemetery industry, yet are not employed by any specific funeral home, so our loyalties are to you! Lynette was trained by Veterans to teach Veterans Benefits

and has for over 10 years.

All materials, pizza and door prizes are provided FREE of charge. It's FREE and being educated is SMART! ~ To register, call Lynette at 480-720-7515

BRING A FRIEND!

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