

Transcription of Podcast Episode 366: Connie King

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Bob Firing 00:07

Good afternoon, Shadow Hills. Well, the purpose of this videocast is to get you refocused. You're not supposed to be thinking about what the new Pulte development is all about. You're not supposed to be thinking about the homeowners Board election. You're here to have fun. And to come back, we have our "director of fun" Connie King. Connie, welcome. What do you have planned for us?

Connie King 00:30

Okay, and then . . . we got so many things where do we start go next?

Connie King 00:30

Well, thank you very much, Bob, for this opportunity. And just wanted to get in front of the community again, so we can tell you about some of the exciting and wonderful activities that we have planned. Tomorrow, we are having our Taco Tuesday. Now this is the first time that we added a new twist. And it's going to be a combined event with Music to My Ears as well. So it's Taco Tuesday, we're trying new activities and incorporating some new ideas into things that were already existing, that our residents really enjoyed. So tomorrow, because the weather is going to be nice, we are predicting that, we are going to have this event outdoors. As usual, we do have the back half of the ballroom. And we do have the rest of the patio area for those individuals who actually purchased the tacos, we are going to have Armando to start, say between 5:30pm and maybe 5:45pm, just to give everyone an opportunity to go to the food line who had purchased your tickets. But you do have the outdoor patio, you have the kiosk area, and you do have the back of the ballroom so you can sit down and enjoy your meal before the concert starts. So that's going to be tomorrow. But also this week, we have something else that's new. And that is our Club President Boot Camp. Club president and officers I might add, bootcamp. This way we will address some of the challenges that maybe you're having with your club, in terms of something as simple as attendance. So we want to make sure that we equip everyone who has volunteered to take on the responsibility of being a club president and or an officer, just so that we can make sure that you have the tools that are necessary for your club to be successful.

Connie King 02:45

Well, in April, and this is not April Fool's, this is this is for real. We didn't get the participation in the Cruise Night that we had hoped for and that we had anticipated. So we are canceling that particular event for this Saturday, April 1, which was going to be our Cruise Night. The good thing about it is that we've had two volunteers who work car shows and would love to volunteer and help us out in planning the car show for 2024.

Bob Firing 03:22

Okay,

Connie King 03:23

The next day the following day, which is April the second is going to be our outdoor concert with SantanaWays and I encourage you to check the menu because Shadows have some surprise items this time around for the outdoor concert. We are opening the concert doors at six o'clock. When you tell us we do listen. So we're making everything available an hour in advance of the show so that you can have time to go and order your menus and stand in line for your beverage of choice. So we are making that change. So we did want the residents to know that the doors will be open at six o'clock. And please everyone adhere to the entry policies, no coolers no outside coolers can be permitted. We do restrict access in certain the entry points and you'll see that those access will be blocked off and we just want everyone to come out and enjoy and have a great time.

Bob Firing 04:40

Okay, so the wine tour was sold?

Connie King 04:45

Wine tour is sold out. So we're excited about that. Hopefully maybe repeat it again this year. It is one of our most popular events as well.

Bob Firing 04:59

So that takes us third Friday, April 7,

Connie King 05:01

That takes us to Friday, April 7, and again lifestyle. For the year of 2023. And beyond, we'll be bringing in different types of events. Now we did a little test run back in November, with an outdoor movie, I think we had maybe about 20 people who had showed up and had expressed an interest in outdoor movie. So these are some things that we can run, especially when the months are a little bit warmer, and it doesn't get dark as early that we can go on, we can run a couple of outdoor movies. So this particular one on April 7, we're calling it our Lifestyle Sip & Chat. And this is an opportunity, especially for a lot of our newer homeowners who may want to participate in events, and get acclimated into the community. But sometimes maybe the most popular events are a little bit more challenging and more overwhelming if you're new. So this is more of a subtle way you come in, we're offering free pizza, free candy, free bottle of water, and a free bag of popcorn to the first 100 residents who sign up. So this will be our first Lifestyle Sip & Chat. And Bob, let me just explain the Sip & Chat we have a couple of ways in which we introduce especially our newer residents into the community, we'll do a Montecito night or we'll do a taco night. This sipping chat is an opportunity on a smaller scale for residents to get together to foster new relationships to meet each other. So you'll be seeing more the type of events, and then I have the words Lifestyle Sip & Chat. And you know that those are geared more towards some of our smaller type of events to give new residents an opportunity as well, to become acclimated to the community, like I said earlier.

