



**Desert Harbor, A 55+ Community April 2011, Apache Junction, AZ**

### April in Arizona ... *By Connie Riter*

April can be a "taxing" time and a time to appreciate new life. We all are clearly aware that this is the month to file our income tax forms -- and depending on our organization during the previous year, it can be stressful. We also have the arrival of the beautiful springtime Arizona weather, the opportunities to meet our neighbors at the pool and share our experiences, and the fragrance of citrus trees once again in bloom. This is also the time to enjoy watching new-born quail chicks parading behind their parents through our yards, like little brown walnuts with feet.

Also this year Easter will be celebrated on April 24<sup>th</sup> and we soon will see our streets and stores less crowded as our winter visitors return to more comfortable summer homes. This is the month of new beginnings and of promise of greater things to come.

If you haven't been to the Easter pageant at the Mormon Temple yet, this is a great year to go. The pageant has been performed yearly here since 1928, and will be presented daily from April 13 through the 23<sup>rd</sup> at the temple on Main Street in Mesa. Performances start at 8 pm, with the 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> being in Spanish. Parking is on the side streets and you may want to take a lawn chair because the folding chairs set up on the lawn fill up quickly.

The Diamondbacks are also playing at Chase Field now and it is easy to travel there by light rail, parking on Seymour Street in Mesa. There is only a slight walk to the Stadium from the light rail stop. Riding the light rail is much cheaper than parking at the Field and certainly a lot less stressful.

Another celebration of new life can be enjoyed at the Desert Botanical Garden in Phoenix. They have a butterfly pavilion open through May 8<sup>th</sup>, and is quite an experience to walk through the pavilion where the butterflies fly freely, and can be seen in so many varieties.....and if you are lucky, you may see a new butterfly hatch from its cocoon, fall to the bottom of the incubator, flutter its wings until they dry, and take its first flight. New life, no matter how small, can be so thrilling! April is the month to appreciate and enjoy it.

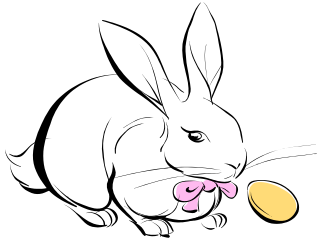
From the President's  
desk  
by Dick Smith



Another month down. The weather is finally getting to be beautiful. I know some of you are getting ready to pack up and go home. Happy and safe traveling. I am sure you are aware by now that Yvonne and ALL is planning a dinner and entertainment for everyone in the park on the 16<sup>th</sup> of April. This will be in place of our normal Pot Luck. Hope all plan to attend. Who can pass up a free dinner and entertainment?

I hope you have found your phone books in your cubbie in the craft room. Like I said before, if there are any corrections that need to be made, let me know. My computer did make a few mistakes making this book. Sorry for that.

Once again I want to remind you to sign up for activities in the park. This is the only way we can accurately plan on what we need. We do appreciate your cooperation. Also, don't forget about the food bins. There are needy people all year long, not just at holiday time.



HAPPY EASTER



### ACTIVITIES ORGANIZATION

PRESIDENT	DICK SMITH	LOT 74	480-983-5819
VICE PRESIDENT	JAN GINSBURG	LOT 183	480-983-5303
SECRETARY	ALICE JOHNSON	LOT 5	480-982-1224
TREASURER	ART ROBERTS	LOT 81	480-641-7753

### BOARD MEMBERS

MIDGE DROUIN	LOT 203	602-459-9039
MIKE BAUSCHARD	LOT 99	480-288-4332
TIM CHRISSIS	LOT 34	816-838-9934

## RESIDENT'S MEETING - *By Bob Mayo*

The monthly resident's meeting was called to order on March 5<sup>th</sup> by Activities Organization President Dick Smith. Following the Pledge of Allegiance the minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as well as the Treasurer's report. Art Roberts stated that the remaining Coyote Coupon books will now be sold at half price of \$7.50. The 50/50 drawing was held and was won by Alice Johnson.

Committee reports were presented and included a reminder of the casino trip on March 24<sup>th</sup>.

