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ASSOCIATION OFFICE

Monday – Friday | 9 AM – 12 PM, 1 – 4 PM
By Appointment Only

First Saturday of the Month | Closed

LIFESTYLE DESK | Daily | 8 AM – 5 PM
Business Center Only

MONTECITO CLUBHOUSE | Closed

MONTECITO FITNESS CENTER | Closed

SANTA ROSA CLUBHOUSE | Closed

SHADOWS RESTAURANT

Take-Out | Daily | 10 AM – 7 PM

GOLF SNACK BAR | Daily | 6 AM – 11 AM

SANTA ROSA BISTRO | Daily | 6 AM – 1 PM

MONTECITO CAFÉ | Closed

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

KIM FULLER | PRESIDENT

Frontier Communications

As I reported last month, the HOA Board signed the five-year bulk Internet-only agreement with Frontier on July 31, 2020. The install is estimated to begin on November 1, 2020, and will take about four months to complete. According to the agreement, all 3,450 homes will be installed by March 1, 2021, and that is when the five-year term will begin.

Here are some of the most frequently asked questions regarding the installation:

1. **When can I install the Frontier service?** Everyone will be sent an install schedule, so each home will be scheduled to call for an appointment between November 1, 2020, and February 2021. You will call for your install appointment on the date listed in the schedule. You may call after this date, but not before.
2. **When will the install schedule be sent out?** We estimate the install schedule will be sent out on October 1 by regular mail and email, and it will also be posted on the website.
3. **If I already have Frontier service will I need to have an installation appointment?** Yes. Most homes do not have the equipment to handle the faster speed of 500/500 Mbps. It is estimated that 90% of Frontier customers will need new equipment installed.
4. **I already have Frontier installed, so can I convert to the new HOA contract price right away without having to wait for an appointment?** No. All residents will be on a schedule for installation based on geography in the complex. Frontier will start at one end of the complex and keep installing until complete at the other end. Even if you have Frontier equipment now, you will have to wait for your scheduled time to make an appointment for install; and at the time of install, you will be converted to the new pricing.
5. **When will the \$12 per month fee go into effect?** We anticipate the monthly increase will begin on January 1, 2021.
6. **If I am not installed by January 1, 2021, why are my dues being increased on January 1?** Monthly dues will increase on January 1 so that the HOA does not incur additional expenses by increasing dues twice in one year. For a more detailed explanation, see last month's President's Report.
7. **Can I keep my existing TV service if I want?** Yes. The HOA Frontier contract is for Internet service only. Each resident will decide on their own what TV service they would like, and you may purchase

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Next Board Meeting & Meet a Board Member:

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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TV service from any company you wish. You are not required to buy TV service from Frontier. So, you could have Frontier Internet service and Spectrum TV service, for example.

8. Am I required to install the Frontier Internet service?

No, but see question 10.

9. If I do not want to install the Frontier Internet service, what do I do? You would simply not call for an appointment to install. Frontier will not install unless you call them first.

10. If I do not install the Frontier Internet service, do I still have to pay the monthly fee of \$12? Yes. All residents will pay the monthly fee of \$12 per month, which will be part of your HOA monthly dues even if you don't install the service.

11. If I order TV service from Frontier, will I pay the HOA for the TV service? No. Any extra services for TV or phone will be billed to you directly by Frontier. The HOA monthly dues amount will only include the \$12 for the Internet-only service.

12. If I am unavailable for my scheduled appointment what happens? You may call any time after your scheduled appointment to make an appointment for installation. There is no charge to install the Frontier Internet service no matter when it is installed.

13. I am in Canada and might not be able to be in the area for one year. What happens? The same answer as #12: you may call any time after your originally

scheduled appointment to make a new appointment. This could be done one, two, or three years later; and there would still be no charge to install the Frontier Internet when you want.

14. I have heard the Frontier TV plans have gone up in price, is this correct? Yes. As we stated in the Town Hall meetings, pricing on TV packages was not guaranteed. We will hopefully send out the TV package pricing for Frontier when we send out the schedule for appointments. Some of the packages currently don't exist and some of the packages have doubled in price. We suggest you investigate all companies and their TV service before making a decision about which TV package and service to purchase.

15. Am I required to purchase a TV plan from Frontier? No. You may buy TV service from any company you want, or you may choose not to buy TV service at all.

We might not be at the end of the pandemic, but I would not want to be anywhere else. Living here at Sun City Shadow Hills always reminds me, "It doesn't get any better than this."

Thank you. Stay safe and healthy.

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VIRTUAL NEW HOMEOWNER ORIENTATION

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2020 | 10:00 A.M.

If you are a new resident of Sun City Shadow Hills and have not attended an orientation,
please RSVP at:

www.scschca.com/newhomeowner





TREASURER'S REPORT

CAREY THOMPSON | TREASURER

SUN CITY SHADOW HILLS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Condensed Financial Information

Balance Sheets

As of July 31, 2020 and July 31, 2019

	July 31 2020 (Unaudited)	July 31 2019 (Unaudited)	December 31 2019 (Audited)
Assets:			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 6,212,449	\$ 2,888,608	\$ 4,852,973
Certificates of deposit and investments	11,276,584	11,820,539	12,072,885
Property and equipment, net	1,496,648	803,185	808,611
Cash - chartered clubs	160,825	133,019	173,446
All other assets	427,760	428,524	294,865
Total Assets	\$ 19,574,266	\$ 16,073,877	\$ 18,202,780
Liabilities:			
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 766,082	\$ 859,850	\$ 1,143,555
Assessments received in advance and deferred revenue	704,261	558,852	606,607
All other liabilities	-	-	-
Total Liabilities	1,470,343	1,418,702	1,750,162
Fund balances:			
Operating	3,124,350	1,754,828	2,182,543
Chartered clubs	160,825	133,019	173,446
Property and equipment	1,496,648	803,185	808,611
Replacement	13,322,100	11,964,142	13,288,018
Total Fund Balances	\$ 18,103,923	14,655,175	16,452,618
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	\$ 19,574,266	\$ 16,073,877	\$ 18,202,780

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SUN CITY SHADOW HILLS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Condensed Financial Information

Statement of Revenues and Expenses - Unaudited
For the Seven Months Ended July 31, 2020**Revenues:**

	Operating Fund	Replacement Fund	Total
Assessments	\$ 5,457,900	\$ 1,135,050	\$ 6,592,950
All other revenues	2,325,124	147,263	2,472,387
Total Revenues	<u>7,783,024</u>	<u>1,282,313</u>	<u>9,065,337</u>

Expenses:

	Operating Fund	Replacement Fund	Total
Operating fund excluding depreciation expense	6,817,673	-	6,817,673
Replacement fund	-	292,277	292,277
Depreciation expense	291,460	-	291,460
Total Expenses	<u>7,109,134</u>	<u>292,277</u>	<u>7,401,411</u>
Chartered Club Activities, Net	(12,621)	-	(12,621)
Excess of revenues over expenses	<u>\$ 661,269</u>	<u>\$ 990,036</u>	<u>\$ 1,651,305</u>

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Condensed Financial Information

Statement of Changes in Fund Balances - Unaudited

	Operating Fund	Replacement Fund	Total
Fund balances, beginning of year	\$ 3,164,600	\$ 13,288,018	\$ 16,452,618
Excess of revenues over expenses	661,269	990,036	1,651,305
Inter-fund transfers	955,954	(955,954)	-
Fund balances, as of July 31, 2020	\$ 4,781,823	\$ 13,322,100	\$ 18,103,923

SUN CITY SHADOW HILLS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Condensed Financial Information

Statement of monthly assessment

	Operating Fund	Replacement Fund	Total
Number of units in Association			<u>3,450</u>

Summary of monthly assessment per unit:

Operating Fund, balanced budget	\$ 234.00	\$ -	\$ 234.00
Replacement Fund	-	47.00	47.00
Total monthly assessment before credit for prior year	234.00	47.00	281.00
Operating Fund, credit for prior year surplus	(8.00)	-	(8.00)
Total monthly assessment billed to unit owners	\$ 226.00	\$ 47.00	\$ 273.00

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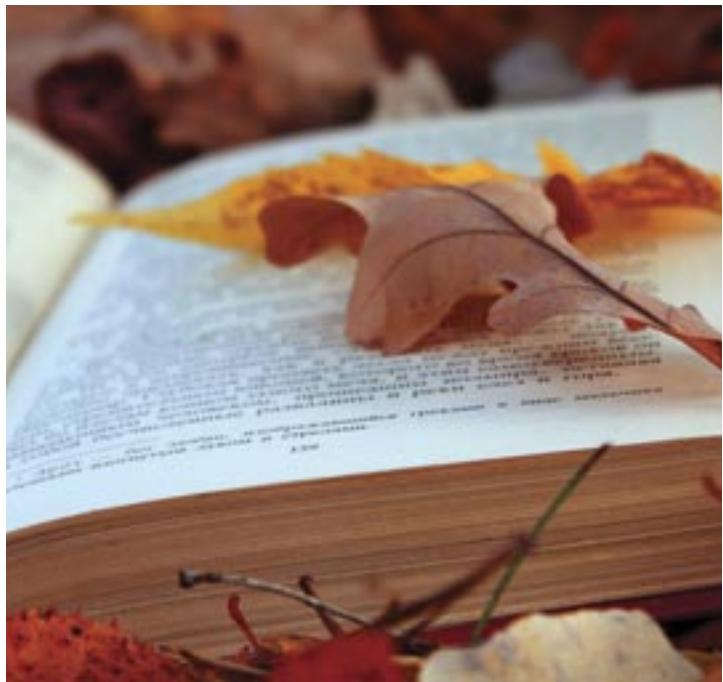
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From The Library

BY CINDY DEGRAF

When this article went to the publisher, the Montecito library was still closed because of coronavirus concerns. Until further notice, we will not be taking any returns or donations. We will notify you when we are again up and operating.

Undoubtedly, the fall season will look dramatically different this year. The cooler temperatures will certainly be a relief to all. Try to get out in the fresh air and enjoy a good read. Whether you are using a Kindle or a physical book, getting into a good story can relax, refresh, and recharge us.

As previously mentioned, the Indio and Palm Springs libraries have options for online checkout. You can sign up for online access to books from either library. Go to www.rivlib.info for more info about Indio and www.palmspringsca.gov/government/departments/library for Palm Springs.

Please contact Barbara Perler at 760-772-4484 or baramp@verizon.net if you have any questions or comments about the library.

As always, thanks to all of you who support us. We are looking forward to reopening our wonderful library soon. Keep reading and stay safe.



Design Review Committee (DRC)

BY TED SHETTLER | CHAIR

This month I will discuss two issues that have prompted the Design Review Committee (DRC) to disapprove a Home Improvement Application (HIA) that the Committee could have approved if the application had been more complete.

The first issue is HIAs that involve a neighbor's property as well as that of the submitting homeowner. The more common example of this issue involves developer-installed property-line walls. Property-line walls are jointly owned by the adjoining neighbors. Although each homeowner may own the half-thickness of the wall, for all practical purposes the property-line wall is jointly owned.

Any proposed change to a property-line wall by one homeowner involves modifying the property of the homeowner on the other side of that wall. Although a homeowner might submit an HIA for the change, if the DRC does not have evidence that the affected neighbor has expressly agreed to the proposed alteration, the Committee must disapprove the HIA because it is effectively incomplete.

Another example is the addition of a paved walkway on the side of a homeowner's house that, when completed, encroaches on the neighbor's property by a few inches. The homeowner must demonstrate agreement from the neighbor or modify the walkway.

Similar situations can occur with landscaping.

The DRC cannot approve work proposed by one homeowner that involves work on a neighbor's property without evidence of that neighbor's agreement.

For property-line walls that have begun to lean or tilt, those walls are jointly owned by the adjoining

neighbors; and these neighbors are both responsible for returning the wall to its proper orientation. If the neighbors are at an impasse, the Rules and Regulations direct the Board of Directors to arbitrate that impasse.

Another issue involves the description of a change proposed in an HIA. If the DRC cannot determine that a change complies with the Design Rules because it is either incomplete or unclear, the DRC is obliged to disapprove that HIA. If a homeowner wants to add additional hardscape, pool, spa, or spa, then the HIA must provide the dimensions that are necessary to assess compliance with the setback requirements contained in Exhibit A of the Design Rules.

For work in front of the home, the DRC must also assess compliance with the rules for relative areas of hardscape and softscape; so the HIA must provide the dimensions necessary for that assessment to be made. Sometimes a homeowner wants to replace one item on the home, say a door or a window, with another having different dimensions. But the application provides only the dimensions of the new item. Again, this is incomplete.

The HIA must also demonstrate that yard drainage after a modification will be as capable as what the developer provided. A prudent homeowner would also consider sloshing from a pool during an earthquake.

Please help us approve your HIA. We encourage you to reread the relevant portions of the Design Rules and be sure to provide the necessary information: drawings with dimensions and property lines; and clear, dimensioned descriptions of what is there now and what the new modification will be.

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SUN CITY SHADOW HILLS EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Emergency Preparedness Sub-Committee (EPSC)

BY JEFF KIRKPATRICK | CHAIR

Challenges of Early Earthquake Warning

The U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) has developed an Earthquake Early Warning (EEW) system, ShakeAlert. In 2019 it began sending alerts of incoming earthquake shaking to the California public. The warning system is similar to the mechanics of a thunderstorm. As lightning precedes thunder, so do an earthquake's faster seismic waves (P waves) precede the larger and more damaging waves (S waves). EEW systems attempt to detect significant earthquakes and deliver a warning before damaging shaking arrives. See Diagram 1.

