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

LIFESTYLE DESK | Daily | 8 AM – 5 PM MONTECITO CLUBHOUSE | Daily | 6 AM – 10 PM MONTECITO FITNESS CENTER | Daily | 5 AM – 8 PM

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## THE VIEW

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To promote the community and recognize the individuals who contribute to the identity of the community, and to impart information relevant to the community as a whole.

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# PRESIDENT'S REPORT

JERRY CONRAD PRESIDENT

Hello fellow homeowners.

I want to thank the outgoing Board members for their volunteer service to our community during the last two years. Unless a person has walked in their shoes, they will not know how many sleepless nights and countless hours are required to fulfill the role of a Board member. Please remember that we are a community with divergent views, but we all have the same goal of making Sun City Shadow Hills a great place to live. Once again, thank you.

Let me tell you a little bit about myself. I was raised in El Centro, CA, just 90 miles southeast of here. I grew up playing sports and somehow managed to parlay that into a career teaching tennis. I went to UC Berkeley and studied Physical Anthropology with the expectation of teaching someday. Little did I know that tennis would become my specialty. I met my wife (Lin) while teaching, and after a quick 40 years, we decided to move to Sun City Shadow Hills where I have made a home that I truly love. I have met people from all walks of life and experiences, and as a result, am a much better person.

I imagine this is a good time to give you an idea of my goals for our Association, which I hope will meet with your approval. The issues that face the Association are numerous. First, we have an ongoing project with CVWD concerning the runoff into our community. We are engaged in negotiations with CVWD at this time so I cannot relate a lot about that right now. I can say that there have been some missteps along the way in communication with the Association, and they are being addressed as I write this.

The Pulte project to build 1,500 homes immediately adjacent to our property is very much a sooner rather

than later issue. There are several potential problems ranging from where Pulte will be allowed to put either a stop light or roundabout entrance, to sewage work that may encroach severely into our property south of Avenue 40. Where a new electrical substation will be located is another issue to be determined. The Board will be fully engaged in working on all these topics, and I hope the homeowners will also make their views known to the Indio City Council.

Finally, I want to give you an idea of my feelings about how we might address our needs as a community. With the difficulties that may face us because of a potential recession, the large increase in this year's dues, and the issues I described above, I think a belt tightening is in order. Keeping what we have in good order and trying to find ways to answer our immediate needs should be our priority. I am not saying that I don't want additional venues to be developed (like the Montecito Café), but perhaps a short step back from new spending is reasonable.

Contact the author at jerry.conrad@scshca.com.

Next Board Meeting: Date: Monday, May 22 Time: 2:00 pm Location: Montecito Ballroom Please join us!

# TREASURER'S REPORT

#### Sun City Shadow Hills\*

#### Condensed Financial Information Balance Sheets

	 January 2023 (Unaudited)	January 2022 (Unaudited)	December 2022 (Audited)
Assets:			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 5,373,094	\$ 9,213,732	\$ 6,713,138
Certificate of deposits and investments	14,557,954	10,202,454	12,327,321
Property and equipment, net	1,213,868	1,810,750	1,255,369
Cash - chartered clubs	199,594	180,181	199,594
All other assets	 476,107	350,957	516,303
Total assests	\$ 21,819,986	\$ 21,758,073	\$ 21,011,725
Liabilities: Accounts payable and accrued expenses Assessments received in advance and deferred revenue	\$ 1,048,154 932,771	\$ 1,090,824 858,346	\$ 1,238,137 822,655
Total liabilities	\$ 1,980,925	\$ 1,949,170	\$ 2,060,792
Fund balances: Operating N Channel Flood Control Fund Chartered Clubs Property and equipment Replacement Total Fund Balances	\$ 2,371,196 1,164,340 199,594 1,213,868 14,890,063 19,839,061	\$ 2,210,584 1,501,151 180,181 1,810,750 14,106,239 19,808,904	\$ 2,102,131 1,160,422 199,594 1,255,369 14,233,417 18,950,933
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	\$ 21,819,986	\$ 21,758,073	\$ 21,011,725
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#### Detailed Financials can be found at www.scshca.com/documents/finances/ (login required)



## Meet a Board Member

Thursday, May  $11 \cdot 3 \text{ pm} \cdot \text{Montecito}$  Clubhouse Capistrano Room Come by and introduce yourself to Scott Pessin, Vice President of your HOA Board. He wants to hear what you like about our community and if you have any concerns.

