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Desert Harbor, a 55+ community

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THE MEANING OF CHRISTMAS ... by Connie Riter

What is the true meaning of Christmas? It is a question heard often during this season year after year. It seems a little strange, that as popular as this holiday is, we should continually have to ask this question. Perhaps we do this so we DON'T lose the answer in the shuffle of our daily lives. We search for the true meaning of Christmas amid the sentimentality, comfortable traditions, "warm fuzzies," frantic Christmas sales, and Santa-dressed bell ringers. These are important, but they do not hold the answer. Certainly we can immediately say that Christmas celebrates the birth of Jesus, but exactly why is that fact so significant? How should the meaning of Christmas impact our daily lives?

From ancient times, people celebrated this season of the year as a rebirth and a return to light. The days are getting longer--a new year is beginning. Hanukkah, the corresponding Jewish holiday is known as the "festival of lights." Hanukkah is celebrated this year from December 11- 19. It is an 8-day holiday commemorating the rededication of the Temple of Jerusalem at the time of the Maccabean Revolt in the second century BC. While many family traditions abound with this holiday as well, the principal symbol is the Menorah, a 9 branched candleholder. One light is added each night of the holiday progressing to all eight on the final night. The ninth candle, the "Shamash" (servant) is used to light the others each day. In Christianity the birth of Christ perhaps can also be a symbol of our own rebirth as messengers of the "light of the world."

As children we were caught up in the excitement of waiting for Christmas to come--counting the days before Christmas vacation from school, searching for the perfect Christmas tree, waiting to open all our presents, enjoying special times with friends and family--JOY abounded. But as the Christmases come and go, this can be a very difficult season for many people, a sad and lonely time. Families are away, the wonderful memories of past Christmases can increase the loneliness, and even seeing other people enjoying themselves, in person or on TV, can increase the sadness. There are some people who cope by "getting away" on a trip at this time. Perhaps we can try to make everyone we meet happier because they have met us.

Each of us, I am sure, feels a little apprehension as a new year begins. Will it be better than the last? Will my health return? Will my family members be safe and well? Will we ever be at peace in the world? A somewhat unknown Christmas carol (written during WWII) continues to haunt my memory with its prophetic lyrics: "Through the sounds of war and woe, our hearts will still be singing..." There is hope, there is joy, there is love encompassed in a babe so long ago. Let us try to help one another not to explain the meaning of Christmas, but how to live it in our complicated daily lives. Let us be personal messengers of light and love.



HALLOWEEN PARTY

by Dave Borchardt #142

The annual Desert Harbor Halloween Party was held on Saturday October 31, 2009. We had approximately 60 to 70 people in attendance. There were many residents dressed up in their "Halloween Best" costumes and they were all very good. Prizes were awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place.

1st Place went to Betty Cuevas,
2nd Place went to Dick Smith and
3rd Place went to Rich Goodrich

Thank you so much to all who took the time to dress up, everyone in attendance enjoyed it very much! For food, there were Sloppy Joes, chips, salads and many desserts. Everything tasted delicious and thanks to everyone who brought dishes to share. There were many door prizes and many fun games.

Thanks so much to Helen for organizing this event and rounding up all the door prizes and thanks to Judi & Toni for the creative games.

HALLOWEEN PARTY
Saturday October 31st 5:00PM
Costume Judging 5:30PM
Dinner 6:00PM
Sloppy Joes Provided
Bring own Table Service
Sign Up Sheet Below For
Chips Salads Desserts



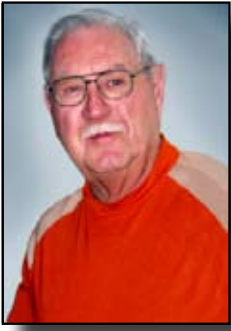
Betty Cuevas



Thank you to all who helped clean up and especially to those who helped take down the Halloween decorations in preparation for the next planned event. Events like this would not happen if it weren't for the dedication and support from our residents, so thanks to everyone for their participation!



“From the President’s Desk”



By the time you read this, Thanksgiving will be over. I hope all of you had a good “Turkey Day.” Welcome back to our returning winter visitors. We hope to see you at our regular Saturday meetings, our coffee hours, and special events.

It doesn’t seem like December is upon us, but Christmas will be here before we know it. As in the past, we will decorate for Christmas right after our December meeting. Again we can have a pizza party as we decorate. It is always a fun time!

