



DESERT HARBOR—A 55+ COMMUNITY—APACHE JUNCTION, AZ—MAY 2014

Meeting Held By Melissa Dougherty March 28, 2014 *by Margo Crawford*

Melissa Dougherty of Solstice Community’s Colorado office requested a community meeting to discuss the continuing issues in the park. She opened the meeting by saying, “We have been doing many things wrong here. We have to take our medicine when we deserve it and our candy when we have earned it.”

She acknowledged that the front office here at Desert Harbor has not been covered and open as it should be. They will be searching for a good strong front office assistant who will be thoroughly trained by Sarah Cunningham from Human Resources. Sarah will come here to do the training. Melissa openly admitted that hiring Justine had been a mistake. Art Roberts asked for more details on the remodeling of the kitchen. Melissa confirmed the start date will be in mid-May. The wall to the office hallway will be removed enlarging the kitchen considerably and the electrical will be upgraded in order to meet the needs for our events. The remodel will be done according to a revised version of the blueprints used at Rancho Mirage. In order to personalize our kitchen to what we would like, they will be providing samples of what is available and taking suggestions from the residents. She requested that we form a committee to help the flow of information and decisions.

Gentry will get a copy of the plans so we can start visualizing what is going to happen.

A resident questioned why it is so difficult to make lot rent payments at the office. The office is to be open 8:00 A. M. to 5:00 P. M. daily and only closed for one hour at lunch. The resident said there has been more than one or two times that she has tried to pay her rent for a period of 5 days and that included trying to pay at the Desert Harbor office, at La Casa Blanca and Rancho Mirage. Again, it comes down to the office not being properly staffed.

Patricia Hall raised the problem of an unqualified person living in the park for over a year with a young child. Why did it take so long to get the problem resolved even though there were many complaints registered with the office during that period of time? She also has problems with people parking and blocking her driveway at all hours. She addressed the issue with one of the people who replied to her, “Well you can always hit my car to get out.” She has complained numerous times to the office about the parking problems as her job requires her to be on call and available at all hours. She also mentioned that a suspicious car was driving through the park at 4:00 A. M. She was up and getting ready to go to work and counted the car making 4 passes through the park with no headlights on and the driver using a penlight to see what people have out and around on their property. She did call the police. However, a call to the office and leaving a message prompted no response about the situation.

It seems the gate at the front, Ironwood Dr., entrance was open when it shouldn’t be. We seem to have continuous problems with the gates being open when they shouldn’t be. The company that maintains the gates and timing mechanisms had been out numerous times to address the issue. However, it was also noted by Gentry Dion that some residents have been observed pushing the gates open and that is causing some of the problems.

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From the President's Desk

by Ken Camp

Time is getting close when our winter visitors will be going home for the summer. I wish them safe travel and we will see you in the fall. Although we have only been in office a month or so, things are beginning to come together for the next couple of years activities.

We all hope our new clubhouse kitchen with new flooring and paint will be completed this summer. I have met with our park manager regarding painting of the inside of the clubhouse. Hopefully, it can all be completed at one time. As a preparation for the changes in our clubhouse, the bulletin boards have been moved to the hallway by the restrooms. I want to thank Cliff Tessmer and Clark Kroschel for their help in moving the boards.

Another big thank you to all those who assisted with the St. Patrick's Day Dinner. Without your help these dinners would not happen. It takes a large team of individuals to put on a successful event. As of this report I am unclear what activities will take place over the summer. The clubhouse availability may limit our dinners and food preparation. Pool parties, BBQ's outside, shuffle board, horseshoes and anything that is an outdoor activity will be looked into by the officers and board. We will share information as it becomes available.

Again, have a good summer!