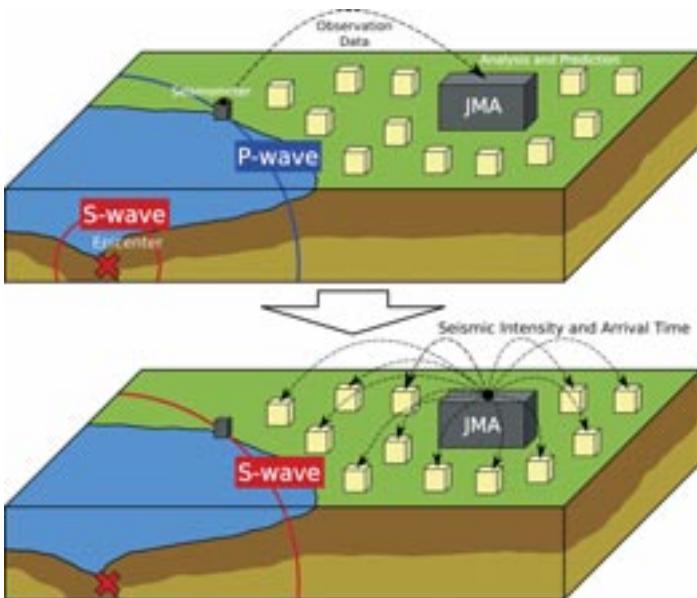


Diagram 1

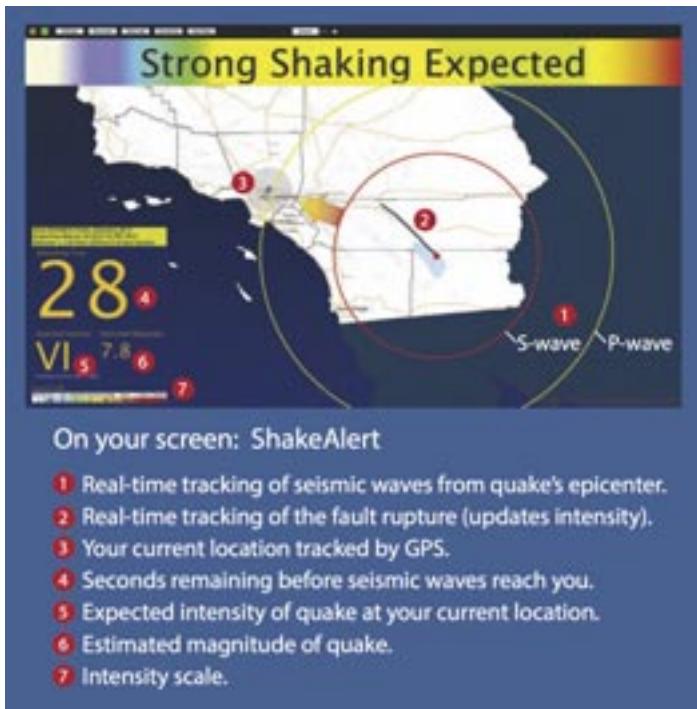
Thirty Years of EEW

Mexico City has had a public warning system since 1993, and the Japanese Meteorological Agency began issuing alerts to the public in 2007. In 2012, the USGS started the development of ShakeAlert, an EEW system for the states of California, Oregon, and Washington. ShakeAlert is developing warning applications for automatic actions like slowing down trains when an earthquake starts shaking.

California got its first experience with the system in October 2019. If the ShakeAlert system detects an earthquake with magnitude 5.0 or above, mobile phones in areas with estimated light shaking or higher receive an alert from FEMA through the Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEA) system that are similar to warnings issued in the case of extreme weather or child abduction. Warnings can also reach the public through mobile apps such as MyShake which can send alerts at or above magnitude 4.5. Experts anticipate a likely debut in the next year in Washington and Oregon.

Challenge: Warning Times

One of the biggest challenges EEW's face is warning time. Warning time is the time between receiving an alert and when the shaking arrives at their location. Warning times can range from seconds to minutes. The location of the earthquake is the most important factor regarding warning times. For earthquakes occurring farther away from population centers (like offshore earthquakes along the Oregon, Washington, or Japanese coasts), warning times would be longer because of the larger distances.



But in California, the majority of earthquakes have inland origins; many people would feel the shaking before receiving an alert. There is not much that can be done to improve warning times when shaking happens directly below you.

The USGS is working with FEMA, the FCC, and mobile carriers to improve WEA capabilities and make them more in line with ShakeAlert speeds. ShakeAlert uses a combination of algorithms that detect and characterize an earthquake (location and magnitude) and that predict the ground shaking levels in different regions. The estimates are initially calculated in the first few seconds after the P-wave arrival and then updated as more seismic data becomes available. Many seismologists initially thought the first few seconds (about three seconds) would be sufficient to correctly assess the magnitude of a large earthquake. However, recent earthquake observations suggest additional time is necessary. Even with additional time, the system is still able to provide timely warnings.

Challenge: Action

What happens once a warning is received also impacts the effectiveness of EEW systems. USGS is collaborating with several partners testing their ideas for automatic actions, like slowing down trains,

shutting down water valves, and opening emergency doors. Social studies are underway to understand the impact on the general public of receiving an earthquake alert. Slowing down trains or taking cover under your desk also takes time, and this time is not usually included in EEW communications.

Overall, EEW will help mitigate warning times. Interest in systems like ShakeAlert provides an opportunity to better communicate what the public can expect from the system – but also to discuss earthquake resilience in a larger framework of actions individuals and society can take to improve preparedness.

You can find many of these free-of-charge EEW apps through your cellphone/computer AppStore. Search for "Earthquake Early Warning." As an example, I have both the ShakeAlert and MyShake apps on my cellphone. On June 3, 2020, they gave me approximately 60 seconds warning prior to the M5.5 Ridgecrest, CA, aftershock (associated with the 7-5-2019 M7.1 Ridgecrest, CA, earthquake). My cellphone loudly enunciated: "Earthquake Warning. Drop, Cover, and Hold On!" I was working alone in my home office, and I had plenty of time to shelter under my desk when the roller came through!



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and become prepared!
It really is quite easy!

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Finance Advisory Committee (FAC)

BY BILL WETHE | CHAIR

Work Completed

During the month of September, the FAC continued its work with the Board as well as with DRM and Troon management on behalf of the Association including:

- Review and recommend Board approval of the unaudited August 2020 financial statements of the Association including the:
 - financial statements and supplementary schedules prepared by DRM/Associa, Troon and the Controller.
 - combining and combined financial statements included in the Treasurer's report prepared by the Controller.
 - summary financial information on the financial position and results of operations included in the Controller's report to the Board.
 - condensed Association financial information to be published in *The View* magazine.
- Review of the year-to-date variance analysis prepared by the Controller on the:
 - 2020 Operating Fund revenues and expenses.
 - 2020 Replacement Fund expenses for the purchase and replacement of common area real property components and inter-fund transfers to the Operating Fund for the purchase and replacement of common area personal property and equipment components.
- Review of the 2020 Forecast (8+4) of the Operating Fund and Replacement Fund as compared to the 2020 Budget and the 2020 Forecast (7+5) Forecast prepared by the Controller.
- Preparation of the Management Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) of the 2020 Forecast provided to the Board.
- Review and recommend Board approval of the August 2020 bank statements, bank reconciliations, and investment account statements.
- Regular meeting of FAC held on September 25, 2020, using audio and video conference call.
- For the Board meeting on September 28, 2020:
 - Preparation of the FAC monthly written report to the Board.
 - Review of the Controller monthly written report to the Board.



Work in Process

FAC and the FAC Subcommittee have several items we are working on including:

- 2021 Reserve Study including preparation of financial analysis and written recommendations.
- 2021 Budget including written recommendations and attendance at the Board budget review meetings on August 19 and September 23, 2020.
- Review and written comments and recommendations to the Board on other potential contracts that the Association is considering.

FAC Members

FAC now has two openings on the Committee. We would love to hear from you if you have an interest in serving on the FAC or on the FAC Subcommittee. Please contact the author if you would like to discuss completing an Advisory Committee Interest Form. I would be pleased to discuss any questions you may have and provide you important information to aid you in your decision making.

Further Information

Additional FAC Members: Larry Anderson, Bob Jester, Bob Giovannettone, Jerry Cavoretto, Mike Whelan, and Bruce Marley.

FAC Subcommittee Members on the Replacement Fund and Reserve Study: Chris Stevens, Don Salvatore, Bruce Marley, and Bill Wethe, Chair.

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Health & Fitness Advisory Committee

BY HEIDI WORCESTER

The Halpins Serve Up a Good Time

Tony and Donna Halpin are regulars at the Montecito tennis courts, typically playing two or three times a week. They add a few additional days per week just to work on skills like groundstrokes, volleys, serves, playing the net, and lobs. There's a good chance you've seen them on the courts volleying seamlessly back and forth – it's truly mesmerizing.



The Halpins were born and raised in Kenosha, Wisconsin, and Donna was the first to take up tennis in her late 30s, believing this was an activity she could enjoy the rest of her life. She began taking lessons and shortly thereafter recruited Tony to join her. As a tennis-playing couple, they migrated towards doubles and enjoyed many new friendships made on the court.

What brought them to SCSH? Tennis, of course. After traveling around the country for many years following tennis matches, they identified the Coachella Valley as the location for their future retirement home. Tony and Donna's careers were focused on exercise and health; he was a physical education teacher and coach, and she was an ER nurse. Their desire was to live in a community that offered many outdoor and indoor amenities.

In 2009 they packed up and moved west, and one of the first things they did was join the SCSH tennis club. They also joined United States Tennis Association (USTA) teams and enjoyed success at sectionals.

Donna's team even made it to the nationals!

Tennis is a fabulous activity for maintaining mobility, flexibility, and cardiac health. If you'd like more information or are interested in joining the tennis club, contact Linda Johnson at Lnkjohns@hotmail.com.

The club tries to accommodate players of all experience levels to ensure everyone has an



enjoyable match and a great experience on the court.

Upcoming Events

- October 9 and 23, 10:30 am | Online Alzheimer's Support Group Meeting
- [Online Eisenhower Health Lectures](#) | Register and view list of October lectures: www.scschca.com/eisenhower

Resources & Feedback

Reservations and Exercise Videos: www.scschca.com, log in, select Fitness, then select Reservations or Fitness Video Library.

Email comments and suggestions to:
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GET OUT THE VOTE

BY GINA STAR POLLACK

"The future of this republic is in the hands of the American voter."

~ Dwight D. Eisenhower

In 1972 I turned 18 and was enormously proud to vote in my first presidential election. I can still remember my excitement and teenage angst about accepting the awesome responsibility of making the right choices for myself, my family, and my country. I performed extensive research at the library (no internet back then) regarding the platforms of the two candidates, Richard Nixon and George McGovern.

Armed with my knowledge of each candidate's views on issues plus the pros and cons of the local propositions on the ballot, I proudly walked into the voting booth, closed the curtain, and pulled the levers to vote for my choices. To this day, I'm still enthusiastic about voting in every local and national election. I treasure my responsibility as a citizen of the United States of America to cast my vote and let my voice ring out.

My parents instilled in me the importance of voting by their example. My mother went door to door armed with a clipboard and pens registering neighbors to vote. Sometimes after school, I joined her and was proud to see the positive reactions of the people who presented their certification documents and signed up. On Election Day, Mom volunteered at our local precinct and checked in voters after obtaining appropriate verification.

I felt lucky because one of my parents was a registered Democrat and the other a Republican. So our dinner table was always punctuated with lively conversations about current events and political agendas. As I grew up, I took classes in civics and history and was able to contribute thoughtful opinions during these conversations. I'm sure this is how I honed my skills as a debater and mediator for my career in Human Resources.



Because of my love of democracy and our country, I'm excited to write this non-partisan article to inspire SCSH residents to vote. No matter your party affiliation, voting is a crucial privilege; and the beauty of our election system is that your choices are private. Regardless of your party affiliation, you can cast your ballot for any candidate, from any party, without judgment by other citizens.

Voting is an essential, meaningful way to express your views and to support the local and national issues you care about. It provides you with the ability to choose who is elected to represent your voice in supporting legislation for education, the economy, the environment, and healthcare. In a democratic republic such as ours, it's crucial to be engaged and knowledgeable about issues.

In case you've forgotten your civics lessons, here is a synopsis of voting rights in the U.S.:

Eligibility to vote in the U.S. is determined jointly through the Constitution and by state laws. The 15th, 19th and 26th amendments to the Constitution require that voting rights cannot be curtailed because of race, color, previous condition of servitude, sex, or age for people over 18. This year is the 100th anniversary of the adoption of the 19th amendment, which declares that U.S. citizens cannot be barred from voting by the U.S. or any state because of their sex.



At SCSH, we currently have two political resident groups, Democrats and Republicans. I spoke with the presidents of both groups regarding their efforts to get out the vote. Because this year presents challenges about how to vote safely during the pandemic, I want to provide information to assist our residents with the voting process this November.

Dr. Avi Greene, President of the SCSH Democratic Resident Group, informed me that members can access the group's website and Facebook page to read about training and how to join teams that send postcards and texts plus do phone banking for local and national candidates. Avi sends emails providing information and links to party headquarters and "Get Out the Vote" planning. The group holds Zoom meetings to inform its members about ballot measures and to give candidates a vehicle to present their platforms. They partner with Vote Forward, a non-profit organization that empowers grassroots volunteers to register voters from under-represented demographics and to encourage voting. Members provide tutorials regarding voting by mail; and they encourage everyone to vote early by completing, signing, dating, and mailing their ballot the day after receipt.

Pete Anderson, President of the SCSH Republican Resident Group, told me he has been communicating with members via email to advise them about party news in Sacramento and Washington. He has been encouraging members to visit the local party headquarters in La Quinta to register to vote and participate in candidate phone banking. Members can also attend fundraisers, hear party speakers, and discuss the ballot propositions at the local headquarters. The group is advising members to inspect their ballots and, once completed, bring the

ballots to the La Quinta or Riverside party headquarters rather than mail them directly.

The Riverside County Registrar of Voters released this information:

Eligible voters will receive a ballot by mail beginning Monday, October 5, 2020. Vote by Mail Ballots may be returned to any of 80 secure ballot drop-off locations beginning on October 6 or via USPS (no postage required). You may vote in person at any of the 120 Voter Assistance Centers in Riverside County from October 31 – November 3. A list of ballot drop-off locations and Voter Assistance Centers will be posted at www.voteinfo.net on September 24.

On November 3, be proud to do your civic and patriotic duty and vote. Remember all the American patriots who struggled and fought physical and psychological battles to secure your right to cast your ballot in our democracy. Honor their sacrifice and legacy, and VOTE!



"This right to vote is the basic right without which all others are meaningless. It gives people, people as individuals, control over their destinies."

~ Lyndon B. Johnson

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WHO THE HELL IS PHYLLIS JACKSON?

BY ARNOLD CHOY

The various cities of the Coachella Valley have streets named after their agricultural roots, local trees, indigenous Native American tribes, celebrities and movie stars, and presidents. When I first started visiting this area in the late 80s, I was impressed with the many thoroughfares named after famous Hollywood movie stars like Dinah Shore, Frank Sinatra, Gene Autry, Kirk Douglas, Bob Hope, and Buddy Rodgers.

