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# HARBOR LIGHTS

newsletter

## Thanksgiving

*Here's a look at the real meaning of Thanksgiving that we all need to think about...*

The success in 1620 of the Plymouth colony attracted more Europeans and set off what we call the "Great Puritan Migration." It wasn't just an economic system that allowed the Pilgrims to prosper. It was their devotion to God and His laws.

The Pilgrims recognized that everything they had was a gift from God – even the sorrows they experienced. The Thanksgiving tradition was established to honor God and thank Him for His blessings and His grace.

Today we continue that tradition in homes throughout the land. God bless you, God bless America, and here is hoping you have a Happy and Safe Thanksgiving.



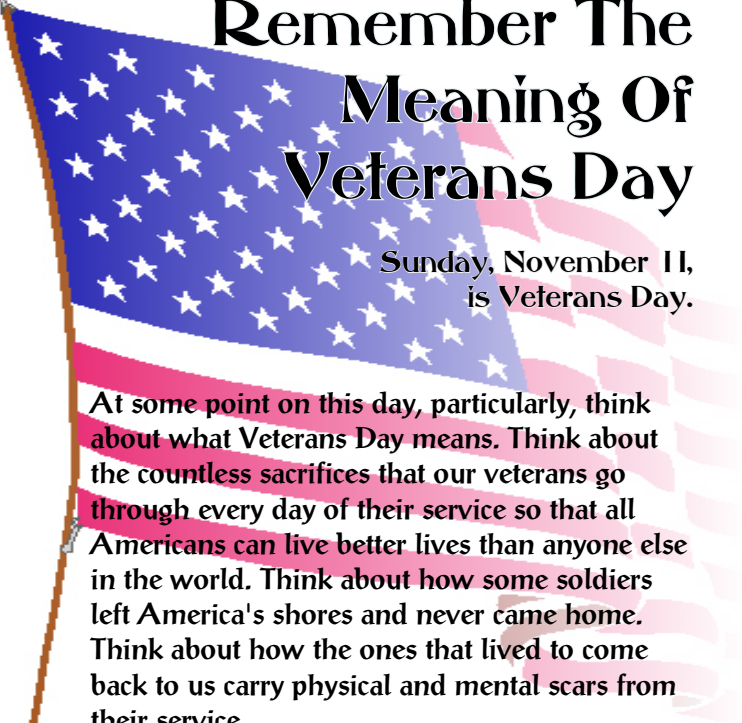
## Remember The Meaning Of Veterans Day

Sunday, November 11, is Veterans Day.

**At some point on this day, particularly, think about what Veterans Day means. Think about the countless sacrifices that our veterans go through every day of their service so that all Americans can live better lives than anyone else in the world. Think about how some soldiers left America's shores and never came home. Think about how the ones that lived to come back to us carry physical and mental scars from their service.**

**If possible, thank a veteran, whether they are a stranger you meet for a brief moment or whether they are a friend or family member that you have known forever. Let them know that their sacrifices have not gone unnoticed and that America is eternally grateful for their service.**

**This day is important to remember what America's veterans have done for each of us and to think about the sacrifices veterans and their families make every day.**



As we prepare to celebrate many of our national holidays and Veterans Day in particular on November 11<sup>th</sup> the following should cause us to pause and reflect on the true meaning of this day and why we celebrate it.

The article was originally published in the Hurlburt Air Force Base newspaper in July of this year.

The author, S.Sgt. Mareshah Haynes, 1<sup>st</sup> Special Operations Wing, has kindly given us permission to include it in our Harbor Lights at this very appropriate time of the year. It is really timeless in its thoughts and feelings.



## Taps

By Dave Borchardt  
(this article is from Wikipedia)

*Taps is a famous musical piece, sounded by the U.S. Military during flag ceremonies and funerals, generally on bugle or trumpet. The tune is sometimes known as "Butterfield's Lullaby", or by the lyrics of its second verse, "Day is Done".*

*The bugle call was composed by the Union Army Brigadier General Daniel Butterfield, an American Civil War general who commanded the 3rd Brigade of the 1st Division in the V Army Corps of the Army of the Potomac. Butterfield wrote the tune at Harrison's Landing, Virginia, in July 1862. Butterfield's bugler, Oliver W. Norton, of Erie, Pennsylvania, was the first to sound the new call. Within months, Taps was used by both Union and Confederate forces.*

*The original version was purely instrumental, but there have been several later lyrics added. The first, written by Horace Lorenzo Trim, is shown below:*

*Fading light dims the sight  
And a star gems the sky,  
gleaming bright  
From afar drawing nigh,  
Falls the night.*

*Day is done, gone the sun  
From the lakes, from the hills,  
from the sky  
All is well, safely rest;  
God is nigh.*



# LET US NOT FORGET

by Bob Mayo

**Celebrities among us...** Commentary by Staff Sgt. Mareshah Haynes  
1st Special Operations Wing Public Affairs

7/14/2009 - **HURLBURT FIELD, Fla.** -- In the last few weeks, America has been mourning the loss of quite a few celebrities; from those who sold us products like laundry detergent and life insurance to musical icons who the nation watched grow up before its eyes.

It amazes me how people who we've never had the pleasure of meeting can have such a huge impact on our lives.

Do you know who Maj. William Downs, Tech. Sgt. John Chapman or Staff Sgt. Anissa Shero are? Chances are you don't unless you're a family member, friend or coworker. These three are just a few of thousands of service members who have died defending their country since Sept. 11, 2001. You may have passed them once in the gym and never even known it. Maybe you saw them in the commissary or Base Exchange but now you can't recall their face.