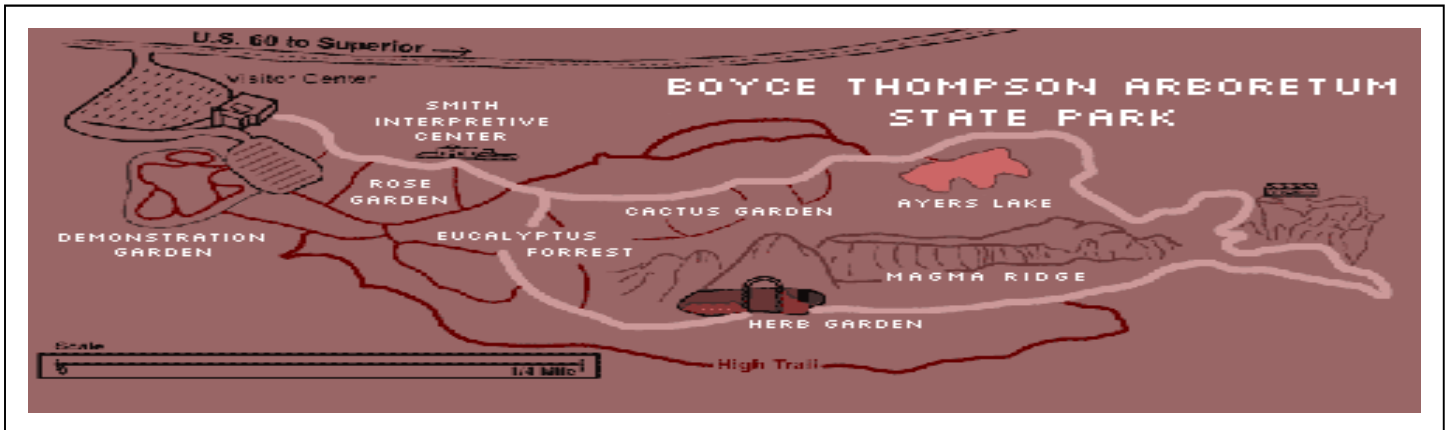
Ladies were reminded that the in-park Ladies Luncheon is held the first Tuesday of each month. There will be a pancake breakfast on March 23<sup>rd</sup>. The price for the breakfast will be \$4.00. This price increase is driven by the increase in the cost of food items. There was some discussion of increasing the price to \$5.00. Art Roberts said there was no desire to make money simply to make money and that based on past experience the price of \$4.00 should be sufficient to cover costs. Michael Bauschard reminded residents that the annual spring Texas Hold-em tournament will start play on March 26<sup>th</sup>. Right now a sufficient number of people have signed up to fill the available slots, however, those wishing to play who have not signed up may do so as alternates, or if there is enough interest perhaps the total number of players may be increased. It was also announced that anyone interested in playing shuffleboard or horseshoes should contact Tim Chrissis as they are trying to determine who may be interested in these activities. There was a recommendation to include individual's e-mail addresses on both the Desert Harbor web site as well as in the next revision to the park phone book. This would only be for those interested residents of course but as Tom Hennessy stated it was time to be "dragged kicking and screaming into the 1980's."; which I personally thought was a great line.

Under new business the suggestion was made that the board should begin preparing for events that will be coming up later this year including even such events as the New Year's Eve party. This led to a discussion of problems which result from having our board elections in December which is right in the middle of the busiest time of the year and transferring from one regime to another so to speak. Bob Mayo stated he will propose an amendment to the by-laws to have the election of officers held possibly during the month of February or even March which would hopefully eliminate the problems associated with changing the board members during this busy time of the year. The amendment would be voted on later this year at the same time as the election of officers is held.

There was some discussion of residents wearing their name tags to events including the resident's meeting. There was a suggestion to fine a person 25 cents for not wearing their name tag. This was tabled but may be discussed later.

Dick Smith announced that Yvonne is offering to provide a dinner event which would include entertainment for park residents, the cost of which would be covered by ALL. There has been no date set for the event at this time but a tentative date might be April 16<sup>th</sup> so everyone keep this in mind. There will be more information on this later. *(This is a summary of the meeting, but not the official minutes of the meeting)*

Boyce Thompson Arboretum By Monica Bauschard



The mission of Boyce Thompson Arboretum is to instill in people an appreciation of plants through the fostering of educational, recreational, research, and conservation opportunities associated with arid-land plants.