After retiring and permanently moving to SCSH in 2010, I was intrigued by a few streets with names that I was not familiar with. The one name that always caught my attention was Phyllis Jackson Lane. As I drove west towards downtown Palm Springs on Fred Waring Drive, I would pass a street named after her. I always wondered, was she a very old movie star? A former mayor? A famous doctor? Nope, nope, and nope.

Phyllis Jackson was a well-known Palm Desert realtor and civic leader. In 1967 she won the Desert Realtor of the Year award and, in 1969 and 1970, she was President of the Palm Desert – Rancho Mirage – Indian Wells Board of Realtors. She was also a member of the Palm Desert Chamber of Commerce for six years, serving as President in 1974. After that Phyllis served on the city's architectural review commission for several years before being elected to the Palm Desert City Council in 1982. Unfortunately, this very active and tireless woman passed away in 1986 and, shortly thereafter, her fellow council members voted to name a street in her honor. So now you know Phyllis Jackson.

Another street name that was familiar to me (but I got the background information wrong) is Fred Waring Drive. I think everyone knows the street has something to do with the groundbreaking kitchen appliance called the Waring Blender (originally spelled with an "o" on purpose). The story goes that Waring wanted to make the perfect margarita and he needed crushed ice, so he and a friend invented the Miracle Mixer in 1938. And the rest is history.



Well, truth be told, Fred Waring, Sr., was much, much more than that. He was a musician (banjo player), conductor, and composer and bandleader of the jazz-playing trio, Fred Waring and the Pennsylvanians. Seems they played anywhere and everywhere, including at the White House when the UK's Queen Elizabeth was visiting.

It was Malcolm, the youngest child in the Waring family, who motivated their winter move to Bermuda Dunes Country Club because the desert air seemed to help his asthmatic condition. It was at the Bermuda Dunes Airport that the trio performed in an airplane hangar alongside Bob Hope to support Bob's annual charity golf tournament. Being an avid and accomplished golfer in his own right, Fred met and played golf many times on the Bermuda Dunes course with General Dwight D. Eisenhower, whose residence was at the prestigious Eldorado Country Club, next door in Indian Wells. Of course, that preceded many future visits to the White House to perform.



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The screenshot shows the homepage of the Sun City Shadow Hills Resident website. At the top, there's a navigation bar with links like "Community Details", "Our Community", "News", and "Photo Galleries". Below that, a large banner features a weather forecast (102°) and a "STAY CONNECTED" graphic with a large red arrow pointing right. To the right of the banner is a vertical sidebar with buttons for "The View", "Podcast" (which is circled in red), "Email Newsletter", "FAQs", and "Email Staff". At the bottom of the sidebar, there are three links: "Bulk Cable Contract Updates", "Coronavirus Updates", and "Guidelines for Golf, Tennis, Pickleball, Bocce, and Pools".

This screenshot shows a specific podcast episode page titled "PODCAST EPISODE 220: KIM FULLER (CORONAVIRUS UPDATE 7/8)". It includes a photo of Kim Fuller, a bio, and a "Click Here to Play" button (circled in red). Below the player, there's a "Leave us a review" section and a "Subscribe" button.

A third street that I want to highlight is Crossley Road, named for Lawrence Crossley, an African American developer from New Orleans. He came to Palm Springs in the 20s and is known as the designer of the golf course at the El Mirador Hotel, one of the grand establishments of the Coachella Valley built in 1927. It closed in 1973, and the site is now the Desert Regional Medical Center. But Crossley will always be remembered as the first housing developer in the Palm Springs area whose projects were specifically for the African-American and Mexican-American communities.

The final street that interested me is Farrell Drive, named for the Hollywood actor and former mayor of Palm Springs, Charlie Farrell. Charlie became a resident of Palm Springs in the 1930s, joined the City Council in 1946, and was mayor from 1947 – 1955. Along with another actor and close friend, Ralph Bellamy, Charlie built the Palm Springs Racquet Club in 1934. This came about because the two actors were always having trouble getting court time at the El Mirador Hotel, where they usually stayed. So together they purchased 200 acres of desert at \$30 an acre and then proceeded to build the best two tennis courts that money could buy.

In no time at all, Hollywood stars and starlets along with movie moguls came in droves to play tennis or just to hang out at the club. Swimming pools and other amenities soon followed. It became "the" place to be seen or heard and, on any given day, at any hour of the clock, someone famous or well known was always there. In fact, on many busy nights, Hollywood actors and actresses could be seen helping the wait staff deliver drinks to customers. Oh, what a life!

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LOOKING FOR SOMETHING TO DO

BY GEORGE ERHART

Tired of being house-bound? Try this day trip!

I was getting bored and tired of being stuck in the house, not taking trips, and not doing things that this darn pandemic prohibited me from enjoying. (I suspect many of you have experienced the same feeling.) So I said to myself, "where can we go to see things and stay safe?" Then it dawned on me: we have a National Park right in our backyard that we could safely tour and still return home the same day.



Joshua Tree at Sunrise, photo by Neil Miller

When I presented this idea to my wife, she opted out, questioning my sanity in proposing a trip into the desert in the middle of the summer when temperatures are well into the hundreds! Probably a very wise decision because we were under an excessive heat

warning; but that didn't stop my son-in-law, Craig, from saying, "Let's go!" (He and I have made some crazy trips together in the past!) So we packed a lunch and set off to tour the park, enjoy the scenery, take pictures, and especially get out of the house. It worked for us — why don't you give it a try? Here's a recap of our trip to help you plan yours.

First, we packed lots to drink, along with a lunch and snacks, and placed everything in a cooler with lots of ice. Leaving SCSH via the Monroe gate, I set the trip odometer to zero, then stopped to top off the gas tank (this a "must-do item" before heading into the park). We drove east on I-10 and, after 27 miles, took Exit 168 toward Joshua Tree National Park.

Once you leave the freeway, it's about two miles to the park entrance. Having taken this route several times before in much cooler weather, I was always amazed at the number of tents and campers out in the open brushy area just outside the park entrance. I guess that's a way to avoid paying the campsite fees inside the park! However, this time, with the temperature reading 110 degrees, there were no campers in sight.

At this entrance there is no booth where you stop and pay the entrance fee, just a sign announcing that you are now entering the park. It's another six miles to the Cottonwood Visitor Center where you pay the fee (although hopefully by now you have a senior pass so you can enter for free). The center is open, and it's a good place to pick up your Joshua Tree map and guide (and it's the last potty stop for quite a few miles!).

Entering the park from the south, it's quite a few miles before interesting vistas begin to appear.



Cholla Sunrise, photo by Neil Miller



Hidden Valley, photos by Gail Stewart

However, there are exhibits along the way where you can pull over and read about the park. For me, the first interesting area is the Cholla Cactus Garden and, as it came into view, I couldn't help but ask Craig, "Remember when that jumping cactus got you in the leg?"

The cholla cactus has a reputation of leaping out at you and sticking one of its barbed spines in your leg. This happened to Craig on our trip to Borrego a few years ago. It took a pair of pliers to get that stubborn spine out. For the record, the cactus does not actually jump at you but, if you brush against it, even ever so lightly, there will be a barb in your leg. So be careful around these beautiful plants.

Continuing on, interesting rock formations begin to appear. Take a left at the intersection and head for Big Rocks (a right turn takes you to the park exit in Twentynine Palms). Living up to its name, Big Rocks is an awesome collection of massive boulders just waiting to be climbed. Another six miles farther on, you arrive at Skull Rock, which you can see after a short hike.

While parked and looking at the outstanding rock formations, I declare, "It's lunch time." I retrieve the "eat-in-car-trays" that I had purchased after dine-in restaurants became a thing of the past. As we sit in the car enjoying a nice lunch with the engine running and the air conditioning on, keeping us nice and comfortable as the outside temperature reads 110 degrees, I begin to wonder: did people really come out here in the summer before air conditioning?

If you decide to take this trip, in my humble opinion, the best place to enjoy your picnic lunch is at the

Hidden Valley picnic area about 12 miles past Skull Rock. Its location is well signed, and a short loop road takes you to the picnic area where there are tables and restrooms. If you are lucky, you may find a table shaded by a Joshua Tree.

We exited the park in Yucca, where my odometer recorded the total mileage from our Monroe gate to the western exit as 87 miles. Heading home I saw a McDonalds and just had to use their drive-up window to get a chocolate ice cream sundae!

Recapping the trip, what did we see? Lots of enormous rock formations unlike anywhere else, cholla cactus, Joshua Trees, and many beautiful vistas. Even in the hot weather, there were people climbing in, around, and over many of the awesome rock formations. One caution: cell phone service is very limited.

I took pictures throughout the trip but was disappointed with the results. So I reached out to the SCSH Camera Club, and their response was prompt and outstanding. All the photos of the park you see here are by club members, who sent many more beautiful pictures taken at different times of day (and even of the Milky Way at night), I think sometime I'll do an in-depth article on Joshua Tree to showcase all these beautiful photographs.

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UNLIKELY DIPLOMACY AT THE HEIGHT OF THE COLD WAR

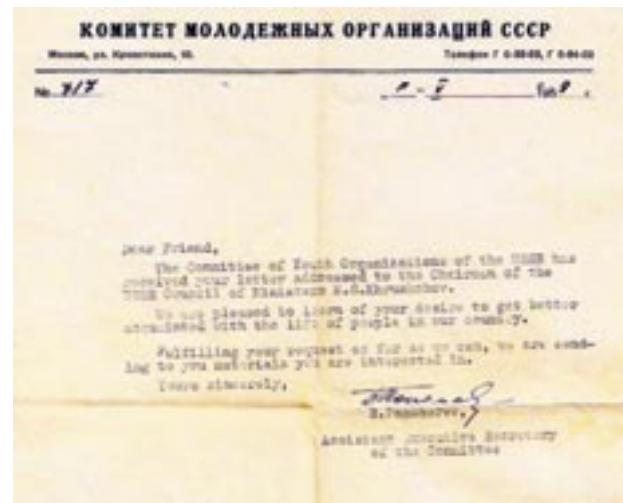
BY CYNTHIA SANDS

Many readers will remember the incident in October 1960 when then Soviet Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev removed his shoe and pounded on the table during the UN General Assembly. Sixty years later, we publish this amazing account by one of our residents.

I grew up on a farm in the Texas Panhandle, 18 miles from Bovina, the small town where I went to school. During the 1959-60 school year, my class was given the assignment of choosing a country of the world and writing a report about that country. We were to find as much information as we could about our choice. I selected Russia.

However, the only information that I could find was in the encyclopedias in our school library. So I decided to contact someone in Russia to learn more. Because the only person I knew about who lived there was Premier Nikita Khrushchev, I decided to correspond with him. If my parents thought this was in any way out of the ordinary, they didn't let me know. I started my letter "Dear Mr. Khrushchev," and I proceeded to tell him about my assignment and asked if he would please send me information about "Russia and her people." My father took me to the post office in Bovina to mail my letter; I remember that the postage was 80 cents.

Weeks, maybe months, went by. I had given up all hope of getting a reply, and I had already turned in my paper to my teacher. Then, one day a letter addressed to me was in our farm mailbox. My parents were incredulous, and I was ecstatic! The letter was from B. Ponomarev, whose title under his signature was Assistant Executive Secretary of the Committee. Ponomarev explained, because of Mr. Khrushchev's busy schedule as the Chairman of the USSR Council of Ministers, he would not be able to answer my letter personally; but he was forwarding it to the Committee of Youth Organizations of the USSR. A short time later, I received a letter telling me that the Committee had received my request and was fulfilling it as much as possible.



The Ponomarev letter

A few weeks after that, a box of books and pamphlets arrived from Russia. I had no idea how remarkable it was that, at the height of the Cold War, a letter from a Texas schoolgirl would reach the office of one of the two most powerful men in the world. And even more amazing, that letter would be answered and the schoolgirl would receive a box of materials, including propaganda pamphlets.

During the intervening years and multiple moves across the country, I regret that I did not keep all the items which I received. But I was young and did not recognize their significance. However, I did keep two of the books plus both letters and envelopes.

The exchange awoke in me an interest and a passion to learn all I could about Russia. In a few years, I was reading Tolstoy. Over the next two decades, I became well acquainted with Chekov, Dostoevsky and Nabokov. I read the historical biographies of Peter the Great, Catherine the Great, the Romanovs, and others. I saw all the many movies made about Russian works of literature.

As I grew older, I had little time to indulge in my interest in Russia. Then, in 2012, in my work as a specialized tutor for students at Xavier College Prep High School in Palm Desert, all these memories came back to me when I started helping Peter, a boy from Russia, who was here with his mother to go to school.

I became well acquainted with his mother, and one day I took the materials from Russia to show her. She was quite impressed and said that they were "historical documents," and she said I needed to find out more about them. She reminded me that I well predated Samantha Smith, the young American schoolgirl from Maine who got a lot of press when she wrote a letter in late 1982 to the new leader of the Soviet Union, Yuri Andropov.

I had little success in trying to get the Russian Studies Departments at USC and UCLA interested in my documents, so one day I Googled "children of Nikita Khrushchev." To my great surprise, I found that he had a son, Sergei, who lived in Rhode Island and was a Senior Fellow in International Affairs at Brown University. I immediately emailed Dr. Khrushchev telling him my story and including scans of the letters and the books' title pages. He replied right away and asked if he could call me and if he could put copies of the scans, along with my story, in the Brown Library and in the Khrushchev Archives in the State Museum in Moscow. I assured him that he could and gave him a time to phone me.



The author and Sergei Khrushchev

When Dr. Khrushchev called, I told him that I would like to give one of the original letters to the State Museum. He said, if I would come to Moscow sometime that summer, he would take me to the museum and I could donate it personally. I had hoped to do that, but it never worked out. Instead, in October 2016, my son and I flew to Boston and hand-delivered the letter to Dr. Khrushchev at his home in Cranston, RI.



Lost in discussion

We met Valentina, his wife, and spent two hours talking. My son recorded our fascinating conversation. We spoke a lot about Sergei's father, and I learned that Nikita was a much more multi-dimensional and complex man than the press portrayed him at the time. Dr. Khrushchev, himself, has several advanced engineering degrees and teaches part time at the Naval War College in Newport, RI. He is considered the world's leading expert on the Cold War and is a frequent lecturer on the subject. I encourage you to read a July 2019 article from *Time Magazine* about Sergei's observations on the US-Soviet "space race" in the late 1950s and early 1960s: time.com/5611076/sergei-khrushchev-space-race-apollo.