#### Sun City Shadow Hills\*

Statement of Revenues and Expenses - Unaudited For the one month ended January 31, 2023		Operating Fund	N	orth Channel Flood Control Fund		Replacement Fund		Total
<u>Revenues:</u> Assessments	\$	943,886	Ś	3,450	Ś	215,315	Ś	1,162,650
All other revenues	•	686,100	Ŧ	2,210	Ŧ	33,089	Ŧ	721,399
Unrealized gain/loss on investments*						371,248		371,248
Total revenues	\$	1,629,985	\$	5,660	\$	619,651	\$	2,255,297
Expenses:								
Operating fund excluding depreciation	\$	1,359,483	\$	871			\$	1,360,354
Replacement fund		-		-		(36,995)		(36,995)
Depreciation expense		41,503		12		-		41,503
Total Expenses	\$	1,400,986	\$	871	\$	(36,995)		1,364,862
Chartered Club Activities, Net						-		-
Excess of revenues over expenses	\$	229,000	\$	4,789	\$	656,646	\$	890,435

#### SUN CITY SHADOW HILLS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Condensed Financial Information Statement of Changes in Fund Balances - Unaudited	Operating Fund	No	orth Channel Flood Control Fund	Replacement Fund	Total
Fund balances, beginning of year	\$ 3,557,094	\$	1,160,422	\$ 14,233,417	\$ 18,950,933
Excess of revenues over expenses Audit Correction	229,000 (1,435)		4,789 (871)	656,646	890,435 (2,307)
Interfund Transfers	(1,455)		(871)	-	-
Fund balances, as of January 31, 2023	\$ 3,784,658	\$	1,164,340	\$ 14,890,063	\$ 19,839,061

#### SUN CITY SHADOW HILLS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Condensed Financial Information Statement of monthly assessment	Operating Fund	North Channel Flood Control Fund	Replacement Fund	Total
Number of units in Association			-	3450
Summary of 2023 monthly assessment per unit:				
Operating Fund	260.99	-		260.99
Bulk Internet	12.60	-	-	12.60
North Channel Flood Control Fund		1.00	-	1.00
Total Operating Fund monthly assessment	273.59	1.00	-	274.59
Replacement Fund		-	62.41	62.41
Total Monthly Assessment	273.59	1.00	62.41	337.00
Unrealized Gain/Loss on investments:				

Required by GAAP, but does NOT represent actual gain/loss in value as the HOA intends to hold fixed and equity investments to maturity or sale

Detailed financials can be found on our community website at: WWW.SCShCa.com/documents/finances

Resident login is required.

#### PEOPLE WHO MAKE OUR LIVES BETTER



## Jonathan Delgado

#### EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

Jonathan Delgado has been a part of the SCSH security team for just over a year, and within that year he has risen to its top ranks. Jonathan was eager to learn from day one; he is very attentive and understood early on that our main goal is to provide excellent customer service to our residents.

We are very pleased and excited to recognize Jonathan Delgado as our employee of the month.

Thank you for your continued service to the community.

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



FROM THE ASSISTANT GENERAL MANAGER

VANESSA AYON ASSISTANT GENERAL MANAGER

This month we honor those who gave their lives while serving our country. On Monday, May 29, at 8 am, the Sun City Shadow Hills Veterans Club will present the Annual Memorial Day Flag Raising Ceremony at the Montecito Clubhouse.

Here is a review of the convenient methods of communication available to residents:

• Meet a Board Member (Monthly)

One Board member per month, the second Thursday of every month at 3 pm in the Capistrano Room in the Montecito Clubhouse. Join us for an informal meeting where you can ask questions

Community Website (www.scshca.com)

Find details regarding upcoming events, purchase event tickets, locate archived e-blasts, get information regarding Clubs or Groups, find contact information for staff and Management, and much more!

- Ask a Question Form Have a question? Submit it via "Ask a Question" for a prompt response.
- Frequently Asked Questions (Hot Topics) Review "Frequently Asked Questions."
- Email Board Members or the Management Team The Board and Management are one click away. We look forward to assisting you.
- *The View* Magazine Read *The View* magazine online. Hard copies of *The View* are placed in the cubby holes by your mailbox; you may pick up a copy at any of the Association buildings.
- Weekly E-blast Sign up to receive weekly e-blasts from the Association. The eblasts are a wealth of knowledge. Stay up to date with Association updates, upcoming Lifestyle, Fitness, F&B, and Club events.

If you haven't already, please sign up to receive email communication from the Association. Visit www.scshca.com/emailconsent.

#### Enjoy our sunny May weather and follow this checklist for spring renewal:

- 1. Inspect and clean outdoor lighting.
- 2. Trim trees, bushes, and shrubs.
- 3. Clean garbage disposal.
- 4. Test carbon monoxide and smoke detectors.