ACTIVITIES ORGANIZATION

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DESERT HARBOR ACTIVITIES

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|-------------------------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| BINGO | SHERRY WEINERT | 307-329-7782 |
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| GENEALOGY | ESTHER LOUGH | 480-288-8579 |
| GOLF | DON WALKER | 480-288-5686 |
| HORSESHOES | TBA | |
| LADIES OUT OF THE PARK LUNCHEONS | TBA | |
| LADIES SOUP & SALAD LUNCHEON | JOANN HANKISON | 480-641-0975 |
| LINE DANCING | MARY PAT SUMMERS | 480-983-4227 |
| MAH JONGG | ESTHER LOUGH | 480-288-8579 |
| PINOCHLE | TBA | |
| POKER | MIKE BAUSCHARD | 480-288-4332 |
| SHUFFLEBOARD | CLIFF TESSMER | 480-671-1414 |
| STITCH & CHAT | CAROLE HOBSON | 480-288-6270 |
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**NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE
Connie Riter, Dave Borchardt, Dick Smith, Bob Mayo,
Midge Drouin, Margo Crawford, Jane Boudreau**

BIRTHDAYS - ANNIVERSARIES

MAY BIRTHDAYS

| Day | Name | Lot # |
|-----|-------------------|-------|
| 2 | Naomi Howard | 16 |
| 3 | Bonnie Miller | 161 |
| 5 | Alan Goodwin | 200 |
| 9 | Monika Forster | 2 |
| 10 | Kristina Boelin | 79 |
| 10 | Bill Boudreau | 179 |
| 11 | Jerry Miller | 170 |
| 12 | Agnes Miller | 152 |
| 13 | Bertha Harris | 180 |
| 14 | Patricia Murphy | 205 |
| 17 | Les Allan | 136 |
| 17 | Margaret Mitchell | 103 |
| 19 | Joanna Hankison | 178 |
| 19 | Hans Nikolas | 79 |
| 20 | Connie Riter | 81 |
| 21 | Monica Bauschard | 99 |
| 23 | Sharon McCall | 114 |
| 26 | Elaine Dupree | 54 |
| 28 | Justine Hilliard | 101 |
| 29 | Judy Peters | 58 |
| 29 | Linda Swigart | 193 |
| 30 | Barbara Nienkark | 192 |
| 31 | Ken Camp | 178 |

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

| Day | Name | Lot # |
|-----|----------------------------|-------|
| 1 | Ray & Wilma Altenschulte | 83 |
| 5 | Tony & Rose Tenaglia | 140 |
| 13 | Peter & Elvira Jackson | 55 |
| 13 | John & Janie Kalmakoff | 165 |
| 18 | Patrick & Kay Quinn | 139 |
| 18 | Mike & Mary Morris | 24 |
| 25 | Allen & Jeanette Kitterman | 36 |
| 26 | Bill & Jane Boudreau | 179 |



If you wish to add your birthday and/or anniversary or make any corrections to the list, please call Dick Smith at 480-983-5819

PHONE BOOK UPDATES :

Darwin & Sheila Giem, Lot #25, New number 480-257-4240
John & Janie Kalmakoff, Lot #165, New number 480-525-1252



NEW RESIDENTS :

Mike & Mary Morris, Lot #24, 480-303-8056

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Even when Gentry is supposed to be in the office on Wednesday and Thursday of each week it is difficult to actually find him in the office. Melissa stated that there will be an attempt to keep Gentry in the office for the full hours allotted. Perhaps he can send the assistant on errands for him and maybe not schedule property viewings for those two days. There will be a discussion to determine what can be done.

It was also mentioned that he should keep a list of 'renters' available. There was a situation when ballots were being handed out for voting for the new members of the Activities Board since renters are not qualified to vote.

The cleanliness of the clubhouse and the fact that we had to beg just to get the fans cleaned was mentioned.

Frank Kosars asked about the situation with holding potluck dinners and the AZ statute that indicates they are not 'legal'. Tracy explained that this issue has been discussed and basically the thoughts on the matter are that the wording of the statute is poor and will be revised. The city is not prepared to allocate time and resources to shut down potlucks or other social activities in private communities.