Many thanks to all of you who volunteer to assist me with the club’s activities. Without you, this would be an impossible job. I won’t try to list all of those who volunteer to help in so many various ways because I don’t want to leave anyone out. Thanks again -- to all!

Just a reminder again to pick up your mail in the cubby holes in the craft room. Please remember the food bank as we come into this season of giving. I know there will be many families in need of our help. I wish all of you a “Very Merry Christmas.”

IT’S THE SHOWSTOPPERS!

By Jan Ginsburg

On December 16th starting at 6:30 pm we are having a special show here at Desert Harbor. An entertainment group called the “The Showstoppers” will perform for us at the clubhouse for approximately 90 minutes or so, and they are good! This is a group of kids from Gilbert who are very talented, that travel around the area and entertain going to different parks and centers.

What a treat this will be and we encourage everyone who can to attend that evening. There is no cost for this night of fun with family, friends and neighbors. Be sure you don’t miss it!

GOOD NEWS ANNOUNCEMENT

Landscape Pick-Up

Effective December, 2009

American Land Lease announced in December, 2009, that Desert Harbor has a new provider for trash pick up which includes the removal of our landscape waist cuttings. Landscape waste may now be picked up along with regular trash on Monday and Thursday. The first Wednesday of the month for landscape waste No Longer applies.

Preparation of landscape waste material must still be properly contained and tied in bundles. Bundles must not be longer than four (4) feet in length. All debris containing 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, however, are acceptable. Please make sure that tree limbs are bundled together and no larger than 12 inches in diameter.

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

Desert Harbor 2009

Activities Organization

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Other Information...

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

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

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

Festive Holiday Trips Are Planned

by *Connie Riter*

Have you been on a “hay ride” lately? We’re planning a trip to **Winterhaven “Festival of Lights”** on Sunday, December 13th. The cost of the trip is \$59 pp, but with a stop at the Casino del Sol in Tucson, you will get \$15.00 play for the slots. We leave around 7:30 a.m., get to the Casino in time for lunch on our own, leave around 2 pm, have a drive by city tour, and stop at the DeGrazia Center. Dinner on your own at a buffet before we go to see the lights in Winterhaven. We see the lights on a covered wagon hay ride (a 45 min. ride). Then head for home late at night.

- Dec. 8-9 -- Trip to the Crystal Cathedral and the Price is Right \$199 pp/dbl.
- Dec. 16 -- Santa Claus Express (Verde Canyon Railroad). \$89 pp cookies, hot chocolate and coffee will be served by Mrs. Claus and Elfie. Sing carols, visit Santa. Enjoy the vintage train, landscape, and Eagle Watch
- Dec. 6, 10, 16 -- Sedona Festival of Lights -- \$49 pp This MAY be the last year they have these lights.

Casino Trips are discounted in December:

- Dec. 2-3 or 15-16 -- Colorado Belle Overnight \$29 pp dbl. 1 night lodging/ 2 free buffets. Stop at Bluewater Casino in Parker on the way back.
- Dec. 15-17 -- Las Vegas Downtown - Stop at Hacienda Hotel and Casino and have a free buffet. Stay at Four Queens in Vegas and head home around 1 pm. \$79 pp dbl.
- Dec. 13-14 -- Avi in Laughlin -- overnight and a stop at Bluewater Hotel and Casino on way back. Includes 2 free buffets. \$25 pp dbl.
- Dec. 9-10 -- Edgewater in Laughlin -- overnight with no other stops. 1 free buffet. \$35 pp dbl.

Other trips are listed in the travel book in the Clubhouse.

Call Connie at 641-7753 for reservations.

NOVEMBER PANCAKE SUPPER

by *Jan Ginsburg*

On Wednesday November 11th, Labor Day evening, a group of our residents attended our Pancake Dinner starting at 5pm. It was a nice group of diners, who enjoyed the pancakes, sausages, applesauce, juice & coffee but even better the good company! While everyone ate, many stood around the Veterans display table that was set up with pictures of our own Veterans and some of their family members now serving in our Armed Forces. One table of residents even began to sing songs from World War I & II, bringing applause and laughter.



Many thanks to the kitchen crew, servers and cashier who are dauntless in making our Pancake Suppers and Breakfast such a pleasure to attend.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS POT LUCK DINNER

by *Jan Ginsburg*

December’s Pot Luck is our Christmas Dinner and scheduled for Saturday December 19th with Happy Hour at 4:30 pm, Dinner at 5pm. The main dish will be Baked Ham which is paid for by park management and prepared by volunteers. The additional side dishes, salads, accompaniments and, of course, desserts are brought by the residents and we know how mouth watering they will be!