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# FACILITIES & MAINTENANCE UPDATE

JESSE BARRAGAN | DIRECTOR OF FACILITIES & MAINTENANCE

Happy Mother's Day! With summer just around the corner, it is time to get ready for warmer weather. Preparation for the common areas summer flower color change is scheduled to begin May 15. Vintage Landscape will remove the winter flowers and prepare the soil for planting the summer flowers. The process consists of turning over the soil for aerification and adding fertilizer to prepare for the new flowers. The new seasonal flowers will be installed from May 22 – 26.





Ground Planting - Cora XDR - White, Light Pink, Orchid, Cranberry, Polka Dot





Pots – Cora Cascade Mix

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## Maintenance Tip of The Month

Maintain your air conditioning equipment to prevent future problems and unwanted costs. Keep your cooling and heating system at peak performance by having a contractor do pre-season check-ups twice a year. Contractors get busy at the onset of summer and winter, so it's best to check the cooling system in the spring and the heating system in the fall.

 REPLACE AIR FILTER | Replacing the air filter on your air conditioner every 1-3 months with a quality filter allows your AC unit to run at maximum efficiency.

 TRIM SHRUBS | Regularly prune any shrubs near your air conditioner compressor to give the unit room to work.



## Design Review Committee (DRC)

ZX6 Walks

#### AGI KESSLER CHAIR

Trees and how they are maintained greatly impact the appearance of our community, and the Design Rules call out specific upkeep requirements. Please review the illustrations below and ask yourself, "Is it time to maintain my trees?" During recent windstorms, trees with shallow root systems blew down, blocking the street and, in some cases, causing property damage. This could have been avoided with regular tree maintenance.

#### Design Rule 6.8 – Trees

Trees shall be trimmed to allow for minimum of seven (7) feet clearance above public sidewalks and twelve (12) feet clearance above the street. Trees and/or plants of any kind shall not grow or encroach upon the property line of neighboring properties, without the neighbor's written consent. All trees must be trimmed, pruned, thinned, laced, etc., at least one (1) time per year unless the species of the tree requires a different tree trimming cycle. Branches and limbs must not touch the ground or be allowed to grow into other plants.

#### General Tree Trimming Tips

Whenever possible, tree pruning should be supervised by a licensed/certified Arborist. If possible, trimming should be done twice a year, except for palms, which are trimmed once a year. This approach is highly recommended to protect the health of the trees. When trees are lightly thinned in the fall, it helps protect them from the strong winds we experience in the winter. Then trees should be trimmed again in the early spring for their best health and appearance. Occasionally you will see trees that have received a "major haircut," which is not recommended. The overall guidance for how much of the crown should be removed is never more than 25% at one time. When pruning is complete, the ratio of living crown to tree height should be two-thirds.

#### Palm Maintenance

*Palms should be trimmed in May/June before they produce fruit.* This avoids the mess of having the fruit drop from the trees.

Contact the author at designreview@scshca.com.



An example of improper topping of trees



An overgrown Chilean Mesquite



A properly trimmed Chilean Mesquite



#### ROBERT O. JESTER | CHAIR

This has been a very busy month for Sun City Shadow Hills and the Nation. We will consider two questions this month that we are sure are of interest to you.

#### Who is the new legal counsel for the Association?

We began March having received a resignation of the Epstein Law Firm as counsel for the Association. The General Manager and the Board immediately started a search for qualified law firms that principally represented California homeowner's associations. We were very pleased that two of the premier law firms in this field were available to this Association. The Board conducted intensive interviews of these law firms and then made a unanimous decision on a new firm.

The new firm is the Tinnelly Law Group of Mission Viejo, California. This firm even has three seasoned attorneys in residence in Riverside County which is a real advantage for the Association. The Tinnelly Law Group has represented California HOAs exclusively for over 30 years and possesses the depth and expertise that the Board sought for our community. The firm has a deep understanding of the unique legal landscape faced by associations and their boards. This firm represents almost 1400 associations of various sizes so it knows the issues that confront an association from large to small. In addition, they are no strangers to litigation or the appellate courts and have numerous reported appellate decisions.

The other special asset that they bring to our Association is that they participate in the various California Community Associations on a state level and serve on various statewide boards that are in regular contact with the California legislature. Plus, they have created a comprehensive library of HOA law and legal information known as **www.findhoalaw.com**, and regularly publish a newsletter of current matters of concern to HOAs. During the interview process, they presented each Board member with their publication, *Board Member Basics*. This community should be very pleased that we have a law firm with HOA expertise, a depth of qualified legal professionals, and local access for our Board.