Boyce Thompson Arboretum is located on Highway 60 going towards the town of Globe. The arboretum brings together plants from the earth's many and varied deserts and dry lands and displays them alongside unspoiled examples of native Sonoran Desert vegetation. This arboretum is one of Arizona's wonders which deserves a visit by each and every one of us. There are 320 acres which are home to many cacti and trees which are native to our hot climate and many that have been imported from various countries around the world. Located on the grounds is Queen Creek Canyon, a Wing Memorial garden, and just completed is an Australian section bringing a part of that world into ours. The garden center has a variety of plant life for sale—very reasonably priced and help on planting a garden in this climate is available. Held at various times throughout the year are programs which will please everyone from children to adults.

My experience with one of the programs was how to harvest and make different things with the prickly pear that grows in such an abundance. The class was such fun with so many points given about the cactus that it is hard to believe that for hundreds of years, the native Indians have used this plant for health and food, and the benefits are unbelievable. We have also gone there for walks to admire the scenery and to enjoy the peace and tranquility which the arboretum offers.

A membership is inexpensive and well worth the amount they are asking and the once in a while visits are just as rewarding. This is another place to admire and say "that's why we moved to Arizona." Who knows one day while walking there we may see each other. *Some of this information was retrieved on the internet at the Boyce Thompson web site.*

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ARIZONA HISTORY—by Kay McKersie

West and North of the Sinaguan homeland along the Colorado River, lived another historic people--the Patayan or "Old People".

Little is known about the Patayan (or "Historic Yuma" as they are sometimes called) because in the years before the Hoover Dam was built, flood waters of the Colorado annually washed away or covered up remnants of their culture. A few accessible sites in northwest Arizona indicate that for at least 1500 years they were both sedentary farmers or nomadic hunters and gatherers.

Their culture is perhaps best known today for a distinctive pottery which was made by the paddle and anvil method. Eventually archaeologists may uncover information in the valley of the Colorado and adjoining areas which will furnish another interesting chapter in Arizona's prehistory.

It is possible that the ancestry of the modern Yuma, Mojave, Cocopa, Walapai, Havasupai, Yavapai and Maricopa may be traced back, at least in part, to the Patayan.

**DESERT HARBOR ACTIVITIES**

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

**BIRTHDAYS / ANNIVERSARIES**  
**BIRTHDAYS**

**APRIL 2011 BIRTHDAYS**

DATE	NAME	LOT
7	Eileen Wilson	53
8	Jeanette Kitterman	36
8	Gary Ross	119
10	Carol Haydter	154
13	Melvin O'Mealy	55
15	Lorna Almon	9
15	Bob Galli	95
15	Peggy Ziegele	71
19	Judy Matthews	18
20	Marty Martinez	112
21	Rose Tenaglia	140
23	Sandra Schwiezer	89
24	Jim Matthews	18
26	Ruthann Sather	10
27	Eleanor Bieder	125
27	Carol Ann Sabareio	166
28	Charles Van Wickle	192

**ANNIVERSARIES**

**APRIL 2011 ANNIVERSARIES**

DATE	NAME	LOT #
20	Joe & Barb Schnier	146
23	Jim & Judy Matthews	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.



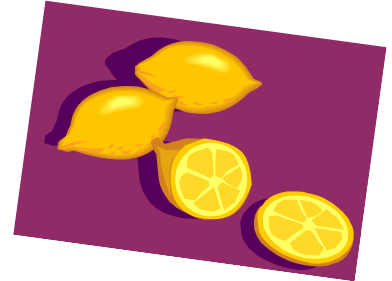
**Desert Harbor Web Master: Tom Hennessy #70**  
**Email address: tom.hennessy@mchsi.com**  
**Desert Harbor Manager: Yvonne Cavazos 480-288-8876**

## Lemon Yogurt Cake

By Monica Bauschard

*This light lemon cake recipe is taken from Mrs. Benton's cook book which was my mother's.*