These three, and others like them, knew they were fighting for and could potentially die for everyone they came in contact with on a daily basis - the man at the bakery, the woman at the drycleaners and even the neighbor who doesn't pick up after his dog. They gave the ultimate sacrifice for us so that we can continue to live in a country where we can worship or not worship whomever we please. We can bear arms, peacefully protest and speak freely, thanks in part to them.

These were people who had families and children just like you and I. They picked their children up from daycare. They brought covered dishes to church potlucks. They studied for promotions and took college classes after working all day. They picked out birthday and anniversary cards for loved ones. They trained for their missions, all the while knowing there was no guarantee they would return home.

A few weeks ago I was working at an event downtown that honored a local military member. There were mobs of people gathered there to celebrate the Airman who was being recognized for his service. As I was escorting the honoree, a family from England came up to us and shook our hands, gave us hugs and even took pictures with us.

The mother took my hand, looked me in the eyes and said, "Thank you for all you do for your country and for the whole world. We don't celebrate our military back home the way you do here, but I hope that we will start."

At that moment, I think I caught a glimpse of what it's like to be a celebrity.

Webster's Dictionary defines celebrity as a state of being celebrated, and in my opinion, our fallen service members definitely deserve to be celebrities.

Human life is valuable and important whether you're an entertainer or a weapons loader. So while we remember those we never knew but whose lives impacted us in a major way, let's also remember those who never knew us but died for us anyway.

**By Ken Camp**

## Activities Organization President

Sitting down to write this report, I am truly glad that Fall is here. Not to have the AC turned on continuously and fans running where needed is a great relief! Some of our winter people are returning and we are happy to have them back. Our first Residents' Meeting was held on October 3<sup>rd</sup> with a good turnout. I urge you to try to make it to our first-Saturday-of-every-month-meeting because it is then that we discuss the many activities that are coming up in the next few months. Coffee and donuts are free on this Saturday each month--so come and join us!

**Flu Shots** will not be given at the Clubhouse this year. We did not have the required number of 25 people to warrant them coming here. These flu shots, however, are available at Walgreen's at Southern and Ironwood, various Basha's stores, and I'm sure you know, many other places in the area. The cost is \$25 if you are not covered by Medicare. I am sure everyone will be able to find some convenient place to get their flu protection.

I also encourage you to pick up and read the monthly newsletter which is available in the Clubhouse in the newly designed "paper box." You will find that there are many interesting articles on future activities, history of Arizona, book reviews, new residents, and we hope other articles enjoyable to read. This month there is also a survey which we invite you to complete to help us make the newsletter even better. The newsletter committee spends many hours compiling the monthly information for the park. We hope you enjoy it! Also included is a restaurant review form. If you would like to fill out the form on a favorite restaurant of yours, we would be happy to include your article in a future newsletter.

In addition, I would like to remind everyone to **pick up your park mail** in the cubby holes in the craft room. On October 7<sup>th</sup>, the water had to be shut off for an extended period of time to complete some major repairs. Many residents did not pick up their notices of this shut off and could not prepare adequately for this lengthy time without water. We are sorry for any inconvenience this may have caused you, but would like to encourage you in the future to pick up your park mail regularly--just like you do your US mail.

These cubby holes in the craft room are also used by many neighbors here in the Park to give Birthday cards, condolence cards, etc. So, please check them every so often. See you throughout the month, and enjoy the nice weather! I know I will!!



### THANKSGIVING POT LUCK Saturday, November 21, 2009

Please join your neighbors for this annual Desert Harbor Thanksgiving Pot Luck Dinner. Turkey will be provided and everyone is asked to bring something to share such as breads, salads, side dishes or a dessert. The event will start at 5:30pm with Happy Hour and Dinner will be served at 6:00pm. Please sign-up in the clubhouse and list what you will bring.

*Desert Harbor 2009*

### Activities Organization

*President.*     **Ken Camp**..... #178...480-641-0975  
*V. President*   **Janet Ginsburg**..... #183...480-983-5303  
*Secretar*       **Jackie Bowman**<sup>(1)</sup>..... #102...480-983-6534  
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*Board Members:*

**Judi Quetschenback**<sup>(1)</sup>..#141...480-854-7553  
**Tom Hennessy**..... # 70,...480-671-3696  
**Midge Drouin**.....#203...480-982-9425

**Other Information...**

**Newsletter** - If you want something to appear in the newsletter, submit a request in writing and place it in the "**Bright Ideas Suggestion Box**" in the Clubhouse or contact a member of the Newsletter Committee....

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

*Desert Harbor Web Master*

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*Management/Desert Harbor (American Landlease-Green Courte)*

**Yvonne Cavazos**...Clubhouse s.e. corner  
(480) 288-8876

<sup>(1)</sup> Jackie Bowman, Judi Quetschenback and Art Roberts were appointed by the Board and approved to serve until the next Annual Election in December 2009.

# Desert Harbor 50's – 60's Party

by Dave Borchardt, #142

The Desert Harbor 50's-60's party was held on Saturday evening, October 10<sup>th</sup> and was attended by approximately 80 people. Larry and Judy Liles provided the entertainment for the evening and everyone seemed to enjoy the trip down memory lane. Has it really been over 50 years ago that we were listening to all those wonderful songs on the good old AM car radio.

There were plenty of dancers too! There was a special guest appearance by the ever popular Miss Bertha to commemorate the retirement of Jack Quetschenbach, and Miss Bertha provided Jack a memorable dance just for him. I think Jack really enjoyed this dance routine; he could hardly keep his hands off Miss Bertha.

Thank you to the Desert Harbor Activities Committee for putting together this fun filled event. And thanks also to all who helped clean up afterward.