#### Is this Association protected from a bank failure?

The other hot topic of the month in the nation has been recent bank failures, with one of the largest here in California. As we all know the FDIC protects our bank balances up to \$250,000.00, but what about protection for our Association that has funds on deposit each month that are much more than that coverage limit? Thankfully, this Association and its managing entity are aware of this exposure and have protected the Association's funds for years from a possible bank failure.

I am sure your question is then, "How is it protected?" Desert Resort Management (DRM), our management entity, purchases a Private Depositor's Bond that protects all moneys over which it has oversight above the FDIC coverage limit of \$250,000. The FAC reviews that bond quarterly to be sure it is providing adequate coverage for the Association's funds. The bond currently has a coverage limit of \$300,000,000.00, and combining all accounts controlled by DRM in all associations that it manages, those accounts have a monthly average of 250 million dollars, so this Association's funds are well protected from the adverse consequences of a bank failure. We certainly hope that this Association is never a victim of a bank failure, but rest assured the Association funds will not be lost.

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## From the Library

#### CINDY DEGRAF

Spring has sprung! Get out and enjoy the beauty of our area, and bring a book along to help you relax. You can find one in our wonderful Montecito library, and you may even find a brand new one straight off the best-seller list, as they come in frequently. Just pick out what you like and take it home. No check-outs or time limits - we make it as easy as possible.

We really welcome donations. But please remember that library space is limited, and we only take certain types of books. *Check the list below* to see what items we accept. Please be sure your books are in excellent condition, and bring in *no more* than ten books per month. Do not leave multiple bags or boxes of books, as too many books at once can be difficult to process.

#### We Accept as Donations:

- Hardcover and paperback fiction, historical/ political, biographies/autobiographies
- Audio books and DVDs
- Recent magazines
- ✓ Puzzles (complete with all the pieces, please)

#### We Do Not Accept:

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

Thank you to everyone who supports our wonderful library. Contact Barbara Perler at 760-772-4484 or baramp311@gmail.com if you have any questions or comments about the library.

## Safety Advisory Committee

JEFF KIRKPATRICK CHAIR

#### IID Reports Fraudulent Activity Targeting Customers

Imperial Irrigation District sent a bulletin to its customers warning residents of scam efforts undertaken in the name of IID. The text of the bulletin can be read below.

Imperial Irrigation District wishes to alert the public that fraudulent activity has been on the rise and is being reported by its customers.

In September 2022, the district received calls from customers reporting that unscrupulous individuals are threatening to disconnect the customer's electric service if immediate payment is not made.

The scammers are requesting that payment be made using Zelle, a popular online digital payment application. In addition, the calls are masked, so the calls appear as if they are originating from IID, although they are not.



If you receive a call like this, please hang up and immediately report it to IID and to your local law enforcement agency (Indio Police Department nonemergency line: 760-391-4051).

The district's Call Center is happy to assist customers with their account status. If you have any questions, please call IID directly at 1-800-303-7756 or email IID at customerservice@iid.com..

> Please be a *good* neighbor and do your part to contribute to community safety! See something, say something! It really is quite easy!

Contact the author at safety@scshca.com.



# THE VIEW SURVEY SUMMARY How Are We Doing?

BY AGGIE JORDAN AND THE VIEW SURVEY TEAM

The View Advisory Committee and The View staff are very grateful to the 566 residents who gave their time to provide us with feedback about how The View is received in our community. We are pleased to report this summary of your responses to the survey that was available on our community website during February. Nearly 10% of our residents answered the questions, a statistically valid response for this type of survey.

We wanted to do this survey to determine our residents' interest level in our magazine, and you told us resoundingly that it is widely read.

- 77% of you read the magazine "always," and an additional 15% said that you read it "often." Thank you for being our readers.
- Nearly 80% read the printed copy of the magazine, while the remaining 20% view it online.

We also wanted to find out the demographics of our readership, especially their **length of residence**, whether they are **part-time** or **full-time**, and their **ages**.

- Nearly 29% of our respondents have lived here less than 5 years. Another 26% have been here between 6-10 years, and 45% have been here for more than 11 years.
- 73% of our respondents are full-time residents.
- As to **age**, we are undeniably a senior community: 70% of survey respondents are over the age of 71, and 13% are between the ages of 55-65.

#### **Feature Stories**

For our Feature Stories, we wanted to know how you assessed our efforts at writing to inform and entertain you. Thank you, respondents, for finding our stories of excellent or very good quality.