1 small carton of plain yogurt (*Keep the container to use for measuring other ingredients*)  
3 cartons of flour – self raising  
2 ½ cartons of sugar  
1 carton of vegetable oil  
3 eggs  
Lemon juice and grated rind of two lemons / or two oranges  
Bake in a 7 or 9 inch greased and floured round or square pan



Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Mix the yogurt and oil together and add the eggs, lemon juice and grated rind. Wash out the yogurt carton and dry it - measure the dry ingredients. Add the sugar and sifted flour into the mix and stir well. Put into a tin and bake for 40-60 minutes until a tooth pick comes out clean when tested. Serve warm or cold with lemon drizzle over the top or powdered sugar if making it with oranges.

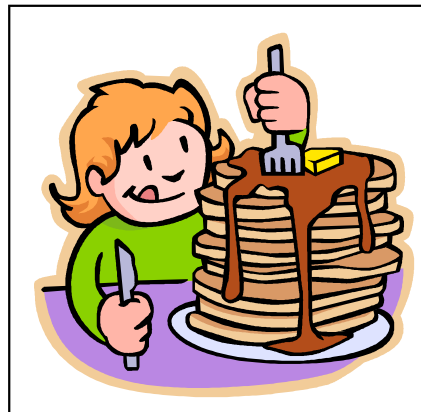
Note: This is like a pound cake

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## Pancake Supper Update *by Midge Drouin*

On the evening of February the 23rd the clubhouse was open for everyone to enjoy pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, applesauce, orange juice and coffee. Doors opened for supper at 5.00 p.m. Tom Hennessey, Tim Chrissis and Bill Johnson were all decked out in their aprons doing the cooking. Dick Smith called everyone up for chow.....For \$3.00 you couldn't beat the price! It was a meal well worth it. Around twenty-eight people attended. It was a pleasant get together. Everyone as usual pitched in to clean up the hall. A big thank you goes out to all the kitchen help and to all who attended.

*Don't they look good!!*



**ARE YOU LACTOSE INTOLERANT? ... *By Midge Drouin***  
***Information taken from WebMD***

Lactose Intolerance means you have trouble digesting lactose. Lactose is the sugar found in milk and foods made with milk. The small intestine needs lactase enzyme to break down lactose. With lactose intolerance you may not feel well when you eat or drink anything with lactose because you don't have enough lactase enzyme.

Who gets Lactose Intolerance?

Some people become lactose intolerant as children. In others, the problem starts when they are teenagers or adults. Lactose intolerance is rare in babies. It is common in certain areas of the world. Certain groups are more likely to be lactose intolerant: Asian Americans, Africans, American Indians, Hispanic/Latinos and people with southern European heritage. People of northern European descent are least likely to be lactose intolerant. If your small intestine has been damaged, it may produce less lactase enzyme, causing you to become lactose intolerant. The small intestine can be hurt by diseases such as celiac disease or Crone's disease, infections, surgery, and injuries.

What are the symptoms of lactose intolerance?

You may have cramps or pain in your abdomen, the area between your chest and hips, bloating or swelling in your abdomen, gas, diarrhea, or nausea. Some illnesses can cause these symptoms. If you have these symptoms after you eat or drink milk or milk products, see your doctor. Lactose is found in ice cream, cream, butter, cheese, cottage cheese, and yogurt.

For more information on lactose intolerance visit: [www.clinicaltrials.gov](http://www.clinicaltrials.gov).

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**PHONE BOOKS** *by Dick Smith*

The phone books are out! Look in your mail slot in the craft room in the clubhouse. I have tried to keep everything correct, but of course there are always going to be mistakes. I blame it on the computer. So please bear with me and if you find a mistake, let me know and we will print a correction and put it in the newsletter to let everyone know of the changes. There also will be new residents monthly and I will get them so you can enter them in your books.