As December can be such a joyous time for some or perhaps a lonely one for others, this would be a great opportunity to attend the dinner and make sure you bring a neighbor or a friend who might be by themselves. We are looking forward to seeing as many of you who can attend, see you there!

“ALL PARK PATIO SALES”

by Don Walker

The **Fall Park Patio Sale** was held on

Saturday, November 14th

7 am - 12 pm

Our “neighbors,” Palmas Del Sol East and La Casa Blanca had Sales event on the same day and the plan was for buyers to go from our park to their park and vice versa. Hopefully, we all benefited from this coordinated event. Many residents were pleased with the public's response to our community event. It was a cloudy day and luck was with us as some sprinkles only appeared in the afternoon....thank you weatherman!

We offered our usual White Elephant, Book & Bake Sale in the Clubhouse. Many residents donated items for the White Elephant Sale and others gave baked goods to sell. Carol Rysavy pulled older books and duplicated ones from our Library for the Book Sale. All clubhouse sales were intended to help fund future events through our Activities Organization. Thanks to all who participated and gave in this effort.

We must offer a big thank you to Connie Riter, Jane Boudreau, Judi Quetschenback, Carol Rysavy, Ken and Joanne Camp, and others who worked hard in organizing this event.



A FRUITFUL TREE

by Connie Riter

“Green thumbers” have been waiting all summer for this time of year--planting time! The cooler temperatures indicate that this is the best time of year to plant citrus trees. Many nurseries are beginning to have sales and if you are looking for a tree, the selection is good now. Most nurseries will tell you that depending on the size of the tree you buy, you may see some fruit in 3 to 5 years-- but then, there are always exceptions. (See picture).

Dave and Bev Borchartd (#142) purchased this dwarf lemon tree in September 2008, a little over a year ago, and it is LOADED with lemons! They bought it at Moon Valley Nurseries who delivered it, planted it, and guaranteed it for a year. The sales rep was helpful in leading them to select the best tree, and the three men who planted it did a great job.



Moon Valley on McKellips and Lindsey has one of the largest nurseries in the area and one of the workers told me that this is their central location where they receive all their shipments and from where they distribute their products to their other stores. So if you are looking for a tree, you may want to check them out. They have rows and rows of trees.

If you are looking for annuals, you may want to wait a few more weeks since shipments are just now beginning to arrive. And as the season progresses, you may see Bev and Dave relaxing by their little lemon tree--enjoying a glass of ice water with their very own lemons! Ah....the simple joys of living in Arizona.

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 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 _____

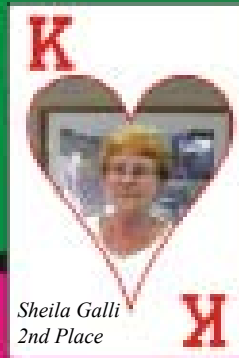
Atmosphere _____

Coupons _____

Date: _____

Resident: _____

DESERT HARBOR TEXAS HOLD 'EM



Texas Hold 'Em Tournament By Dave Borchardt #142

The 2009 Desert Harbor Texas Hold "Em Fall Poker Tournament began on Sunday October 18th, was played over a total of 4 days and concluded on Saturday October 24th with Cyndi Smith taking 1st Place honors. The prize money is paid out to the top four finishers and 2nd Place went to Sheila Galli, 3rd Place to Dave Borchardt and 4th Place to Joe Crawford.

The complete list of participants and their placing were:

Cyndi Smith	1 st Place
Sheila Galli	2 nd Place
Dave Borchardt	3 rd Place
Joe Crawford	4 th Place
Mike Kereluk	5 th Place
Tony Ziccardi	6 th Place
Bob Mayo	7 th Place
John Eubank	8 th Place
Carol Miller	9 th Place
Beverly Borchardt	10 th Place
Anne Eubank	11 th Place
Terry Watts	12 th Place
Bob Galli	13 th Place
Chuck McCall	14 th Place

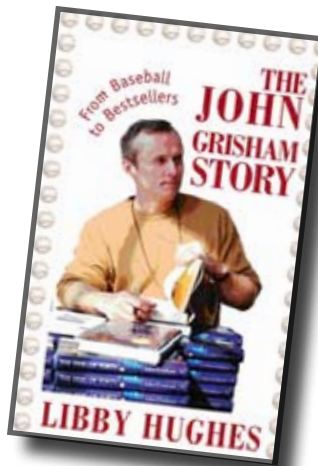


The Spring and Fall Tournaments require a \$25.⁰⁰ buy-in and are limited to Desert Harbor residents only. We also have smaller buy-in tournaments throughout the year. We play every other Saturday night at 5:30pm (providing there is no planned activity at the club house) with a \$15.00 buy-in and every other Sunday afternoon at 1:00pm with a \$10.00 buy-in. There is no sign up sheet for these events; you just have to show up.