Jim Matthews asked when the pool will be officially open for 24 hours 7 days a week. So far all we have been told is bids are still being taken for the work to be done on the bathroom doors. Again, this is a situation that has dragged on since last summer. It shouldn't take this long for something to be done. Melissa promised to follow up on this and have Gentry check in to keyless entries for the pool and the bathrooms. The inner doors of the bathrooms will have to be locked to prevent entry into the clubhouse proper.

Resident comment: People who are in the park looking for a home to purchase have questions about lot rent and etc. They complain that there is never anyone in the office to help them and leaving messages on the phone service get no reply.

Statements for the lot rent are allowed to accumulate in the cubbies. It should be apparent that they aren't being picked up. This would be an indication to anyone who walks through the clubhouse that the property is not currently inhabited. Please figure out a better way to handle the statements. Make certain that the ones intended for our Winter Visitors are mailed to them and not just left.

Sherry Weinert stated that we have been requesting security cameras for a long time. Too many items go missing from the clubhouse. This includes some of the recent decorations that were made for our events. Melissa expressed her lack of enthusiasm for security cameras. The new kitchen cabinets will be made of solid wood and they can have locks on them to help prevent kitchen theft.

Betty Cuevas requested that there be a follow up to the problem with the hole in her yard. The park landscaper, at the time, said it would be taken care of. To this date it has not been properly filled in. Gentry promised to come by and check it out and have it taken care of.

Tim Chrissis took a moment to thank Tracy for all the events she has brought to the park. She is doing a great job. There is a dead Fichus tree by the park entrance. It has been there for years and isn't coming back. Why hasn't the park taken care of it? Melissa explained that at first they thought all trees were the responsibility of the house owners. It has since been brought to their attention that the Fichus trees along the entry drive are the responsibility of the park and management. Gentry stated he would have Tony take care of the tree on the following Wednesday, April 2nd.

Connie Farmer asked for and got an answer for the use of the term, 'basic water fee'. It is used to cover the fee for the 'delivery' of the water. Melissa explained that the company is not allowed to charge any other fee other than exactly what they are charged.

Sherry Weinert commented that she had requested Gentry to make an inspection of the park and check all properties for weeds and other violations. Gentry replied that he had made an initial inspection and talked to several people who were home. Other people will be receiving letters about the problems with their lots.

Bruno Borowczyk said that the tree close to his house but that is park responsibility, has grown into and is interfering with the electrical box. There is also a dead cactus that has been down for a long time and should be cleaned up.

Linda asked if the golf course area would ever be finished. Another project that was done this past summer and not finished correctly. Gentry apologized once again for the problems with the golf course. He is still checking for a contractor to help in maintaining it and exactly what kind of grass is suitable for the putting greens etc.

Connie Riter pointed out that the streets are still in need of repair. Nothing has been done in years. I followed up Connie's comment by telling Melissa that the last work that was done was late 2009 or early 2010. The angle or slope of the streets was done incorrectly and now they flood worse than ever. The parking spaces along the front of the clubhouse flood 2-3" deep or more when it rains. The sidewalk along the front side of the clubhouse also floods.

A comment was made about the weeds that are growing all along the sides of the golf course. Who is responsible for getting rid of the weeds? They look terrible. There is also a large hole developing by the drive apron to the golf course. It needs to be filled and maintained. Gentry is aware of the hole and will get it taken care of in a nice, presentable manor.

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We are having major problems with illegal parking and overnight parking and boats and trailers remaining on the streets overnight for weeks at a time. Gentry promised to make more thorough trips around the park to observe these things. Admittedly his rides through the park have been on a limited basis. Fran asked that another dead cactus be removed. Mickie Kosars asked why the dog run area is always flooded and voiced concern about the golf carts creating deep ruts when you drive them to the dog run area. It seems the sprinkler system is the cause of the flooding. This will be added to the agenda and followed up on to see what can be done. Tony is responsible for the landscaping around the common areas only. The contracted landscaper will be doing the golf course landscaping.