You told us that you are most interested in articles about SCSH Entertainment and the Profiles of Residents.
 You like to know about the concerts, plays, and programs that are presented here in our community. You also appreciate stories about our residents' unusual and superb achievements in their lives as well as their memoirs. You very much value information about our Charter Clubs plus the excellent Photojournals that tell the stories of our residents, places to visit, and photographers' achievements.

- You said that you appreciate articles about Seasonal Celebrations, Health Issues, Volunteerism, Humorous Stories, and SCSH Committee Projects as well as updates about Coachella Valley Projects.
- Although of somewhat lesser interest, still about two-thirds of you enjoy ideas about **Places to Visit** in the Coachella Valley and **Day Trips**.
- Interest in Ideas for Vacation Travel and Book Reviews garnered less support, hovering at 50%.

#### Committee and Staff Reports

- Respondents gave high marks (80-85%) to the Lifestyle Calendar of Events, Updates, and Event and Club Ads. They were also very satisfied with the General Manager Report (77%), the Facilities Manager Report (77%), the Treasurer's Report (75%), and the Fitness Update (73%).
- The Committee Reports and the Assistant General Manager Reports were also well received at 70%.
- Nearly two-thirds found the Food and Beverage Report (68%), and the President's Report (66%), excellent and very good.
- 50% rated the **Golf Operations Report** along with **Golf Course Maintenance** and **Pro-Shop News** as excellent and very good.

#### Advertisements

- It was satisfying to see that 93% of the respondents consult the Ads in *The View*. 73% read them always and often.
- 93% said that they use the Ads as their first resource at least occasionally when looking for a vendor.
- 88% have used the Ads to get work done.

#### **Ongoing Work**

The View Survey Team members are organizing and analyzing the 241 comments you submitted. We are grateful that you took the time to write them! You have given us specific suggestions about stories and areas where you would like more information, and we are pursuing those ideas now.

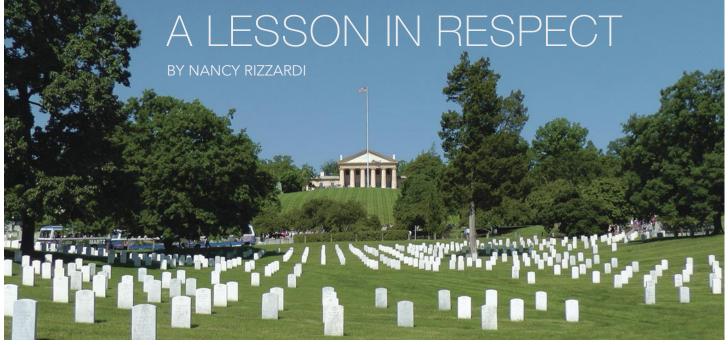
In the meantime, we will forward your comments that are directly meaningful to the Board of Directors, General Manager, and staff as well as the Club Presidents so that they can review and analyze them.

#### The Survey Team

This Survey was designed and the results were analyzed by *The View* Survey Team Members: Beth Bolduc, Arnold Choy, Julie Harris, Lee Powell, Gus Ramirez, Dennis Sheehan, and Aggie Jordan, Chair.



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Over a ten-year period, I chaperoned eighth-grade students during a Spring Break trip to Washington D.C. These trips took place between the late 70s and mid-80s. Many students had never traveled without their parents and had a grand time hanging with their friends. You may recall that eighth graders have a lot of energy.

After flying in on a redeye, they would go immediately to charter buses and start touring for the week. We visited the Smithsonian, the Capitol, the monuments, the White House, and all the usual sites. We even traveled to Williamsburg. After behaving



Changing of the Guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier

Arlington Cemetery near the Capitol

themselves (mostly), they were anxious to run and chase, play tag, and climb on anything they could. Most had never been to a cemetery and didn't know the protocol, especially one as quiet and somber as Arlington.

I was not happy telling them NO over and over again. "Don't run, keep your voices down, don't climb on the low walls, stand up during the changing of the guard!" You get the picture. One night before a trip, I woke up and a poem was in my head. I sat up and wrote it down so I wouldn't forget it. It became our tradition to read this poem to the students immediately after their bus arrived at Arlington National Cemetery. It actually seemed to do the trick. I think it brought home the significance of the rituals, and the respect due to our soldiers, our veterans, and the location in a way they could understand.

On the following page is the poem that I wrote on my typewriter and shared with my students those many years ago.

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IN HONOR OF ARLINGTON NANCY E. JOHNSEN 2/24/86

Stand up, stand up! Don't sit on my grave. Stand up, stand up! Remember, I was one of the brave.