BOOK REVIEW

Libby Hughes' Book: The John Grisham Story

reviewed by Connie Riter



John Grisham was a practicing lawyer before he turned to writing mostly legal thrillers, many of which have been made into movies. He is the only author that I read as soon as a new book is published and then I wait around for him to write another one! I've always had questions about him as a person. Why did he struggle through so many courses to become a lawyer, practice law, then give it up? Did he always want to be a lawyer? No, he wanted to be a professional baseball player, but circumstances prevented him from achieving this goal. What is he really like? This little book, only 80 pages (including pictures!) gives an insight into Grisham as a person.

He is an elusive, private, and mysterious person, who shuns publicity. He was raised in Mississippi, from where many of his experiences in his writings originated. He was a criminal lawyer, a Mississippi legislator, and is now a novelist. He dislikes lawyers, politicians, and government. In his books he writes about injustices in the courts, big business (like the tobacco industry and huge insurance companies), and crooked lawyers. Yet he is a spiritual man, a family man, and a huge anonymous contributor to charities.

He lives with his family in the rolling hills of Virginia where he coaches Little League and writes novels. It wasn't until I read this book that I learned that his goal is to write two books per year--one released in February and another in the fall. Most of his profits from writing he donates to various Little League stadiums throughout several States. While I thoroughly enjoy his writings, it wasn't until I read this book that I learned that Grisham has many critics -- people who don't like his books. Read this little book and learn why..... (His newest book: Ford County: Stories is scheduled to be released Nov. 3, 2009).

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.

ARIZONA HISTORY

Apacheland Movie Ranch

by Kay McKersie

On February 14, 2004, Apacheland Movie Ranch burned for the second time during its history. Almost everything was destroyed this time, except for the Elvis Presley Memorial Chapel and the old barn that was used in many movies and television shows. This loss to the owners and the residents of Apache Junction was devastating and the studio was never rebuilt.

The Elvis Presley Memorial Chapel and the old barn were moved to the Superstition Mountain, Lost Dutchman Museum (*Highway 88 & Mountain View*) where they can be toured.

One of the greatest losses was the museum's collection of autographed photographs and historical artifacts.

Apacheland was built in 1960 and was originally planned to be an amusement park and movie studio, but became home to many western themed television shows including: Wyatt Earp with Hugh O'Brien, Wanted Dead or Alive with Steve McQueen, and Have Gun Will Travel with Richard Boone. Several other series filmed episodes at the Ranch; Little House on the Prairie, The Virginian and Rawhide.

Several movies were filmed at the Ranch which brought in the great movie stars; John Wayne, Audie Murphy and Elvis Presley to name a few.

The Ranch encountered financial problems over the years whether from poor management or just bad luck and the property changed hands several times. Each new owner was sure they had the right answers to making the studio profitable, but the second fire proved to be insurmountable.



A COOKIE RECIPE FOR THE HOLIDAYS

PLEASE READ IT ALL,
THE RECIPE IS IN HERE, AND IT IS A GREAT ONE TOO!

When decent people get *screwed over*, this is the result!
A little background: Neiman-Marcus, if you don't know already, is a very expensive store; i.e., they sell your typical \$8.00 T-shirt for \$50.00.

Let's let them have it! **THIS IS A TRUE STORY!**

My daughter and I had just finished a salad at a Neiman-Marcus Cafe in Dallas, and we decided to have a small dessert. Because both of us are such cookie lovers, we decided to try the 'Neiman-Marcus cookie.' It was so excellent that I asked if they would give me the recipe, and the waitress said with a small frown, 'I'm afraid not, but you can buy The Recipe.' Well, I asked how much, and she responded; 'Only two fifty - it's a Great deal!' I agreed to that, and told her to just add it to my Tab.

