

THE VIEW



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ASSOCIATION OFFICE

Monday – Friday | 9 AM – 12 PM, 1 – 4 PM
First Saturday of the Month | 8 AM – 12 PM

LIFESTYLE DESK | Daily | 8 AM – 8 PM

MONTECITO CLUBHOUSE | Daily | 6 AM – 10 PM

MONTECITO FITNESS CENTER | Daily | 5 AM – 8 PM

SANTA ROSA CLUBHOUSE | Daily | 6 AM – 9 PM

SHADOWS RESTAURANT | Daily | 8 AM – 7 PM

GOLF SNACK BAR | Daily | 6 AM – 1 PM

SANTA ROSA BISTRO | Daily | 6 AM – 1 PM

MONTECITO CAFÉ | Closed

All hours are subject to change.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

JOHN MACDONNELL | PRESIDENT

It Is Time to Bring the Shadows Out of the Shadows

I have been exploring the idea of establishing a special committee of homeowners to focus on the maintenance of and future improvements to our food facilities, most important the Shadows Restaurant and the Montecito Café. Since the beginning of Sun City Shadow Hills, the subsidies for both have been increasing year to year. As part of each resident's HOA dues, we now pay \$11 per month in subsidies toward our restaurant, which sums up to \$37,950 per month and ultimately \$455,400 per year. That is almost \$1 million every two years that is coming directly from all our pockets through HOA dues.

Subsidies will continue to increase if we do not take this seriously now. Many of us enjoy Shadows and want to see it remain; but serious attention, planning, and action need to be taken for this to happen. Previous attempts to fix this issue have fallen short. But by coming together to share our thoughts, opinions, and ideas, I believe we will be able to exchange these debts for profits within the next year or two. For us to succeed, we need to establish this committee to protect the future of our restaurant, to investigate all options, and to proceed with improvements deemed worthwhile.

Albert Einstein once said, "Doing the same thing over and over, and expecting different results, is the definition of insanity." For years this has been a money pit for the community, so it is vital that we start weighing our options. Here is what we have heard: Should we make an additional investment to improve the kitchen, enlarge and reorient the bar? Should we establish food minimums for homeowners? Should we pursue lease and management by a local restaurant?

Most of these ideas have been considered in the past. Our new committee will focus on these aspects along with the financial ones to pin down which will help us exchange past losses for future profits. Change can be unpredictable at times, but it is in our best interest that the Board form this committee to assist us in considering these questions.

Since this was brought to the attention of the Board, we have received some new and proactive suggestions for improving the restaurant. We have considered the idea of a separate bar with an area for live music, attached to an entirely new dining area. Also, adding a pizza oven and preparation station for pizzas made for dine-in or take-away.

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Next Board Meeting:

Date: Monday, July 26, 2021

Time: 2:00 pm

Location: Ballroom

A live video stream
will also be available at:

www.scschca.com/boardmeeting

Please join us!



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We could also launch an advertising campaign to all our neighboring communities, touching upon these possible improvements to our restaurant and letting them know that Shadows is open for business.

Meanwhile we would like our community to be able once again to enjoy all facilities including the restaurant, banquets, and lounge to their full extent. These are all inviting options that could possibly bring in more business.

Moving forward, I would like to see homeowners pitch their ideas as well, whether from the sidelines or the frontlines where decisions will be made and initiated within this new committee. By bringing this situation to the attention of the entire community, I hope we will be able to start a new age, reexamining past decisions to ensure a better future for ourselves and the generations that follow.

Shadows RESTAURANT

The success of such endeavors will depend on the willingness of homeowners—using their interest and expertise—to get involved with this vital evolution of our community. It does not matter how much time you invest in this endeavor, because together our shared interest will always be better than none at all. As they say in a famous game show, “Come on Down,” let us get this ball rolling.

Upward and onward, I will see you there.

Contact the author at john.macdonnell@scszca.com.

WELCOME!

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light rain
humidity: 93%
wind: 2mph WNW
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59° 59° 57°



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TREASURER'S REPORT

SUN CITY SHADOW HILLS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Condensed Financial Information

Balance Sheets

Detailed Financials can be found at www.scsghca.com/association-financials (login required)

As of April 30, 2021 and April 30, 2020

	April 2021 (Unaudited)	April 2020 (Unaudited)	December 31 2020 (Audited)
Assets:			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 8,649,236	\$ 4,908,903	\$ 6,854,142
Certificates of deposit and investments	10,002,409	11,818,772	11,036,477
Property and equipment, net	1,252,884	1,617,938	1,371,580
Cash - chartered clubs	135,621	161,923	154,163
All other assets	429,874	519,312	393,301
Total Assets	<u>\$ 20,470,024</u>	<u>\$ 19,026,849</u>	<u>\$ 19,809,663</u>
Liabilities:			
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 734,062	\$ 615,101	\$ 781,559
Assessments received in advance and deferred revenue	795,152	715,586	667,543
All other liabilities	-	-	-
Total Liabilities	<u>1,529,214</u>	<u>1,330,686</u>	<u>1,449,102</u>
Fund balances:			
Operating	3,504,367	3,068,226	2,916,754
Chartered clubs	135,621	161,923	154,163
Property and equipment	1,252,884	1,617,938	1,371,580
Replacement	14,047,939	12,848,075	13,918,064
Total Fund Balances	<u>18,940,810</u>	<u>17,696,162</u>	<u>18,360,561</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	<u>\$ 20,470,024</u>	<u>\$ 19,026,849</u>	<u>\$ 19,809,663</u>

SUN CITY SHADOW HILLS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Condensed Financial Information

Statement of Revenues and Expenses - Unaudited

For the four months ended April 30, 2021

Revenues:

Assessments	\$ 3,046,212	\$ 679,788	\$ 3,726,000
All other revenues	1,677,140	47,748	1,724,888
Total Revenues	4,723,352	727,536	5,450,888

Expenses:

Operating fund excluding depreciation expense	4,132,935	-	4,132,935
Replacement fund	-	590,904	590,904
Depreciation expense	128,258	-	128,258
Total Expenses	4,261,193	590,904	4,852,098
Chartered Club Activities, Net	(18,542)	-	(18,542)
Excess of revenues over expenses	\$ 443,617	\$ 136,631	\$ 580,248

SUN CITY SHADOW HILLS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Condensed Financial Information

Statement of Changes in Fund Balances - Unaudited

Fund balances, beginning of year	\$ 4,442,497	\$ 13,918,064	\$ 18,360,561
Excess of revenues over expenses	443,617	136,631	580,248
Inter-fund transfers	6,757	(6,757)	0
Fund balances, as of April 30, 2021	\$ 4,892,870	\$ 14,047,939	\$ 18,940,810

SUN CITY SHADOW HILLS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Condensed Financial Information

Statement of monthly assessment

Number of units in Association			3,450
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Summary of 2021 monthly assessment per unit:

Operating Fund, balanced budget	\$ 244.74	\$ -	\$ 244.74
Operating Fund, bulk internet	12.00	-	12.00
Total Operating Fund monthly assessment	256.74	-	256.74
Replacement Fund	-	49.26	49.26
Total monthly assessment billed to unit owners	\$ 256.74	\$ 49.26	\$ 306.00



PEOPLE WHO MAKE OUR LIVES BETTER

Veronica Moya

EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER

On Friday, May 14, 2021, Veronica Moya-Perez received flowers and candy from the son of a Sun City Shadow Hills resident, Mrs. Mattaline. Her son had lost his cell phone on Wednesday. Staff tried to identify who the owner of the phone was, to no avail. Knowing the importance of cell phones and how they are devices that can affect our business or be our lifeline for connecting with our loved ones, Veronica was persistent in trying to access information such as "emergency" numbers where staff left messages, to no avail.

On Friday, May 14, Veronica put on her detective hat since there were business insignias on the phone and went in search for the owner. There was a breakthrough, and Veronica was able to make contact and notify the owner.

The owner used his phone for business, and it contained all his contacts. He was overwhelmed by how he would retrieve important many client numbers and admitted he was literally lost without his phone.

The resident's son came back in the afternoon bearing gifts of appreciation for Veronica for her willingness to go the extra mile!

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Interested in joining a Committee? Stop by the HOA office and fill out an Advisory Committee Interest Form.



Design Review Committee (DRC)

BY TED SHETTLER | CHAIR

When a homeowner submits a Home Improvement Application (HIA) that does not conform to the Design Rules (DRs), and it is disapproved, they often want the Design Review Committee (DRC) to reconsider their request. However, the DRC does not have the authority to grant exceptions. A homeowner can request a variance, but a variance request must satisfy specific requirements before it can be approved.

Design Rules

3.4.2 Variances: *The DRC will also review all requests for one-time Variances that are not in compliance with the rules. A Variance will not be approved unless circumstances can be demonstrated, as outlined in Article V, Section 5.14 of the CC&Rs.*

Requirements for submitting a Variance:

- a. *Must be in writing, signed by the Owner.*
- b. *Include a detailed dimensional diagram (must be drawn to scale).*
- c. *Identify, in writing, the circumstances that justify the proposed Variance in accordance with CC&Rs Article V, Section 5.14.*
- d. *Include neighbor awareness signatures, when applicable (for more information see Article III, Section 3.1, Neighbor Awareness).*

The **CC&Rs Article V, Section 5.14, Variances** is too lengthy to include here in its entirety. The relevant portion is:

5.14.2 *The Design Review Committee must make a good faith written determination that the variance is consistent with one or more of the following criteria:*

- (i) *The requested variance will not constitute a material deviation from any restriction contained herein or that the variance proposal allows the*

- objectives of the violated requirement(s) to be substantially achieved despite noncompliance; or*
- (ii) *That the variance relates to a requirement, land use restriction, or minimum construction standard otherwise applicable hereunder that is unnecessary or burdensome under the circumstances; or*
- (iii) *That the variance, if granted, will not result in a material detriment, or create an unreasonable nuisance with respect, to any other Lot or Common Area within the Development.*

The point of all the above is that a variance is not granted at the whim of the DRC. Instead, the process asks the homeowner to make a case that the requested variance is either (1) of almost no consequence with respect to the requirement from which the variance is requested, or (2) that the requirement is, under the circumstances, unnecessary or presents an undue burden, and (3) that granting the variance will not create a nuisance or adversely affect property values.

The DRC cannot, and homeowners ought not to, take a request for a variance lightly. One purpose of the CC&Rs and the DRs is to maintain and enhance the value of all our properties. The DRs, in effect, represent our collective will regarding the appearance and maintenance of our community. Because of this purpose, the process for modifying the DR is lengthy and includes publication of any proposed change and a four-week comment period, after which the Board of Directors votes to approve the change. Taking a variance request lightly threatens our property values; the DRC takes such requests seriously.

Contact the author at designreview@scshca.com.



SUN CITY SHADOW HILLS EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Emergency Preparedness Sub-Committee (EPSC)

BY JEFF KIRKPATRICK | CHAIR

#1 in a Series: Your Neighbor's Preparedness

Did you know that 500 of your neighbors have taken the *Disaster Preparedness-101* two-hour seminar and have put what they've learned to use? This first of a series of articles will report what some of your neighbors have done to prepare for a myriad of emergencies. This edition comes from T.C. and R.F.:

- We keep cases of water in the house at all times for two people and two dogs to last two weeks or longer. We keep the water out of sight in closets. We cycle the water by using it and replacing it. Via the Internet, we purchased freeze-dried/dehydrated foods and keep those containers inside the house and bags of rice and dried beans stored in the pantry. Our dogs eat freeze-dried food on a daily basis so their needs can easily be met if we experience an emergency. We do our best to keep four propane tanks full for emergencies to heat food and water. We keep the gas tank of one car full and the electric car always at full charge.
- We bought a five-gallon bucket and a cheap toilet seat at Home Depot, several bags of kitty-litter at Costco on sale, and tall plastic kitchen garbage bags so we now have a portable toilet!
- We secured our upper kitchen cabinets with earthquake-safe latches. We fastened the TV, china cabinet, and refrigerators to walls with straps (not visible for aesthetics).
- ATM machines will most likely not function during a long power outage, so we set aside smaller bills for buying groceries/gas/other needed items as stores may not be able to make change and \$20 for a gallon of milk is unrealistic!
- We keep a large roll of visqueen plastic (painters plastic drape) and duct tape for sealing off doorways

and windows if needed.