Hans stated that Tony needs some decent tools. Melissa stated that \$2,000.00 was allocated for tools for Tony while Bonnie was the manager. Melissa will now check with Tony and Gentry to figure out how that money was spent and what Tony still needs. She also agreed that a leaf blower shouldn't be too big of an expense to be purchased immediately.

Cliff Tessmer wanted to know if the horse shoe pits would be corrected and brought up to game standards. Or would it be better to change it to a Bocce Ball court. These suggestions will be taken into consideration. Cliff will check into information for expenses etc. for either setup to be done. We also need to have scoreboards out by the shuffleboard courts.

Another resident questioned the ability of management to balance the hours billed and hours paid. She expressed concern that \$2,000.00 was allocated for new tools but no-one knows how the money was spent. Melissa had also commented that money is allocated each year for pool repairs and road maintenance. If this is true why has it been since 2010 and no additional road repairs have been done.

Tim Chrissis mentioned, along with others, that the cracks across our roads are spreading out in angles from the original crack and potholes are starting to develop. The longer this situation is allowed to remain unattended the worse it will get and will be more and more expensive to repair. The meeting adjourned shortly after 10:00 A. M. as Melissa had a plane to catch.

I, for one, was very pleased with the number of residents who were able to attend the meeting. I know all our questions and complaints weren't addressed but hopefully our recent community effort to get attention drawn to the neglect in Desert Harbor will get things started. We will have to continue to believe that they will follow up on their promises in a positive and timely manner.

TEXAS HOLD EM SPRING TOURNAMENT WINNERS



Left to right:

1st Place Dorothy Miller, 2nd Place Dick Lazzari, 3rd Place Carol Lazzari, 4th Place Dave Drouin

FOOD DONATIONS

Colleen Kitzman is sponsoring the collection of food donations for Superstition Springs Elementary School in Apache Junction. Food will be collected at the monthly potluck dinners or can be dropped off at Colleen's house, #184.

What they need are things from this list:

| | | |
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| Dry beans | Rice | Any Canned Food |
| Kleenex | Flour | Sugar |
| Spices | Tortillas | Paper Products |
| Toiletries | Tooth Brushes and tooth paste | |

"I will deliver them to the school on or about the 25th of each month. Thank You and God Bless!"
Colleen

APACHE JUNCTION FOOD BANK

We also have tubs for food donations in the clubhouse for the Apache Junction Food Bank. Any time you have extra food items, please think of donating items in the clubhouse. If you see items on sale at the grocery store, please buy an extra item or two for the food bank too.

Bertha's Beans *by Midge Drouin*

Hi, I'm Bertha Harris in Lot#180. Since the Canadians hosted the hoedown, I have had many requests for my "Baked Beans" recipe. I hope everyone enjoys it as much as our family does. This is a recipe of my creation. So here it goes:

1 can of pineapple "tidbits" (20 oz) with juice
3 tbsp of brown sugar
1 cup of ketchup
1 med onion-chopped
1 red pepper-chopped
1 green pepper-chopped or 4 small red/ yellow/or orange peppers

Mix all the above ingredients in a medium sized saucepan. Bring to a boil, then simmer until onions become transparent approx. 5-10 min.

While sauce is simmering open 3 cans of beans. You may use 1 can of kidney beans and 2 cans of pork & beans. Drain excess juice from the beans. Put beans in a larger sized sauce pan. When sauce is done and onions are transparent, pour sauce over the beans and heat all ingredients. Or if you wish you may cool the sauce and have cold beans. This sauce can be used for 1 can of beans. Please note that any leftover sauce can be frozen and used at a later date. Hope you all enjoy this recipe as much as I did creating it.

A Relaxing Weekend in Rocky Point *by Connie Riter*

We had the opportunity in March to go with a group from Desert Harbor on a bus trip to Rocky Point. It was wonderful! The hardest part of the trip was catching the bus by the Clubhouse at 5:45 am on a Sunday morning. Along with Art, and Mickey and Frank Kosar, Suzie Schwaben got 3 of her Spanish classmates and their teacher also to go as part of our group.