Thirty days later, I received my VISA statement, and the Neiman-Marcus Charge was \$285.00! I looked again, and I remembered I had only spent \$9.95 for two salads and about \$20.00 for a scarf. As I glanced at the bottom of the statement, it said, 'Cookie Recipe-\$250.00.' That was Outrageous! I called Neiman's Accounting Department and told them the waitress said it was '*two-fifty*', which clearly does not mean '*two hundred and fifty dollars*' by any reasonable interpretation of the phrase.

Neiman-Marcus refused to budge. They would not refund my money because, according to them, 'What the waitress told you is not our problem. You have already seen the Recipe. We absolutely will not refund your money at this point.' I explained to the Accounting Department lady the criminal statutes which govern fraud in the State of Texas. I threatened to report them to the Better Business Bureau and the Texas Attorney General's office for engaging in fraud. I was basically told, 'Do what you want. Don't bother thinking of how you can get even, and don't bother trying to get any of your money back.' I just said, Okay, you folks got my \$250, and now I'm going to have \$250 worth of fun. I told her that I was going to see to it that every Cookie Lover in the United States with an e-mail account has a \$250 cookie recipe from Neiman Marcus...for free. She replied, 'I wish you wouldn't do this.' I said, 'Well, perhaps you should have thought of that before you ripped me off!' and slammed down the phone.

**PLEASE READ THE RECIPE AND SEND IT TO EVERY
PERSON YOU KNOW WHO HAS AN E-MAIL ADDRESS!
THIS IS REALLY TERRIFIC!!**

Even if the people on your e-mail list don't eat sweets, send it to them and ask them to pass it on. Let's make sure we get this ladies' \$250.⁰⁰ worth. Enjoy the cookies, they really are good.

NEIMAN-MARCUS COOKIES

(Recipe may be halved)

2 cups butter
24 oz. Chocolate chips
4 cups flour
2 cups brown sugar
2 tsp. Soda
1 tsp. Salt
2 cups sugar
1 8 oz. Hershey Bar (grated)
5 cups blended oatmeal
4 eggs
2 tsp. Baking powder
2 tsp. Vanilla
3 cups chopped nuts (your choice)

Please,
please, please
pass it on to
everyone you can
possibly think of. I paid
\$250 for this, and I don't
want Neiman-Marcus
to EVER make
another penny off
of this recipe!

Measure oatmeal, and blend in a blender to a fine powder. Cream the butter and both sugars. Add eggs and vanilla, mix together with flour, oatmeal, salt, baking powder, and soda. Add chocolate chips, Hershey bar, and nuts. Roll into balls, and place two inches apart on a cookie sheet. Bake for 10 minutes at 375 degrees. Makes 112 cookies.

LADIES GET ACQUAINTED SOUP & SALAD LUNCHEON

by Jane Boudreau



The ladies of Desert Harbor meet at 12 noon in the clubhouse on the first Tuesday of the month for lunch. The menu contains three categories of food; soups, salads and desserts. Everyone brings one item from these categories to share with those in attendance.

Each resident who attends is encouraged to invite a neighbor or new resident to join us during our December luncheon which is December 1st. This is a wonderful opportunity to get involved in activities at Desert Harbor. A 50/50 drawing is held during the luncheon with 50% of the pot being contributed to the Activities Organization and the remainder to the winners of the lucky tickets.

Coffee and hot water are provided by the committee. We bring our individual table service including a bowl for soup and a drink if you do not drink coffee or hot tea. A sign-up sheet is posted on the Activities Organization Bulletin Board.

Please join us for our HOLIDAY LUNCHEON IN DECEMBER! We look forward to seeing you and sampling your culinary delight.

If transportation to the clubhouse is a problem, please contact one of the committee members and they can help you get to the luncheon.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Joanna Hankison, Carol Rysavy, Elaine Anfang, or Jane Boudreau

Restaurant Review *by Nancy Pavkov, Lot #61*

MIRAGE SPORTS GRILL

1075 S. Idaho Rd, Apache Junction, AZ 85120
(480) 671-3846

Friends took us to lunch at "Mirage" a few weeks ago. We've been back twice since. The place is very clean, all of our choices have been delicious and there are specials every day. Thursday is \$5.00 hamburgers and they are really good. I especially love the Reuben sandwich and the chips that came with the sandwich were too good to leave.

I can only say good things about lunch because we don't go out for breakfast or dinner. This restaurant is included in the Apache Junction "Shop Locally" campaign.

The Mirage is open from 7 am to 11pm and also offers a takeout service which may be utilized by calling ahead or simply going in and ordering.