- We fastened storage cabinets in the garage to the wall with straps and placed heavier items in storage units on the floor or in lower portions of the storage units.
- We prepared a "Vial of Life" containing personal data and prescription info, etc., for first responders to use and keep them in the refrigerator. (See the *Vial of Life* program under the EPSC Committees page on the website.)
- We keep a gas turn-off tool fastened to the gas meter outside.
- We purchased inexpensive tourniquet kits, one for each car and one for the house (after taking "Stop the Bleed" class).
- We keep two emergency "go-bags" ready for both of us and a large supply of vinyl gloves and disinfectant wipes due to COVID-19, but we think those items will be handy for any disaster.
- Through the EPSC, we took several classes on how to help one another and neighbors in an emergency including: CERT, Stop the Bleed, Coachella Valley Disaster Network monthly meetings, and our HOA EPSC monthly meetings to keep current and keep learning about disaster mitigation.
- We have done all this over seven years of living here in SCSH. We are always aware of our surroundings, pay attention to exits in buildings, and have a plan about where to meet if we are away from our home – a "where to gather" plan!

Please become an EPSC Volunteer
and become prepared!
It really is quite easy!

Contact the author at epsc@scshta.com.

Finance Advisory Committee (FAC)

BY BILL WETHE | CHAIR

FAC Members

FAC is in the process of interviewing three candidates. FAC has six members, and we have Board approval for a total of nine members. We are looking for owners who have a background including accounting and financial reporting and an interest in serving on the FAC or on its Subcommittee on the Reserve Study. Please contact the author if you would like to discuss completing an Advisory Committee Interest Form.

Work Completed

During the month of June 2021, the FAC and its Subcommittee 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, subject to audit, of the unaudited May 2021 financial statements of the Association including the:
 - financial statements and supplementary schedules.
 - combining and combined financial statements and supplemental financial information schedules included in the Treasurer's report.
 - summary financial information on financial position and results of operations included in the General Manager's report.
 - condensed Association financial information to be published in *The View* magazine.
- Review of the year-to-date variance analysis prepared by the General Manager on the:
 - 2021 Operating Fund revenues and expenses.
 - 2021 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 and written recommendations on the 2021 Forecast (5+7) of the Operating Fund and Replacement Fund as compared to the 2021 Budget and the 2021 Forecast (4+8).
- Preparation of the Management Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) of the 2021 Forecast (5+7) as compared to the 2021 Budget and the 2021 Forecast (4+8) provided to the Board.



- Review and written recommendations to the Board on proposed BAFs for the expenditure of funds for the replacement or major repair of real and personal property common area components identified in the Reserve Study.
- Review and recommend Board approval of the May 2021 bank statements, bank reconciliations, and investment account statements.
- Review and written recommendations to the Board on engagement of a Reserve Study consultant and parameters for the 2022 Reserve Study.
- Regular meeting of FAC held on June 18, 2021, using audio and video conference call.
- Special meeting of FAC held on June 8, 2021, using audio and video conference call.
- For the Board meeting on June 26, 2021:
 - Preparation of the FAC monthly written report to the Board.
 - Review of the General Manager monthly written report to the Board.

Upcoming Work

- Review and written recommendations to the General Manager and the Board on the drafting of the 2022 Budget.

Further Information

Additional FAC Members: Larry Anderson, Bob Jester, 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



Building Strength Through Weight Training

It's important to stay active as we get older and adding a weight training routine to your schedule offers numerous benefits such as improvement in balance, mobility, energy, coordination, and reducing the risk of falling. Weightlifting for women is especially important because it helps to increase bone density and reduce the risk of osteoporosis. Strength training also helps to reduce some of the most common fractures in seniors including hip, pelvis, and spine.



Karen Beck, a SCSH resident for seven years, is well aware of the many benefits of weight training – she's been at it for over 45 years. "Muscles are the engines of our bodies, but after age 30, we lose 5-7 pounds of muscle mass every decade. This leads to a slower metabolism, weight gain, and an increase in body fat. A regular routine helps to curb those losses and ensure a healthy body." During her youth, Karen was a competitive swimmer and triathlete. She also spent twelve years in the world of body building. No matter what sport she's been involved with, she's always included weightlifting.



Michael Dinkin also views weight training as one part of a healthy lifestyle. Some might consider him a gym addict, working on many different machines and often trying something different.

Michael enjoys changing things up with an active gym schedule: 4 days on weights and one day of aerobic exercise. He uses both machines and free weights, alternating his A-days (arms and legs) with B-days (chest, shoulders, back and glutes). Michael reminds us that training is a beneficial habit, one that gives back in so many positive ways.



If you don't know your way around our gyms, start with one or two exercises you research online or with guidance from a friend. As Michael quips, "Where are you going to live if you wear out your body?"

Upcoming Events

- July 9 & 23, 10:30 a.m. | Online Alzheimer's Support Group Meeting
- Online Eisenhower Health Lectures | Register and view list of lectures: www.scszca.com/eisenhower

Resources & Feedback

Reservations and Exercise Videos: www.scszca.com, login, select Fitness, then select Reservations or Fitness Video Library

Email comments and suggestions to: healthfitness@scszca.com



From The Library

BY CINDY DEGRAF

Summer days are upon us. After you have checked off all the boxes on your “to do” list for the day, be sure to take a little time for yourself. Reading is great relaxation, and reading poolside is even better. Stop into the Montecito library and take a look at what books might be available.

We expect to continue accepting book donations throughout the summer. Library space is limited, so please check the list below to see what items we accept. Be sure your books are in excellent condition, and bring in no more than 10 books per month.

We Accept as Donations:

- ✓ Hardcover and paperback fiction, historical/political, biographies/autobiographies
- ✓ Audio books and DVDs
- ✓ Recent magazines

We Do Not Accept:

- ✗ Cooking, sports, self-help, or “how to” books
- ✗ Coffee table or picture books
- ✗ Religious or travel books
- ✗ VCR tapes or music CDs

All books (new donations and returns) should be placed in the boxes provided near the front door as they are being sanitized. Masks are required, and please be sure to socially distance while in the library. However, these rules can change, so please pay attention to the signs as you enter the clubhouse. We appreciate your patience and assistance.

Contact Barbara Perler at 760-772-4484 or baramp@verizon.net if you have any questions or comments about the library. As always, thank you to all who support us.



REMEMBERING A UNITED FOURTH OF JULY

BY STEVE SORENSEN

Where I grew up in the Pacific Northwest, there was rich cultural diversity. My schools were filled with Scandinavians, Germans, Italians, Irish, Asians, Blacks, and more. We were Catholic, Lutheran, Protestant, Jewish, and many other religions I had never heard of. Our colors were black, white, and every shade in between. Together we started our school days with the “Pledge of Allegiance” before hurrying off to our friends and studies.

It was a simpler time in the 50s and 60s, and I enjoyed all the benefits of the era and this neighborhood that one could imagine. There were parties, festivals, and parades all year long. Best of all were the summer picnics. Each of these diverse groups splintered off and held their own picnics filled with their traditional foods and customs. I was the German/Danish kid with friends in every group and so, from kindergarten on, I was lucky to be invited to most of the festivals and picnics.

The food was always a highlight of the picnics. I waited all year for the Greek picnic with Alex Apostle and his family. His mother brought huge trays of Baklava, and I would grab them by the handful until the honey stuck my fingers together. I ate enough of this treat to keep me full until I got to the Danish pastries at the Scandinavian picnics and then the rich, buttery slices of soda bread at the Irish festivities.

I feasted on picnic food all summer. There was always the familiar fried chicken and watermelon, barbecued hamburgers and hot dogs, plus baked beans and potato salads to go along with all the traditional “old country” treats.

The week leading up to the Italian picnic was almost sensory overload. Riding our bikes down the neighborhood streets, we would laugh and tease our buddies when we heard the women in their kitchens singing Italian songs with the radio along with popular Dean Martin and Frank Sinatra tunes. That same air was also filled with garlic, tomatoes, and spices because

every Italian mother and Noni was competing to make the best batch of sauce for her pasta.

Most of the picnics were held at a lake with a huge local park called Highdive. True to its name, there was a 50-foot-high diving tower that stood at the far end of the docks. We were always amazed at the guys who were either good enough or reckless enough to dive from the top. I was neither, but by my teens I could at least take the plunge from the 20-foot platform. It was high enough to impress some of the girls on the dock, and that’s all that really mattered by then anyway. We swam and played in the lake most of the afternoon, flying down the huge waterslides and soaring out over the water on the big trapeze.

Each picnic kicked-off with games like tug-of-war, egg-tossing, and three-legged sack races. Three times in a row, my tug-of-war team with the Marzano brothers won the championship, giving us bragging rights for the whole next year. Even the parents joined in the games, the men fueled by beverages with strange names like grappa and aquavit and sometimes plain old Rainier or Olympia beer.

We were a group of hot, sweaty kids and adults, ending the picnic days mosquito-bitten, tired, and sunburned, but smiling as we danced in the outdoor pavilion. There was such a strong sense of kinship





and goodwill that it is hard to describe. It was that “everything’s-alright-with-the-world” kind of feeling like we got watching Walt Disney in our pajamas on Sunday nights, only better. I loved the picnics.

The summer after John F. Kennedy was assassinated in 1963, we found ourselves having grown up a little too fast, a little too hard. But our neighborhoods also grew closer, forming a sort of invisible circle around us all, protecting and caring for each other. The organizers of the different picnic groups got together and decided it was the right year for all of us to join together and celebrate with one enormous picnic at Highdive on the Fourth of July. We would have all the usual fun and feasting, but we would start the day with a flagraising and end with fireworks. Everybody was excited, and I didn’t know anybody who wasn’t going to the BIG Fourth of July bash.

I was 17 that summer. Old enough to be excited about the picnic and maybe meeting new girls, but still naïve enough not to grasp the importance of everyone coming together for such a huge celebration. When the big day came I found myself at Highdive with hundreds, or maybe it was thousands? I don’t really recall.

But I do remember when the flag was raised how all of us, as one body, put our hands over our hearts and

said the “Pledge of Allegiance.” I had been saying it since kindergarten, every single day in school; but this day was different. Like most prayers, oaths, and pledges that we recite repeatedly by rote memory, the words eventually don’t really mean anything. On this day, as I looked across our sea of different sizes, ages, and colors saying the “Pledge” in unison, I was surprised that I had sprouted goosebumps and was shivering under the hot morning sun.

We said the words together this Fourth of July as if we really understood them for the very first time. The words “united” and “one nation” rang out as clear as that Liberty Bell in Philadelphia.

I miss those picnics and simpler times. Of course, I know we cannot go back. But as we go forward, I am hopeful we will be united as one nation, and that we will, at last, achieve “liberty and justice for all.”

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FOURTH OF JULY: THE ST. TROPEZ WAY

BY GINA STAR POLLACK

Remember the TV show, *Lifestyles of the Rich and Famous*? I'm neither of those, but the summers we spent luxuriating on the French Riviera made me feel like I starred in one of those decadent episodes.



I always smile as I pass the silver-framed photo on my bedroom dresser that captures the sun-drenched glamour of St. Tropez. Eyes closed, I lay face down on a scarlet chaise cushion, my bare back glistening with dots of perspiration and Bain de Soleil lotion. A sweating silver bucket holding an open bottle of Veuve Clicquot champagne rests near my elbow as I revel in the torpid sunshine at the exclusive Voile Rouge beach club. Behind me, the frothy waves of the Mediterranean swell onto the grainy sands speckled with bits of ivory shells.

St. Tropez was a sleepy fishing village and military outpost until the early 1900s. During WW II, it was the first town on its coast to be liberated as part of the Allied invasion of southern France known as Operation Dragoon. In the 1950s, St. Tropez became an international seaside resort for European and American jetsetters. The film *And God Created Woman* starring Brigitte Bardot was shot in St. Tropez in 1956, boosting tourism for the rustic port city and its splendid tropical seashores.

Tropezian beaches are situated south of the port in the Baie de Pampelonne. The sun-drenched beaches offer private or public tanning areas, and several are

clothing optional. Tourists can enjoy windsurfing, sailing, waterskiing, and scuba diving in the azure sea. In September, an annual yacht regatta, "*Les Voiles de Saint-Tropez*," attracts throngs of tourists.

Exclusive beach clubs entice wealthy partiers and boisterous celebrities from around the world. Superyachts abound like bobbing Chardonnay corks throughout the summer season. Each pricey seafront club has a unique party vibe and gourmet dining experience.