**Once again, there are a few changes for the address book. Thank you for your patience.**

**Change**  
Miller, Jerry / Janice  
Lot 170  
529-5702

**Change**  
Watkins, Terrance / Juanita  
Lot 141  
320-8747

**Change**  
Lazzari, Richard  
Lot 46

**Delete**  
Scoggins, Floyd/Brenda  
Lot# 148

**Delete**  
Till, John/Mary  
Lot#180

**Add**  
Olson, Noran / Agnes  
Lot 27  
701-240-1806

**Add**  
Earl Shively  
Lot 12  
Phone 474-2447

Beany Bacon Soup from the Hungry Girl Website for WW by *Connie Riter*  
This is like a big bowl of comfort

- 6 slices center-cut bacon
- 2 cups chopped onion
- 1 tsp chopped garlic
- 4 cups fat-free chicken broth
- Two 15-oz. cans cannelloni (white kidney) beans, drained and rinsed
- 2 cups chopped carrots
- 1 cup chopped celery
- ¼ tsp ground thyme
- 1 bay leaf
- 4 cups roughly chopped spinach
- 2 tbsp. Parmesan-style grated topping

Directions: Spray the bottom of a large pot with nonstick spray and bring to medium heat on stove. Add bacon and cook until crispy, about 4 minutes per side. When cool enough to handle, break into pieces or roughly chop. Set aside. Remove pot from heat. If needed, clean and dry. Re-spray with nonstick spray and use medium-high heat. Add onion and garlic and, stirring often, cook until fragrant. Add all ingredients except spinach, Parm-style topping, and cooked bacon. Stir and bring to a boil. Reduce to a simmer and cook until veggies are tender, about 20 minutes. Remove from heat and allow to cool slightly. Remove and discard bay leaf. Transfer a quarter of the mixture, about 2 cups, to a blender. Blend until smooth, and then return to the pot.

Add spinach, Parm-style topping, and cooked bacon. Mix well. Set stove to medium, and cook until spinach has wilted and soup is hot, about 5 minutes. Serve it up! Makes 8 servings. 1 cup each. 146 calories, 2.5 g fat, 21 g carbs, 6 g fiber, 10 g protein. PointsPlus value 3.

**SAVE THE DATE!** ... By Kay McKersie

- Sat. Apr 2<sup>nd</sup> - 9:00 a.m. - Residents Meeting
- Tue. Apr 5<sup>th</sup> - 12:00 a.m. - Ladies Soup 'N Salad Luncheon
- Sat. Apr 9<sup>th</sup> - 9:00 - 9:00 p. m. - Clubhouse (Closed/  
Johnson wedding)
- Sat. Apr 16<sup>th</sup> - 4:30 p.m. - Potluck
- Tue. Apr 19<sup>th</sup> - 11:00 a.m. - Ladies Luncheon
- Thu. Apr 21<sup>st</sup> - Casino Trip

**NEW RESIDENTS**

**02/1/11 - 02/28/11**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>Lot</b>
Noran & Agnes Olson	27
Sue Schwaben	198



APACHE JUNCTION PUBLIC LIBRARY - by Bob Mayo

The Apache Junction Public Library has many programs to serve the needs of all members of the community. One program which may be of interest to residents here at Desert Harbor is an educational program designed to specifically benefit seniors. This program is the result of a grant awarded to the library by FINRA (Financial Industry Regulatory Authority), and information regarding this program is quoted in part below.

*“Staying Healthy, Wealthy and Wi\$e (ages 65+)”*

The FINRA (Financial Industry Regulatory Authority) Foundation and the American Library Association awarded \$70,200 through a **Smart investing @ your library®** grant to the Apache Junction Public Library. The funds will provide classes to promote financial awareness and education. One of the Library’s partners, the University of Arizona, will assist with instructional material and other resources.

The *Staying Healthy, Wealthy, Wi\$e* programs will help senior citizens learn how to evaluate and understand their savings plans and also determine whether their retirement plans should be revised.

The library is reaching out to the mobile community with presentations by a financial educator who will travel to HOA meetings, mobile home parks, and the Apache Junction Active Adult Center (Senior Center). Weekly programs will cover investing, budgeting, fraud protection, and returning to the workforce. The two-year grant project anticipates starting classes in April/May 2011, but will develop a more definitive schedule as the project progresses.

For more information about the library’s project, including the description, location, dates and times of programs offered by the library, please visit the library’s website at [www.ajpl.org](http://www.ajpl.org). For additional questions, please call Tracie Curtis at 480-474-8563.