I stood guard over your country Protecting freedom for all. Stand up, stand up! Please don't lean against the wall.

Stand up, stand up! Now that my life is done. You don't think you know me But I was your brother, father or son.

Row after row Mile after mile. Stand up, stand up! And contemplate awhile.

Stand up, stand up! There are still more to come. The fight for freedom Will never be done.

During the changing of the guard A wreath will they lay. Stand up, stand up! On this memorable day!

Stand up, stand up! It's not you who is to blame. I'm the soldier, sailor, airman and marine. I'm the hero with no name.

During the solemn ceremony Please remove your caps. Stand up, stand up! When the bugler plays taps.

Stand up, stand up! Show some respect please. If you can't stand up Then drop to your knees!

Please say a private prayer When you recall how I fell. Stand up, stand up! At the toll of the bell.

Stand up, stand up! There's a President here. He and his brother represent All that we hold dear.

Day in and day out It's always the same. Stand up, stand up! To see the eternal flame.

Stand up, stand up! So that all can see. A proud nation honoring My buddies and me!

## PERRY WRIGHT Honor Guard, Tomb of the Unknown Soldier

#### BY PERRY WRIGHT AS TOLD TO LINDA AASEN PHOTOS BY ERNIE WALLERSTEIN OR SUPPLIED BY SUBJECT

Arlington National Cemetery spreads across the rolling hills west of the Potomac River just outside Washington D.C., a serene and reverent sanctuary for Presidents, Soldiers, and Heroes. On the hallowed cemetery grounds, you will also find the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Three figures representing Peace, Victory, and Valor are engraved on the front of this neo-classical, white marble sarcophagus, the most sacred and honored location in America.

The Tomb is visited by millions of Americans every year to witness the Changing of the Guard and to honor the Unknown Soldiers. Presidents, Kings, and Prime Ministers from other nations pause in their travels to lay a wreath at The Tomb.



Panoramic View of Arlington Cemetery and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier

The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier was erected in 1921 to honor all unidentified American Service Members "Known but to God." Since 1948, The Tomb has been guarded by a small number of soldiers handpicked for this sacred duty. The Sentinels are soldiers attached to Company E of the Third U.S. Infantry (The Old Guard). Those chosen to guard The Tomb make up the most exclusive group in the U.S. Army, and the sterling silver Tomb of the Unknown Soldiers Honor Guard Badge is the least given award in the military.

I had the privilege and honor to serve with the Honor Guard and as a Sentinel at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. I spent the early years of my enlistment as a paratrooper with the 82nd Airborne Division stationed at Fort Bragg, NC. While with the 82nd, I was recruited by the 3rd Infantry Regiment to join the Honor Guard. I had visited The Tomb during a high school trip and was greatly impressed with the military bearing and impeccably perfect appearance of the Sentinels; so it was only natural when the opportunity presented itself that I would jump at the chance.

The Tomb and its Sentinels embody the height of American pride and dignity. Perfection is the only acceptable standard for Tomb Guards.

The Tomb Sentinels are always there in the light of day, in the dark of night, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, in the heat of summer and the cold of winter. They pace back and forth, eyes straight ahead, uniform immaculate, shoes gleaming, and rifle moving swiftly through the Manual of Arms: 21 paces south, left face, 21 seconds, left face, left shoulder arms, 21 seconds,



Sentinels guarding the Tomb at night

21 paces north, and on and on and on. Twenty-one is the numeric symbolic of the 21 Gun Salute, our nation's highest honor.

The elaborate ceremony of the Changing of the Guard occurs at regular intervals. The white-gloved rifle inspections, 21-step marches, turns, and recitation of orders are only one part of the world of the Tomb Guards. Our dedicated Sentinels spend countless hours training to maintain their stoic precision, polish their brass, spit-shine their shoes, and press their uniforms to razor-sharp creases. They clean and oil their weapons several times per day.

To become a Sentinel, a soldier must be a member of the 3rd Infantry (Old Guard). Each candidate must have a spotless military record, be recommended by his chain of command, and undergo a series of tests and interviews. Once accepted, I was assigned to The Tomb on a 90-day trial period. During this period, I trained on all aspects and duties required of a Sentinel with the goal of reaching perfection in all areas.

Upon completion of the trial, I continued training until my superiors determined I was ready to test for my Tomb Guard Badge. The test consists of a written exam with over 100 questions pertaining to history of Arlington National Cemetery and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. As a would-be Sentinel, I was tested on all physical aspects of the job including appearance, uniform, the rifle manual, walk, posture, the 21-count, and precision during the Guard Change. Once I had achieved all these goals, I was awarded the Tomb



Perry Wright exhibiting the impeccably perfect appearance on duty at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier

Guard Badge. A Sentinel must also serve at least nine months for the award to become part of his permanent record.