After a few stops along the way to stretch, we stopped at Organ Pipe National Park for a final American stop before crossing into Mexico. We arrived at Playa Bonita Resort around 2 pm -- in time to relax, view the Sea of Cortez, and check out our rooms before meeting for a Mexican Fiesta, Mexican Dancers, and even a Piñata. A few of our bus group were invited to put on the costumes and dance as well. Frank was selected as one to try to knock down the piñata -- and he did! Then we all shared in the Mexican chocolates inside.

The next day was ours to enjoy on our own. We took a taxi into town to shop, and have lunch at The Point. There was time before we went, to walk along the ocean and also to enjoy the hot tub. In the evening the Kosars and Art and I had a few margaritas by the outdoor bar, played cards, and listened to some wonderful Mexican music.

In the morning we bought shrimp, flounder, and red snapper from Mr. Fish who comes to the Playa Bonita to sell fish and shrimp to those traveling. Some of the people who had ordered earlier, got their shrimp cleaned and packaged for them. We arrived back in the Valley around 6 pm --tired, but happy we went, and with two small coolers filled with shrimp and fish! It was a relaxing weekend and we're already planning to go next season.

ITEMS FOR SALE OR ITEMS WANTED

FOR SALE: Folding chairs in the clubhouse, 4 chairs for \$10.00.

COMPUTER CORNER

by Margo Crawford



I had a request recently to find out how to create an avatar of yourself. Avatars can indeed be fun to play with. I had to think back a few weeks when some of my Facebook friends were using Avatars quite a bit. I went to the search browser of FB and typed in Avatar myself. A list of options appeared. When doing a search like this, I am always careful about clicking on the choices. Some of them are not friendly. However, there on the list of choices was "Bitstrips". Aha! That was the name of the site my friends had been using!

It was simple to click on their link then follow the step by step instructions. This particular site allows you to build a cartoon Avatar of yourself. You go through each step and make your choices. Once everything is the way you want it you simply click 'share' with FB. They have cartoons available each day so you can come back and choose something new on a daily basis. So, open Facebook, type in Avatar myself or Bitstrips and you should be able to fix a new you!!! Let me know if you have any questions. I will also look around for a good site where they actually use a picture of you to create an Avatar. I've heard of those sites but don't know of any.

BARLEENS' ARIZONA OPRY

by Jane Boudreau

On Friday, March 28, 2014 twenty-six Desert Harbor Residents and their guests attended the Barleens' Arizona Opry Dinner Theater. For those of you who have never attended the Arizona Opry the evening includes dinner and musical performance presented by members of the Barleen family and other talented performers. Over the course of the winter months fourteen different shows are staged providing an opportunity for guests to select the music genera they prefer. One guest in attendance said she had never heard the same joke/story more than once. This bodes well for the talent and planning of the shows. The show we attended was country music themed. The group was treated to a visit by Willie Nelson and Johnny Cash which were very entertaining.



If you are looking for an enjoyable evening of music and have not been to the Arizona Opry, check out their website and make your reservations early. Sherry Weinert began working on our arrangements in January and the end of March was the earliest she could arrange. A big thank you goes to Sherry for putting this out-together.

CHIT CHAT AROUND THE PARK



LADIES' LUNCHEON AT BEAVERS CHOICE *by Jane Boudreau*

The March Ladies Luncheon was originally scheduled for Rancho de Tia Rosa Restaurant in Mesa. The location was changed to the Beavers Choice due to a fire at Tia Rosa.

Beavers Choice is a relatively new restaurant in Mesa located at 745 W Baseline. Selections on the menu have their origins in Poland, Germany, Sweden, and Canada. These are locations where the owner has lived and from which she built the menu. The restaurant was not busy during our visit. The owner explained all the items are prepared as they are ordered requiring longer wait times. The service is based for a slower paced European dining experience. This is not an establishment to frequent if you are in a hurry.