The Friends of the Library of Apache Junction, a grant partner, was organized in 1982 to assist the public library in serving the people of Apache Junction. It is a non-profit 501©(33) organization which helps the Library by providing funds for special materials, literacy projects, equipment and programming which are not covered by City funds. Funds are generated by operation of the Friends book store Chapter Two, located in the Library and through membership dues, gifts, endowments, memorials and grants.”

Residents who may be interested in this sort of program should contact the AJPL for further information.

NON-DENOMINATIONAL BIBLE STUDY

Are you interested in a Bible Study....Totally non-denominational

Call: Terry or Nita Watkins #141  
480-320-8747 or 480-320-8825

Meet with us in the craft room on Tuesday  
April 5, 2011 at 2 pm.

## LADIES SOUP & SALAD LUNCHEON by Connie Riter



On March 1, the Ladies Get Acquainted Soup & Salad Luncheon was held in the Desert Harbor club house. About thirty residents and guests sampled a variety of soups, refreshing salads and luscious desserts. A fifty/fifty drawing was held, with thirteen dollars being contributed to the Activities Organization Treasury and the balance shared by two lucky winners. (You will notice in one of the pictures that Jane Boudreau, who helps organize these luncheons each month, is holding a plastic ice bag. She spilled her boiling hot soup on her hand as she was setting things up. Such a hazard of these wonderful luncheons! )

Afterwards, many of the ladies stayed to play a game of bingo -- called by Sherry Wienert. She organized the entire game, provided cards, tokens, and instructions, and even had many lovely gifts to be given to the Bingo winners. Thank you, Sherry, for providing such a fun activity to encourage us to stay and visit a while longer.

The monthly luncheon is held on the first Tuesday of the month at noon. All the ladies of Desert Harbor are invited to attend. A sign-up sheet for the April 5<sup>th</sup> luncheon is posted on the Activities Organization Bulletin Board. You have an entire month to find a new recipe or to select a favorite family one, but please plan to attend. We look forward to seeing you at the April luncheon, and if you have a name badge, please wear it. It helps us "Get Acquainted."



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*Lord, keep your arm around my shoulder and your hand over  
My mouth ..... Amen*

Coyote Coupon Books -- Now on Sale! *By Connie Riter*

We have a few Coyote Coupon Books still not sold. The Board agreed to sell them at a 50% discount.....so if you would like one, they are now \$7.50. What a deal!!! Call me quickly if you want one. They won't last long at this price! 480-641-7753.

Two New Activities to Consider.....*by Tim Chrissis*

If you would be interested in playing shuffleboard or horseshoes, please sign up on the sheet provided at the Clubhouse. The shuffleboard court has been refurbished, now all we need are the players.....You can also call me at 602-459-9236. Let's give these two activities a "kick-start."

Both are a lot of fun to play!

**Super Bowl Party...By Eileen Wilson**

Everyone had a great time at the Super Bowl Party. There were about 20 residents in attendance. There was plenty of food, salad and desserts for all to share.

Toni was the biggest winner at the party. In the Super Bowl Raffle Pool, Toni won \$20.00 in the first quarter and \$41.00 for the final quarter. Steve D. won \$20.00 for the second quarter and Margaret won \$20.00 for the third quarter.

The game and commercials entertained us all.

**RESIDENTS OF DESERT HARBOR OFFER SERVICES**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>LOT</b>	<b>SERVICES</b>	<b>PHONE</b>
<b>Bill Hightower</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>Handyman</b>	<b>480-374-4570</b>
<b>Philicia Hightower</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>Cleaning &amp; Errands</b>	<b>480-674-4570</b>
<b>Travel/trips</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>Connie Riter</b>	<b>480-641-7753</b>
<b>Elaine Dupree</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>Notary Public</b>	<b>480-786-1503</b>
<b>Toni Ague</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>Painting, Alterations, Odd Jobs</b>	<b>319-533-1098</b>
<b>Greg Sather</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>Painting</b>	<b>602-558-0612</b>
<b>Miles Lowery</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>Handyman</b>	<b>480-276-8568</b>
<b>Margo Crawford</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>Photo restoration-scanning- slides</b>	<b>623-910-2713</b>
<b>Midge Drouin</b>	<b>203</b>	<b>Haircuts, Styling, Blow Drying</b>	<b>602-459-9093</b>

**Patio Sale Update** .by Midge Drouin

Our community patio sale, which was held Saturday, March 12th, proved to be a positive day for Desert Harbor. Gates opened at 6A.M. and at 7A.M traffic was flowing in at a brisk speed. As a whole, residents did pretty well for sales. On Friday night, residents were in and out of the club house donating and buying baked goods, as well as previewing and purchasing books and white elephant items.