Some Hot Computer Tips for New Users

by Tom Hennessy #70

As part of our continuing discussions about the personal computer and how it becomes a major part of our lives, this month's column will give you, our loyal readers some "hot tips" that will make your computer lives easier and a lot more fun.

1. If you are on the internet a lot, consider moving up to a faster connection. Consider moving up to DSL, a cable modem or satellite.
2. Pressing the F1 function key opens the Help information in most programs.
3. Whenever you see the command on your monitor to "Press Any Key", remember you can choose any key on your keyboard, the x, y, spacebar, whatever you like. There is no "any" key.
4. On your Windows computer, you may press Ctrl, ALT, Delete simultaneously to send Windows a message to shut down.
5. To avoid possible problems, close all open programs before starting a new program installation.
6. To rename a shortcut icon on your monitor, just right-click the icon, select Rename and type in the new name.
7. Perform regular housekeeping in your system and delete files and programs that are not needed.
8. When you buy software, always send in the registration cards or register online. The company will then keep you posted about upgrades and future releases.
9. Use keyboard shortcuts, instead of the mouse and drop-down menus. It can make your work go faster.
10. The keyboard shortcut for Copy is CTRL-C. Use the mouse to select what you wish to copy and then press the CTRL-C keys.
11. The keyboard shortcut for Cut is CTRL-X. Use the mouse to select what you wish to cut and then press the CTRL-X keys.
12. The keyboard shortcut for Paste is CTRL-V. Use the mouse to select where you wish to insert what you had copied or cut and then press the CTRL-V keys.
13. You can only cut, copy and paste one text piece at a time. If you cut two segments in succession and then paste, you lose the first cut segment.
14. When you see a letter underlined in a menu choice, it means that there is a keyboard shortcut for the item. Holding down the key marked "Alt" and pressing the underlined letter at the same time will produce the same results as using the mouse.

15. If you pay online by credit card, your transactions will be protected by the Fair Credit Billing Act. Consumers have the right to dispute certain charges and temporarily withhold payment while the creditor investigates them.
16. Keep good records while shopping on the internet. Print a copy of all purchase orders and confirmation numbers for your records. Read and print all e-mail messages a merchant sends you regarding your transaction.
17. Make it a priority to download new versions of your browser when they are released.
18. Software piracy is the unauthorized copying of software.
19. In a domain name .com means a commercial (business) web site. School sites have .edu, government sites have .gov and organizations have .org endings.

Finally one of the most important tips of all:

When you enter a chat room, watch quietly in the background until you understand the nature of the conversations. Never give your full name, address, phone number or any other personal information to anyone you meet in a chat room. Never reveal your social security number or credit card number to anyone in a chat room. That's it for this month. Remember, if you have any particular question about computers and their home use, just email me at tom.hennessy@mchsi.com. I will answer either in a return email or if it is about a general interest, inside the column.

NOVEMBER RESIDENT'S MEETING — By Bob Mayo

The monthly resident's meeting for the month of November was called to order at 9 a.m. by Ken Camp. Minutes of the October meeting had previously been provided to residents attending the meeting along with a copy of the Treasurer's report. A motion was made and approved by voice vote to accept the minutes from October. Treasurer Art Roberts discussed the financial report which was then also approved by a voice vote. Connie Riter discussed the upcoming patio and bake sale along with the individuals who would be responsible for each. Several new park members were introduced.

Ken Camp brought up a question that had been raised regarding "reserving" tables for various events, i.e. pot luck dinners, scheduled entertainment events, etc. Several residents have expressed concern over being able to find seats together for members of their party unless they come perhaps an hour or more before the event to reserve their seats. This can also be a concern to those people that are new in the park and probably do not know many people. After some discussion it was decided to basically leave the current policy/system in place. There was also some discussion of possibly having some sort of program of sponsorship for new residents at Pot Lucks or other events. No resolution was reached in this matter.

A presentation was made by Lynette Stephenson of Southland Funeral Planners, regarding a "Road Map for Survivors and Veterans Benefits Workshop" which was to be given on November 17th for those interested in receiving information on many subjects regarding end of life issues. Additional information is on the bulletin board at the clubhouse.

Reports were received from various committees on past activities as well as upcoming events. Jan Ginsburg stated that Coyote Coupon Books were still available and stressed the numerous benefits and ways people can save money by using these coupons. Judy Quetschenback gave a short presentation on "Desert Harbor" tee shirts that will be available for sale to park residents.