Moorea Plage is a party hub with a jetty for easy yacht transfers. DJs liven up the dining experience that features dancing on the tables. The legendary Club 55 is known for celebrity-spotting, popular since 1956 when Brigitte Bardot and her film crew partied there. Loulou is a beachfront oasis renowned for Riviera romantic trysts, a hotspot for VIPs and models who dine at its acclaimed sister restaurant in Paris. Diners feast on mouthwatering seabass ceviche with kiwi, king crab with lemon-grapefruit caviar, and Tarte Tropezienne.

August is prime time for European vacationers, so I prefer to visit this tropical paradise in July. The beach clubs celebrate both the U.S. Fourth of July and France's Bastille Day or Fête Nationale on July 14, celebrating the unity of France during the French Revolution. The anniversary symbolized peace one year after the storming of the Bastille. The holiday



conjures up visions of the graphic descriptions of bloody severed heads at the guillotine in Dickens' "A Tale of Two Cities."

A treasured memory of St. Tropez was the year we celebrated the Fourth of July at Voile Rouge beach club. It was a glorious day spent sunning near our thatch-roofed cabana, admiring the brilliant blue water glistening like a marbled jewel. Yachts swayed in the breeze of the shimmering clear shallows while soft teal swells danced along the sugar-soft sand mixed with bits of broken coral.



Tables displayed nautical-themed linens, china, crystal goblets, and cheerful floral arrangements in wicker baskets. White and crimson umbrellas stood ready for waiters to unfurl to shade the diners. Chalkboards listed luncheon and dessert treats with prices noted in francs. As we took our seats to begin the gourmet festivities, the DJ jumped on stage with a fabulous announcement.

A chic couple rose at the table next to ours whom the DJ introduced as Suzanne Somers and her husband. The DJ boasted that Suzanne had brought a crew to film a TV special for E Channel called "Sizzling St. Tropez." The gorgeous actress and Thighmaster infomercial star took the mic. She told us we would be included in the one-hour special designed to take viewers along for a behind-the-scenes look at the popular celebrity summer destination and famed resort town.

We lunched on bowls of succulent mussels, clams, oysters, and prawns stewed in a spicy tomato broth. Warm, crusty French bread mopped up the sauce, washed down with two bottles of chilled Dom Perignon. The DJ played American disco, French

techno songs, and Barry White tapes as we devoured the seaside feast.

Wearing an off-the-shoulder white top and red, white, and blue striped skirt, Suzanne Somers visited each table, chatting with the diners as the video rolled. She spent ten minutes with us, sharing a flute of champagne and discussing our lives in LA and our trips to St. Tropez over the years.

After enjoying a refreshing dessert of baked Alaska served with holiday sparklers, Suzanne thanked everyone for participating in the E TV special. Smiling, she had us rise to dance the Macarena for a spectacular show finale.

The DJ played the festive, bouncy party song by Los Del Rio while Suzanne shouted, "Follow my dance moves." The crowd whooped and swayed to the rhythm. "When I dance, they call me Macarena," we said as we extended our hands, then rotated them. "And the boys, they say que soy Buena." Rocking to the beat, we touched shoulders, then heads, then patted hips and tooshies. "They all want me, they can't have me." With a booty shake, we clapped, jumped, and turned counterclockwise. "So they all come and dance beside me, Hey Macarena."

Suzanne sent us a tape of the St. Tropez E Special before it aired. I appeared several times in the video, smiling, singing, and dancing. I'm still not rich, but I finally got my five minutes of fame thanks to a fabulous Fourth of July celebration in St. Tropez. *Vive la France!*



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PALM SPRINGS AIR MUSEUM: KEEP 'EM FLYING!

STORY AND PHOTOS BY RALPH OLSON

This museum makes aviation history come alive like no other facility in the world. Historic aircraft from World War II to Korea and Vietnam are available for viewing, and you can actually touch them. But Palm Springs Air Museum works hard to maintain its aircraft as airworthy. Hearing the sounds of the engines and observing these aircraft in flight reinforces the connection between these machines and the people who operated them in the world's greatest conflicts. It's much more than a museum; it's an airshow!



The Palm Springs Air Museum was established in 1996 and is currently celebrating its 25th Anniversary.

The museum was the brainchild of three men – Charlie Mayer, Pete Madison, and Dr. Mort Gubin – who launched the concept in early 1993 with the help of many early volunteers. This trio enlisted the talents of Bob Pond, a former naval aviator who had a reputation as someone who got things done. Pond had a collection of former military aircraft in Minnesota and was willing to relocate them to Palm Springs to make the project move forward. But Pond's planes did something that similar ones could not: they could still fly, and many were in better-than-new condition.

Resistance came from several Palm Springs Airport Commissioners and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), who claimed the museum would be an "incompatible use." But Airport Commissioners from several Coachella Valley cities didn't see it that way.

Neither did Congressman and former Palm Springs Mayor, Sony Bono, who opened doors at the FAA to express his support for the facility.

The case for the air museum was a strong one. These aircraft flew and were part of the reason America and its Allies won World War II. All commissioners stood tall when the final vote came in; the museum was approved without a single vote of opposition.

Ground was broken in February 1996 and the museum opened to the public nine months later with two hangars to commemorate WW II: the European Theatre (Army) and the Pacific Theatre (Navy). The museum was manned, in many cases, by volunteers who had flown or maintained the aircraft on display. The "touch and feel" approach the museum has implemented gives visitors an opportunity to really experience the airplanes so crucial in U.S. warfare throughout WW II.

A third hangar was added in 1999 to house the B-17 Flying Fortress, "Miss Angela." This aircraft was also acquired from the Bob Pond collection and is maintained by the museum as fully flyable. The B-17 served in all theatres of WW II but made its biggest impact in the European skies as a daylight precision bomber. After Germany surrendered, "Miss Angela" served in the Caribbean Command and, later, as a firefighting aircraft in California.



Boeing B17 Flying Fortress "Miss Angela" has its own hangar, and visitors are able to tour its entire interior.

The museum continued to expand its collection and opened its fourth hangar in 2017 dedicated to the Korean, Vietnam, and Cold Wars. At the entrance is the Presidential Experience area with information on U.S. presidents who flew and information about their aircraft. For example, George H.W. Bush was rescued after having to ditch his TBM Avenger in the ocean when he was hit by enemy fire. Other exhibits include war timelines, donation bricks, and a Vietnam POW bracelet display.

Named one of the best aviation museums in the world by CNN, this 86,000 sq. ft. climate-controlled facility always has something new. Here, you can also watch technicians perform maintenance on airplanes in real time plus find engine displays, remembrance walls, interactive flight simulators, former pilot uniforms, a mural honoring the Tuskegee Airmen, aviation art, and thousands of aircraft scale models. The museum's most recent acquisition is the F-117 Nighthawk stealth fighter, which is now undergoing a complete restoration before being displayed in its own hangar in the fall of 2021.

But the ultimate experience is also waiting for you. Climb aboard a P-51 Mustang WW II fighter and sit behind the pilot as he cranks up the 1,750-horsepower engine and launches you into the desert skies. Cruise over Highway 111 at 250 MPH without even touching the gas pedal. Or take a ride in the Douglas C47 Skytrain and imagine yourself among the thousands of paratroopers who flew into the D-Day invasion.



Lt. Col. Bob Friend piloted North American P51 "Bunny" as one of the Tuskegee Airmen. This aircraft was restored by the museum and sports the "Red Tail" scheme used in WW II.

For more daring visitors, adjust your seat belt a little tighter as you feel the wind in your face in the open cockpit Boeing Stearman biplane. Perform aerobatics in the North American T28 Trojan, which is one of the

loudest aircraft to operate at the Palm Springs Airport. And if you insist on flying in a jet, the Lockheed T-33 Shooting Star will take you into the wild blue yonder. Or watch this magnificent show from the bleachers as the museum puts these warbirds into action.



A veteran of the Berlin Airlift, Douglas C47 "What's up Doc?" was restored by the museum and painted in the D-Day invasion colors. Its engines can be heard flying over the Coachella Valley most weekends.



If you feel the "need for speed," check out the F14 Tomcat made famous by the 1986 movie Top Gun starring Tom Cruise as hot-shot pilot "Maverick."

If you are looking for a first-class attraction whose quality matches that of the National Air and Space Museum in Washington DC, make this museum a must-see. History is presented in a manner that honors the women and men who flew and maintained these awesome machines.

Until next time, keep exploring!

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CAIRO CHAOS

BY BARA ROSENHECK

Cairo traffic, both pedestrian and motor vehicle, is a never-ending game of chicken. I've visited a number of the world's biggest cities, but nothing compares to Cairo's mayhem. Sadly, Cairo also has the world's highest rate of auto accidents and injuries. To better understand this statistic, one needs to understand Cairo's rules of the road. There are none. More specifically, if a rule does exist, it is to be ignored.

The rule of thumb is "first come, first served." Approaching intersections is a contest drivers feel compelled to win, and the first fender or grill at a crosswalk has the right of way. Drivers are brazenly aggressive, speed, honk horns, and forcefully try to push others out of their way. Few road signs, traffic lights, or painted lane lines exist.

Traffic is usually heavy in this city of more than 20 million people, with twice that number of vehicles all traversing modern highways, broad boulevards, dirty dusty roads, narrow one-way streets, and picturesque lanes. Motorists apply their own solutions to traffic

problems. If on a slow-moving four or six lane boulevard, they simply create a seventh or eighth lane by driving onto the sidewalk. Cars are constantly darting around barriers, vendors, pedestrians, and other vehicles that are either in their way or moving too slowly.

Huge modern, sleek busses share the road with slow donkey carts pulling heavy loads of produce and are surrounded by motorbikes, vendors, garbage, piles of drifting sand, and parked cars that have been

abandoned by drivers who just could not find a more suitable parking spot. To further complicate this mess, drivers of busses, vans, or taxis abruptly stop in the center of the road to pick up or discharge passengers, ask directions, or make a phone call.

Going to dinner my first night in Cairo, my taxi driver traveled down a narrow, winding, one-way street. Rapidly approaching us, from the opposite direction, was an impatient and determined driver. Shouting and fist-waving ensued. This is a commonly occurring situation, and here the outcome is





determined by the size of the vehicles involved and the volume of cursing emanating from each driver. The larger of the two vehicles has the right of way; so our adversary, in a smaller car, backed down the street and yielded the roadway.

As bad as this sounds, I caution you, there is worse to come. Many Egyptian drivers believe the use of headlights drains car batteries. Countless invisible cars race here and there in total darkness! The use of directional signals is also considered unnecessary. Always in a rush, and in the desire to get to any destination first, drivers enter highways using exit ramps and make U-turns from any lane on a roadway. Many visitors have compared driving in Cairo to the excitement of playing a video game.

Driving in Cairo is stressful, but you ain't seen nothin' yet! Let's look at the challenges faced by pedestrians attempting to cross the street. There are few designated crosswalks or traffic lights. Locals and tourists are advised to attempt crossing in groups. It is an accepted norm that drivers, not pedestrians, have

the right of way. The safest method is to cross each lane separately, as if each lane is a separate street. Doing this in a group of people makes them more visible to the driver. (It may help to have a flashlight after dark so you can see an oncoming invisible car.)

Having crossed the first lane, the group waits in the middle of the boulevard until the second lane seems free of traffic, and then they cross that lane. This hopping from lane to lane continues until they are "safe" on the other side of the street. Tourists are advised to look for native Egyptians before crossing and then walk with them because they are more adept at avoiding cars. It's the pedestrian's job to avoid cars, not the other way around.

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WILBURN, SAM, AND CLETUS

BY BILL DUNN

My life was charmed in more ways than I can count. One of those ways was knowing Wilburn, Sam, and Cletus. They were the only Black employees in my Dad's furniture store. My Dad had started a furniture store on a shoestring. It opened for business on New Year's Day 1926 in Tulsa, Oklahoma, when my Dad was 25 years old. He had originally worked for a man who had a furniture store in Muskogee, Oklahoma, who taught him the business and a great deal about honest, ethical business practices. My Dad was such a hero to me that anything he did became an ideal.

I rarely got to go with Dad to the store when I was a little kid. When I did, I thought I was in one of the most special places in the world, so I always wanted to go with him to work. When I was seven, he began to take me with him to work on Saturdays for seven nickels a day. I promptly put all my pay into the nickel Coke machine and drank it up. My salary was raised to eight nickels a day when I turned eight. That was when I began to save most of those nickels and learned the principles of thrift.