There were 29 participants having individual patio sales in the community. The weather was very co-operative which made for an enjoyable walk from your vehicle, or on foot. The book sale brought in \$42.50, white elephant took in \$102.10, and the bake sale brought in \$215.55 for a grand total of \$360.15. Thanks to all who donated for the bake, book, and white elephant sale and to those who helped set-up and clean up.



## **Want to Save Gas and Still Travel?** *by Connie Riter*

As warmer weather arrives and our winter visitors begin to leave, the number of bus trips decrease. April still has a few, however. There is a Grand Canyon overnight on April 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>. This is also a great time of year to go on the Verde Valley train ride on April 15<sup>th</sup>. See the Valley in bloom, check out the eagles' nest, and get some gorgeous panoramic landscape photos.

If you have ever wanted to visit a gold mine -- and keep the gold you find (so the ad says), there's a bus trip on April 20<sup>th</sup> for \$69 -- and this includes lunch!! How much fun is that!! On the 29<sup>th</sup> of April, you can take a bus tour of Sedona and Jerome for \$49. Jerome is an old mining town hanging on the side of a mountain. Over the years, the miners have been replaced by craftsmen and artists who sell their beautiful and unique creations. On the 28<sup>th</sup> is a six-hour valley-wide tour of Phoenix for \$49. This is an informative and entertaining trip if you're new to the area or have visitors.

And...if you like casino get-a-ways there are several trips to the Four Queens in Las Vegas, 2 nights for \$99 ppd, and Laughlin trips are also available. Call me for more information or to make reservations. Check the travel book in the Clubhouse, too. As the cost of gas escalates, more people are taking

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## **MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR** *by Jane Boudreau*

Alma and Everette Shepherd spend their winters in #107. They journey back to Illinois to spend time with their two daughters, son, seven grandchildren and thirteen great grandchildren during the summer months. Sounds to me like they need a little rest and relaxation here in Desert Harbor to get them ready for their summers of activity.

When Alma retired seven years ago she began looking for a new avenue to expand her skills and fill her retirement years. Together they have begun quilting, with Everette manning the sewing machine to piece the quilt tops, and Alma doing the hand quilting. That's what I call team work! Everette also made the valances to match from coordinating material for the bedroom window. That's not the only activities they enjoy together while wintering in Arizona. Alma likes designing jewelry which is then constructed by Everette. They visit bead, rock and gem stores looking for lovely, unusual and decorative pieces to transform into jewelry. Everette should never be without a gift for his lovely wife of almost 58 years.

Last year Alma enrolled in a class using gourds to create decorative objects. This was the result of a trip to Casa Grande to attend the Gourd Festival. She has created several unique pieces. Their daughters visited in February and enjoyed working with the gourds.

Everette also enjoys a good game of golf both here in Desert Harbor with the fellows and in Illinois during the summer months. He does like being able to play golf year round.

For two individuals who owned their own water treatment business and were very active in their church before retirement, they do appear to have found unique hobbies to fill their retirement days.

## **GENTLE THOUGHTS FOR TODAY**

**If you can smile when things go wrong, you have someone in mind to blame**

## SUNSHINE ACRES CHILDREN'S HOME THE BEGINNING OF MIRACLES IN THE DESERT

Shortly after my new neighbors Sherry and Herm Weinert and Dorothy Miller moved into their furnished home here in Desert Harbor, they began to sort through the shed. The house and shed were filled with the previous owner's possessions. Sherry told me they were going to donate the excess items to Sunshine Acres Children's Home. I had read several articles in the newspaper about the home but had never visited the compound or its boutique. The home is supported by the funds raised at the boutique and private donations. After our discussion we decided to ask the Ladies of Desert Harbor if they would be interested in touring the Home.