Jim Stephens, Nominating Committee Chairperson reported that only three individuals had expressed a desire to run for the three available board positions. Judy Quetschenback is the nominee for the position of Secretary, Art Roberts will run for Treasurer, and Dick Smith is the nominee for the position of Board Member at large. President Ken Camp opened the floor for any additional nominations for these positions. No further nominations were forthcoming. Bob Mayo, Bylaws Committee Chairperson, reported that there were no proposed changes to the bylaws for consideration. As a result, there will be no contested election for the positions on the board and no ballots will be passed out to park residents. At the December meeting and in accordance with the bylaws, the Board President will either ask for a voice vote by residents in attendance to approve the nominees, or he may ask the Secretary to cast a single vote for each individual.

Following the meeting there was a short show of about half an hour put on by the comedian Marty Berk for the enjoyment of our residents. Marty puts on a very good show and took the opportunity to announce he will be opening a new show here in the valley for those wishing to see a full show. He also said that if there are people who purchased tickets earlier this year for one of his shows but could not attend for some reason, he will honor those tickets for this new show. Simply show up with your tickets. You will need to check his flyer on the bulletin board in the clubhouse because the location and times for the show have changed.

Desert Harbor

BIRTHDAYS / ANNIVERSARIES

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Lot #</u>
1	Phyllis Zarcharda	202
6	Fred Dieball	85
8	Dick Nienkirk	128
8	John Poshka	4
8	Karen Stoesz	174
9	Bob McCann	42
9	Jerry Reynolds	68
13	Paul Bieder	125
15	Tom Newby	185
16	Opal Selheim	27
18	Carol Miller	202
18	Janice Miller	170
19	Deanna Fisher	78
19	Larry Lepic	83
20	Everette Shephard	107
21	Carroll Cooper	198
21	Connie Garland	201
22	John Mitchell	103
23	Richard Anderson	39
24	Janet Ginsburg	183
24	Al Kitterman	36
24	Carolyn Small	79
25	Eileen Lervold	90
27	Zhanna Petuhova	31
31	Jane Berberiam	188

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Lot #</u>
2	Al & Donna Potratz	44
3	Leonard & Opal Selheim	27
5	George & Dot Smith	196
10	Allan & Dee Goodwin	200
14	Tom & Penny Newby	185
16	Joe & Doris Patricca	136
17	Hank & Justine Hilliard	101
31	Chuck & Sharon McCall	114
31	Ilya Orkis & Zhanna Petukhova	31

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.

Submitted by Kay McKersie

GRANDMA'S COOKIE JAR

By Bernice Peers

When I went to visit Grandma
I was always thrilled
For I knew she kept
A cookie jar well filled.

Quickly I removed my wraps
And Grandma led the way
Into a pungent kitchen
With treasures on display.

Peanut butter cookies,
Gumdrops tart and sweet,
Macaroons and gingersnaps
And brownies for a treat.

With a glass of buttermilk
I tasted everything,
With Grandma looking on at me
As though I were a king.

I love to visit Grandma;
It's a trip I most enjoy,
Though manhood's now replaced
That eager little boy.

WHAT'S THAT KNOCKING AT OUR DOOR?

by Jan Ginsburg



Well, it's 2010 that's knock, knock, knocking at our doors already, can you believe it? We will open the door wide along with you and your friends and loved ones on December 31st here at the clubhouse starting at 7P.

Our New Years Eve Party this year will be the place to be, with entertainment by the one man keyboard player and singer **Uncle Beaver**. The music will be from 7:30P to 10:30P and include Oldies, Country & Top 40 Hits songs to listen and dance too, including plenty of other fun throughout the evening. We will celebrate the New Year at 10P, East Coast Time, and again at 12A midnight for those traditionalists still celebrating.

The cost for the evening is \$8 pp or \$15 per couple, and tickets will be available closer to the event.

So bring your favorite snacks, beverages and 'new resolutions' to the Annual Desert Harbor New Year's Party, it won't be the same without you!