My Dad turned me over to William C. Wilburn, the porter, who went only by the name of Wilburn. He taught me how to polish furniture, which was my primary job, but he also taught me many life lessons. Wilburn told me how difficult it was growing up Black in South Dallas and how his religion helped him live with the intense prejudice towards Black people. He didn't have a car, so he rode the bus. On Sundays he was the preacher at his small Baptist Church. His house was next door to the Crane Carrier plant which made huge off-road trucks. He bought and sold Crane Carrier stock based on estimating their business condition by the number of trucks going out of their gate. He and his wife, Lela, didn't have children and treated me like their son.

Sam Chamberlain was the furniture repairman. His domain was a workbench along one whole wall of the

delivery department that served as the office of the delivery manager, the repair department, and the coffee shop and lunchroom for the store. He taught me how to use hammers, saws, the big vise, and the furniture clamps used in furniture repair. Sam and his wife also treated me like a son; and he, as well, told me stories of overcoming racial prejudice. My strongest memories of his wife were her wails of anguish at Sam's funeral years later. The sound is still imbedded in my soul.

Cletus Stephens worked on a furniture delivery truck, but he did much more than that. He worked at our home and at the family farm doing many things that utilized his amazing strength. He and his wife, Maria, took me and their daughter, Cecilia, to the circus, the state fair, and many other great events. We encountered many stares from fellow attendees. They were not angry or bitter looks, though. Mostly just looks of surprise and curiosity. We were all family.



The Tulsa Fire Department hired my friend Cletus Q. Stephens in 1956, along with five other men. They were the city's first African American firefighters.

Cletus taught me the tragedy of racial prejudice, too. There was an event that I didn't witness but heard about, where an ignorant truck employee had called him the "N" word. Cletus punched him one time. The people around him became worried when the man



The Dunn family furniture store at 2519 E Admiral Place, Tulsa, OK. Photo courtesy of the Beryl Ford Collection/Rotary Club of Tulsa, Tulsa City-County Library and Tulsa Historical Society.

didn't regain consciousness for a very long time. I only heard that story from others, not from Cletus. He left Dad's company to join the first Black training class in the City Fire Department. He talked to my Dad about doing so for months before he took the plunge. It was a very intimidating undertaking. Dad hated to lose him, but strongly encouraged him. He completed the class and was accepted at the Fire Department. This was a huge step up, and he was very proud.

I listened to the horror stories of the hatred directed towards these men only because of the color of their skin. And yet they treated me like a son, teaching me the value of the virtue of forgiveness. These three men contributed greatly to my upbringing. Tulsa was a southern town with all the perceived stereotypes that spring to mind. The politics were predominately Democratic. My family was Republican, which had a totally different meaning back then. Their Republicanism stemmed from my Dad's father who, as a 20-year-old Southerner in Alabama, slipped through the lines and joined the Union Army in the last year of the Civil War. He did that to free the slaves. My father, my son, and I are all three named after Republican President William McKinley. My Dad's only blood sibling was

named Carroll Abraham Lincoln Dunn. That name alone will tell you who we were: proud Republicans in a primarily Democratic, racially bigoted environment.

My wife and I just finished watching a wonderful TV miniseries about Barrack Obama, whom we idolize, and his struggles in political life. We were saddened to hear him describe the painful events that he and his wife dealt with because of bigotry. Listening to Obama's story, I was reminded how enriched my life has been because of my early close friendships with Wilburn, Sam, and Cletus. I hope my story conveys that I am a man grateful to have been raised in Oklahoma, free of racial prejudice and bigotry, and insulated from the bleak underbelly of hate and fear. I attribute this to my family, but also to the loving relationships I had with those three powerful men.

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WEIRD STUFF I'VE DONE DURING THE PANDEMIC

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Finally, things are beginning to open up; but we probably will never forget the various stages of “lockdown” we endured for well over a year! During that restrictive time, many of us sought new ways to “pass the time of day” in an effort to keep our sanity, occupy our minds, and utilize our brains (plus maybe even our hands and feet).

We asked our readers to tell us about unusual activities they resorted to in order to get through the “stay-at-home boredom” caused by the pandemic. Below are some of their responses.

Kathy Schreiber found herself taking pictures of a rabbit in her backyard and using them to make a picture book for her grandkids. As Kathy explains, “We had a pet bunny before that I fed oats. So, when I saw this rabbit in the backyard of our new home here in SCSH, I started feeding it oats and taking pictures of it in various places. Just before Easter, a friend suggested I try to get a picture of the bunny sitting in an Easter basket. I got a basket, and it took several days before the bunny finally jumped in the basket to find his oats.”

As her “pandemic project,” Kathy decided to assemble all the photos for her grandkids. While she was busy snapping pictures, Kathy’s husband, Russell, a retired golf professional who liked to work with wood, was busy in the garage making bookends, hat racks, and other items out of old golf clubs.

The Schreibers moved here from New York about six months before the pandemic struck, so they are anxiously waiting to start rekindling relationships with the new friends they met before the pandemic shut everything down.



Julie Harris missed the fitness center, and here's her report about how she survived: "In March 2020, when the bug hit the fan, nobody knew it would take years instead of months to get on the other side of it. When our fitness center closed, I thought I would just wait it out. But after two months of this I thought, 'Well, this ain't working.' So I set a step goal on my Fitbit, deciding that I'd better get cracking.

"By then it was May and the temps were rising. Time for a plan! First, I have to say that we're lucky to live in one of the larger models or I'd probably be more dizzy than I usually am. I created a walking path in our house that gave me 205 steps per rotation, which included repeat rotations around the pony wall so I could get more steps into each rotation. I also figured out that you can run in place and even walk backward, and Fitbit will still track it. Dancing works, too!

"You'd be surprised how little time it takes to accumulate a lot of steps. I do it every day and, even though I don't always make my goal, I usually make it about five days a week. Even as fitness classes open up, I still plan to do my steps every day as well. And you don't have to do it all at once. I spend so much time at the computer now that I get up every hour or so and do a couple thousand steps, after which I feel quite refreshed. I definitely plan to continue doing this beyond COVID."

Jill Centeno relates this about her project: "I created and hand-painted a three-foot-long paper mâché lizard that took me more than three months to complete, and I enjoyed every minute of this process. It hangs on a wall in my kitchen. I named him 'Jorge'



after my father, George; and I refer to this as 'Corona Virus Art.' I am now working on a paper mâché snake.

"My interest in art is a blessing, as it has kept me busy during these trying times. I think the pandemic has actually made me more creative in trying different types of art. Now that the Montecito Clubhouse is beginning to open, I am happy that I can join my friends in the Creative Arts Club."

Linda Sage found a new way to knit. "During the pandemic I learned how to make a cozy warm blanket using only my hands. It came out looking like a knitted blanket and was completed in a day or two." When asked what she meant by "using only my hands," Linda explained she saw a video on how to knit using a bulky yarn, no knitting needles, and just her hands. She tried it; it worked; and then, seeing her results, her sister made one also!



Many residents also reported that they turned to reading books and doing jigsaw puzzles during the pandemic. Although these activities might not be classified as "weird or unusual," they sure helped pass the time of day!

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WELCOME TO THE PURPLE PALACE OF CAROLE ROTH

BY BOB FIRRING

PHOTOS BY BETH BOLDUC AND BOB FIRRING

Carole Roth has three passions in her life. They are, in no particular order, Dean Martin, Art Deco, and the color purple. Amazingly, Carole has combined these diverse interests to create one of the most unusual homes in Sun City Shadow Hills. If you ever get the chance to visit, do so.



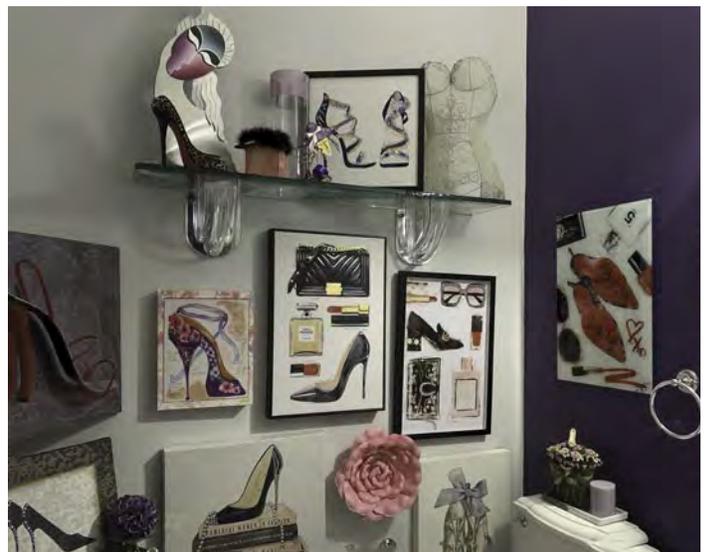
"Oh, my man, I love him so!"

Carole grew up in Chicago. Fed up with the miserable winters there, she moved to Phoenix with her parents. A brief marriage followed that produced two sons, and Carole found herself a single mother with two small children at age 25.

Undaunted, Carole secured employment at a local advertising agency and surprised the owner by announcing that she wanted to learn the entire business because she planned to take it over someday. The owner agreed, declaring that he didn't really like advertising that much and had other things he wanted to do with his life.

In those days, Phoenix was a boom-and-bust economy that depended largely on the state of the real estate business. Initially, Carole worked primarily with a national homebuilder but wound up adrift when the housing industry collapsed and the builder declared bankruptcy. Picking up the pieces, she created a new and larger, diversified client base and enjoyed a successful career for over 30 years.

This business success enabled Carole to pursue her three passions. She has curated a large collection of memorabilia plus custom furnishings and carpets that creatively blend all her passions. Although Carole owns one of the largest models here, she regrets there is not enough room to display everything like she did in her much larger home in Phoenix.



Can you believe this is a powder room?



A blend of passions:
Dean, Art Deco, and the color purple

After her two boys left home, Carole and her widower dad, Maurice, became even closer. They lived, vacationed, and enjoyed the good life together. That phase sadly ended when Maurice passed away at age 100, but not before he experienced the huge party Carole threw for him that featured a Dean Martin lookalike entertainer. Maurice even participated in the act, and he stole the show.

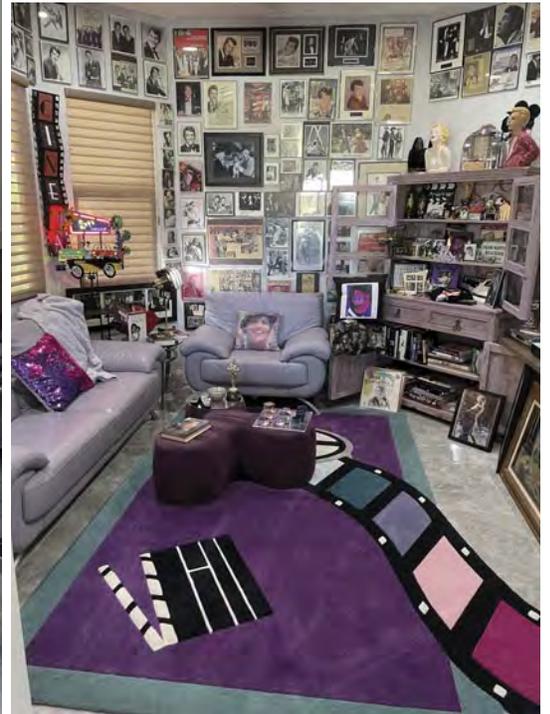
With her dad gone, Carole needed a change and moved here in 2013. She has completely remodeled her home to produce a truly unique ambiance. Because a picture is worth a thousand words, I'll let these photos speak for themselves.