**November 7<sup>th</sup>**  
**IMPORTANT**  
**RESIDENTS MEETING**

– by Bob Mayo

The next residents meeting will be held on November 7<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 A.M. in the clubhouse. There are several important issues to be discussed during this meeting:

- Nominations for new board members will be finalized. The positions open will be for:

**Secretary**

**Treasurer**

**Member-at-large** (one)

Anyone desiring to volunteer for one of these positions or would like to nominate someone for a position should contact a member of the Nominations Committee.

Committee members include:

**Kay McKersie, Dave Borchardt, and Jim Stephens, Chairperson.**

- Also at this meeting any recommended amendments to the Activity Organization By-Laws will be presented. Proposed amendments are required to be given to a member of the by-laws committee no later than October 31<sup>st</sup>. Committee members include Carol Rysavy, Agnes Miller and Bob Mayo.

Immediately following the  
**November**  
**Residents Meeting**

There will be about a half hour of  
**MARTY BERK'S**  
**HILARIOUS**  
**MUSICAL**  
**COMEDY SHOW**  
 presented **FREE**  
 by Marty Berk  
 for the residents enjoyment.



**“ALL PARK PATIO SALES”**

by Connie Riter

The **Fall Park Patio Sale** will be held on

**Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup>**  
**7 am - 12 pm**

The early starting time was suggested because our “neighbor,” Palmas Del Sol East, will have a Sales event on the same day and time. The plan is that buyers will go from our park to theirs and vice versa.

We will also have our **White Elephant Sale, Book, & Bake Sale** in the Clubhouse. We need LOTS of baked goods (and fudge) and we are asking residents to donate things for the **White Elephant Sale** to boost the Desert Harbor Activities Organization. Items can be placed on the marked tables Friday evening, Nov. 13, with your suggested price. Before Nov 13, residents can place items in the Craft Room. Remember time is running out to organize those unused treasures you no longer need for this Patio Sale.

Also...If you're trying to sell your home, having your own Patio Sale is another way to attract potential buyers. Place your name and lot # on the sign-up sheet in the clubhouse to participate. We hope many residents will take part in this “fun” event. If you have questions or need further information,

**Please contact Connie Riter, Lot 81**



**HALLOWEEN**  
**PARTY** by Kay McKersie



Reminder for the annual Halloween Party set for:

**Saturday, October 31st at 5:00 pm**

Costume judging to begin at 5:30 which allows attendees with bulky costumes to change after the judging. Dinner service is set for 6:00.

Sloppy Joe fixings furnished by the Activities Committee and sign-up sheets help identify those bringing: chips, salads, desserts, etc.

**Coordinator: Helen Rietow - #73,**  
**(480) 983-6151**

Decorations, games and entertainment:  
**Toni Ague & Judy Quetschenback**

A recap of this fun event will appear in the December issue of the Harbor Lights Newsletter.





Subject: Casino Trip

The November Casino trip will be to the new

## Wildhorse Casino

Located on I-10 and 202 Frwy  
Everything new...

Lots of new slots, cards, food, everything...

Thursday, November 19<sup>th</sup>

Check in at 8:30 am...at Club House.

Sign up early....

contact Celine if you have questions



## Classified Ads

*Free to Desert Harbor residents*

### FOR SALE

UPRIGHT FREEZER

Very Good Condition

\$100.00

47" tall

21-1/2" wide

23-1/2" deep

Mrs Jean Matthews-Hansen - #151

480-671-1109

## SMALL STEPS, BIG IMPACT

A few simple changes over a year can make every day Earth Day.

IF YOU...

Recycle your Sunday paper every week

YOU WILL...

Keep four trees alive per year and increase earth's oxygen

Free Breakfast and door prizes too!  
Tuesday, November 17<sup>th</sup>

- - Workshop - -  
Road Map for Survivors and Veterans Benefits

Doc and Lynette Stephenson of Southland Funeral Planners along with Elder Care Specialist, Attorney Marlane Porter Will offer a workshop to educate residents, Veterans and non-Vets alike, on:

**Wills vs. Trusts**  
**Veteran burial benefits**  
**Identity theft**  
**Cremation...**

with information on why there are many different price points in the valley.

Also discussed will be **Travel protection and much much more!**

All information provided is **AARP compliance.**

This is a free workshop for all residents with the idea that

**Being Educated is Smart!**

Sign-up in the Clubhouse or call

Lynette (480) 720-7515

....bring a friend!

## SAVE THESE DATES! by Kay McKersie

December 5<sup>th</sup>.....Resident's Meeting

December 16<sup>th</sup>.....Showstoppers Show

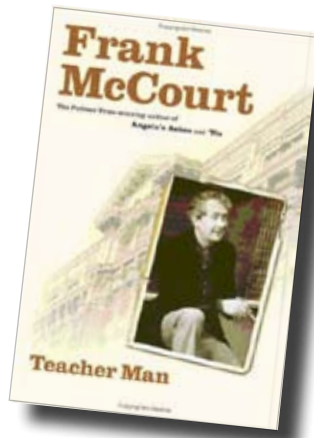
December 19<sup>th</sup>.....Christmas Potluck

December 31<sup>st</sup>.....New Year's Eve Party

# Teacher Man

by Frank McCourt

Frank McCourt, the Pulitzer Prize-winning author of Angela's Ashes and 'Tis has also written a third book called Teacher Man. It is about his nearly 30 years of experiences as an Irishman teaching creative writing in New York City High Schools. McCourt records his trials, triumphs, and surprises in trying to teach basic English in many of the underachieving vocational and technical schools of the big city. He recounts in Teacher Man many of his fledgling experiences.



On his first day, for instance, greeting his first class as a teacher, a tall unmotivated gang member threw a bologna sandwich across the room. It landed right at McCourt's feet. He quickly began thinking of what would result from how he reacted to this obvious threat. Then, he looked at the sandwich, and even though it was only 9 a.m., reached down, picked it up, and ate it! What followed was surprising even to McCourt.