Bob Firing 07:10

Okay, and then an orientation is coming up?

Connie King 07:13

Yeah. So once again, our New Homeowners Orientation is going to be Friday, April, the 14th. The difference in between this particular New Homeowners Orientation, and then ones that we've had in the past a half an hour before the orientation, which is at 9:30am. From 9:30am to 10:00am, we'll have refreshments for our new homeowners. And we welcome individuals, if you would like to share some information, we can make sure that we supply that information to the New Homeowners Orientation during this period of time.

Bob Firing 07:52

Okay. And well, I might as well mention the Volunteer Appreciation. But even though that doesn't affect everyone,

Connie King 08:00

Right, right. If we want to community to know, and I'm quite sure that some of them are fully aware that our volunteers work really, really, really hard in terms of keeping the community together, whether or not if it's the Landscaping Committee, whether or not if it's Security, or the Lifestyle Advisory Committee, or the Finance Committee, or the Food and Beverage Committee. All of these committees work so hard together in terms of keeping the community active and viable and looking beautiful. So we always each year like to honor them and recognize them for their efforts.

Bob Firing 08:40

Okay, and yet, there's one more music event?

Connie King 08:44

One more music event, and that's on April 27. And that is music to my ears. So we will be having the music to my ears once a month, each month until September. We are looking in terms of carrying it through the fall, the only challenge with the fall is that the weather usually does not cooperate with this. So we will be adding other type of events, similar type of events that we can do indoors as well, depending on availability and space.

Bob Firing 09:21

Okay. So that takes us into May.

Connie King 09:25

Well May is real briefly, we have a couple of things. What I do encourage everyone to do is to make sure that you retain your information in The View magazine, because that's where you're going to find our fliers you're going to find a write up you're going to find information about upcoming events. And please make sure that you stop by if you haven't gotten on the e-blasts yet make sure that you sign up for that because just like our cancellation and then our change that we're having, as of April 1, we want to make sure that you are aware of those changes as they occur. I know we talking about me, and then each month we'll have something a little bit different, we'll try and do these announcements on a

quarterly basis. So we can let the residents know what's going to be happening, you know, at least three months in advance. So as I say, if you were planning on that cruise, then you may just kind of want to, you know, change the date or alter your plan. So you can be here for some of the wonderful activities that we have going on. But one thing I do want to make sure that we do inform the community about we will be having our first overnight trip to Mesquite in September. So we'll be staying at the Casa Blanca, in Mesquite. We'll also be heading up to Utah to the Tuacahn Outdoor Theater. And if you haven't seen this theater, theatrical performance before, I encourage you to go online and look it up or at least contact the front desk if you need more information. And then we'll drop back down Bob and stay at night in in Las Vegas, and it'd be discover Vegas on your own. So we're looking forward to that three day event, overnight trip, and we hope that residents are interested in you sign up.

Bob Firing 11:30

Great, great. But, you got three of that scheduled in May.

Connie King 11:35

Yes, we have the Paint and Sip that's scheduled for Saturday, April the sixth. We also have May 11, which will be taking a group of residents to the Norton Simon museum. And on Sunday, June 11, We have the baseball game to the LA Angels and the Seattle Mariners. So we have quite a few things. This is it in a nutshell for right now. But please, as I indicated, we are working on finalizing the other events that are in June, July, August, and September for the rest of the year. We'll be meeting with the Lifestyle Advisory Committee tomorrow. So just be . . . stay tuned and watch out for us because we will be posting additional events that we have coming up.

Bob Firing 12:30

And not only that, I understand that you're planning a coffee with you, down the road.

Connie King 12:34

Yes, I have not done a "Coffee with the Lifestyle Director" since the first year that I was here. And because I do get questions from homeowners, I get emails, people stopped by we just thought that it would be best if we can resume that. And again, we will notify the residents when we will start coffee again with the Lifestyle Director.

Bob Firing 13:02

That's good. Well, you've got plenty of ideas here, but I guess there's always room for more.

Connie King 13:08

Definitely, definitely.

Bob Firing 13:09

Well, thanks for coming in and telling us about it. We've got quite an event scheduled planned before the heat of the summer. So get out there and sign up. And until next time. Thanks for joining us. Bye-bye.

Connie King 13:23

Thank you and have a good day.