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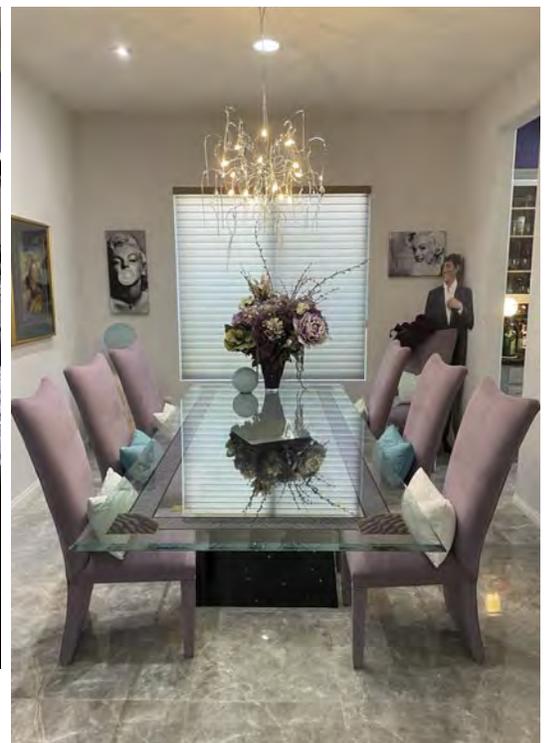
Tinsel Town glamour: a touch of
Old Hollywood



Better than the red carpet, the "reel" carpet
in the Dean Martin movie room



A family portrait:
Carole, Simba, and Deani



Elegant dining with Dean and Marilyn

PRO-CRAS-TI-NA-TION MAÑANA IS NOT ENOUGH FOR ME

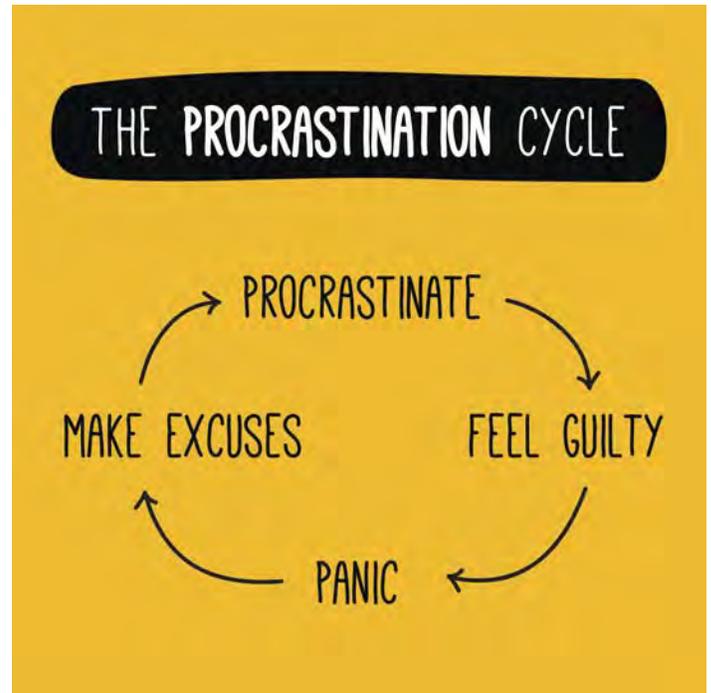
BY CARL RIGOLI

Peggy Lee co-wrote the song “Mañana” with Dave Barbour and recorded it on November 25, 1947. The translation of the Spanish word “mañana” in English is tomorrow. The message in the song is, “Don’t leave for tomorrow what you can do today.”

According to Buddha, there are two fatal errors that keep great projects from coming to life: not starting and not finishing. There are multiple excuses a procrastinator will use, such as: I will start tomorrow or next week; or I don’t have the time right now, or the money, or both. I have been guilty of procrastinating at various times in my life, so I am familiar with most of the excuses. The fact is, I have been procrastinating on finishing this story. I kept saying, “I will get to it tomorrow,” while time was running out.

A perfect example is when I was writing my senior thesis, which would affect graduating from college. I kept putting it off until I had only four weeks to hand it in to my professor. At the same time, I got a long-term music gig playing at the 1964 World’s Fair in New York City at the DuPont Pavilion. The band played from 9 am until 1 pm from Wednesday through Sunday. At the same time, I was attending my college classes on Monday and Tuesday, along with playing music gigs at night. With no computers and internet for research, I had to do it all at the library in between taking classes and working. Needless to say, I was running around trying to do everything at the last minute. My health was affected, both physically and mentally. By the time I graduated, I was a basket case!

I vowed never to procrastinate again. No more mañana for me! Of course, I didn’t follow through – at least not right away. After reading, taking classes, and studying self-improvement, I realized that it is entirely up to me to create my own ability to take charge, and that by changing my thinking I could bring about self-improvement. I remembered Buddha’s quote



about starting and finishing. After all, you can’t cross the finish line and win a race without first lining up at the starting line.

I worked on how to eliminate procrastination by setting goals and completing them on time, by thinking positive and believing in myself. Centered on my goal, I was able to complete my thesis and graduate. I also learned that, when I was inspired by something I loved to do, it became a deterrent for procrastination.

Of course, Buddha was right all the time about starting and finishing. And I have decided that Peggy Lee’s hit song, “Mañana,” is a good theme song for procrastinators: “Mañana, mañana, mañana is soon enough for me...”.

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Reminder...Time to Order Cherries!



In March's issue of *The View*, you read about those delicious Rainier and Lambert cherries and that July was the time to order them. Well, it's July . . . *time to order!*



Many of us enjoy visiting a favorite bar or restaurant "where everybody knows your name."

Now that many establishments are able to reopen as pandemic restrictions are easing, we would like to hear about your favorite places. Where is the service outstanding? What special cocktail or menu item is your favorite?

So let us know – in 50 words or less – what new haunts you have discovered, or what spots you have revisited, that are truly welcoming and that serve up the best.

Please email us at view@scshca.com by September 15 so we can include your recommendations in the November 2021 issue of *The View*.

Cheers!



LIFESTYLE UPDATE

CONNIE KING | LIFESTYLE DIRECTOR

The Lifestyle Department is excited to report that we hosted our first in-person event, **Friday Night Funnies**, on May 21. We were hoping to use the amphitheater, but weather did not permit it; and the event was moved inside the ballroom. Shadows Restaurant provided the bar; Jason Love and his comedians provided the laughter. Our General Manager, Tyler Ingle, gave parting remarks and thanked everyone for coming out to see the show. It was a great show!

Shred-it Day returned by popular demand! On Saturday, June 5, residents started early and cars were lined up by 8 am. With curbside service, residents did not have to get out of their cars. We called it throwing out the old to make room for the new.

Music 2 My Ears returned on June 24. Residents put on their dancing shoes and danced the night away with music performed by Johnny Meza.



Save these dates for Lifestyle's upcoming activities:

JULY 17 & 18 | Film Festival 2021

SEPTEMBER 19 | Concert on the Greens, featuring the Garth Guy.

Doors open at 6:30 pm, show starts at 7 pm.

We are excited to see our clubs returning to the clubhouse. It's a great way for new residents to learn more about the clubs they are interested in joining.

Lifestyle invites you to participate in the surveys that are forthcoming. Your input will shed some light on the activities or places you would like to visit in the future. Thank you for your continued support, and don't forget to visit the Stay Connected Page for more upcoming events:

www.scszca.com/stayconnected

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2021 FILM FESTIVAL



Saturday July 17th

12:00 pm - The Irishman
 3:45 pm - Bombshell
 5:50 pm - The Art of
 Racing the Rain
 7:55 pm - The Good Liar

Sunday July 18th

12:00 pm - Ford vs Ferrari
 2:50 pm - Rocketman
 5:10 pm - Butch Cassidy, and
 the Sundance Kid
 7:15 pm - Roma

Mara Monte Grand Ballroom | Free

ATTENDEES MUST BE IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE STATE AND COUNTY COVID-19 GUIDELINES



TRIP TO
**Laguna
Beach**

MONDAY, AUGUST 9, 2021

\$38 PER PERSON [NON REFUNDABLE]

BRING YOUR OWN SNACKS, LIFESTYLE WILL PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION AND WATER.

SAWDUST
FESTIVAL IS NEAR BY (ON YOUR OWN)

- ARTIST
- MUSIC
- FESTIVAL CLASSES
- FOOD & DRINKS
- SPECIAL EVENTS

Bus will depart the Montecito Clubhouse: 9:00am

Arrival time to Montecito Clubhouse: 7:00pm

Sign ups begin Monday, June 21 2021 - Wednesday, August 4, 2021

Residents Only | Visit the lifestyle desk for more information

SCSH Performing Arts Club
 'Hilda's Yard'
 TICKET REFUND PROCESS

BEGINNING Monday, January 25, 2021

Please note: ALL RETURNS MUST BE MADE BY THE ORIGINAL TICKET PURCHASER ONLY

Before coming to the Montecito Clubhouse:

1. Place all purchased tickets in an envelope along with your **Name, Address, Email address and Phone number**
2. Indicate on the front of the envelope, the **day(s)** your ticket(s) are for – eg **Thursday, Friday, Saturday, or Sunday...list all applicable**
 - We strongly suggest you save a copy of your tickets

At the Montecito Clubhouse:

- Place your envelope in the 'Hilda's Yard' Refund box provided at the Lifestyles Desk
 Contents will be collected by our volunteers every **Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays**

After submitting:

1. Your tickets will be verified and refund processed.
2. You will be contacted to arrange for pick-up of your Refund.

Note:

SCSH Volunteers are completing this task and there are hundreds of tickets will require processing.

Please be patient - it may take some time to receive your call....

WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT AND CAN'T WAIT TO ENTERTAIN YOU 'LIVE' AGAIN!!

SCSH GAMES PLUS CLUB



Bingo will resume as follows:

October 1, 2021

November 5, 2021

December 3, 2021

Montecito Clubhouse Ballroom

Sale of Bingo Cards: 5:30 P.M. Games Start: 6:30 P.M.

Buy in is \$5.00 per person (cash only- small bills please)

Special games \$1.00 each or as offered.

For additional information: Pat Rosandich 310-433-0714

Sun City Shadow Hills Community Singers
 "Sing, Sing, Sing" The Big Band Beat Concert
 TICKET REFUNDS NOW AVAILABLE

TICKET REFUND PROCESS

Before coming to the Montecito Clubhouse

1. Place all purchased tickets in an envelope along with your: **Name, Address, Email address & Phone number.**
2. Indicate on the front of the envelope: **Community Singers Ticket Refund Request.**

At the Montecito Clubhouse:

1. Place your envelope in the "Sing, Sing, Sing" drop box provided at the Lifestyle Desk.
 - ❖ Contents will be collected each Wednesday.

After submitting:

1. Your tickets will be verified and refund processed.
2. You will be contacted to arrange for pick-up of your refund check.

Please be patient – with 400 tickets sold it may take some time to receive your refund contact.

We thank you for your continued support and very much look forward to singing for you "live" again!!

Sun City Shadow Hills
 THAT'S ENTERTAINMENT CLUB
**Sir Laffs-A-Lot's
 Comedy Night**



Starring Comedians
 from the Top
 Late Night Shows

Hilarious New Shows
 Every Month

Rated "R" Due to
 Possible Adult Content

Wednesday, July 21, 2021 • 7:00 PM

Reserved Seating • Tickets on Sale July 1

Tickets: \$12 in Advance / \$14 at the Door (if Available)
 Tickets Are Non-Refundable
 Checks/Visa/MasterCard/Discover/AMEX

Contact the Sun City Shadow Hills Lifestyle Desk for Tickets
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FOOD & BEVERAGE

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

The staff at Shadows Restaurant would like to wish everybody a very fun-filled and safe Independence Day. Unfortunately, we will not be catering an annual Fourth of July event at the Montecito Clubhouse again this year. Hopefully, events like these will be back in full swing in 2022. We look forward to celebrating with everyone next year.

Last month we brought back our specialty nights. We hosted three sold-out events: **Southern Comfort Night**, **BBQ Night**, and our most popular **Pasta Night**. It was nice to see our residents enjoying all the fun and deliciousness with their friends.

This month, we will continue our themed specialty nights with **Shrimptacular** (July 7), **Summer Salad Extravaganza** (July 14), **Pasta Night** (July 21), and a second **Pasta Night** (July 28). All nights are expected to sell out. Please make a reservation to ensure your spot.

Our new **Happy Hour** is doing really well. We would like to thank everyone for coming in from 2 – 5 pm and taking advantage of the great deals Shadows offers. **Coconut Shrimp** is a major hit. If you have not tried our new Happy Hour menu, we invite you to come see for yourself. Tasty **Crunchy Chicken Wraps**, a perfectly priced **Happy Hour Burger**, refreshing **Blueberry Moscow Mule**, and much more. We are making Happy Hour great again!