In meeting Dr. Khrushchev and handing him the letter, I completed a memorable circle in my life and reignited my almost lifelong fascination with Russia.

Sadly, Sergei Khrushchev passed from this life in early June. I am sorry I did not have the opportunity to send him a copy of this article. He would have enjoyed and appreciated it. I plan to send a copy to Valentina, his widow, and Sergei, his son in Moscow.

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JUST OUT OF TIME

BY GINA STAR POLLACK

A purple glow emanated from the package while I stared, mesmerized. My hands itched, my fingers tingled, and beads of perspiration dotted my upper lip. My pulse racing, I felt helpless, like I was just out of time to buy what I desperately craved to survive. Hypnotized, I reached out and grabbed it. Ah, my heart's desire...a mega 18-roll pack of 3-ply, ultra-plush Northern toilet tissue. I felt transported to heaven!

Cradling the treasure to my chest, I furtively looked around to make sure no one would steal it from me. I snuggled the package lovingly in my cart and raced to the cashier. Oops, I bought it again...I just couldn't stop myself. Driving home after the rush had subsided, I sadly admitted to myself that the pandemic had made me a dreaded hoarder. I begged tearfully, "Please, help me before I drown in expensive TP!"



The author and her prized possession

Before you judge me, before COVID-19, I was not a hoarder. As an obsessive-compulsive disorder germaphobe, I've always avoided buying in bulk. I never brought packages into my home. Instead, I opened them in the garage and immediately placed the boxes in the recycling bin.

After meals, I rinsed dishes and placed them in the dishwasher, then put the clothes I had worn in the hamper. I was proud to call myself a minimalist and always kept my home "hotel ready" for guests. I even cleaned before the housekeeper arrived, because I would be humiliated if she saw any dirt.

In business school, I learned the golden rule of purchasing known as "Just In Time Inventory." This strategy focuses on increasing efficiency and decreasing waste by buying and receiving goods only as they are necessary, reducing inventory costs. I used this method of purchasing for my home grocery items. Each week I made lists of what ingredients I would require for meals and which cleaning and toiletry products were running low.

Armed with my alphabetized list, I strode through the market like a savvy business professional, avoiding splurge purchases. I was a smooth-running, cost-saving, shrewd shopper with clean and leanly stocked pantries.

An avid reader, I modified the JIT strategy for books. I purchased a Kindle and donated my hardcovers and paperbacks to libraries and hospitals. Each spring, I scrutinized my closets, selling rarely worn clothes, shoes, and handbags to online consigners and donating pieces to philanthropic organizations. Every time I moved, I pared down china, silverware, and glassware until I finally had the perfect amount of items for retirement.

Then, enter the pandemic – the deadly virus that upended all our lives physically, emotionally, and spiritually. A recent Kaiser Foundation poll noted that four in ten adults admit that stress from COVID-19 has adversely affected their mental health. Well, count me in that group.

As a person with OCD, I was compelled to repeatedly clean surfaces and wash my hands. But the warnings and guidelines about cleanliness from medical experts sent me into a spiral, consumed with fears of contracting the virus or infecting others. The world felt "germier" than normal, and learning about shortages of toilet tissue and cleaning products sent me into a tailspin.

Now I always fear I'm just out of time to buy TP, paper towels, and antibacterial soap.

A recent study by German researchers provided insight into why some people stockpiled TP while others didn't. They surveyed 966 people from 22 countries and discovered that people were most likely to hoard if they were extremely alarmed by COVID-19. Those people scored high in emotionality and were inclined to be more anxious, fearful, sentimental, and dependent.



Purrfect...I'll take my cat-nap here today.

Organized, conscientious, and perfectionistic people also rated high for stockpiling TP. The study confirmed that people hoarded because it gave them some sense of power since the pandemic had thrown their lives totally out of control.

You might think I'm selfish for hoarding; but anxiety can be a powerful force, and my compulsion is a result of fear and distress. I console myself by saying that I'm a discriminating hoarder. I only stockpile premium Northern and Charmin TP, Dial antibacterial soap, and Viva paper towels. I've flirted with amassing bottles of Fiji water and Clorox cleaners, but I admit it's TP that holds my heart.

Hooray...ready to clean those germs away!



I become tearful while watching Northern TP commercials promising that they're working faster to bring comfort when we need it most. I dream about walking down the aisle at Target with shelves overflowing with premium TP. Sometimes I open my cabinets and lovingly stroke the stored packages. Forget romance novels. Just reading the tender, soothing words on the TP wrapper makes me sigh with delight.

Psychologists postulate there are positive tasks we can undertake to battle stress and minimize adverse habits like hoarding. These activities include exercise, self-care actions like hobbies, and spiritual pursuits like meditation or prayer. Interacting with people via video and helping others by delivering meals and donating to philanthropic organizations can help mitigate negative emotions and habits.

Writing this article has helped me realize that it's time to find a way to change my behavior and stop hoarding. I'm ready to reset my goals and return to Just In Time Inventory methods for my home. So I've formed a club modeled on the principles of AA. It's called HAHA, Hoarders Anonymous, and I urge all residents of SCSH who are afflicted by hoarding brought on by the pandemic to join.

You'll be proud to stand up like me and say, "Hi, I'm Gina, and I'm a pandemic hoarder." After we've shared our stockpiling stories, we'll end the meeting with coffee and chocolate muffins and use fancy Northern TP as napkins to clean our faces.

Psst, if we're really bold, this Halloween, we'll TP both clubhouses for a laugh! If the HOA freaks out, we'll say the pandemic made us feel that we were just out of time to have fun.

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MY AGE IS NONE OF MY BUSINESS

BY CARL RIGOLI

When I was a teenager, I couldn't wait to be older in order to experience life as an adult. It seemed that adults were having all the fun, and at my age there were restrictions that I had to contend with.

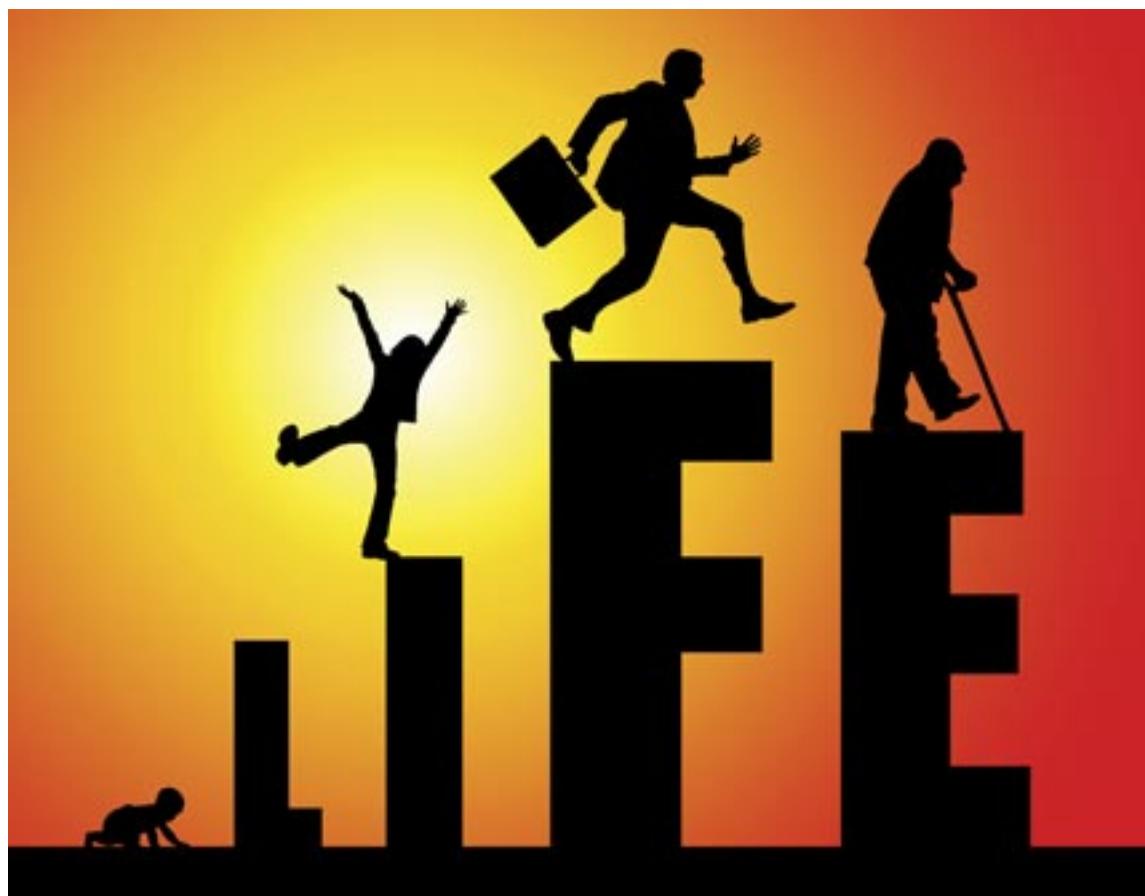
I couldn't wait to drive a car so that I could travel to places without my parents taking me or without taking a bus to the subway. I was working as a drummer, and it wasn't easy to transport my gear by using public transportation. I thought that, if I was good enough to play in bands with older guys, then I should be allowed to drive myself. When I was 16, I got my junior license, but I didn't own a car; so I had to borrow my father's vehicle, and that was a big deal.

My next objective was to make enough money to go to college so I could learn about my profession and eventually support myself. At the time, I thought that being older and more experienced would help me to

obtain more music gigs. It seemed like all the older musicians were getting all the work.

When I started getting more gigs when I was older, the tables turned: I was concerned about younger guys taking my gigs away! When I was younger, I wanted to be older; and then, when I was older, I wanted to be younger. Where does it end, and when could I stop being concerned about my age?

Now that I am in my twilight years and have experienced many interesting things in my life, I am beginning to look at aging differently. I have been reading one of my favorite books called *In the Flow of Life* by Eric Butterworth. One of the chapters entitled "To Grow Old and Grow Onward" discusses aging. Butterworth's opening statement is, "My age is none of my business." After reading the chapter many times, I think I am beginning to get it.





Once again, Butterworth has influenced my thinking. He implies that living a certain number of years is not what we should boast about, but instead how we have lived them. I have come to conclude that I have lived a happy, honest, productive, creative life and that I have experienced a wonderful loving wife and family.

Instead of using the word retirement, I think we should replace it with "life's progression" or "life changes." So, the expression "senior citizen" should imply achievement and advancement with honor, not being put out to pasture.

I now believe that we can reject feeling old and instead can make choices that can keep us mentally and physically young. The choices we make every day are like a movie we are going to see that is playing in the theater. We can choose fear, chaos, or drama – or love, peace, unity, and creativity. We can give our time to help others in need or to pursue any other useful purpose that our minds direct us to do.

In other words, every day we have a choice to buy a ticket to the show: we can be stagnant or enterprising with our thoughts and actions. So, seniors, enjoy the movie you choose – and travel well!

One of my favorite quotes from the English poet Robert Browning is,

**"Grow old along with me
– the best is yet to be."**

He is saying, grow onward. Don't just settle into the rut of old age. Keep a positive and optimistic outlook. Be thankful each day for everything you have been blessed with, enjoy new experiences, and don't forget to smell the roses along the way.

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THE UNSUNG BENEFITS OF ROUNDNESS

BY SANDRA WRIGHT

On my tombstone (if I were ever so inclined), it would simply read, "Wait, wait...I've got 10 more pounds to lose!" Throughout my life I've been varying degrees of round, but I've always found myself on the greater side of it.

In 1947, I was born a darling round, dimpled, robust baby and was always the chubby girl in grade school. I was on diet pills in junior high and was constantly dieting. In my 20s and with two babies, I had emerged into a very, very round young woman. Later in my 40s, when a doctor labeled me "morbidly obese," I finally paid attention and got healthy – never thin, but healthy. Now, as an older self-accepting, loving woman, I think of myself as voluptuous, curvaceous, and luscious.

We know the disadvantages and real dangers of being overweight. I've been on every diet imaginable and lost tons or at least hundreds of pounds. And, like over 90 percent of people, I gained it all back and more. My struggle has been real. Over 30 years ago, I made a commitment to living healthier and lost over 100 lbs. and, even more important, I've kept the majority off.

Maintaining my weight now isn't about getting into a certain size or fitting into some distorted image of who I should be and how I should look. It's now about being as healthy as I can without always sacrificing the joys of my life – like buttered popcorn at the movies! I've come to know that I can have everything I want, just not all at the same time.

Through the years, I've also come to appreciate some of the benefits of being rounder. I fondly remember my loving grandmother reminding me that women of a certain age look younger with a "little extra meat on their bones." I believed her. Bless you, Gramma Dorothea.



There was a time a while back that I took quite a fall. Scary when you're older. I'm certain that, without my extra-ness, I would have broken a hip or worse. I simply bounced.

I'm not the only one who has benefited from my stockpiling of a little more. It doesn't happen very often, but I have been able to hold down my 85-lb. wisp of a sister whenever we have encountered a strong wind. She counts on me.

Everyone knows the only good thing about getting sick is maybe losing some weight. Now, I have some leverage. The last time I had the flu, I lost 10 lbs. God knows that, if I didn't have my reserve, I surely would have wasted away and might not be here to tell my story. I'm grateful.

Here's a little fact you might not know, fat floats. That's right, fat floats! I learned this while training to be a scuba diver and I weighed well over 200 lbs. Come to find out, the more you weigh, the more weights you have to put on your body to keep you underwater. I had to wear more weight than anyone else. Luckily for me, one of my favorite things to do is float. So drowning is highly unlikely.

These are merely a few of the reasons my little extra roundness has served me well in my life. It seems to me that bouncing back, the ability to be there for someone to count on, having reserves when I need them, and floating through life are enough for now. Oh, and perhaps I'm even looking a bit younger than my years these days.

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MY RIGHT HAND

BY BARA ROSENHECK

Years ago the popular film, *My Left Foot*, documented a severely disabled man's amazing and inspirational accomplishments that were performed by using his left foot. That got me thinking about my right hand. My story is different.

In the past, my right hand experienced many amazing and wonderful events. Often it was through my right hand that I connected with people. The simple acts of shaking hands, waving, or touching someone's shoulder, form bonds and link people to one another. My right hand has gently stroked the cheek of a crying child, tenderly caressed the face of a loved one, and sternly wagged a finger in disapproval.