In the final years of his career, he was teaching creative writing at the prestigious Stuyvesant High School. Here his methods (such as having students sing their favorite family recipes) and not following the mandatory State curriculum caused many problems with parents and administrators. It was his students who encouraged him to leave the classroom and to become an author. If you wonder what goes on in big city classrooms, or if you have a relative who is a teacher, you will probably enjoy reading Teacher Man. I know I did! Frank McCourt died July 19, 2009. He was 78 years old.



## SHARE A RECIPE

FOR THE HOLIDAYS.....

### CRANBERRY SALAD

by Kay McKersie

- 1 lb - ground raw cranberries
- 1 c - sugar
- 1 c - drained crushed pineapple
- 2 c - miniature marshmallows
- 1 c - whipped cream

Mix all ingredients together. Chill in refrigerator overnight.



## CLUBHOUSE RENTAL

Kay McKersie, Lot 177

The clubhouse has been reserved for the McKersie's Granddaughter's wedding on Friday, November 27th from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. We would appreciate it, if you would not walk through to check your mail boxes during the ceremony scheduled for 2:00 p.m.

## FLU TIME

by Jan Ginsburg

With the coming of fall, it also initiates the dreaded Flu season and with that we are reminded to the need to be prepared by getting the necessary flu shots.

Although Desert Harbor will not be hosting a Flu Clinic this year, there are other locations to receive flu shots. Such locations include:



2440 S. Ironwood Dr  
Apache Junction, AZ 85220



At a location  
near you

Make sure to have your  
Medicare and insurance cards.

# BIRTHDAYS / ANNIVERSARIES

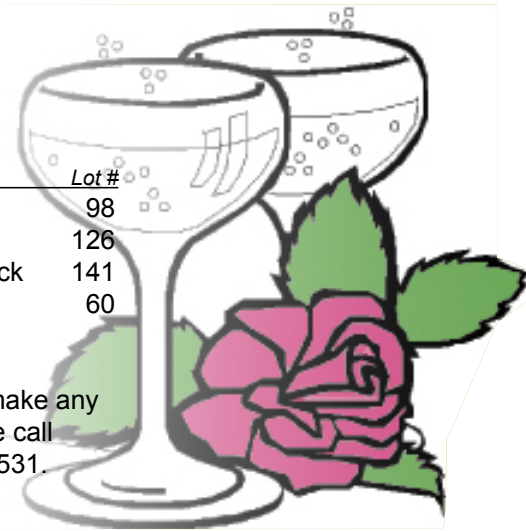
## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Date	Name	Lot #
3	Roger Howard	16
5	Dave Borchardt	142
8	Sandy Carmon	75
8	Barbi Davis	94
9	Bob Hansen	151
9	Katherine Kingston	119
10	Linda Aemmer	160
12	Estelle Pein	53
13	Natalie Martinez	199
13	Gene Summers	189
15	Kay McKersie	177
19	Char Mueller	108
19	Cyndy Schauer	206
23	Earl Shively	12
27	Doug Stoesz	174
28	Marj Lepic	83
29	Judy Quetschenback	141
29	Greg Sather	10

## NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Date	Name	Lot #
20	Ross & Sophie Nation	98
21	LeRoy & Toni Ague	126
22	Jack & Judy Quetschenback	141
24	Rich & Sylvia Goodrich	60

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.



## Wedding Day Memories

--- We asked anniversary couples to share memories of their special day. Some did and the following is what we learned:

### Rich and Sylvia Goodrich, Lot #60

For their marriage, the Goodrich's did one better than most as they had two wedding receptions...one back home in New Jersey and another one in California. The story is they lived in So. California at the time but decided to have the ceremony back home in New Jersey where family and friends could all be involved. It was a great day with 60 close friends and family who shared the day including Sylvia's son as Best Man and a friend from California as Maid of Honor. After a brief honeymoon, the couple returned to California where Rich managed a mobile home park. The park owners insisted on springing for another reception for the couple to include all residents for the occasion. It turns out there were well over 200 who anxiously attended. It just goes to show that there's nothing like free food to bring out a crowd.

### LeRoy and Toni Ague, Lot #126

We got married on the 21<sup>st</sup> of November 1970 in a small town called, Rowley, Iowa, where LeRoy grew up. His parents home was only a block from the church so when we got married, we just walked to his parents' home for the reception.

One block away is where his oldest brother lived, so we walked there and had a party until we left around 10:00 p.m. We headed straight to my parents' home in Cold Creek Canyon, Colorado, by driving all night. We got there the next day having never stopped to spend the night. When we arrived, we stayed in a little guest cottage in front of my parents' home. LeRoy swears, to this day, that he could feel my Mother peeking in the window with a shotgun, no less, just waiting for him to make his move...that's his story anyway! Now for 39 years, LeRoy complains that, "We never had a honeymoon and my mother never liked him." LeRoy insists this is his story and he's sticking to it!

Well, she's gone now and there's no way for her to tell him, "He's just full of who wee!"

### Russell and Sophie Nation, Lot #98

It all started in 1952 on a German train station platform where Russell first saw Sophie. She was going to a concert with a girl friend when a slightly inebriated soldier needed help zipping up his coat. The slightly impertinent soldier asked her, "Where are you going?" A conversation developed and two years later, the couple stood before a Heidelberg Justice of the Peace and got married. Only two close friends witnessed the ceremony. Russell was a career soldier in the Army and was an MP. On the day they got married, the only money they had was script from the base...they had no German Marks to buy drinks to celebrate their marriage. It didn't matter though because they drove a few kilometers north to Mannheim where Russell found his favorite Bar and Restaurant. Forty or more friends awaited them where everything was free. They drank and danced the night away. Three months later, the newly weds deployed back to the US. It's been fifty-five years since that day in Heidelberg, Germany, and the couple is still in love. The only difference between then and now, Sophie can speak much better American English.