Want to share drinks with your friends and family? Last month we introduced **Pitchers of Margaritas** and **Pitchers of Draft Beer**. Ordering pitchers is a good way to share the fun at a discounted price. Grab a friend and a pitcher of Margaritas and let the good times roll. Or, bring in your favorite bottle of wine and utilize our **reduced corkage fee** – reduced from \$12 to \$8.

We strongly recommend advance reservations. Certain nights and specialty nights are likely to reach

full capacity. So make a reservation and guarantee your place for the evening. Our carryout ordering continues to be an excellent option for our homeowners as well. Let us do the cooking for you and keep your A/C bill lower throughout the heat of summer. All carryout orders must be placed prior to 4 pm.

Please visit the link below for all the latest news, menus, and Chef Jeff's weekly dinner specials.

theshadowsrestaurant.com/news

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Hours of Operation

SHADOWS RESTAURANT

Daily: 8 am – 7 pm

Take-Out Hours: 8 am – 7 pm

Happy Hour: 2 pm – 5 pm

GOLF SNACK BAR

6 am – 1 pm

SANTA ROSA BISTRO

6 am – 1 pm

MONTECITO CAFÉ

Closed



GOLF OPERATIONS

ROLLAND VAUGHN | GENERAL MANAGER, SHADOW HILLS GOLF CLUB

This is the time of year that we review golf course maintenance activity taking place throughout the summer. As is typical of golf courses in the Coachella Valley, many of these projects must wait until the Bermuda grass is growing actively, which requires the warm nights and hot days ahead. Other projects are scheduled for summer when there are fewer golfers so as not to impact their experience on busy days.

Our ongoing project with golf course irrigation will continue. This includes replacing broken irrigation heads, adjusting others, and configuring the irrigation computer. Proper irrigation is key to the overall condition of the golf course and necessary for other projects to be successful.

At the beginning of June, we sprayed an herbicide on the golf course to eliminate any remaining ryegrass. This process reduces the Bermuda grass' competition for sunlight, water and food. The Bermuda grass will then have the remainder of the summer to mature in until overseeding in the fall. With significantly improved Bermuda grass coverage in the fairways, our focus will shift to the golf course perimeter. Seed and mulch, as well as sod, will be placed in areas in need of turf augmentation.

Next, the greens will be aerified twice on each of the North and South Courses, along with multiple verticuttings and topdressings. These are processes all golf courses in a desert climate perform and most golfers are familiar with. Further details about these projects can be found on the Golf Course Maintenance page of our website.

One final project to mention is what we consider "detail work." This includes landscape beds, fountain grass, and edging around trees and cart paths. These items are addressed throughout the year but need to be maintained more often in the summer, as growth is faster during those months.

You can find the most up-to-date information on our website where the golf course maintenance schedule is posted. The website link is provided below for your convenience.

[www.shadowhillsgolfclub.com/
course_maintenance_schedule](http://www.shadowhillsgolfclub.com/course_maintenance_schedule)

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

Contact the author at rmvaughn@troon.com.

Hours of Operation

NORTH COURSE

6 am – 1 pm

SOUTH COURSE

6 am – 1 pm

PRACTICE FACILITY

6 am – 1 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.
Last practice fee sold at 1 pm.

MONTECITO PUTTING COURSE

All social distancing guidelines apply.
Summer maintenance schedule TBD.
Participants must use their own putters and golf balls.



SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

<p>4 INDEPENDENCE DAY</p> <p>2:00 PM Table Tennis NPT/PIS</p>	<p>5</p> <p>7:15 AM Lady Putters CAP 9:00 AM Creative Arts CAM/MIR 11:30 AM Pan CAP 12:30 PM Needles & Pins CAM/MIR 1:00 PM Gin Rummy NPT 1:00 PM Scrabble PIS 4:30 PM King & Queens Club PIS 5:00 PM Bocce Buddies BCM 6:00 PM Pan CAP 7:00 PM Bocce Buddies BCM 7:00 PM Billiards Club PAC</p>	<p>6</p> <p>8:00 AM Ceramics CAM/MIR 10:30 AM DRC Meeting COA 11:15 AM Pan NPT 12:00 PM Duplicate Bridge CAP 12:45 PM Paper Crafters CAM/MIR 4:30 PM King & Queens Club PIS</p>	<p>7</p> <p>9:00 AM Needles & Pins CAM/MIR 9:30 AM Bridge Lessons CAP 10:30 AM Safety Meeting COA 11:00 AM Table Tennis NPT/PIS 12:30 PM Mah Jongg BH 1:00 PM Jewelry Club MIR 1:30 PM King & Queens Club PIS 2:00 PM Mexican Train NPT 2:00 PM Landscape Advisory COA 5:00 PM Bocce Buddies BCM 7:00 PM Billiards Club PAC</p>
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<p>1 THURSDAY</p> <p>9:00 AM Creative Arts CAM/MIR 9:00 AM Facilities & Services COA 10:00 AM Writer's Club LJ 11:45 AM Pan CAP 12:30 PM Hand & Foot NPT 1:00 PM EPC MON/PIS 4:30 PM King & Queens Club NPT 6:30 PM Bridge CAP</p>	<p>2 FRIDAY</p> <p>8:00 AM Ceramics CAM/MIR 8:00 AM Bocce Buddies BCM 11:45 AM Pan CAP 2:00 PM Table Tennis NPT/PIS 7:00 PM Movie: <i>Hustlers</i> CAM/MIR</p>	<p>3 SATURDAY</p> <p>10:00 AM Bridge CAP</p>
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<p>29</p> <p>8:00 AM Classy Niners LJ 9:00 AM Creative Arts CAM/MIR 11:45 AM Pan CAP 12:30 PM Hand & Foot NPT 4:30 PM King & Queens Club NPT 6:30 PM Bridge CAP 7:00 PM Music To My Ears BR</p>	<p>30</p> <p>8:00 AM Ceramics CAM/MIR 8:00 AM Bocce Buddies BCM 8:00 AM Covenants Committee COA 2:00 PM Table Tennis Club NPT/PIS 7:00 PM Movie: <i>Just Getting Started</i> CAM/MIR</p>	<p>31</p> <p>10:00 AM Bridge CAP</p>

July 2021

LEGEND

- MONTECITO CLUBHOUSE
- SANTA ROSA CLUBHOUSE
- HOA OFFICE
- SHADOW HILLS GOLF CLUB
- AMP – Amphitheater
- AS – Aerobic Studio
- BCM – Bocce Courts MC
- BCS – Bocce Courts SRC
- BH – Back Half Ballroom
- BR – Ballroom
- BW – Breezeway
- CAM – Cambria
- CAP – Capistrano
- CL – Clubhouse Lobby
- COA – Coachella
- FC – Fitness Center
- FH – Front Half Ballroom
- GR – Green Room
- KSK – Kiosk
- LJ – La Jolla
- MAR – Marisol
- MC – Montecito Clubhouse
- MIR – Mirada
- MON – Monterey
- NPT – Newport
- OS – Offsite
- OUT – Outdoor Event
- PAC – Pacifica
- PAT – Patio by Capistrano
- PC – Putting Course
- PIS – Pismo
- PRK – Parking Lot
- SC – Sports Court
- SEL – Santa Rosa Events Lawn
- SGC – South Golf Course
- SHA – Shadows Restaurant
- SRC – Santa Rosa Clubhouse
- SRP – Santa Rosa Patio
- SY – Santa Ynez
- SY1 – Santa Ynez I
- SY2 – Santa Ynez II
- TBD – To Be Decided
- TC – Tennis Court
- WSP – West Side Patio

Sign up or purchase tickets to Lifestyle events at the Lifestyle Desk in the Montecito Clubhouse.
 760-345-4349 x 2120
 Cash, checks & credit cards accepted.



FITNESS UPDATE

FERNANDO CURIEL | HEALTH & FITNESS COORDINATOR



July is Healthy Vision Month. With the increased use of technology to complete our work and connect with family, this is a perfect time for some helpful tips to increase the longevity of your eyesight. Taking care of your eyes is just as important as eating healthy and getting regular physical exercise.

Ways to Protect Your Vision

- Regularly get comprehensive dilated eye exams.
- Eat healthy meals, particularly dark leafy greens and fish.
- Maintain a healthy weight.
- Wear sunglasses.
- Wash your hands before taking out contact lenses, and properly cleanse them to avoid infection.
- Quit smoking, or never start.

Staying in good overall health also helps you to take care of your eyes. People with vision problems are more likely to have diabetes, poor hearing, heart problems, high blood pressure, lower back pain, and strokes.

In addition to your comprehensive dilated eye exams, visit an eye doctor if you see flashes of light or if you are dealing with:

- eye pain
- double vision
- diabetes
- decreased vision



During Healthy Vision Month, remember to take special care of your eyes and make them last a lifetime.

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



- ✓ **GO TO WWW.SCSHCA.COM**
- ✓ **CLICK ON "FITNESS" FROM THE MENU**
- ✓ **CLICK ON THE "FITNESS VIDEO LIBRARY" ICON**



FITNESS CLASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY

MONTECITO FITNESS CENTER

- 9:00 AM Zumba; Angel
- 10:00 AM Traditional Yoga I; Angel
- 11:30 AM Mat Pilates I; Justin
- 12:30 PM Reformer Pilates I-II; Justin
- 1:30 PM Lively Liners (Beginner 1 & 2)
- 4:00 PM Lively Liners (Advanced)

SANTA ROSA CLUBHOUSE

MONTECITO FITNESS CENTER

- 8:00 AM Strength & Core; Bonnie
- 9:00 AM Silver Fit; Bonnie
- 1:00 PM Lively Liners (Beginner)

SANTA ROSA CLUBHOUSE

- 9:00 AM Total Body Strength; Marlana
- 10:00 AM Silver Fit; Marlana
- 11:00 AM Chair Yoga; Marlana

WEDNESDAY

MONTECITO FITNESS CENTER

- 9:00 AM Mat Pilates I; Angel
- 10:00 AM Traditional Yoga I; Angel
- 1:00 PM Lively Liners (Intermediate)

SANTA ROSA CLUBHOUSE

- 8:00 AM Zumba; Rosy

THURSDAY

MONTECITO FITNESS CENTER

9:00 AM Mat Pilates II; Angel
 10:00 AM Zumba Toning; Angel
 12:00 PM Reformer Pilates I-II; Justin
 5:00 PM Lively Liners (Intermediate)

SANTA ROSA CLUBHOUSE

8:00 AM Total Body Strength; Bonnie
 9:00 AM Balance & Stretch; Bonnie
 10:00 AM Barre Above; Marlana
 11:00 AM Chair Yoga; Marlana

FRIDAY

MONTECITO FITNESS CENTER

9:00 AM Zumba; Rosy
 1:00 PM Lively Liners (Advanced)

SANTA ROSA CLUBHOUSE

9:00 AM Yin Yang Yoga; Leesann

SATURDAY

MONTECITO FITNESS CENTER

10:00 AM Lively Liners (Open Dancing)

SANTA ROSA CLUBHOUSE

SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Please check www.scschca.com/fitness for updated information and class cancellations.

Rules and Procedures: Members must check in for class at the front desk.
 Members will be allowed to check in no more than 10 minutes prior to a class. All classes start on time.
 No late entries. Please silence all cell phones during class.

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IF YOUR CLUB'S OFFICERS HAVE CHANGED, PLEASE SEE THE LIFESTYLE DESK AND FILL OUT THE NEW OFFICERS FORM. 760-345-4349 EXT. 2120



Club Activities via Zoom

The following Chartered Clubs and Resident Groups continue to operate virtually via Zoom. Please refer to their articles for more information about participating in their activities.

Chartered Clubs

- Camera Club
- Genealogy Club
- Men's Golf Club
- Needles & Pins
- Performing Arts Club
- Readers Ink
- Solos Club
- Ukulele Strummers
- Writer's Club

Resident Groups

- Democrats
- Hadassah



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 afternoon at 1 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 will soon be announcing the return of our monthly tournaments. Tournaments are friendly and competitive and will be held once each month at a cost of \$5 per player. 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.

The club is open again! Join us at the Montecito Clubhouse on Monday and Wednesday afternoons. 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!



Bowlers Club

It's been way too long. Many of us are still dealing with withdrawal. Going to the alley, opening my locker and making nice to my ball isn't working.