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After the
Residents Meeting
November 7th

MARTY BERK
presented an
abbreviated
version of his
**HILARIOUS
MUSICAL
COMEDY SHOW**



He invited everyone to see his
full show at the Wyndham
in Mesa

Desert Harbor Activities & Coordinators

Activity	Coordinator	Telephone
Appliqué	Reni Dieball	983-0578
Bridge Group	Larry Lepic	288-1565
Card Games	Fred Dieball	983-0578
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 Hankinson	641-0975
Line Dancing	Mary Pat Summers	983-4227
Mah-Jongg	Celine Leonard	982-1618
Pinochle	Elaine Kereluk	987-8587
Poker	Fred Dieball	983-0578
Stitch & Chat	Reni Dieball	983-0578
Stretching Class	Midge Drouin	982-9425
Tai Chi	Dick Smith	983-5819
Travel	Connie Riter	641-7753
Yoga	Dick Smith	983-5819

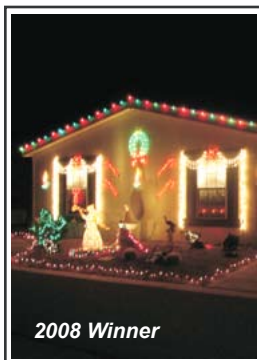
For questions about these activities, contact the appropriate coordinator. Your participation is welcomed and very much appreciated. Thank you.

Activities with no specific coordinator:

Water Aerobics Billiards

Recent Activities cancelled or suspended:

Dominoes Bunco Card Bingo
Shuffleboard Cribbage Positive Thinking



CHRISTMAS LIGHTING DISPLAY CONTEST IN DECEMBER

by Dave Borchardt, #142

Desert Harbor holds a judging
for this contest each year. There
will be first, second and third place

prizes given for creativity and overall appeal. This does not necessarily mean the most lights or decorations. As residents do leave for the Holidays and we would like for everyone to be able to participate, the judging will occur after 5:00pm on Thursday, December 17th and the judging will be done by non-residents.

We will have a follow-up in the January issue of the newsletter with the winners and some photos.

DESERT HARBOR RESIDENTS OFFER SERVICES

The following Desert Harbor residents offer the following services:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>LOT #</u>	<u>SERVICE</u>	<u>PHONE</u>
• Greg Sather	Lot #10	House Painting	602-558-0305
• Ron Ruetz	Lot #73	Small Electrical Jobs	480-983-6151
• Toni Ague	Lot #126	Painting, Alterations, Other Odd Jobs	319-533-1098
• Richard Nienkark	Lot #128	Roofing, Painting, Odd Jobs	480-983-1396
• Miles Lowery	Lot #164	Handyman	480-276-8568
• Carroll Cooper	Lot #198	Installation of Small Locks & Woodworking Jobs	480-671-3147
• Midge Drouin	Lot #203	Haircuts, Sets & Styling	480-982-9425

November 2009

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Desert Harbor's December's 2009

Calendar of Events

January 2010

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 12:00p Ladies Soup and Salad Lunch 6:30p NDQ Poker 6:30p Board Meeting 7:00p Cards/ Games	2 9:00a Line Dancing 1:00p Mahjongg 6:30p Quilting Landscaping Trash Pick-up Day	3 9:00a Tai Chi 11:00a Golf 1:00p Bible Study 6:30p Billiards	4 1:00p Genealogy 4:00p Happy Hour 7:00p Cards/ Games	5 8:00a Coffee/ Donuts 9:00a Resident's Meeting
7:00a Water Aerobics						
6 1:00p Texas Hold'em Poker	7 9:00a Tai Chi 1:00p Mahjongg 6:30p Billiards	8 6:30p NDQ Poker 7:00p Cards/ Games	9 9:00a Line Dancing 1:00p Men's Poker 1:00p Mahjongg 6:30p Quilting	10 9:00a Tai Chi 11:00a Golf 1:00p Bible Study 1:00p Quilting 6:30p Billiards	11 1:00p Genealogy 4:00p Happy Hour 7:00p Cards/ Games	12 8:00a Coffee/ Donuts 9:00a Holiday Pursuit 5:30p Texas Hold'em Poker
7:00a Water Aerobics						
13 2:00p Pinochle	14 9:00a Tai Chi 1:00p Mahjongg 6:30p Billiards	15 11:00a Ladies Luncheon out of park Demas 6:30p NDQ Poker 7:00p Cards/ Games	16 9:00a Line Dancing 1:00p Mahjongg 1:00p Quilting 6:30p Show Stoppers	17 9:00a Tai Chi 11:00a Golf 1:00p Bible Study 6:30p Billiards 5:00p Christmas Lighting Contest	18 1:00p Genealogy 4:00p Happy Hour 7:00p Cards/ Games	19 8:00a Coffee/ Donuts 4:30p Happy Hour 5:00p Christmas Pot Luck
7:00a Water Aerobics						
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7:00a Water Aerobics						
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7:00a Water Aerobics						