## OUR SECOND CRUISE

by Jim McKersie

Our second cruise was in June, 1986 on Carnival's Tropical Ship to the Mexican Riviera. The cruise did not start out any better than the first one. We had an inside cabin without windows!

Carnival Lines operate party ships and ours was special. We had around four hundred high school senior class graduates who were drinking steadily.

Our first stop was in Puerto Vallarta. Getting off the ship we had to walk a block long line of beggars. The poverty we saw disturbed our senses and we were reminded how lucky we are to live in the United States.

We toured the city by bus--a discarded school bus from the United States. The fabric was torn and the springs poked through and bit your bottom. We did see the sea side cliffs where the movie "Night of the Iguana" was made with Richard Burton and Ava Gardner.

Our next port was Mazatlan. We took a Volkswagen taxi to the city market place which consisted of open air stands selling everything from leather goods to meat. The flies covering the vegetables and meat made it very unappetizing. We were happy to return to the ship.

Before going into Mazatlan everyone was warned not to go to Señor Frog's Restaurant because of the fights that occurred there. Of course, some of the young people had and one boy returned to the ship with most of one ear cut off. To gain entry to the ship, students had filled a large coconut shell with all kinds of liquor and you were required to take a sip to get back on board! Nasty stuff!!

Later that night while sailing north, we woke up to loud screaming and running in the corridor. I opened the cabin door to peek out and saw nude girls and boys streaking down the hallway!

Our last port of call was Cabo San Lucas and in 1986, there were only sandy streets and palm thatched huts selling merchandise along the beach. Ships could not enter Cabo San Lucas as the harbor is not deep enough to allow large ships to dock, so we got to ride in the lifeboats to shore. My wife bought a sterling silver ring from one of the vendors. By the time she got back to the ship the ring and her finger were green! She kept the ring for a souvenir though!

On the last afternoon of the cruise, the high school students put on a fashion show. The boys were attired in ladies lingerie--it was hilarious!

Before the 9/11 attacks, passengers could tour the bridge of the Carnival ships. This aspect of the cruise was very interesting for Kay and I as our son was a navigator on the Coast Guard ice breaker, the Polar Sea and the bridge tour was especially interesting for us as we were able to visualize and imagine a little of what he experienced in that service.

After only two cruises we were getting an idea of what to look for in planning our next trip. The cabin must have a window and if we get a balcony, that would be better yet. Since that trip to the Mexican Riviera, we heard that the Carnival Lines decided to no longer accept large groups of students. With all things considered, we still enjoyed our Mexican Riviera cruise.

*Since 1982, Kay and Jim McKersie, have become personal experts with cruise ship sailing beginning with their first such vacation to and around the Hawaiian Islands. Since then the couple has experienced 17 voyages by this form of travel and believe it the best way to go. The Harbor Lights staff asked if they would share some of their stories with our readers. The first was printed in our Newsletter in July 2009. This article is a recap of their second cruise to the Mexican Riviera.*



It's the fall again and a perfect time for pumpkin pie. Here are two recipes you may want to try. *Submitted by Connie Riter.*

## Pumpkin Pie (from Martha Stewart)



### Ingredients:

1 cup packed light brown sugar  
1 tbspcornstarch  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  tsp salt  
1 tsp ground ginger  
1 tsp ground cinnamon  
 $\frac{1}{8}$  tsp ground cloves  
 $1\frac{1}{2}$  cups canned pumpkin  
3 large eggs, lightly beaten, plus 1 egg for glaze  
 $1\frac{1}{2}$  cups evaporated milk  
1 tbspc. heavy cream

Preheat oven to 425 degrees F. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper, set aside. In a large bowl, combine sugar, cornstarch, salt, ginger, cinnamon, cloves, pumpkin and 3 eggs. Beat well Add evaporated milk, and combine. Set aside.

Use Pillsbury ready made pastry dough to line a 9" glass pie plate, overhang  $\frac{1}{2}$ ". Pinch to form a decorative edge.

Make the glaze: Beat remaining egg, and combine with heavy cream. Brush glaze very lightly on edges of pie shell. Fill pie shell with pumpkin mixture. Transfer to prepared baking sheet.

Bake for 10 min. Reduce heat to 350 degrees F. and continue baking for 30 min. more. Cool on wire rack.

## No Bake Pumpkin Pie



### Ingredients:

1 (8 oz) package cream cheese, softened  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  cup cold milk  
1 pkg. (4 serving size) Jello- vanilla  
flavor Instant pudding and pie filling  
1 cup canned pumpkin  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  tsp. pumpkin pie spice  
1 cup Cool Whip topping, divided  
Nilla Crumb Crust

Beat cream cheese in large bowl with electric mixer on low speed until creamy. Gradually add milk, beating after each addition until well blended.

Add dry pudding mix, pumpkin, and spice, beat on low speed 1 min. or until well blended. Gently stir in  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup of the whipped topping. Spoon into crust.

Refrigerate at least 2 hours or until set. Top with remaining  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup whipped topping. Garnish with a light sprinkling of additional pumpkin pie spice, if desired.

### ARIZONA HISTORY

## The Apache Trail

by Kay McKersie

The Apache Trail, as it is known today, was originally built to haul supplies for the construction of the Roosevelt Dam (read this story in the Harbor Lights August 2009 issue for Arizona History).