I believe all those in attendance found something to their liking on the menu. I had a Spicy Schnitzel sandwich which was served with fruit and French fries. The meat was very tender and the roll was fresh and crusty. A Sheppard's pie was available as the special of the day and I understand it was quiet tasty. Dorothy Miller said she was sure her son-in-law Herm Weinert would enjoy the leftovers.

If you have the opportunity and enjoy trying a new restaurant why take a drive to the Beavers Choice and ask the owner how she came to locate in Mesa, AZ.

The Ladies' Luncheon at a local restaurant is held on the third Tuesday of the month. An announcement and sign up sheet are posted on the Activities Organization Bulletin Board.

LADIES' GET ACQUAINTED SOUP-N-SALAD LUNCHEON *by Jane Boudreau*

On the first Tuesday of each month the ladies of Desert Harbor gather in the clubhouse for lunch. The April luncheon was held on the first with twenty-two residents and guests in attendance. Three soups were prepared for the ladies to sample. The variety and types of salads and desserts change each month. Karen Stephens prepared a new recipe for pizza squares using crescent rolls for the crust. They were very tasty and she is thinking of ways to modify the dish for future events. This is a great venue for new recipes. So dust off your cookbooks and join the ladies on May 6 for the next luncheon.

The fifty/fifty drawing was won by Dorothy Miller. I understand she has been on a winning streak. Way to go Dorothy.

Please check the bulletin board and your email for future luncheons. We anticipate a luncheon will be held in May however, with the kitchen remodel they may stop over the summer. We look forward to seeing you at our next luncheon.

HEALTH ARTICLE *by Midge Drouin*

Eye Problems, Noninjury - Topic Overview

Many people have minor eye problems, such as eyestrain, irritated eyes, or itchy, scaly eyelids. These problems may be ongoing but usually are not serious. Home treatment can relieve the symptoms of many minor eye problems.

Common types of eye problems include:

- Drainage from the eyes or excessive tearing.
- Eyestrain or vision changes.
- Misaligned eyes or strabismus (sometimes called cross-eyes).
- Blood in the white of the eye (subconjunctival hemorrhage).
- Eyelid problems.
- Contact lens problems.
- Color blindness.
- Night blindness.
- Glaucoma.
- Cataracts.
- Retinal problems, such as diabetic retinopathy.
- Red eyes that may be caused by infection, inflammation, or tumors.
- Uveitis.
- Macular degeneration.

It is common for the eyes to be irritated or have a scratchy feeling. Pain is not a common eye problem unless there has been an injury. It is not unusual for the eyes to be slightly sensitive to light. But sudden, painful sensitivity to light is a serious problem that may mean glaucoma or inflammation of the muscles that control the pupil and should be evaluated by your doctor.

Sudden problems such as new vision changes, pain in the eye, or increased drainage are often more serious and need to be evaluated by a doctor. Eye symptoms that are new or that occur suddenly may be evaluated by an emergency medicine specialist.

Ongoing (chronic) eye problems that may be worsening are usually evaluated by an eye doctor (ophthalmologist). A gradual change in your vision or chronic eye problems may include:

- Vision changes. These may include:
 - Trouble adjusting your vision when entering a dark room.
 - Trouble focusing on close or faraway objects.
 - Dark spots in the center of your vision field.
 - Lines or edges that appear wavy.
 - Eyelid problems, such as a sty or chalazion (a small, hard lump).
 - Discharge or irritation of the eyeball or eyelids, such as an infection of the inner edge of the lower eyelid or pinkeye
 - Sensitivity to light
 - Inability to see well at night (night blindness). A decrease in night vision may be caused by nearsightedness, cataracts, macular degeneration, or conditions that affect the retina.

People often tolerate minor eye irritation and problems for a long time, until the irritation or problems become bothersome enough to seek care. People who have skin problems and allergies often have ongoing minor problems with the skin of their eyelids and allergic irritation of the eyes.