*It's Sign-up Time For
The Biggest, Badest, Funnest
Non-competitive Bowling League
In the Coachella Valley*

It's time to start practicing and hone our bowling skills. Yes, the bowling alley is open, and our bowlers are practicing Friday mornings. It is so wonderful to go to the bowling alley and see all the smiling faces of our bowlers. All are invited to join us at 10 am on Fridays. No experience needed. All are welcome. We are hoping to start forming our teams in August and start our league in September. For more information, please contact Rose Borses at 818-419-0045 or rosie6461@gmail.com.



Bridge Club

The summer heat has commenced and what better way to cool off but to spend a few hours playing bridge in our beautiful clubhouse. If you wish to join us, please contact Ron Gauny at 949-303-8426 or Ron Hinton at 520-869-6003 for game days and times.

Game results are posted on our website at bridgewebs.com/shadowhills after every game.

Stay cool. Have fun. Play bridge!



Camera Club

The club members continue to explore new photography techniques such as Light Box and panorama photography. We share techniques and results at our two weekly Zoom meetings: Wednesdays at 3 pm for the Basic/Intermediate Post Processors and Fridays at 3 pm for all levels that feature a rotating weekly theme. If you wish to participate in any of our Zoom meetings, go to our website, www.scszcameraclub.com and join the club.



This month's photo by Don Paskewitz is titled "Joe's Alstroemeria Study No. 2."



Ceramics Club

Ceramics Club would like to thank HOA President, Big John, for stopping by our club meeting to encourage us. What a pleasant and welcomed visit. We are back in full swing, busy working on new projects from bisque or greenware to creatively painting and then firing in our kilns. What a joy it has been to be together again. The joy of coming together on Tuesday and Friday mornings, adding new members, and the fantastic camaraderie we have in our club. Stop by sometime and visit us on a Tuesday or Friday, 8 am – 12 pm. We welcome anyone interested in ceramics or learning something new. Below are several items that have been created in the past month.



Have a wonderful Fourth of July, celebrating our freedom. Contact us at scszceramics@hotmail.com or stop by our club meetings on Tuesday or Friday.



Classy Niners

Happy hot summer everyone! Tuesday starting times are 6:30 am and Friday starting times are 7 am. Tuesday and Friday golfers have a choice of playing 9 or 18 holes.

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

Our Community Singers are still positive about starting to sing this fall with a holiday concert in early December. Our director, Karen is going to be in touch with our 2019 – 2020 members in the months ahead to *SING AGAIN!* If you are interested in joining the group for the 2021 – 2022 season, to experience the joy and fun we have singing together, please contact Karen Adamik at kadamik1@verizon.net. Looking ahead, here are some important dates to jot down:

Fall Session 2021

- Monday Rehearsals: Mondays 3:30 – 6:30 pm, starting September 27
- Wednesday Sectionals: Wednesdays 9:30 – 11:30 am, starting October 13
- Concert Techs and Performance: December 17, 18, 19
- Social: December 20

Winter/Spring Session 2022

- Monday Rehearsals: Monday 3:30 – 6:30pm, starting January 10
- Wednesday Sectionals: Wednesday 9:30 – 11:30 am, starting January 19
- Concert Techs and Performance: March 4, 5, 6
- Social: March 7

Let's keep music in our hearts and singing on our lips until we can be together again!



Couples Golf

Everyone at Sun City Shadow Hills is welcome to join the SCSH Couples Golf Club. Our season starts in November and the Couples Golf Club Board is completing the arrangements for our 2021/2022 season. All the facilities have been booked and play dates arranged and we are now in the process of finalizing our membership application form and working with the HOA on the Informed Consent Agreement. This will be available sometime in August or September on our website.

Our first event in 2021 is the Annual Welcome Back Potluck Social and this will be held on November 6, 2021 from 4 – 6 pm in the Montecito Ballroom. So, mark your calendars!

Our first play date is Sunday, November 7, 2021. Stay tuned to future View articles and the Couples Golf website (www.shcouples.com) for more information on our membership application form, the Informed Consent Agreement, and the process to become a new or returning member of the Couples Golf Club. If you have any questions, please contact Rob Quilley, President at scshcouples@gmail.com.



Creative Arts

The heat of summer is now upon us and it's a good time to remind our new and continuing members that the art room in the Montecito Clubhouse is open. Come join us to work on your art projects. It could be a great time to try something new!

If you haven't been in the Montecito Clubhouse lately, you might not be aware that we are hanging art again on the Art Wall in the lobby. Stop by and take a look! We have many talented artists right here in our community.

If you're interested in drawing, watercolor, or acrylic painting, or any other type of art, consider joining the Creative Arts Club. We meet twice a week, Mondays and Thursdays, 9 am – 12 pm in the Montecito Clubhouse.

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



Dance Club (Shall We All Dance)

The Shall We All Dance Club is the partner dancing club in SCSH. If you already like, or would like to learn, Swing, Cha-cha, Rumba, Waltz, Foxtrot, and/or other lead/follow dances, this is the place for you.

The club is always dark in the summer, typically with our first dance of the season is in October. Hopefully, by then we be well and open again to the possibility of holding someone in your arms and safely glide around the dance floor.

We also are talking with the partner dance club in Sun City Palm Desert about organizing some joint dances. A Halloween 2021 dance is currently under consideration. We're so accustomed to wearing masks now, that a masquerade ball would be perfect!

In the meantime, the club is looking for volunteers to join the Board of Directors to make the dream of dancing once again viable.

Let me know if you're up for helping to plan next season's dance events: Judy Wilson, President, 858-337-5284 or judywilson2016@outlook.com.



Desert Gardeners

Our club members enjoy a wide range of events, demonstrations, presentations, and tours to broaden their knowledge of gardening in a desert environment. Our full schedule of meetings and events will resume in November. In the meantime, here is a suggestion of a plant that doesn't mind summer heat:

Texas Rangers are medium-sized shrubs in seven varieties. They are covered with small gray or gray-green leaves. The flowers are usually less than an inch wide, but are so abundant that they put on a beautiful show of purple, pink, or white blooms.

Blooming is from summer into fall and usually quickly follows rain or even high humidity. When other plants are looking tired from a long summer, the Texas Ranger comes to the rescue with striking blooms during some of the most oppressive summer heat. See Davesgarden.com for the full article.

For more information on our club, as well as a wealth of gardening resources, visit our website www.scshtadesertgardeners.com.

For more information or to be added to our email list, contact Dayle Durbon, Interim President, at scshtadesertgardeners@gmail.com.



Desert Life

Desert Life is a congenial group of ladies (men are most welcomed as well) who meet for lunch on the third Tuesday of every month, except for July and August when we are dark. We have programs that are of interest to those of us living in the desert. Luncheons are held at Heritage Palms Resort, which is a five-minute drive from SCSH.

Each month a local charity, selected by our Community Outreach Chairperson and our Board, will submit their "wish list" of items needed which, on a purely voluntary basis, our generous membership supplies at our luncheon. Our Outreach Chairperson arranges for pick-up or delivery to the charity.

Due to COVID-19, we have not met since February 2020. We are seriously hoping to meet again in September. It is dependent on when Heritage Palms can open their doors to our group. When we do resume, we will need a slate of officers for 2022, so we ask you to please consider being part of our Board. At present we need a Secretary, Luncheon Chairperson, Membership Chairperson, and Program Chairperson. Being part of the Board of such a great organization can be rewarding and lots of fun so please consider running for one of these positions.

New residents of Shadow Hills, may attend one time before becoming a member. Continue to check *The View* for meeting dates and times.

Please call Marie DeVito, Treasurer, at 312-909-0446 for any additional information.



Games Plus

Games Plus was formed to play various games.

BINGO | Bingo will not start until the fall. It is usually played the 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. Two special games can be purchased for \$3. A free door prize raffle right after intermission. You must be 18 years of old to play. *Cash only and small bills are appreciated.*

SCRABBLE/OTHER GAMES | Scrabble has resumed. Mondays of each week at the Santa Rosa Clubhouse from 1 – 3:30 pm. Contact Barbara Irwin at scrabble731@dc.rr.com.

MEXICAN TRAIN | Mexican Train has resumed. First and third Wednesday of the month from 1:40 – 5 pm at the Santa Rosa clubhouse. Cathy Nielsen must be contacted if you plan to play. Her email is mcathynielsen@gmail.com or phone at 760-522-3092.

HAND & FOOT | Hand & Foot has resumed. Thursday at the Santa Rosa Clubhouse. Please arrive at 12:15 pm to play at 12:30 pm. Contact Kathy Reid at 760-469-2335.

CANASTA | Will start in September or October. More to come.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions a list of players for each game above must be submitted to Lifestyle Department before each session.

No walk ins allowed.

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



Genealogy Club

LES OPTANTS – THEY OPTED OUT!

If you are conducting research in the Alsace-Lorraine area of eastern France, there is an interesting set of records you may want to check out.

At the end of the Franco-Prussian War (circa 1871), France (since they lost the war) ceded parts of Alsace

and Moselle to the newly formed country we now call Germany. Citizens of these areas were given the choice of staying in their villages and becoming German citizens or emigrating to somewhere in France.



The German government issued somewhat fuzzy instructions and thousands of residents packed up and left, travelling west to France. Some departed for Algeria where they were given plots of land. It was chaos until the German government finally clarified the new rules. Citizens who stayed were required to adjust their surnames to German versions. Not only were towns and villages renamed, but street names were also changed to German versions.

Thankfully, genealogical groups have captured these naturalization records and made them available online. Check out www.optants.fr. There, you can search using a surname. Yes, it is in French, but you can probably figure out how to navigate the site and read the outputs with Google Translate as your new best friend.



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

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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



With the easing of COVID-19 restrictions in California, the Hiking Club is hopeful will resume hiking in the fall. As in the past, the club will offer hikes ranging from easy strolls to challenging mountain trails, providing something for every level of hiker. What better way to stay fit than on the desert trails of our scenic Coachella Valley!

If you wish to join our club and hike next season, please visit our website at www.scschca.com/hiking and follow instructions listed in the Welcome Letter located on club's page. Please check our website regularly for updates. We will post our hike schedule for the 2021/2022 season in early fall, and welcome all hikers, from the novice to the expert.

For questions or more information, email club president, Cindi Gilbertie at cindigilbertie@gmail.com.



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! So, 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

*May God bless America as we turn 244 years old!
The Lady Putters board hopes you all have
a wonderful holiday!*

Lady Putters Summer League is off to a great re-start!

We meet every Monday morning at the flagpole by the Montecito Clubhouse and we play on the Par 54 course behind the clubhouse. Check-in is from 7:30 – 7:45 am. We will begin earlier as the weather gets warmer so check our web site to confirm the time. Casual dress is fine, but we ask no flip flop type shoes (for your safety) no tank tops or short shorts. During the Summer League there will be the usual \$2 to play with \$1 pay out per hole in one. We will not be keeping track of handicaps or birds.

Don't miss the chance to try putting with our club. We are inviting all the women of Sun City Shadow Hills

to come and join us. No membership or handicap is necessary. All you need to play is \$2, a putter, a ball, and a desire to have fun.

We invite you to check out pictures of our club, all the fun, and latest information on our website at www.shputters.com, or contact our club president Maureen Whittaker at maureenwhittaker@verizon.net or 760-342-1260.



Let's Meet and Eat

Welcome back club members!

For those interested in joining, membership forms for 2021 are available at the front desk of the Montecito Clubhouse. Drop the form and your \$10 membership check in the club mailbox. Members who paid for memberships in 2020 are still good for the remainder of this year.

Our August event will be on Sunday, August 15, from 5 – 8 pm, in the Montecito Ballroom, with **The Shadows Band!** Event forms for the August dance will be available in the flyer racks at the Montecito Clubhouse beginning July 11, at 5 pm. The event cost is \$10 per member; checks only. Drop the forms and checks in the club mailbox.

SCSH residents must be members to attend our club events. If you want to sit at a specific table, or if you're reserving a table of 10, please make sure to include all names on the form and include payment for your entire group. Once seats are purchased, there will be no refunds or credits. When the event sells out, the club mailbox will be closed.

Remember to bring your own food and drinks to the events. Plates, napkins, silverware, and cups are provided. Email: scshmeetandeat@gmail.com.