My right hand has pulled the trigger of a pearl-handled lady's Derringer and a heavy, fully automatic Uzi machinegun, plus every make and model gun between the two. My right hand outscored FBI agents at the qualifying shooting range.

My right hand used to render beautiful penmanship and learned to reproduce the beautiful ancient Egyptian hieroglyphs. My right hand applied my make-up and styled my hair.

But my spinal cord injury changed all that. My right hand went into retirement mode along with many other parts of my body. The entire right side of my

body was paralyzed, and my left side lost the ability to differentiate between hot and cold. No one knew if this would be permanent or temporary, but one thing was certain: I was not the same.

Months of physical therapy taught me how to walk again, but balance still is a challenge. Membership in a racquetball league and participation in ballroom dancing competitions have permanently been laid to rest. Not only was I put out to pasture, but my choreographer was now one client short.

Don't misunderstand; I am grateful and appreciative of what I have recovered. I've also learned to turn my limitations to my advantage. I no longer sew on buttons, iron clothing, or perform chores not to my liking. If it doesn't sound like fun, I convince those around me that my hand can't possibly perform the task.

My husband is onto my scheme. Sometimes he'll smile, shake his head, and tell me it would be good practice to attempt the task. I tell him that's why I joined the Paper Crafters club.



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OKTOBERFEST

PHOTOS AND STORY BY MARITA BARKER

When I was growing up in a small village in the Bavarian Alps, one of the festivities we all eagerly anticipated was *Oktoberfest* – a celebration bursting with music, dancing, laughter, camaraderie, and of course bratwurst. I loved it all.

But the foods that I mostly looked forward to were the side dishes: potato salad with hot bacon dressing, sauerkraut seasoned with bacon and simmered in a combination of white wine and broth. Sweet and sour red cabbage, pretzels, and multicolored salads. Bavarians are known for their *Salatplate*, a colorful array of at least four different kinds of salads on a bed of butter lettuce. We always served white radish because that was Dad's favorite along with pickled pumpkin like Grandma used to make.



Some special *Oktoberfest* foods

Once we were so stuffed that we thought we could not eat another bite, the desserts came out. Anything from apple strudel to plum cake with whipped cream, Black Forest cherry cake, and a delicate cheesecake along with various pastries. Of course, we could not pass these up.

Bavaria's Prince Ludwig I and Princess Therese started the tradition of *Oktoberfest* over 200 years ago. On October 12, 1810, the royal couple's wedding day, they did the unheard of: they invited all the citizens of Munich to their wedding. Some 40,000 people showed up to celebrate on the fields in front

of the city gates, which came to be known as the *Theresienwiesen* or simply *die Wies'n*.

Legend has it that the royal couple selected the date to coincide with the annual depletion of the beer made the previous spring. Before refrigeration, brewers found that the beers they made during the summer tended to have undesirable "off" flavors and aromas. So Germany instituted a moratorium which forbade the production of beer during the warmer months, which meant the beers brewed in the spring had to carry them through the non-brewing months.

I always wondered if the royal couple just had a lot of beer to get rid of – and that's why they invited the whole town. Regardless, the wedding reception was so much fun that no one wanted it to stop. And the party continued for 16 days.

A year later, the citizens of Munich decided to throw the party all over again as an anniversary tribute to the royal couple. The event was so successful that it became an annual tradition, canceled only in times of war or disease.



Dressed for the occasion: my husband, Mal, and I

Today, *Oktoberfest* is a fall celebration of good beer, good food, good friends, and good times. There are horseracing tournaments plus many other festivities and contests. *Oktoberfest* is the largest beer festival in the world. Just to give you an idea, in 2019, 6.3 million people visited Munich for the festival; 7.3 million liters of beer were consumed, in addition to roughly 95,000 liters of wine and 43,000 liters of champagne.

In case you are curious why the festival begins in September, yet it is called *Oktoberfest*, I will tell you. In 2010 the dates were changed to make sure it stays warmer in the evening and ensure there is enough daylight to enjoy the festivities. It still lasts 16 days, but now it always ends on the first weekend in October. And that's why the *Oktoberfest* dates change.

Each year, the mayor of Munich personally taps the first keg of Spaten beer to open the *Oktoberfest*, crowning the deed with a loud "O'zaft is" (it's tapped).

My husband Mal, my sister Freda, and I have frequently held an *Oktoberfest* for family and friends. We shared the tradition with eight friends in 2013. The word spread, and more and more people wanted to come. In 2018 we had over 100 people celebrate with us. To accommodate that many people in our backyard, we had to split the celebration into two days.

Our preparations start a few days in advance. We order bratwurst and beer. Mal makes sure tables and Bavarian decorations are set up and that props for picture taking are in the right spots. Debby and Ron join him to help. I plan the food and write out the Speisekarte (menu) and make sure I have all the fixings for authentic German food. I make pickled pumpkin a few days beforehand to make sure it absorbs all the spices. Freda comes the day before and makes her famous Black Forest cherry cakes. We prepare the rest the morning the party starts.



Die Speisekarte (menu)

Once all the guests have arrived, I start the festivities with the story of the celebration's origins and a hardy *Prosit* (toast)! Of course, we have Spaten beer, wine, and Radler (which means bicycler), a mixture of beer and 7-Up. Yes, many have said "yuck!" the first time they heard this but, once they try it, it becomes the most requested beverage.

Radler came about because Bavarian beer has a higher alcohol level. On a warm day, bicyclers were looking forward to a nice cool beer at their rest stop – but they wanted or needed more than one glass to cool down and socialize without drinking too much alcohol. So *Radler* was invented and is on the menu in most Bavarian restaurants.

Mal and his buddy Ron (both in Lederhosen, of course) grill the brats, fresh from Mattern Sausage in Orange, a family-owned German butcher shop that originated in Rosenheim, Germany, a long time ago. Freda and I (in Bavarian dresses) offer dessert along with coffee, followed by various kinds of schnapps.



Mal and Ron grilling the brats



Freda (right) and I preparing to serve plum cakes

It has always been a heartwarming and special experience for my sister and me to share and celebrate our heritage with our family and friends.

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Lifestyle Update

CONNIE KING | LIFESTYLE DIRECTOR

The Lifestyle Department will be doing monthly podcasts to provide updates about our "Stay Connected" page. We learned some of you may be missing out on the fun-filled virtual activities we have planned, and we hope this will get the word out. This is our way of providing group activities so that residents can participate in Lifestyle events while sheltering in place.

Over the past six months, we hosted an online candle-making class, multiple cooking classes, a paint party, and virtual comedy nights. We also held virtual Memorial Day and Fourth of July tributes in collaboration with the Veterans Club and Community Singers.

Lifestyle worked with the Desert Gardeners Club, the Ceramics Club, and the Performing Arts Club to bring you a variety of fun content every week. One of our newest features, "Did You Know," allows residents to share interesting facts about themselves or family members.

I would like to thank all the residents who have participated in our weekly trivia contests. Winners received \$25 certificates for Shadow Restaurant.

If you are a new homeowner and have not yet attended a New Homeowners Orientation, we invite you to attend a Virtual New Homeowners Orientation on Friday, October 9, at 10 am. Contact the Lifestyle desk at 760-345-4349 ext 2120 to join us.

Don't forget to visit the "Stay Connected" page near the end of the month for our virtual Halloween festivities.

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LIFESTYLE'S STAY CONNECTED

Have you checked out the Lifestyle Department's "Stay Connected" page?

Mondays

Monday Fun Day:
Share Something Fun

Tuesdays

Trivia Tuesday

3rd Wednesday of the Month

Virtual Comedy Show

Thursdays

Thoughtful Thursday:
Share an Inspirational Quote

Ongoing Features

Did You Know?
Fun Facts About Your Neighbors

"Stay Connected with Nature"
by the SCSH Desert Gardeners Club

Visit the page at:
www.seshea.com/stayconnected



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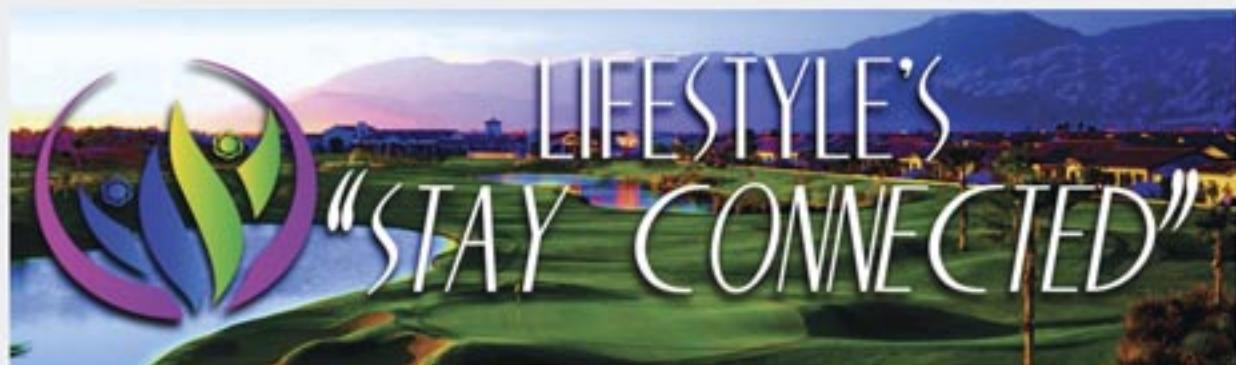
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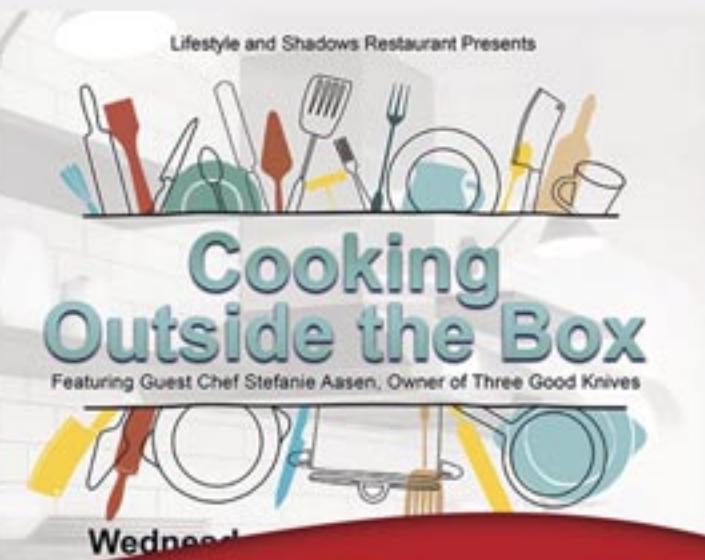
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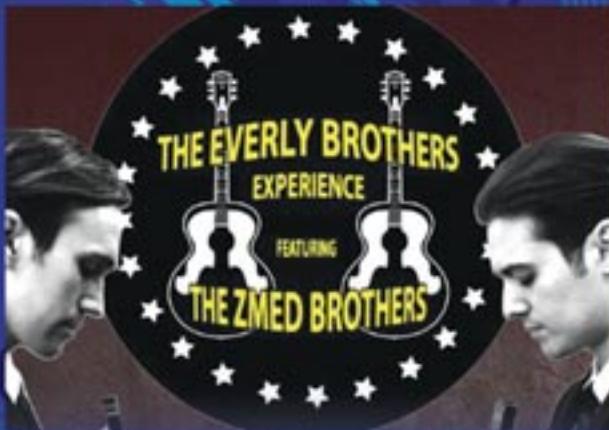
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CONCERT SCHEDULE



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2020
GARTH BROOKS TRIBUTE



SATURDAY, JANUARY 9, 2021
PHAT CAT SWINGER



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2021
EVERLY BROTHERS EXPERIENCE



SATURDAY, MARCH 6, 2021
ABBAFAB (ABBA TRIBUTE)

TICKETS GO ON SALE MARCH 6TH AT 9AM

STOP BY THE LIFESTYLE DESK TO PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS
NON RESIDENTS MUST CALL TO RESERVE 760-345-4349 EXT 2120.

TICKETS HELD AT WILL CALL

\$25 EACH | 7PM | MONTECITO GRAND BALLROOM



Discussion Forum Club presents:

California Propositions Are More Important Than Ever



Simone Best from the League of Women Voters will discuss some of the key propositions on the 2020 California ballot this November – which include:

- Voting Rights for 17-year olds • End Cash Money Bail
- Rollbacks on Criminal Justice Reform • Property Tax Breaks
 - Restoring Voting Rights • Consumer Data Privacy



Simone Best is a member of the League of Women Voters who speaks to the voting public about the current political issues. The goal of the League of Women Voters of California is to empower citizens to shape better communities worldwide by building citizen participation, and promoting positive solutions through education and advocacy.

When: Thursday, October 22, 2020

Time: 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. (Pacific Daylight Time)

Where: Zoom On-line meeting

"Free" - maximum capacity is 100 attendees. The first 100 to sign in will get the seats. Non-members can send their email address to Martin.Lapides@gmail.com and he will email you the Zoom link. Current members will automatically receive the Zoom link.



Want to . . .
be among the first to know what's
happening in Sun City Shadow Hills?
Sign up for the Monday email blast!

Fill out the Announcements by Email Request Form online at www.scschca.com/emails signup or stop by the HOA office to sign up.

You will begin receiving our weekly email blast each Monday morning, letting you know what is happening in our community that week.

You will also receive critical alerts.

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SCSH Performing Arts Club presents

Hilda's Yard

by Norm Foster



NEW DATES!

A thoughtful comedy – have you ever had your child return to the nest?

Directed and Produced by
Beverly Mirsky and Linda Bestjanick

March 18, 19, 20 – 7:00 pm

March 21 – 2:00 pm
Montecito Ballroom

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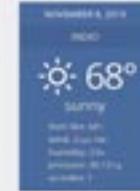
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Visit our community website!

Go to: www.scschca.com

Register today!

Log in today and stay up to date with the latest happenings at Sun City Shadow Hills

- Important HOA Announcements
- President's Messages
- Project Updates
- Upcoming Events
- Fitness Schedules
- Classified Ads
- Resident Directory



And so much more!



FITNESS UPDATE

DESIREE PORRAS | FITNESS DIRECTOR

Reopening Updates and Survey Results

Last month, our department conducted an online community survey that demonstrated a very high interest in bringing back fitness classes. Before I share the survey results, please know that we continue to pay very close attention to the most recent public health requirements. We will not offer activities or programs unless we have the capacity and procedures in place to implement physical distancing and face mask guidelines as well as cleaning procedures.