I have two lasting memories while serving as a Tomb Guard. The first was my involvement in the Changing of the Guard Ceremony on Memorial Day 1977, in front of President Carter and thousands of spectators, while being filmed live on *The Today Show*.

My second special memory was when Queen Elizabeth II of England laid a wreath at The Tomb.



Perry and Marti Wright at home in SCSH

I was born into a military family in Anchorage, Alaska. My family moved around with the Army, and eventually I relocated to Washington D.C., where I met Marti, originally from Havana, Cuba. We have been married for 34 wonderful years! We have three adult children, four grandchildren, and a beautiful and friendly English Bulldog named "Chunky." We have lived in SCSH for two and a half years and are enjoying everything our community and the desert have to offer.

Author's note: Perry Wright, our community thanks you for your most honored and sacred service to America!

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# USS IOWA The Battleship of Presidents

#### BY RALPH OLSON

Launched in 1942, less than a year since the onset of WW II, the USS *lowa*'s primary mission was to hit surface targets with her huge batteries of long-range guns. But with the advent of air power and the need to maintain air superiority, she was later fitted with a number of anti-aircraft weapons to defend aircraft carriers from enemy airstrikes. The lowa was an active participant in WW II, the Korean War, and as a show of force at trouble spots around the world.

The *Iowa* had an eventful history which started almost immediately after she hit the water in 1942. The ship was tasked to carry President Franklin D. Roosevelt across the Atlantic for his historic meeting with Prime Minister Winston Churchill and Soviet General Secretary Joseph Stalin to plan a strategy for the eventual defeat of Germany. The summit became known as the Tehran Conference, and Roosevelt was accompanied by members of his cabinet. The *Iowa* was surrounded by a number of escort ships to provide security.

Two days into the trip, Roosevelt requested an antiaircraft drill to demonstrate the *Iowa's* defensive capabilities. During the drill, one of the escort ships, the USS *William D. Porter*, inadvertently launched one of its torpedoes and it headed straight for the *Iowa*. Breaking radio silence, the captain of the *Porter* immediately informed the *Iowa* of the mishap. Although the president's Secret Service contingent suspected an assassination attempt, Roosevelt asked that his wheelchair be moved to the side railing of the ship for a better view. The captain of the *Iowa* made a sharp right turn, and the torpedo missed and exploded in the ship's wake.

After WW II and the Korean War in 1958, the *Iowa* was decommissioned and became part of the Atlantic



The Iowa fires her guns during a training exercise. (Wikipedia)

Reserve Fleet. She steamed into the harbor in Philadelphia and stayed idle there until another president and future president became part of the ship's history.

One of President Ronald Reagan's objectives for his Cold War military was to expand the U.S. Navy to 600 ships. So the *Iowa* was reactivated in 1982 and towed to a shipyard in New Orleans for a complete modernization. Once all the modifications were complete, the Iowa was formally recommissioned by Vice President George H.W. Bush.

On July 4, 1986, President and Mrs. Reagan boarded the *Iowa* for an International Naval Review and Liberty Weekend to celebrate the restoration and centennial of the Statue of Liberty. Ships from many eras and countries were visible from the deck of the Iowa on the Hudson River near New York City. To cap off the event, an impressive fireworks display and a Beach Boys concert took place on top of the ship's number three gun turret for the ship's crew, families, and invited guests.

#### FEATURE STORIES



President George H. W. Bush visits the Iowa in 1989. (Wikipedia)

In April 1989 President George H.W. Bush boarded the *lowa*, for a very somber memorial service. Earlier that month, an explosion took place inside the number two, 16-inch gun turret and instantaneously killed 47 crewmembers. The initial investigation determined that a crewman had detonated an explosive device in a suicide attempt. Factors supporting this accusation were the crewman's higher than normal life insurance policy and the presence of unexplained materials found inside the turret. But it was later learned that gunpowder used in the turret had been improperly stored for years at a dry dock facility which made it highly unstable; and this caused the explosion. As a result, the Navy changed its storage requirements and issued a formal apology to the crewman's family.

With the collapse of the Soviet Union in the 1990s, the U.S. made drastic cuts to its defense budget and deemed that battleships were uneconomical. As a result of its damaged gun turret, the Iowa became the first of the reactivated ships to be decommissioned again. She was towed from Newport, RI, and arrived in San Francisco in April 2001.