Lively Liners

We Are Dancing Again! Come and join us for dance and exercise, the opportunity to make new friends and reconnect with old ones, and for having more fun than you can imagine! We are dancing weekly according to the following schedule:

MONDAYS | 1:30 – 2:30 pm Beginner 1
2:30 – 3:30 pm Beginner 2
4:00 – 5:00 pm Advanced

TUESDAYS | 1:00 – 2:00 pm Beginner 1 and
2 Review

WEDNESDAYS | 1:00 – 3:00 pm Intermediate

THURSDAYS | 5:00 – 6:00 pm Intermediate Review

FRIDAYS | 1:00 – 2:00 pm Advanced

Everyone is welcome! Yearly dues are \$10 for the rest of this year and monthly dance class dues are \$15 each month beginning in June.

Please check our website for changing protocols regarding classes (www.scshlivelyliners.com).

We look forward to seeing you and to dancing together again! For further information, call Sandie (715-254-7563) or Katy (760-610-5710).



Mah Jongg

Celebrating the birth of our nation on July 4 with fireworks will ring a warm note in the heart of every American. This year, the fireworks will have another significance for everyone. After a long year of lockdown, the entire country is ready to set off a huge firework display to celebrate the return to a new normal way of living.

Perhaps our Mah Jongg club will be playing once again, every Wednesday, in the Montecito – perhaps after not playing Mah Jongg for so very long, our members will work a bit harder to remember the intricacies of the game. One thing is certain, we have seen the new card and it looks challenging. Some members have been playing home games during the pandemic and have delved into the new combinations in this 2021 card. It is all fun – it is certainly an intriguing game.

With a new start, the SCSH Mah Jongg Club invites everyone who is interested in the game to learn more about the club. For more information, please contact Joan Schwarz, President, at 760-610-1516.



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?

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



Pan Club

The hot summer desert months are here. Hopefully, we will be able to resume our Pan games in both clubhouses, giving our Pan members several hours of cool fun and challenging card games.

As of this writing, we are still waiting to see if the COVID-19 restrictions can be lifted, and life can return to our old way of "normal." Pan games can be played in the Capistrano Room in the Montecito Clubhouse, although we are restricted as to the number of tables and must wear masks while seated and playing. If you are interested in playing while adhering to the restrictions, contact Michele Kirsch at 661-510-5790 or kirschmi62@gmail.com. Michele is also taking names if you would like to be placed on a sub list.

Stay healthy and cool. Happy Fourth of July! See you soon.



Paper Crafters

Happy Independence Day! It's definitely time to be a proud American. If you'd like to celebrate with our Paper Crafters and make beautiful cards, please join

our group and learn new techniques and get acquainted with your neighbors. We have a different instructor every week and are always learning and making new things.



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. 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

The Performing Arts Club is currently dark for the summer months. Please watch this column for updates and plans for the fall when we hope to be able to once again meet in person. We look forward to providing live in-person entertainment for you in the 2021/2022 season.

Our next General Membership meeting is tentatively scheduled for October 2021. Stay tuned! Thinking of getting involved behind the scenes, or have an "itch" to try your hand in front of your fellow members or on stage? New members are always welcome!

For further information, please contact Judith Bennoch, President, at judithbennoch@icloud.com or 905-394-1660.



Pet Club



Happy July Pet Lovers!

We hope to be back to meetings in September, so if you are interested in becoming a member, or even better an officer of the club, please contact Barbara Scharnhorst at abscharnhorst@gmail.com.



Rainbow Friends

Half the year is behind us, and summer is in full swing, so temperatures are climbing here in the desert. Wherever you are, have a Happy Fourth of July, and to our friends from Canada, Happy Canada Day!

A special thank you to the hosts of our Progressive Dinner in June along with all the participants who made it such a successful and delicious event.

We also want to welcome back our members and welcome all our new members! Our July meeting

takes place this month on Wednesday, July 14, starting at 6 pm in the Montecito Clubhouse and will be a movie night. Please check your emails for more details, as we get closer to the date.

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



Readers Ink

Greetings, all book lovers! We are excited to continue Zoom meetings in 2021 until we can safely meet in the clubhouse.

We have chosen thought-provoking and fascinating books to read and discuss this year. There is no one way to experience or interpret a novel, so we express our views on plots and characters yet respect everyone's opinion.

At our June Zoom meeting, Gayle Cox led a lively discussion about *The War Widow* by Tara Moss, and Gina Star Pollack began with an overview of the action/adventure genre. We will be reviewing *Station Eleven* by Emily St. John Mandel at our next Zoom meeting at 2 pm on Tuesday, July 27, 2021. Those members who are Zoom-shy send me their book ranking and a summary of their evaluation for me to read at our meeting.

We invite new members to join Readers Ink and participate in our spirited book appraisals.

Please contact Gina Star Pollack, at 818-455-9939 or email g-starbright99@outlook.com with any questions. Enjoy all that our beautiful desert community has to offer and keep reading!



Solos Club

We are the social club for single residents of SCSH.

Solos has reserved tables each Friday at 4 pm for the Shadows Restaurant's Happy Hour. For the time being, reservations are required. RSVP to Judy Wilson, judywilson2016@outlook.com or 858-337-5284.

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Solos Club is dark in July and August, that is, there is no regular monthly meeting in the clubhouse. We'll be back in the Capistrano Room of the Montecito Clubhouse on the third Sunday of each month 5 – 7 pm starting in September. We do, however, work to plan get-togethers off-site though the summer. Stay tuned to email updates to hear the schedule.

Membership is \$15/calendar year. Those who paid dues in 2020 are paid up for 2021. For membership information, contact Shirley Bunce at 760-345-8121 or email bunce.shirley123@yahoo.com.



Table Tennis



Half the table tennis membership looking good on a slow 11 am Wednesday, ready for action.
Back (l-r): John Kushinski, Ron Case, Steve Monsky, John Slausen, John Wilcox.
Front (l-r): Tony Andreyka, Lee Newman, Jo Beth Henry, Sandy Schacter, Fred Kimmel

Laughing and joking can once again can be heard throughout the Santa Rosa Clubhouse, as the Table Tennis Club is back and better than ever. Come join us any Wednesday at 11 am, Friday and Sundays at 2 pm, and see what the fun is all about. Stay as long as you wish, and you don't even need any equipment. Clothing is optional on days over 100 degrees, cause the pool is out back...



Tennis Club

You are probably feeling the heat the desert brings this time of year. Play early and stay hydrated while playing during high temperatures.

Barbara McDonald has agreed to monitor the condition of the ball machines through the heat of the summer. She will be testing the balls in each machine on a monthly basis and replacing them as needed. Please remember to donate your "SLIGHTLY" used balls in the recycle bins so that we can keep the balls in our ball machines as fresh as possible.

We are looking forward to having a Pizza Party in August. Stay tuned for further details. To join our club, please visit <https://www.scshtennis.com>.



That's Entertainment

Sir Laffs-A-Lot's Comedy Night will resume its monthly shows on July 21, at 7:00 pm. SCSH residents will be able to purchase \$12 reserved seat tickets as of July 1, at the Lifestyle Desk. Ticket sales will be limited to allow for some social distancing. Masks may be required until seated. Temperatures may be taken at the door. Please see our ad in this issue of *The View*.



Tutta Bella Vino

IT WILL BE WINE TIME AGAIN SOON!

We are so excited that the long vacation is over, and we are rushing back to bring exciting new wines for you. Join the Tutta Bella Vino gang for a great night of wine, friends, and fun on Saturday, September 18, 2021, at 7 pm in the Montecito Ballroom. We will have one of Tutta Bella Vino's exceptional wine specialists present to provide us with that long-awaited tasting of exceptional wines at great prices.

We will see you on September 18, 2021,
at 7 pm Montecito Ballroom!



Watch www.scschca.com for new club information for the new season on our webpage. We will be posting the new dues for the season, the new event pricing, TBV's event calendar, and other important club news. For more info email: tuttabellavino@gmail.com.



Ukulele Strummers

Hello everyone! We hope your June 2021 was joyous! In May and June, the Uke Club continued to work diligently. For Memorial Day, a small contingent of our Ukulele Ensemble performed three songs at the Montecito Flagpole for the "Taps Across America" event. If you are unaware of the event, please look it up. It is a beautiful event to revisit every year. We hope you will consider participating May 2022. Thank you to the SCSH Veterans Club who helped make this year's event special.

During summer, the Ukulele Club Ensemble will meet for its Uke Hour on Thursdays from 2 – 3:30 pm-ish to work on a variety of music including holiday music for upcoming performances in November – December 2021. If you have some music experience, own an ukulele, and know a few chords, we'd love to make beautiful music together with you. Please join us by contacting Josefina Preuit at jpreuit1@gmail.com.

For those individuals who have a love of music, are intrigued to learn the Ukulele with desire to sing and play a variety of music from many different genres, please stay tuned for the September 2021 issue of *The View* magazine that will provide details on upcoming Ukulele classes offered during the fall season.

And, if you don't want to wait to get started studying music in-depth, please inquire about private lessons

at ukulelemuse@gmail.com. There is a lot of research about the benefits of formal music learning as one of the best ways to engage the mind and optimize one's creative pursuits. The hot summer is a great time for that.

Wishing you all the very best! Darlene Kretchmer, President, dkretchmer@yahoo.com.



Veterans Club



Are you new to Shadow Hills Community? Are you a military veteran? Are you interested in receiving updated information on various benefits available from the U.S. Department of Veterans affairs? Perhaps you would be interested in joining the Veteran's Club? Our members receive emails with information and updates on VA benefits. We welcome others in our community who are not club members to sign up to receive this information as well. Send your name and email address to Pete Anderson, at petegolf@yahoo.com or call at 760-775-4745 to be added to the email distribution.

It's exciting to see the restrictions due to the pandemic are being slowly removed. We are hopeful to be able to start holding our monthly club meetings on the third Tuesday of each month at the Montecito Clubhouse at 6 pm. We will be dark in July and August. We will become active again in September. We might start off with a pizza party. So, watch for our announcements.

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Is your American flag frayed or faded from the 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 new flags and poles from him. The Veterans Club offers replacement flags and poles for Phase 1 and 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.

Hope to hear from some new Veteran residents!



Women's Golf Club

Our hot summer months are no deterrent for our women's club! The Pro Shop is allowing us to keep the Wednesday and Friday tee times through the summer. Tee times start at 6 am. We're allowed two-persons per cart again. Signups and payment of green fees can be handled through the SHWGC website, or in person in the Pro Shop.

Congratulations to Ysolette Dailey, our Most Improved Golfer for May.

For new members interested in joining us to play 18 holes of golf each Wednesday and Friday, please complete an online application and review information on the club website at www.shwgc.com. Any question 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 9:30 am. Please email to antiquphoto@gmail.com if you wish to join. 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

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Democrats

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Montecito Clubhouse, Cambria Room.

Our Monday Morning Emails with information about local, state, and national organizations and issues will continue throughout the summer.

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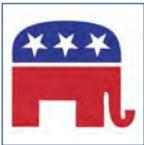
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You do not need to be a Hadassah member to attend.



Republicans

GOP Governors met recently to identify the issues that voters care about most. "Law and Order" was at the top of the list. With calls to defund the police, and money already subtracted from many police departments, it was reassuring to hear from Councilman Glenn Miller at our May meeting, that our Indio City Council fully supports law enforcement. Indio Police have recently hired four new officers, there are plans to update our Indio Police Station, and our Indio Fire Department is poised to buy a new ladder truck and ambulance.

Indio is growing. We are at the 100,000-population mark, and new businesses are moving into the valley. Downtown Indio is undergoing a renaissance; existing businesses are restructuring and expanding. The future looks bright, and with a dedicated new City Manager, Bryan Montgomery, Indio is taking on a new energy.

If you are interested in hearing from knowledgeable men and women working at all levels of government, volunteerism, and activism, what Republicans are doing to preserve our Republic and to keep America strong, come join us as we meet each month. We meet on the second Tuesday of the month, at the Montecito Clubhouse. Social Hour now starts at 6 pm, and our regular meeting begins at 6:30 pm.

Questions? Pete Anderson, petegolf@yahoo.com.



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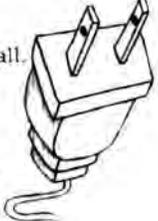
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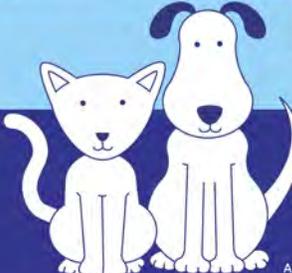
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