With that in mind, I can't express enough how reassuring it was to hear from our residents and learn that many of you are willing to do whatever it takes to regain your active lifestyle here at Sun City.

As a result of the online survey, we are planning to bring back fitness classes this fall, beginning with outdoor classes if the fitness centers remain closed. We received nearly 200 responses; 90% indicated interest in outdoor classes, and 61% showed interest in live Zoom classes. We are confident that alternative options are the way to go, especially if there is another indoor shutdown.

Other survey results revealed some of the most popular or preferred class formats. Stretch took the number one spot (with 60% interest). Yoga and Total Body Strength took the number 2 and number 3 spots followed by Silver Fit and Chair Yoga.

It is my goal that, by the time you are reading this, you are already receiving information about upcoming outdoor activities. If not, please visit our website or stay connected through the weekly email blasts and podcasts. Also, please remember that, if we offer outdoor classes, safety guidelines such as physical distancing and possibly face masks will be required.

If we begin offering Zoom classes as early as the fall, you will need to have access to a device (like a computer, iPad/tablet, or smartphone) with video and audio capability so you can see and hear the instructor virtually in real time. In the future, we will provide further details about how to log in or sign up for fitness classes. Again, please look for the most recent updates on our website by visiting the Sun City Shadow Hill's Fitness page at www.scschca.com/fitness.



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This is one of our most popular Silver Fit classes. It incorporates the use of a chair and small exercise equipment to regain balance and strength. This class was hosted at the Santa Rosa Clubhouse and led by instructor Marlena Santiago.

VISIT OUR FITNESS VIDEO LIBRARY FOR ALL OF OUR FITNESS TUTORIALS!



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FOOD & BEVERAGE

MARIO CHAFFINO | FOOD & BEVERAGE / CATERING MANAGER
JEFF JACOBSON | EXECUTIVE CHEF



Hours of Operation

SHADOWS RESTAURANT

Monday – Sunday: 10 am – 7 pm

Breakfast: 10 am – 7 pm

Lunch/Small Plates: 10 am – 7 pm

GOLF SNACK BAR

6 am – 11 am

SANTA ROSA BISTRO

6 am – 1 pm

MONTECITO CAFÉ

Closed

Unfortunately, Shadows will not be hosting our Monday Night Football event at this time. Please call us to place your drink and food orders for pick-up or delivery on game days. Let us do the cooking!

Shadows Restaurant is continuing our "End of Summer Wine Sale" through the month of October. We will be offering several wine selections at an amazing 50 percent off. Please visit the Shadows Restaurant website link below for information and a flyer pertaining to the sale.

We here at Shadows would like to thank our Sun City Shadow Hills community once again for the awesome support you all have shown us this summer. Shadows Restaurant will continue to operate utilizing takeout and delivery.

Please call 760-772-4342 to place your order. There is a \$25 minimum, including tax and service charge, on orders for delivery.

Please visit the link below to view all the latest news, menus, Chef Jeff's weekly dinner specials, Shadows daily drink specials, and our takeout menu. We will update this information as needed.

theshadowsrestaurant.com/news

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SHADOWS

DELIVERY & TAKE OUT MENU

BREAKFAST & ALL DAY MENU: 10A-7PM

DELIVERY: \$25 MINIMUM WHICH WILL INCLUDE 15% GRATUITY

ALL ORDERS MUST BE PLACED BY 4:00 PM

FOR ORDER, PLEASE CALL SHADOWS - 760-772-4342

BREAKFAST

TWO EGG BREAKFAST - 8.50

Bacon or Ham, Country Potatoes or Fruit
and Toast

BREAKFAST BURRITO - 11.50

eggs ham bacon onions peppers country
potatoes and cheddar cheese wrapped in
a flour tortilla

SMOKED SALMON PLATTER - 14.95

Served with a toasted bagel cream cheese,
tomato, onion, and capers

SOUP & SALAD

AVOCADO SHRIMP LOUIS - 15.95

tender shrimp tossed in our louis dressing with avocado, tomatoes served on mixed greens

LAKE TAHOE SALAD - 13.95

herb chicken over mixed greens with dried cranberries, avocado, bleu cheese and tomatoes tossed in our balsamic vinaigrette

ASIAN CHICKEN SALAD - 13.95

lo Mein, snow peas, carrots, scallions, peanuts, red peppers, napa cabbage and ginger sesame dressing

CALIFORNIA NICOISE SALAD - 15.50

Fresh spinach tossed in our honey lime vinaigrette with marinated ahi tuna, avocado, mandarin oranges, haricot verts, red pepper &
fried wonton strips

PAR 3 SALAD - 13.75

chicken salad, tuna salad, egg salad served atop mixed greens and tomatoes

TRADITIONAL WEDGE SALAD - 9.00

HOUSE SALAD OR CAESAR SALAD - SMALL - 6.50 / LARGE - 9.50

CUP CHILI - 5.50 / BOWL CHILI - 6.50

WRAPS

TURKEY CRUNCH WRAP - 13.75

roast turkey, swiss cheese, lettuce, tomato, pecans and cranberry mayo

SOUTHWESTERN CHICKEN WRAP - 13.75

grilled chicken in a flour tortilla with lettuce, pico de gallo, guacamole, pepper jack cheese and chipotle mayonnaise

VEGGIE WRAP - 13.75

sautéed julienne vegetables in a flour tortilla with lettuce, tomato, swiss cheese
and garlic aioli

ALL WRAPS COME WITH A SIDE

Sandwiches

THE ULTIMATE REUBEN - 13.95

corned beef piled high on grilled
rye with swiss
cheese, sauerkraut and russian
dressing

SHADOWS CLUB SANDWICH - 13.95

ham, turkey, bacon, swiss cheese, lettuce, tomato and
mayonnaise on your choice of bread

FRENCH DIP - 13.95

tender roast beef on a french baguette with swiss cheese.
served with warm au jus

SOUTHERN BBQ PORK SANDWICH - 11.95

Served On A Toasted Ciabatta Topped With Cole Slaw

TUNA MELT - 13.75

white albacore tuna grilled on choice of bread with
cheddar cheese

CLASSIC B.L.T. - 11.95

choice of bread / add avocado - 2.00

SHADOWS BURGER - 13.95

½ pound Angus burger on a brioche bun with lettuce,
tomato, onion, pickle and
choice of cheese add bacon - 2.00 avocado - 2.00

All Sandwiches Come with A Choice Of Side

SWEET POTATO FRIES - 5.00**PARMESAN TRUFFLE FRIES - 4.50****CAJUN FRIES - 4.50****FRENCH FRIES - 4.50****ONION RINGS - 5.00****FRESH FRUIT - 5.00****COLE SLAW - 4.00****KETTLE CHIPS - 2.00**

SMALL PLATES

AHI TUNA KAMACHI - 15.95

asian marinated tuna with cucumber, avocado and fried won tons

CAJUN POPCORN SHRIMP - 9.95

served with cajun remoulade and cocktail sauce

CHEESE QUESADILLA - 7.50

sautéed onions, peppers, cheese blend, guacamole, sour cream and pico de gallo add chicken + 6.00

CHICKEN WINGS - 9.25

6 jumbo wings served with celery sticks.
choice of buffalo, bbq, sweet chili or honey mustard

ASK ABOUT OUR SPECIAL OF THE DAY

DESSERTS & BEVERAGES

APPLE CRUMB CAKE - 8.00**SOFT DRINKS / SODAS - 3.00****COFFEE - 2.50****CHOCOLATE DECADENCE CAKE -
8.00****ICED TEA - 3.00****HOT TEA - 2.50****CHEF'S CHEESECAKE - 8.00**

Ask about today's flavor

SMALL JUICE - 2.75**HOT CHOCOLATE - 2.50****KEY LIME PIE - 8.00****LARGE JUICE - 4.75****MILK - 2.50**



GOLF OPERATIONS

ROLLAND VAUGHN | GENERAL MANAGER, SHADOW HILLS GOLF CLUB

Overseeding is in full swing throughout the Coachella Valley, and our golf courses are progressing nicely. We have provided the schedules below for your review.

Overseeding Dates

- **NORTH COURSE**

closed September 21 – October 9 (opens October 10)

- **SOUTH COURSE**

closed October 5 – October 30 (opens October 31)

- **SOUTH COURSE PRACTICE FACILITY |**

closed October 5 – October 30 (opens October 31)

- **MONTECITO PUTTING COURSE | TBD**

Golf Operations has also been diligently working on procedures for the upcoming season, taking into account the restrictions that will be necessary because of the COVID-19 pandemic. These procedures helped us formulate assumptions that flowed into the creation of the 2021 annual plan. All this information is under review by the Golf Advisory Committee, Finance Advisory Committee, and Board of Directors; final approval is scheduled for the end of October. Once these plans become final, we will communicate them to our residents.

The North Course will re-open on October 10 with all of the current social distancing guidelines continuing that were in place throughout the summer. Some important reminders are that these include but not limited to: resident-only play, required pre-payment of golf fees, elimination of cash, individual golf cars

unless from same household, and no ice/water provided. A full list of these restrictions will be made available to residents once they are finalized.

Finally, the North Course will remain “cart path only,” with no exception for disabilities, until the grass has matured enough to handle golf cart traffic. Once this restriction is lifted, individuals will be required to complete a Disability Flag Program form and to provide the appropriate documents to the South Golf Shop to drive on the golf course. Each individual is required to update this information annually.

Thank you again for all your support, and feel free to contact us at any time with questions or feedback.

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Hours of Operation

NORTH COURSE

Closed September 21 – October 9

Starting October 10: 6 am – 5 pm

SOUTH COURSE

October 1 – 4: 6 am – 1 pm

October 5 – 30: 8 am – 3 pm (closed Sat. & Sun.)

Starting October 31: 6 am – 5 pm

PRACTICE FACILITY

October 1 – 4: 6 am – 1 pm *

Closed October 5 – 30

Starting October 31: 6 am – 5 pm **

* South Course Putting Green, North Course Putting Green, and Driving Range will be available for non-playing golfers at 8 am. Short game area at south side of range is open anytime, but golfers must use their own balls. South side driving range is closed and for instruction only.

** Additional information about the Practice Facility for the season will be provided once finalized.



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When *The View* went to press this month, all activities within the community were suspended indefinitely because of the coronavirus outbreak. Please check the community website at www.scschca.com/coronavirus for updates and current information.



Billiards Club



Have you wanted to pick up that pool cue for years but have just never gotten around to it, or never had the opportunity? Your moment has arrived! Our beautiful billiard room at the Montecito Clubhouse is home to six beautiful nine-foot tables. Our club allows you to play with men and women of all levels of experience.

Our club meets every Monday and Wednesday evening at 7 pm in the billiards room, but many members arrive early for practice. If you would like to take billiard lessons, our club member Bryan Murray (760-674-7009) provides instruction on Monday mornings at 10 am for no cost. We also have friendly and competitive tournaments once each month at a cost of \$5 per player. We did not play our monthly tournament in August due to the closure of the billiards room. The next tournament to be played will be a singles eight ball contest with the winner's name to be displayed on the plaque in the Montecito Clubhouse.

We hope to be opening the club as soon as permitted. Join us at the Montecito Clubhouse on Monday and Wednesday evenings. Our club leader, John Hemphill (760-636-1924) will get you set up. We look forward to meeting you and having you as a member of our club!



Bocce Buddies

Come and meet a nice group of residents who enjoy the game. It does not matter if you have never played before, we can teach you how to play.

We play bocce at the Montecito Clubhouse. Log on to scschca.com and see the "Clubs" calendar for the exact times. All are welcome to play and join our club. There are no membership dues. We have five bocce courts at the Montecito Clubhouse and two courts at the Santa Rosa Clubhouse. The club plays year-round in foursomes and groups of six.

If you want to play bocce at any time other than when the club meets, bocce balls are available for your use at the Fitness desk. For more information, please call Rick Halla at 760-347-9676.



Bowlers Club

Guess this one will be short and sweet. With the Fantasy Bowl still closed and the quarantine still in effect, there isn't much to report.

Remember, you can still view bowling instruction and tips via YouTube, many of them are good.

If you have any memories or stories, please let me know. I'd love to share them in our monthly article. For information contact Rose Borses at 760-636-4788.



Bridge Club

Hello Bridge players we hope you are staying cool. So far we are unable to play bridge at the clubhouse or in our homes, but hope springs eternal!

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As we wait for the opening of Montecito many of you are enjoying virtual bridge games. Some are using Audrey Grant's book with games to challenge and inform. The time is nearing when we will once again join together.

We will inform members when there is a change but, in the meantime, stay safe.



Camera Club

The club has three Zoom meetings happening each week. "Elemental Post Processing" which primarily supports those who use Photoshop Elements, Lightroom Classic, and other editing programs at a less advanced level. The "Basics of Photography" meeting is available for those who want to talk about the fundamentals of photography. Our main club "Sip N Share" every Friday at 3 pm is for all levels and tends to focus on advanced skills, photo sharing and editing tips.

In order to be part of the Zoom meetings, you need to be a current, paid member. The cost is \$15 for an annual membership. You can join by going to our website www.scschcameraclub.com. Once you register and pay, you will be invited to the meetings.

If you have any questions, please email us at scschcameraclub@gmail.com.



The photo this month is submitted by Annie Blackburn entitled "Bath Tub at Pt. Reyes."



Canasta Club

Due to the state's stay at home order, the Canasta Club is dark until further notice. Once we are allowed to reopen, please join us in the Mirada room of the Montecito Clubhouse at 1 pm on Fridays and spend an enjoyable afternoon playing Canasta. Whether you have played Canasta for years or are just learning, all are welcome. For more information, please email Beverly at beverlymirsky@yahoo.com.



Classy Niners

Happy fall everyone! Things are pretty much status quo as this article is being written since we continue to follow the county and state golfing restrictions. Social distancing is still in effect and each golfer must ride in her own cart. In keeping with the revised park and play guidelines, Tuesday and Friday play is based on staggered tee times rather than the usual shotgun start times. On Tuesdays during this summer, Classy Niners have had the choice to play 9 or 18 holes.

We are waiting for COVID-19 guidelines to dictate the opening date for our upcoming season. However, our Welcome Back committee is already in the early planning stage for our Welcome Back event in November.