The trail covers rough terrain and parts of it follow the old trails used by the Apache Indians to raid farmers and miners in the Valley. It cost seventy-one thousand dollars (\$71,000.) to survey the area before construction ever began. Total cost for the road was five hundred fifty-one thousand dollars (\$551,000) and it took almost two years to complete. Much Indian labor was used at both ends of the road with Apaches to the North and Pimas on the South.

The necessity to provide construction materials from the Valley elevated Mesa to new levels of business development.

Stage coach lines began offering tours of the new road and the dam beginning in 1905. Stations were set up along the way offering meals, rooms and stable areas. Some of the most noteworthy ones were: Weeks Brothers Station, Government Wells, Holdren Brothers Station and Tortilla Flat.

In 1917, the Apache Trail was the place to visit after being referred to in Harry Locke's 1913 "[Arizona Good Roads Association Illustrated Road Maps and Tour Book](#)" as one of the most wonderful roads in the country. After publication of this article, Southern Pacific Railroads began offering side tours to the area.

## Your Computer Nerd Returns!

*After a one month layoff to travel to the San Francisco bay area to visit eight of my eleven grandchildren and to question whether the "stuff" that I have written in this newsletter during the past few months is interesting to anyone reading or is it just filling up what could be valuable advertising space. To my surprise when I was talking to some of the Desert Harbor live-ins recently, people actually enjoyed reliving the years that I have been totally committed to that little box called a personal computer and reading some stories about them.*  
Tom Hennessy, #70

## The Internet

This month, we are going to be looking at that wonder, the INTERNET and how it has changed our lives whether we own and work with computers at all. My son just turned 40 years of age and in 1982 when he was 13 and playing in an organized baseball league, his coach asked me to keep track of the boys' statistics and produce a record of their averages, both batting and fielding. I owned my first computer, a TRS80 Model 1 from Radio Shack, during this time and it had no hard drive, not invented yet, and any computing results that could be done had to be saved on leaderless voice cassette tape. I wrote my first program to calculate baseball stats in a program called Basic and the local sports page editor in Vallejo, California wrote an article congratulating me for my chore. I was hooked and I haven't stopped in the 27 years since and my son ended up as a High School baseball coach and Physical Education teacher.

Why are we going to talk about the Internet? Most of us are in the generation of people who have always depended on newspapers for the true facts of what is happening in the world. As a sidelight, since World War II, we were also informed as to what was happening via radio correspondents such as Edward R Murrow. Television happened to all of us in the late 1940's and the generations that have been born since those times look at the news of the world in 30 second TV bites. Progressing along that frame of mind with the development of the computer and its availability, the reader of the newspaper for its in-depth look at news is dying off with none of the younger citizens willing to take the time to read and analyze.

I can personally remember when the city of Philadelphia, PA had seven daily newspapers and all

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## Harbor Maintenance

- A water backflow prevention device was replaced early in October. The general operation of a backflow device is to let water into the property from the water purveyor, but not let it flow backward. It was estimated that replacing the six-inch device took 4-6 hours and required water to temporarily be shut off to residents during this procedure.



- Desert Harbor palm trees were trimmed recently and pruning of Ficus trees along the main entryway are scheduled for late October.

- Mr. Dirt serviced the community by sweeping the streets in September.



- The Clubhouse floor was completely stripped and re-waxed in October. Recommendation to residents...in order to keep the new floor looking good as long as possible, tables and chairs **should be lifted** when moving them.

- A hazardous uneven concrete walkway was repaired on the south side of the Clubhouse.

- A new exhaust fan for the men's bathroom and sensor light units for the north and south end of the Clubhouse was ordered and soon will be replaced.

- A few light ballasts for lights in the Clubhouse are ordered and will be replaced.

- Foliage and other plants have been shaped or removed along the east frontage wall facing Ironwood.

- Recently small decorative palm trees have been planted in the island planters on the entry roadway.



- Additional Information: New Dex phone books are available for residents to pick-up and are located in the Craft Room in the Clubhouse.

# TEXAS HOLD 'EM

by Dave Borchardt

This Texas Hold 'Em mini tournament was held on Saturday, September 26, 2009. When we play on Saturday evenings, the procedures are slightly different than how we play on Sunday afternoons. On Saturday evenings, there is a \$15.00 buy in with one re-buy option that costs \$5.00 and must be purchased by 8:30pm. The pay-outs are distributed the same as on Sundays with 40% going to first place, 30% to second place, 20% to third place and 10% to fourth place. All money taken in is paid out.



*It's not Las Vegas,  
but we always  
have fun when  
Texas Hold 'Em is  
scheduled.*

The usual starting time is 5:30pm and we try to be done by 9:30 or so. There is still the ante on every deal as well as a small blind and big blind, and after the first hour the antes and blinds increase. After that the antes and blinds increase every half hour.

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of them were profitable and each had a large coterie of loyal readers. There is one now!

Younger users accept the quick news bites, accept the analysis of the "talking heads" on TV and now realize that they don't need the huge newspapers giving them information that is quickly available through television and now through the internet.

What is the internet? The internet is essentially a global network of computing resources. You can think about the internet in relation to its common protocols (ways of exchanging information between computers), as a physical collection of routers and circuits, as a set of shared resources, or even as an attitude about interconnecting and intercommunication.

Do you as a new PC user even care? Let me explain to you the answer to all your questions about the World Wide Web and the Internet in general. Here is the answer to the most important question right now and it won't be the correct answer an hour from now.

*How many web sites are there in the World Wide Web?* There were 2,970,000,000 web pages indexed by Netcraft as of February 2007, and 70,392,567 websites were indexed by Yahoo! as of August 2005. These are the most recent figures but the longer and later on in the year it goes, there will be more websites so you could check on one day and on the next day, 1000 more

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## Recent Surgery



Many know Janet Ginsburg as the VP of our Activities Organization but she also plays a significant role on our newsletter committee. Most did not know that for several years, Janet has

experienced serious pains in her back and neck. The pains got progressively worse and finally she agreed to surgery to address the issues.