The tour was held on February 9 with fourteen residents and guests attending. It was a blustery day for a ride around the grounds of Sunshine Acres on golf carts. We were all amazed at the design of the homes and with all the furnishings donated by organizations throughout the metropolitan area. The bedrooms are spacious and very inviting for the children who maintain their individual spaces. Each house has a set of house parents who provide love as well as supervision. The children who live at Sunshine Acres are not available for adoption. Their parents have retained their custodial rights.

However, the children need assistance and guidance the parents are unable to provide. The children do return to their families for weekend visits and on vacations. Many select to remain at Sunshine Acres or return early as they feel the Home is their home.

Sunshine Acres Children's Home is located on North Higley Road in Mesa, Arizona. It was begun by Jim and Vera Dingman in 1953 in what was an abandoned boys' boarding school on the site of the present compound. The transformation from the original twelve bedroom home to the compound with seven homes, dining hall, chapel, recreation, learning facilities and staff housing is amazing. If you are interested in visiting Sunshine Acres their web site is [www.sunshineacres.org](http://www.sunshineacres.org). I think you will enjoy the hour tour and a visit to the boutique.

## OUR VALENTINE POTLUCK ... *By Jan Ginsburg*

Our potluck for February had a Valentine theme and was held on Saturday, the 19<sup>th</sup> starting with our usual Happy Hour. The clubhouse was decorated with all the red and white hearts and special effects to try and put us in the 'mood' for an evening of good food and even better deserts, including baked ham provided by A.L.L. with the delicious fruit sauce prepared by Ken Camp

During Happy Hour, Mike Gay from MASA Assist (Medical Air Services Association) presented information about the services that MASA offers its members. Everyone was asked to put their name on a piece of paper with their phone number (optional) and the papers were collected, then a drawing was held. If your name was drawn, a \$2 Powerball for that evening was given, what a way to start the night! Mike also contributed to our desert table by bringing a cake.

Thank you to everyone who took time to decorate the clubhouse, set-up the room for the dinner, prepare the foods and deserts we so enjoy and of course to the unsung heroes at the end of night ...the people who stay to clean up and put everything back in place!

FEBRUARY LUNCH AT SERRANO'S ... *By Jan Ginsburg*

The ladies of Desert Harbor met for the February lunch out on the town at Serrano's Mexican Restaurant on S. Power Rd. on the 16<sup>th</sup>. Twenty of us gathered at one long table munching on taco chips and salsa, while conversations varied from who was ordering what, to where were we going next month for lunch. Soon our food started to arrive, and everyone was anxious to see who has ordered what, and then we feasted on some very tasty dishes.

No matter what the menu consists of, the whole idea of lunch dates out are so that we can get together, visit with people we might not see all month and share an afternoon with each other. After all, nothing could be better than good food, good friends and atmosphere. Make sure you try to join us each month, you won't be disappointed!



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Water Aerobics  8am Monday Through Friday					1 1pm Genealogy 4pm Happy Hour 7pm Cards	2 8am Coffee/ Donuts 9am Residents Meeting 5:30pm Texas Hold'em Poker
3 1pm Texas Hold'em Poker	4 9am Tai Chi 1pm Mahjongg 6:30 Billiards	5 12pm Ladies Soup/Salad Luncheon 6:30pm NDQ Poker 7pm Cards	6 9am Line Danc- ing 1pm Mahjongg 1pm Quilting 6:30 Quilting	7 9am Tai Chi 6:30 Billiards	8 1pm Genealogy 4pm Happy Hour 7pm Cards	9 <b>9AM Club- house reserved</b>
10 2pm Pinochle	11 9am Tai Chi 1pm Mahjongg 6:30 Billiards	12 6:30pm NDQ Poker 7pm Cards	13 9am Line Danc- ing 1pm Mahjongg 1pm Men's Poker 6:30 Quilting	14 9am Tai Chi 1pm Quilting 6:30 Billiards	15 1pm Genealogy 4pm Happy Hour 7pm Cards	16 8am Coffee/ Donuts 5:30pm Texas Hold'em Poker
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