The Classy Niners welcome golfers of all levels of experience. Be sure to check out our website at www.shclassy9ers.com for details regarding the club, including membership, handicaps, signups, and other pertinent information. Please contact Barb Mason at 562-477-3165 or barb90713@gmail.com if you would like to join a fun group of ladies.

Stay healthy and safe everyone!



Community Singers

As fall is on the horizon and temps go down, we in Community Singers are hoping you faithful friends and supporters are doing well. For your enjoyment, please

check out on the Sun City Shadow Hills website under "Stay Connected" our "Night at the Theater" collection of all of our precious concerts and musicals. This will be good musical memories that we have shared through the years.

In the meantime, this is what we know:

- Group activities are not permitted via Riverside Health Guidelines.
- Singing as a group is an activity that is risky for communication of the virus. We want to keep our singers safe.
- As soon as guidelines permit, we will resume meetings on Mondays...so keep your eyes open for emails from our director.

In the meantime, stay safe, cool, and healthy.



Creative Arts

The Creative Arts Club continues to be on hiatus along with all the other clubs and groups in SCSH. We hope when we can once again gather for our shared interests, you'll consider joining the Creative Arts Club.

Typically, we meet twice a week, Monday's and Thursday's, 9 – 11:30 am in the Montecito Clubhouse. Our annual dues are \$15, collected in January. In the meantime, stay safe and be well.

If you have any questions or would like more information about the club please contact our Vice-President, Wendy McElroy at 714-222-6495.



Couples Golf

With October upon us, Couples Golf planning is usually in full swing for a new season that starts in November. With the current situation related to COVID-19, it appears that Couples Golf will not be able to operate in the same manner as in the past.

Some of the main restrictions are: shotguns are not allowed, no meal service is available at Shadows or the Montecito, and no gatherings are allowed after golf.

With these restrictions in place, Couples Golf has been reduced to a tee time and possibly a competition of some sort with most of the social aspect of Couples Golf not possible.

Because of these restrictions the Couples Golf Board has decided to delay the start of Couples Golf until January 10, 2021. The Couples Golf Board will reassess the COVID-19 situation at our December 10, 2020 board meeting to determine if we will be able to offer Couples Golf in 2021.

We would encourage those interested to visit our website (www.shcouples.com) for updates.

For any questions, please contact Rob Quilley, President at scshcouples@gmail.com.



Dance Club (Shall We All Dance)

The Shall We All Dance club is on hiatus until the fall, or until social mingling is again permitted. In the meantime, turn on a YouTube video for the dance of your choice, dance at home, and have a ball!



Desert Gardeners

Our club provides opportunities for expanding your gardening knowledge and skills. We meet monthly from November to April. Activities include guided tours of local nurseries and gardens, lectures on gardening techniques and plant selection, and an annual tour spotlighting residents' gardens. Check our website www.scshdesertgardeners.com to find the latest news on our club activities and a wealth of gardening resources.

Yearly dues are \$15 for one person or \$20 for two from the same household. Membership forms and dues will be accepted beginning October 31. For further information or to be added to our mailing list, contact Amy Tomlinson, president, at scshdesertgardeners@gmail.com or call 303-888-5429.



Desert Life

Desert Life is a sociable group of ladies who enjoy tasty luncheons. We enjoy interesting speakers at each luncheon and we donate to worthy causes (only on a volunteer basis).

Under normal circumstance, we meet monthly on the third Tuesday of each month from 11:30 am – 2 pm at Heritage Palms Clubhouse. We would normally meet October 20, 2020. However, with COVID-19 we have no idea when we might meet again.

In the meantime we need some new “blood” to fill a few positions on the board. If you are interested, please contact our VP, Mary Jane Stratman. She can be reached at 714-742-4299. Meanwhile, keep safe and well!

Watch your email for further information regarding future operations. We will keep you apprised of what is happening.



Discussion Forum

2020 Ballot Propositions

Join us on Thursday October 22, 2020 at 7 pm PST (Pacific Standard Time) for our first discussion of the season. Our speaker will be Simone Best from the League of Women Voters. It will be on Zoom from your house or wherever you are on any device you are using.

Some of the propositions we will discuss include: Schools and Communities First, Opportunity for All, Restore Voting Rights, Voting Rights for 17-Year Olds, Property Tax Breaks, Rollback on Criminal Justice Reforms, Consumer Data Privacy, and End Cash Money Bail.

Free Admission – maximum capacity is 100 attendees. The first 100 to sign in will get the seats. Current members will automatically receive the Zoom link. Non-members can send their email address to Martin.Lapides@gmail.com and he will email you the Zoom link.

For more information, contact Michael Mercurio, president, at MMercurio999@gmail.com. We’re looking forward to a great virtual evening of discussion!



Games Plus

Please note: all games are disbanded until further notice.

Games Plus was formed to play various games.

BINGO | First Friday of the month at Montecito Clubhouse. Doors open at 5:30 pm with games starting at 6:30 pm. Paper sells for \$5 for 10 games. There are two special games that cost \$3 to play. Right after intermission, there is a free door prize raffle. You must be 18 years of age to play. *Cash only and small bills are appreciated.*

SCRABBLE/OTHER GAMES | Mondays of each week at the Santa Rosa Clubhouse from 1 – 3:30 pm.

MEXICAN TRAIN | First and fourth Wednesday of the month from 2 – 5 pm at the Santa Rosa clubhouse. Contact Cathy Nielsen if you plan to play. Her email is mcathynielsen@gmail.com or phone at 760-522-3092.

HAND & FOOT | Thursdays at Santa Rosa Clubhouse. Please arrive at 12:15 pm to play at 12:30 pm. Contact Kathy Reid at 760-469-2335.

FAST TRACK (NEW) | Every Saturday at 12:30 pm at the Montecito Clubhouse. If you plan to play contact Karen Dallmann at kdallmann50@gmail.com.

If you have any questions regarding the above games, contact Pat at 760-343-0783 or 310-433-0714.



Genealogy Club

It Was Just A Birthday Party

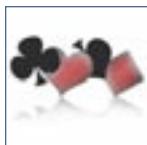
My oldest cousin was celebrating her 85th birthday. The community hall was rented and over 50 folks attended with lunch, wine, hundreds of photo opportunities, and the guest of honor. A head table adorned with old family photographs proved a constant attraction. After, most of the family retired to her nearby home.

I brought out my laptop and proceeded to invite every person present to spend a few minutes with me to review their segment of the family tree.

Within minutes, I was able to update a segment for each person, challenging their memory to recall their wedding dates, locations, their children's birthdates, etc. By the end of the evening, I had collected a significant update to the family tree.

Of course, my new data was purely anecdotal. Over time, I will secure "proof" documents for each item (for example, a birth certificate, a census record, etc.). We all know that your family tree is not built in one day, but birthdays and family reunions are major opportunities.

For further information on building your family tree, consider joining the Sun City Shadow Hill Genealogy Club. Visit our website: www.scshgenealogy.com.



Gin Rummy

The Gin Rummy Club meets every Monday at the Santa Rosa Clubhouse in the Newport Room. Games start at 1 pm, and we play until finished. Depending on how many players there are, games can end anywhere from 4:30 – 5:30 pm.

If you play Gin Rummy or would like to learn, please contact Marie DeVito at 760-636-5593. We are a fun group, and all are welcome.



Hiking Club



Unfortunately, due to COVID-19, we will not resume hikes this fall. Once we have a start-up date, we will post it on our website at www.scschca.com/hiking.

If you wish to join our club so you're ready once the season begins, please visit our website and follow instructions in the Welcome Letter at the bottom of the opening page.



Kings & Queens

Obviously, these have been trying times for us all! We will take direction from the Lifestyle Desk in regard to when we will be able to resume play and keep you posted! Meantime, take care and let's do what we have to do to beat this enemy.

The name of the game is *POKER!* Kings and Queens Card Club is open for play throughout the year giving you the chance to join in.

WHO | Shadow Hills residents looking for a good night out with friends and neighbors.

WHEN | Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays; 5 pm starting time

WHERE | Santa Rosa Clubhouse

WHAT | Dealers Choice (Omaha, Stud, Hi Low etc.)

We're always looking for new players from our Shadow Hills community. Immediate seating available. So, let's all shuffle up and deal!

For more information call Mike at 760-698-2790.



Lady Putters

Happy fall SCSH Community! We can't believe it has been almost six months since our club has been able to be together, putt, and have some fun. The board misses all of you so much!

Again, we want to advise you to keep watching for an e-blast from our club presidents as to when and how putting will proceed. They are brainstorming on ideas to make putting safe. You can also refer to our website.

When we do resume, we will meet Monday mornings in the Capistrano Room of the Montecito Clubhouse. Times to be announced. We invite all women of our community to join us. No experience is

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needed. You are welcome to play once for free to try us out. All you need is a putter, a ball, and a desire to meet new friends and have fun.

We invite you to check out pictures of all the fun and latest information on our website at www.shputters.com or contact Barbara Prezlock at bprezlock@aol.com and 732-580-3681, or Maureen Whittaker at maureenwhittaker@verizon.net and 760-342-1260.



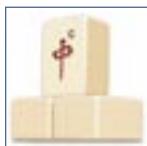
Lively Liners

There Will Be a Time to Dance!

The Lively Liners Club is dark this month because of the COVID-19 pandemic. But, we are making plans for reopening when it's safe again.

Lively Liners offers weekly classes for all Sun City residents. The classes are geared to all ability levels, from beginner to advanced. We dance to country music as well as modern and pop genres. Each month we host a "themed" dance for all club participants and guests where every level of ability is represented. The dances are a fun way to meet people, enjoy camaraderie with fellow dancers, and get some great exercise! We welcome new people and assure you that dancing will light up your life!

Stay tuned for updates regarding our club's reopening and a schedule for getting started again. We are looking forward to seeing everyone as soon as possible! In the meantime, stay safe and dance, dance, dance!



Mah Jongg

Did any of our Mah Jongg players ever dream that we would cease our club play at the Montecito for seven months? Yet here we are, with most everything in SCSH closed down, and no end to the closures in the foreseeable future. That exciting new card that arrived in April remains a big mystery for most of us. Still within the community there are small pockets of

games being played. Members are calling other members just to make certain they are still well and healthy; hoping everyone will be ready to meet in person again soon. Our last club Wednesday meeting at the Montecito seems like years ago.

Looking on the bright side – our houses by now are spotlessly clean. We have become extremely proficient at crossword puzzles, Sudoku, Jumbles, and solitaire games. It has been way too scorching outside to garden but that old reading list is probably getting shorter. Shopping for food and essentials has become a favorite pastime out of the house and a bump on the elbow is now the new "Hello."

Our normal club meetings are every Wednesday at the Montecito, from 12:15 – 3:30 pm. Anyone interested in information about the Mah Jongg club please call Joan Schwarz at 760-610-1561.

May everyone carve a special Halloween pumpkin and keep the goblins at bay!



Men's Golf Club

As you read this the south course is closed for overseeding. But the Men's Club is still playing golf every Thursday on the challenging north course. The south course reopens November 1, and we will have our first event of the new season, two-man team with one best ball, on Thursday, November 5.

Mark Murray, our Tournament Chairman, and the Tournament Committee have put together an exciting and challenging schedule of events for the 2020-2021 season. You can review all the events and tournaments on our website under "Annual Schedule/Calendar of Events." Hopefully, our Canadian and snowbird members will be back to join us for another great season of golf and camaraderie.

Our next general meeting is tentatively scheduled for October 14, pending direction from the state and the HOA. Future "donut" meetings are scheduled for the second Tuesday of every month thru the season.

If you're a new resident and haven't yet joined, just contact Randy Thomas (randythomas2012@gmail.com or 949-279-2115), and he'll get you signed up.

Looking forward to seeing you on the course!



Needles and Pins

Member Profile: Judy Ferraris

N&P members have a wide range of talents that they share with others. This month we highlight Judy Ferraris' talent for embroidery. Seven years ago, she watched a demonstration of an embroidery machine at a quilt show and was fascinated by "...all the machine could do." She was hooked! In her words, "[I] love how creative you can be, and it makes me happy to make things for my family and friends."

Judy's biggest challenge project so far was making the top and back of a quilt solely using her embroidery machine. She'd like to make a king-size quilt with it... but that's a future project. Her most fun project was making table runners for her daughter's wedding, all in Disney designs. The most challenging design Judy tackled was making key chain memory tokens for friends and family, which featured her son's favorite car on the front and fabric from his t-shirts on the back, given out at his Celebration of Life Service. It's a great tribute to a wonderful human being.

Judy's advice to anyone considering learning to embroider – "Just go for it. Machine embroidery is so fun, very easy to learn, and so many things you can learn just watching YouTube."

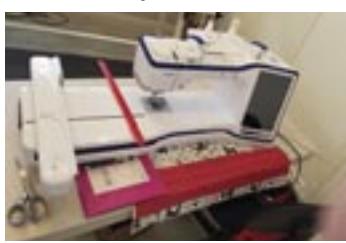
Many of our members have benefited from Judy's love of embroidery. We're so glad she watched that demo seven years ago!



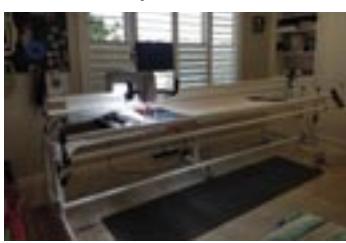
Kitchen towels with floral embroidery



Christmas quilt with multiple embroidery details



Brother Dream Machine 2



Long arm machine for Judy's personal use

N&P continues to use virtual meetings for our monthly Show & Share and *The View* to highlight members' creations. Look for monthly notifications on N&P's Facebook page and from our Corresponding Secretary, Cheri Coryell. Don't forget to post your pictures to N&P's Facebook page!



Oke Dokey Karaoke

Come and have a ball. Show the world the entertainer that you are or want to be. It's great fun for all. Whether you think you have a great voice or you can't carry a tune, it's the opportunity to have fun singing outside the shower, without worrying that you are going to embarrass yourself. You can sing by yourself or with a partner or group, sing all types of songs or just listen and enjoy. We provide a songbook by song title, by singer or pick your own favorite. Everyone should have a chance in his or her life to enjoy one of their secret wishes. Because, if not now – when?

Come the first Thursday of every month from 6 – 8:30 pm (October–May) to the Montecito Ballroom for fun and a chance to meet neighbors and make new friends. Annual dues are \$10.

So, bring along your favorite libation and enjoy the fun and companionship. Contact Alan Voss 209-768-9393 for more information.