As you reach your 40s and 50s, it is common to have some vision changes and possibly to need glasses. Some of the changes may also cause other symptoms, like headaches and nausea, that affect your ability to function.

Some children may have special risks for eye problems. Vision screening is recommended for infants who were either born at or before 30 weeks, whose birthweight was below 3.3 lb (1500 g), or who have serious medical conditions. Most vision problems are noticed first by the parents. Check your symptoms to decide if and when you should see a doctor

St. Patrick's Day Dinner March 15, 2014

by Margo Crawford

*Walls for the wind, And a roof for the rain,
And drinks beside the fire -- Laughter to cheer you
And those you love near you,
And all that your heart may desire!*

Irish blessing

And what a good time we had at the St. Patrick's Day dinner even if it was held on the 15th! When the clubhouse door opened, all the fabulous fragrances wafted right to you. Then your eyes were treated to fabulous decorations that were prepared and set up by Karen, Betty, Midge and Clark. Our clubhouse has really been taking on a festive appearance for our get togethers. After a traditional meal of corned beef brisket with boiled carrots, potatoes and cabbage and several different types of soda bread, Hans provided Irish music.

Once the debris from dinner was moved out of the way a Pot 'O Gold, well okay it was candy, appeared on the tables right at the end of the rainbow!!!! There were little goodie bags so everyone could take some home. The hosts for the night's events were Dave and Beverly Borchardt, Dave and Midge Drouin and Terry Watts. Other helpers for the event were Steve Davison, Vernita Loveridge, Bobbie & Miles Lowery, Sharon Ziccardi, Connie Farmer, Kathy Gabel and Penny Newby. We also owe a big thank you to Ken Camp who



RESIDENT'S MEETING - by Bob Mayo

The monthly resident's meeting was called to order by President Ken Camp. An opening prayer was given by Michael Bauschard followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. The Minutes of the March meeting along with the Treasurer's report were presented and approved.

Vice President Dave Borchardt gave a slide presentation regarding the pass-on tax that was assessed on the adjoining property which is being credited back to the residents. For those interested Dave will email you a copy of the spread sheets. Ken Camp pointed out the boxes for the AJ Food Bank and said that Sharon Ziccardi will be handling the donations and making sure they are taken to the food bank. Ken also reiterated that he would ask residents to wear their name badges to the events and meetings.

Dave Borchardt made a suggestion that the organization purchase an iPad to be used for various purposes including presentations such as he made, Bingo and other events as needed. He estimated the cost to be between \$240 and \$300. A motion was made and seconded to authorize the expenditure of up to \$300 to purchase an iPad for this purpose. The motion was approved.

Carol Rysavy stated that our library is always has a need for new books and current magazines and individuals can drop them off at any time. Barry Dalton brought up the idea of how we could have residents display their craft items including such items as photos taken by residents having an interest in photography. Darwin Giem suggested that we might be able to work in cooperation with Casa Blanca and Rancho Mirage on major entertainment events with the aim of increasing participation for all the parks.

Several residents had questions regarding the meeting held by Melissa from Solstice regional office. Ken Camp indicated he would be in contact with Melissa to again reiterate our concerns