So on September 21<sup>st</sup> surgeons inserted metal rods in her back. They said the procedure will solve her long and persistent back and neck problems. All signs indicated the surgery went well. She needed to remain in the hospital for 3 days to insure there weren't any postoperative complications. The 3 days turned into 5 and then instead of going home afterwards, she was directed to the Mi Casa Rehabilitation Center for another two weeks.

She admitted that normally she would complain but actually said it wasn't too bad. In fact it was a good thing she didn't go home right away because, in rehab, professionals were able to monitor her postop pain levels, they provided initial physical therapy, fitted her with a wheel chair and gave her a walker not to mention cared for by some really nice people. They all were concerned for her recovery.

Now, she is looking forward to finally being rid of the PAIN!!!

Janet is thankful to all those who offered thoughts and prayers and she said, "words can't adequately express my appreciation ... Thank you."

Recap of the

## OCTOBER RESIDENTS MEETING – by Bob Mayo

The October resident's meeting was called to order on October 3, 2009 at 9:00 A.M. by the Activities Board President Ken Camp. Minutes of the May 2009 meeting (the last Residents Meeting before the summer break) were passed around for residents to read and were accepted by a voice vote. The treasurer's report was made by Art Roberts and likewise accepted. Residents were reminded that the Coyote Coupon Books are again on sale and while they are selling well people are encouraged to purchase these books which provide valuable coupons residents may use at various businesses in the area.

Committee reports were made and discussed as necessary. These included the resumption of Tai Chi, Bible Study, and the various ladies luncheons. The Patio Sale scheduled for November is progressing well. Helen Rietow who is handling the Halloween Party gave a progress report but stated she still needs volunteers to clean up following the event. Those wishing to volunteer to help should contact Helen. It was announced that both Card Bingo and Bunco are being cancelled because of a lack of participation. These events could be reinstated if there were sufficient interest.

Ken Camp announced the proposed casino night that had been considered for January was being cancelled. He also covered several planned events including the New Years Eve party, a western band which will be performing January 13<sup>th</sup> 2010 and the Valentine's Day celebration that has been planned for February 14<sup>th</sup> 2010. Ken Camp made a motion that these events be approved by the residents. Following a second and discussion, the motion was passed by a voice vote.

After some general discussion on various issues the meeting was adjourned.

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sites could be up and running.

Google announced on 7/25/2008 that it had indexed over 1 trillion URL's.

Information that you previously had to search through page after page in book after book is now available by asking a question through one of the search engines and it is instantly shown on your computer screen. Some of the basic services available to Internet users are:

1. *Email: A fast, easy, inexpensive way to communicate with other internet users around the world*
2. *Telnet: Allows a user to log into a remote computer as though it was a local system.*
3. *FTP: Allows a user to transfer to virtually every kind of file that can be stored on a computer from one internet-connected computer to another.*
4. *Usenet News: A distributed bulletin board that offers a combination news and discussion service on thousands of topics.*
5. *The World Wide Web (www) a hypertext interface to Internet Information resources.*

I hope that all our readers know that we have our own part of the internet and it is available to all. At the top of your internet home page is a block section that might have the following in it: <http://> (this is the opening format that allows you connection to a website. The http is short for Hyper Text Transfer Protocol and is followed by a colon and the two forward slashes.) By filling in the rest of any particular website address and pressing "Enter", you will be taken to the home page (the opening page) of the site you wish to visit. Here is ours <http://www.desertharboraz.com> check it out, press on the navigation buttons and explore what is going on within the site.

I wish to thank the many loyal readers of my contribution to the newsletters. I wish to explain and discuss any of the computer topics that you wish to learn about. Please email me your questions and I will be happy to detail them in a future edition. [tom.hennessy@mchsi.com](mailto:tom.hennessy@mchsi.com)

## Desert Harbor Golf

**The fall golf season starts up again in November.**

The sign-up sheet is in the Clubhouse for those who want to participate. As a group we play 9 holes every Thursday starting at 11:00am at 1 of 3 courses at Sunland Springs Village on Baseline Rd. between Meridian and Signal Butte in Mesa. Fees are paid at the course which includes a \$3.<sup>00</sup> merchandise coupon redeemable in the Pro Shop any time. Come on out and be part of the group.



You too can enjoy the outdoors we us.

For more information, contact Don Walker, #206...(480) 288-5686.



## A Pine Tree Grows in Desert Harbor - by Don Walker

When people drive around in Desert Harbor, they see mostly desert landscaping tastefully planted around homes. After all, we live in the Sonora Desert where the climate is hot and dry. It's natural to see cactus and other desert plants but it is not natural to see a normally high elevation mountain Ponderosa Pine. Bob Davidson at Lot #175, planted his tree more than 10 years ago and said when he planted it, it was not even as tall as he was.

He and wife Rose Marie were among the first people to move here in 1997 and back then homes and trees were mostly non-existent. Unfortunately, Rose Marie passed away a few years ago but the Ponderosa Pine tree has flourished with Bob's tender loving care. From a few feet in 1997 it has grown to more than 40 feet high and proves that one can grow anything in the desert if you give it enough care and water.



There are many trees planted all around in our park and some even have meaning as they grow into familiar landmarks. For some people, trees have sentimental value and for others, they represent symbolic

strength, health and long life.

What do trees mean for you? One thing for certain is they are a benefit to our ecosystem and stand tall among Nature's best, especially the Ponderosa Pine.