Pan Club

As we begin October, the Pan Club and the Montecito Clubhouse are still dark due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Eventually, all this will be behind us and we will be able to enjoy our wonderful Pan games and tournaments.

All members will receive an email when it is safe to play again. Best wishes to all for a safe and very healthy October.



Paper Crafters

October brings us leaf peeping, changing temperatures (I hope), and Halloween. Except in 2020 we will have to skip the trick or treating, but you could always send a Happy Halloween card to a loved one. We love making cards no matter what the occasion. Keep in touch with a special card.

Once the social ban has been lifted, the Paper Crafters Club welcomes back our members and anyone who would like to express their creative side by joining us for a class. We work on cards for all occasions from to get well or just a card that says hello.



When we start classes again, you are invited to attend a class, make a project, and then decide if you would like to join our group. Membership is \$10 per year. Weekly projects usually range between \$1 and \$3. We meet every Tuesday in the Mirada Room at the Montecito Clubhouse at 12:30 pm to set up and catch up with each other. Card class begins at 1 pm. After class you are encouraged to stay and use the supplies and equipment provided to make additional cards or projects.

Questions? Call our President Diane O'Rourke at 805-216-1818 or ladidi4809@sbcglobal.net.



Performing Arts Club

It is hard to believe that it is now almost seven months since we were required to suspend all activities of our club. October usually brings the resumption of activities and our November play rehearsals would be well under way. This season will be different and exactly what it will look like is still an unknown.

We have re-scheduled *Hilda's Yard* for March 2021 and hope that this will come to pass. Arrangement for exchange or refunds of tickets previously purchased has been planned but is on hold at this time. Details will be provided when appropriate.

October does also bring some excitement as the Desert Theatre League will announce the winners of the Desert Star Awards. Our seven nominees from *Other Desert Cities* and all of our club members, will be anxiously awaiting this online announcement this year. Perhaps this will be our lucky year! *Other Desert Cities* is available to view on the Lifestyles "Stay Connected Page."

We look forward to when our members will be able to once again provide our residents with some live entertainment. Be well. Stay safe.

For further information contact: Judith Bennoch, President, at judithbennoch@icloud.com.



Pet Club

Happy October, pet lovers! Due to the COVID-10 pandemic, we still cannot get together for meetings.

Hope you are all enjoying the lovely weather and have a Happy Halloween!

Dress up your dog in costume like Seymour the Sheriff!





Pickleball Club

It has been a Pickleball summer without precedent. It looks like our soon-to-be Pickleball season will continue as our summer. COVID-19 has certainly changed all our lives with many lifestyle adjustments made.

Our full-time resident players have had to adhere to the requirements mandated by the state and our HOA. Members have been playing through the heat early in the morning and filling the courts. You all Rock! 100+ temps certainly didn't stop you.

If you are a returning resident coming here in the fall and planning to play, sign-ups are now required through the Santa Rosa or Montecito Clubhouse. Please check with them on what stipulates "playing on the court" for you and your friends.

We will keep you informed as changes in COVID-19 take place and information comes from the state and our HOA.

To keep your spirits up, check out and watch PB tournaments or lessons on YouTube.



Rainbow Friends

This has been a very difficult year, in so many ways. As we continue to endure one crisis after another we miss getting together as a group and being able to enjoy what some have called our "golden years" and the absence of "normal." Despite all that is happening may we take the time to be thankful for our families, our friends, and our community in the Coachella Valley and here at Sun City Shadow Hills.

It is unlikely that we will be able to meet this month in person but if anything changes please check your emails for updates.

As we look forward, perhaps the most important thing we can do as Americans is vote, our very lives depend upon it. Please take the time to fill out your ballot as soon as possible and return it, or if you prefer, vote in person November 3. Also please encourage everyone you know to do the same.

Stay safe and well and looking forward to seeing all of you as soon as possible.

We are a social club for the LGBT community, family, and friends. For further information, please contact Sue at 949-584-2344 or Ron at 925-785-3258.



Readers Ink

Due to the COVID-19 shelter in place orders, Readers Ink will have no meetings until further notice. Any questions, please email Beverly Mirsky at beverlymirsky@yahoo.com.



Solos Club

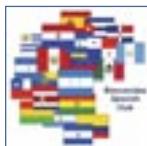
We are the social club for single residents of SCSH. Given the current circumstances in which physical gatherings are not allowed as a way of safeguarding everyone's health, we will not have our regular third Sunday meetings, Mystery Happy Hours, etc., until further notice.

Though Zoom meetings have been discontinued, reach out to members by text message, email, or phone calls to remain connected.

Stay well, wear a mask, and social distance. Looking forward to seeing you as soon as circumstances safely allow!

HOME ALONE. STILL TOGETHER.
SEE YOU SOON. *Solos*

For membership information, contact Shirley Bunce at 760-345-8121 or bunce.shirley123@yahoo.com.



Spanish Club

The Bienvenido Spanish Club would like to invite anyone interested in exploring the Spanish language as well as the regional customs, literature, art, music, clothing, and food of countries where Spanish is the primary language. The club presents an opportunity to practice your Spanish with folks of all abilities, from beginner to native speaker. Everyone is welcome!

The Club meets every second and fourth Thursday of the month at 11 am. Due to the coronavirus pandemic, the club will offer virtual meetings for this new season starting in October. A Zoom meeting invitation will be provided prior to each session.

The club's annual membership fee is \$20. Please email any questions at: scshspanishclub@gmail.com.

jGracias, amigos! Espero que puedan participar.
Thank you, friends! I hope you can participate.



Table Tennis



Stay strong America! We feel the pain but help and recovery is near. We all feel the stress of the virus and political unrest, but we always survive and bounce back stronger than ever. We don't want to talk about getting better every day, we want to live it.

We are all wired differently, but I'm hopeful we can learn from this crisis and come together because friendship is a lot more enjoyable than divisiveness and hatred.

Peace and love, from the Table Tennis Club to Shadow Hills and the world.



Tennis Club

October hallmarks the gradual return of snowbirds to the tennis courts. We are always eager to reconnect with good friends, and welcome newcomers as well. Our programs continue to run with social-distancing guidelines set by the HOA. The summer schedule ends October 31, so on November 1, programs will return to fall/winter hours with start times at 8 am and 10 am. Court assignments will also be adjusted to be in line with the fall 2019 schedule. For further information or to join the Tennis Club, please visit our website at www.scshtennis.com.



That's Entertainment

Sir-Laffs-A-Lot's Comedy Night is inactive until further notice. Please check future issues of *The View* and the SCSH website for information on when it will resume. If you are interested in helping us organize these events as a member of the That's Entertainment Club, please call Julie at 760-772-0317.



Tutta Bella Vino

We are still on hold, pending event restrictions being lifted, however, we are planning a spectacular reopening event whenever that might be. We hope to have Tutta Bella Vino's exceptional sommelier, Scott Halterlein, excite our palates with "Wine Treasures."



Watch www.scschca.com for Club information on our web page. We will be posting news on the 2020-2021

dues, the new season's event pricing, TBV's new event calendar and other important club news.

For more info email: tuttabellavino@gmail.com.



Ukulele Strummers

If you're like my husband and me, you might be feeling that the hours in the day linger on a bit too "quietly" right now. Perhaps, this thought has crossed your mind, "the shut-down has stretched on for six months and I'm ready for things to get back to 'normal.'"

Whether that's the case or not, we hope you are all finding enjoyable and interesting ways to spend time during these hot days, as the inconveniences bestowed upon us by COVID-19 are continuing to linger.

Whatever your individual situations, we hope that music is providing a source of joy to your souls, whether via listening, watching performances, or making music on your own.

During the past several months, I have been discovering more ways to engage with music by rediscovering both the rhythm and the clever use of words in rhymes and poetry, as a precursor to my own arranging and composing music.

Participating in some of the "free" resources available on-line, is also a way to explore a variety of musical topics such as "music as meditation" and "music-as-medicine."

During August and September, our Ukulele club board members came together using Google Meet as a vehicle to practice and make music together! We have found this approach to be successful. If you have an interest in joining us, please contact me, Darlene Kretchmer, at dkretchmer@yahoo.com or Josefina Preuit at jpreuit1@gmail.com.

at the Montecito clubhouse. However, the Veterans Club continues to work behind the scenes.



Is your American flag frayed or faded from the summer heat and winds? Let the Veterans club be of assistance. Residents can call Larry Smith at 714-401-3772 to make arrangements to pick up your new flags and poles from him. The Veterans Club offers new replacement flags and poles for Phase 1 & 2 homeowners, as well as new flags with poles and mounting hardware for Phase 3 homeowners. You can bring your worn-out flags to Larry or drop them off at the Montecito Clubhouse reception desk, so they can be properly disposed at the regular burning ceremony held by the American Legion in Indio. Keep flying your flags.

The Veterans Club members look forward to when the club can resume holding its monthly meetings and activities and provide more services to our community.

We wish all our community to stay safe and healthy during this pandemic.



Women's Golf Club

We have a hardy group of ladies who come out to play every Wednesday regardless of the summer temperatures. Members can sign up to play on Wednesdays on the club website www.shwgc.com.

We remain hopeful about the new season this fall. Please mark your calendars for our Welcome Back Party scheduled for Monday, November 2 at the Montecito Clubhouse.



Veterans Club

During the several months of shelter in place orders, the Veterans Club has not been able to hold its monthly meetings, programs, and its normal flag sales

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For new members interested in joining us to play 18 holes of golf each Wednesday during the season, November 1 through May 31, complete an online application and review information on the club website at www.shwgc.com. Any questions regarding renewals or new memberships email them to Lynn Heftler at CaLynn50@aol.com.



Writer's Club

Our group is now holding weekly meetings online via Zoom.us until the pandemic is over. The Writer's Club online meetings are every Thursday at 10 am. If you wish to join please email to antiqphoto@gmail.com. You do not need a Zoom account.

We are a group of individuals who enjoy writing. Each member has the opportunity to read one or two pages (double spaced) of their work to the group, and receive ideas, direction, and gentle criticism. Part of being in our club is the encouragement we all get from each other to write on a regular basis.

It's easier than you think to write your own story. Every year millions of great stories disappear forever. It does not matter if you are writing fiction, non-fiction, or memoirs, write a page a day for a year and you have a book!

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Interested in starting a club?

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Democrats

Welcome, Democrats, to the most consequential political year of our lifetime. We hope everyone is safe and well as, together, we fight and eventually recover from a dangerous pandemic.

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Ballots will be mailed to all registered voters starting October 5.

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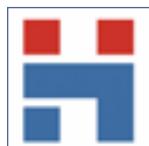
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Our next meeting will be on October 15. Check our website and your email for time and location.

Join us: we welcome new members. A member in good standing must be a registered Democrat and remit yearly dues (\$20). Please visit our website for membership registration forms. Our website is also a great source for texting, postcard sending information, and Get Out the Vote (GOTV) planning. Information about us, countdown clocks, and 2020 election action resources are all available on our website: democratsinscsh.org.

Questions? Please contact Avi Greene at democratsinscsh@gmail.com. We also have a Facebook presence at Dems in Sun City Shadow Hills.



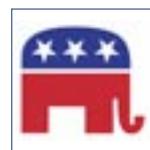
Hadassah

Please join Hadassah for a meeting and speaker program via Zoom on Thursday evening, October 1, from 7 – 8 pm. Please RSVP to Debbie Orgen at 760-289-7987. The program will feature Ken Hailpern, Spiritual Leader of Congregation Beth Shalom, speaking on the holiday of Succot.

Join us on Monday morning, October 12, for a Zoom Book Group presentation on the novel *American Dirt* by Jeanine Cummins. RSVP to Debbie Orgen at 760-289-7987.

Hadassah Medical Organization is a beacon of healing, an ultra-modern complex that rivals the finest hospitals and research facilities anywhere in the world. Hadassah together with the Israeli biopharmaceutical firm Kamada, is currently testing a “passive vaccine” that is showing promising therapeutic results in patients with COVID-19. The first patients treated have already been released from the hospital and have returned home. What makes passive immunization different from an active vaccine is that a passive vaccine uses antibodies from recovered patients while an active vaccine contains a dead or weakened version of an actual virus.

For additional information on Hadassah contact Cindy Hailpern, membership chair, at 760-360-4902.



Republicans

The “election of our lifetime” is a month away. This year, everyone is to vote by mail. You should receive your ballot well before the election, November 3. If not, call the Riverside County Registrar of Voters (800-773-8683) or Republican Headquarters in La Quinta (714-357-4373). You must be registered to vote. You can register online until October 19. SCSH Republican Board members also have registration forms.

Upon receiving your ballot: **READ THE DIRECTIONS CAREFULLY AND FOLLOW THEM EXACTLY TO MAKE SURE YOUR VOTE IS COUNTED.** This procedure is new for California, and an accurate vote will only be possible if we are careful to follow the rules.

To make sure your vote was counted: Check the ballot number at the top of your ballot. Go to the Riverside Registrar of Voters website and compare it to the numbers on the ballots that were received and counted. If your ballot number does not appear, you can call the Registrar to file an inquiry.

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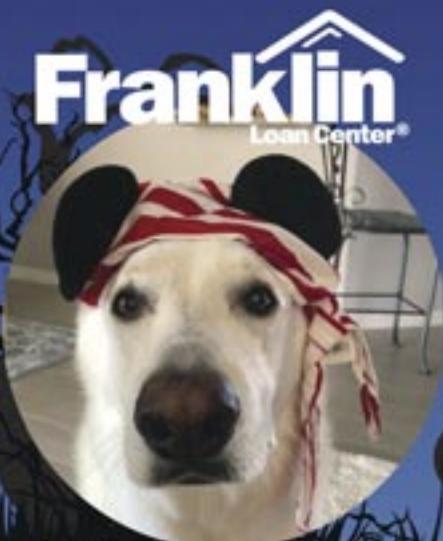
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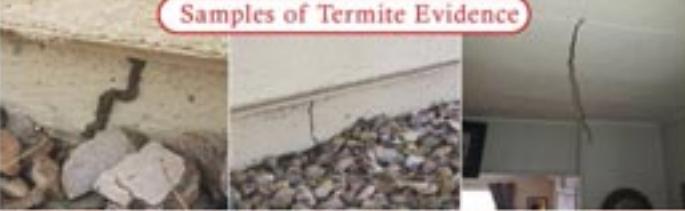




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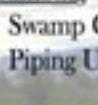
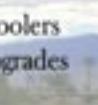
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