DESERT HARBOR RESIDENTS OFFER SERVICES

| <u>NAME</u> | <u>LOT</u> | <u>SERVICE</u> | <u>PHONE</u> |
|-----------------|------------|---|--------------|
| Midge Drouin | 203 | Haircuts, Styling, Blow Drying | 602-459-9039 |
| Margo Crawford | 104 | Photo restoration, scanning-slides | 623-910-2713 |
| Dorothy Mueller | 155 | Avon Products, Free Boxes | 480-984-9780 |
| Esther Lough | 123 | Puppy Sitting | 480-288-8579 |
| Connie Riter | 81 | Bus Trips | 480-641-7753 |
| Renee Spears | 57 | Reiki Sessions | 480-215-8328 |
| Jean Myers | 44 | Pet & House Sitting, Drive to Store, Doctor's Office, Airport, House Cleaning | 480-671-4481 |
| Bob Myers | 44 | Yard work, odd jobs | 480-671-4481 |
| John Williams | 162 | Handyman | 602-561-4562 |
| Liz Pawlowski | 6 | Odd jobs, anything you can't do yourself | 619-508-9402 |
| Karen Majur | 173 | Sweet Life Home Sales | 480-250-2219 |
| Lance Johnson | 29 | Custom Jewelry, Professional Jewelry Repair | 801-231-3568 |
| Dick Smith | 74 | House Sitting, Transportation to Dr. or Store | 480-983-5819 |

*Updates to the calendar can always be found on the website
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The 2014 Sock Hop *by Midge Drouin*

Only words can describe this special event-----You should have been there ! Over 50 people attended and had a good time. Some dressed for the occasion with the poodle skirts, flip hair do's, duck tails, jeans with a cuff, white T-shirts with an arm cuff for those cigs. We had penny loafers, saddle oxfords, flats and dress shoes. Everyone really seemed to get into the mood of the whole party. The DJ kept several people on the dance floor for hours and he and Sherry had some cool games for all of us to win prizes with.

Everyone would come up to the Sweet Shoppe and let the local "Laverne and Shirley" fix them up with a cool root beer float or ice cream sundae of their choice, complete with whipped cream and the cherry on top. Lots of vintage candy was available too. The cooked records held our favorite snack "popcorn".

The decorations lent a great atmosphere to the evening. Karen would like to give a big hand to Clark, her Arielman, and Dave and Monica who lent their tallness and ladder abilities as well, so the four of us could get all the paper and the records up; not to mention the ever-traveling banners and such on the lumpy walls.

We missed all of you who went in other directions. Maybe next time, huh?



THANK YOU SHERRY & HERM

By Dave Borchardt

A big "Thank You" to Sherry & Herm Weinert from all of the residents at Desert Harbor. Sherry and Herm took over running our Monday night Bingo after Dennis & Diane left and they did a terrific job. Sherry and Herm have resigned their position at Bingo and they will be missed. Ken Camp & Dave Borchardt recently presented a thank you card and a gift card on behalf of the residents to express the appreciation and gratitude for the work they have done.



MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR

by Dave Borchardt

Barb and Phil Fox, Lot #13

Barb and Phil moved to Desert Harbor in March of 2010 from Palm Springs, CA. Barb and Phil grew up in Quakertown, PA. They were married in 1969 at Trumbauersville, PA. This is a small excerpt from their life that they call “A Change of Course”.



A Change of Course

In 1985-1986 our family was making preparations to go to Rubio, Venezuela with The Evangelical Alliance Mission based in Carol Stream, Illinois. Much was happening during that time and our subsequent time in South America, but I would like to focus on our oldest son Christopher.

Christopher was a straight “A” student with aspirations of attending an Ivy League university. His goal was to get a prestigious degree and earn “lots” of money. When he found out he would have to spend his junior and senior year of high school in South America, he was understandably upset. He thought we were taking this “God” and “Jesus” thing a little too far.

Soooo, I made a deal with him that if he would spend one year with us in Venezuela, I would make arrangements for him to come back to Pennsylvania (our home state) in order to graduate with his original classmates. Although he wasn’t thrilled with the idea of leaving in the first place, he at least had a way out of the “crazy” thing we were doing. (Some of our family members thought we were crazy too, but that’s another story.)

The first few months in Venezuela were greeted by grumpiness on his part which gave way to tolerance which finally gave way to acceptance. Also, his perception of his responsibility to others in need changed dramatically.

Long story short, he attended Wheaton College and is now a social worker in Chicago, Illinois. He still reminds us (Barb and me) that his poverty lifestyle is all our fault but I know that he knows he is exactly where God wants him to be.

May 2014

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