### How to Hug a Tree

You've heard the phrase "Hug a Tree" but have you ever taken a moment out of your day to do it? Although some trees, like people, are more huggable than others, they all need a hug now and again.

Level of Difficulty: Easy

Time required: 10 to 30 minutes

#### Here's how:

1. Find yourself a quiet park, forest, or woodland area (or a neighbor tree with the owner's permission).
2. Walk among the tree(s) until you feel comfortable in its (their) presence.
3. Feel the different bark textures with the palms of your hands.
4. Smell the scent of the various woods.
5. Absorb their life's energies as you look upwards to the sprawling branches overhead.
6. Find the perfect tree that fits your mood. You will know which one is right for you...Go for it.

Reminder ...

## Landscape Pick-Up Day

American Land Lease announced last June that Desert Harbor had set up one day each month for landscape removal. Landscape waste pick up will be picked up on the first Wednesday of each month.

The schedule for the next three months is:

- Wednesday, November 4<sup>th</sup>
- Wednesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Wednesday, January 6<sup>th</sup>

Material must be properly contained and tied in bundles no longer than four (4) feet in length. All debris that contains thorns, needles, or other sharp protrusions must be placed inside a disposable container, preferably cardboard boxes. Saguaro cacti and palm trees will not be picked up. Palm tree trimmings are acceptable. Please make sure that your tree limbs are bundled together and no larger than 12 inches in diameter.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact our community manager, Yvonne Cavazos at (480) 288-8876.

## COYOTE COUPON BOOKS ARE SELLING WELL!!

Thanks to everyone who has purchased a Coyote Coupon Book already, we have reached our first goal of selling 25 books. We still have 25 to go....so if you have not purchased yours yet, please consider buying one from Jan Ginsberg or Connie Riter.

They make good gifts and there are over 130 local offers with more than 50 "buy-one-get-one" coupons. By purchasing a book, you are not only helping out our activities organization, but you are also supporting many of the local merchants in our area. The coupon book costs \$15 but the use of only a couple coupons will pay for it.



# RESTAURANT REVIEW

by Kay McKersie

## THE CHUCKBOX

202 E. University Drive  
Tempe, Arizona 85281  
480-968-4712



This is an old establishment on the ASU campus, so it is not the best place to go during the school year, but we try to go a couple of times each summer.

They grill beef, chicken and even vegetarian burgers cooked over an open flame. Sides include wings, fries, onion rings, chili, mushrooms, zucchini and poppers.

The atmosphere is old west, bare lumber walls inside and out, tree stumps for chairs, fruit jars for beverages and a condiment bar with everything you could ask for on a burger.

Our favorite is the *Tijuana Torpedo* with jalapeño jack cheese inside and a green chili on top. It's the best!

Next time you are in Tempe, give it a try!

## LADIES SOUP 'N SALAD LUNCHEON

by Kay McKersie

The Ladies Soup 'N Salad was held on Tuesday, October 6th. As always the food was delicious and the company was great! Unfortunately no one brought a camera, so we have no pictures.

We are anticipating a larger gathering beginning in November when our winter residents return from their travels and summer residences.

## LADIES LUNCHEON

by Kay McKersie

Eleven women from Desert Harbor met at Coco's Bakery & Restaurant for September's monthly Ladies Luncheon. Coco's has a sizable luncheon menu and everyone was able to make an appetizing selection. A couple of us tried the Asian Chicken Salad. It was spicy and huge (I took home enough for dinner that evening).



The service was very good and the restaurant is on our list for a return visit. It is always fun to get together with our neighbors and catch up on all the news in their busy lives.

# In Search of Restaurant Reviews

In October's Harbor Lights, we asked you to share a restaurant review with our readers. Just complete the form below and send it to our newsletter 'librarian' Bob Mayo at [bmayo46490@msn.com](mailto:bmayo46490@msn.com) or give your review to any one on our newsletter staff.

Thanks for your help



## Desert Harbor Restaurant Review

Restaurant Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

Major Intersection \_\_\_\_\_

Hours \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Web Site \_\_\_\_\_

Specialty \_\_\_\_\_

Happy Hour \_\_\_\_\_

Specials \_\_\_\_\_

Busy Time \_\_\_\_\_

Entertainment \_\_\_\_\_

Service \_\_\_\_\_

Price Range \_\_\_\_\_

Atmosphere \_\_\_\_\_

Coupons \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Resident: \_\_\_\_\_

October 2009  
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# Desert Harbor's November 2009 Calendar of Events

December 2009  
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 1:00p Texas Hold'em Poker	2 9:00a Tai Chi 1:00p Mahjongg 6:30p Billiards	3 12:00p Ladies Luncheon clubhouse 6:30p NDQ Poker 7:00p Cards/Games	4 9:00a Line Dancing 1:00p Mahjongg 1:00p Quilting 6:30p Quilting	5 9:00a Tai Chi 11:00a Golf 1:00p Bible Study 6:30p Billiards	6 1:00p Genealogy 4:00p Happy Hour 7:00p Cards/Games	7 8:00a Coffee/Donuts 9:00a Resident's Meeting 10:00a Marty Burk Comedian
7:00a Water Aerobics						
8 2:00p Pinochle	9 9:00a Tai Chi 1:00p Mahjongg 6:30p Billiards	10 10:00a Bunco 6:30p NDQ Poker 7:00p Cards/Games	11 9:00a Line Dancing 1:00p Men's Poker 1:00p Mahjongg 5:00p Pancake Supper 6:30p Quilting	12 9:00a Tai Chi 11:00a Golf 1:00p Bible Study 1:00p Quilting 6:30p Billiards	13 1:00p Genealogy 4:00p Happy Hour 7:00p Cards/Games	14 7:00a Patio Sale/Bake Sale
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