Several historical groups in Northern California have sought to have the *lowa* displayed as a museum but they could not overcome problems associated with funding the project. In February 2010, the Pacific Battleship Center supported efforts to have the lowa berthed in the Los Angeles Harbor in San Pedro. The ship was towed by four tugboats and was anchored off the Southern California coast for a hull scrubbing and thorough cleaning. The USS *lowa* is now permanently docked in San Pedro at Berth 87, along the main channel, directly south of the World Cruise Center. If you want to walk in the footsteps of former presidents, plus the dedicated and heroic crew of this great ship, it is open to the public. Experienced docents will lead you on a president's tour of the bridge, engine rooms, gun turrets, and engineering areas. To honor those who are veterans, their names are announced on the ship's public address system during their visits.



The ship is now a floating museum in San Pedro, CA (Ralph Olson)



Iowa's main battery of 16-inch guns (Ralph Olson)

To the USS *lowa* and its crew, "Thank you for your service!"

Until next time...keep exploring!

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# IPD'S POLICE CHIEF ADVISORY BOARD

#### BY ARNOLD CHOY PHOTOS COURTESY OF IPD AND BETH BOLDUC

The Indio Police Department (IPD) was formed in 1930 and has a longstanding reputation as a progressive, innovative agency that works collaboratively with community members and groups, business leaders, and across public service disciplines. Additionally, the IPD was one of 15 law enforcement agencies chosen (from among 18,000 police departments throughout the USA) to participate in President Barack Obama's 21st Century Policing Task Force, charged with implementing policing recommendations.

### "Our Community... Our Commitment"

When Mike Washburn became the IPD Chief of Police in 2016, one of the first things that he started was an Advisory Board consisting of local residents. This sounding board for the chief is comprised of 12 volunteers, five of them from Sun City Shadow Hills.



Chief Mike Washburn

The Advisory Board is constantly bringing new issues and ideas from the community, from which action plans are formulated and implemented. The group is self-directed and self-motivated, and its members select what goes on the agenda. But Chief Washburn reminds them, "What are you hearing? What can we do better? What should we do more of?"

One of the Board's major accomplishments is its Pursuit Policy. In the City of Festivals, police are instructed only to pursue when necessary. So infractions like a busted taillight will no longer trigger a pursuit if the perpetrator decides to speed away. Data has proven that lawbreakers usually stop "running" when the police don't pursue them.

Let's now meet the SCSH members of Chief Washburn's Advisory Board:



#### Howard Daniels

"My role is to serve as a sounding board for Chief Washburn and other members of the department on matters of concern to the department and, hopefully, to offer useful feedback from my perspective as a former prosecutor. Additionally, I am one of several representatives of the community who identify public safety issues that affect Indio residents."



#### **Barry Fisher**

"I'm a retired crime lab director and worked for the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department for 40 years. When Chief Washburn initially advertised that he wanted to start a Police Chief Advisory Board, I sent in my application. I had some unique expertise in forensic science which I thought might be helpful to the IPD. The Board is fundamentally an advisory committee."



#### Tammy Rosato

"My husband and I moved from LA to SCSH during the pandemic. Having been a member of LAPD's Community Police Advisory Board for five years, I welcomed the opportunity to join Chief Washburn's Advisory Board to learn more about our community and the IPD. I was also grateful to learn that, while Indio continues to grow, our crime stats are decreasing at the same time. I was both impressed and relieved to learn that Chief Washburn has three Quality of Life Officers dedicated to our unhoused residents. They delve into the root causes of existing issues with a focus on long-term solutions."



#### Jeff Kirkpatrick

"I am a retired 38-year law enforcement officer who has worked in four Southern California police agencies at all ranks including Acting Police Chief, Police Chief, and Interim Police Chief. My last posting, in Desert Hot Springs, allowed me to join the Coachella Valley (CV) Police Chiefs Association and to know and understand policing here in the nine cities and unincorporated areas of the CV. The IPD Chief's Advisory Board is a diverse group of interested Indio citizens from many different walks of life, backgrounds, and cultures. All of them want to contribute in some small way to continue making Indio the great place to live, work, and play that it is.

The most important thing the Advisory Board does for the Chief and his command staff is provide direct community observation and perspective on issues at the lay level without sugarcoating them. The Board has the freedom to ask probing questions about local, county, state, and national issues that relate to IPD's performance within the local and greater law enforcement policy community. Chief Washburn and his command staff are outstanding in their willingness to listen, digest, and act upon input he and they receive from us. They in turn openly and honestly keep us up to date on issues within and affecting the police department here in our community and the CV. I am proud to continue serving both of my communities: Sun City Shadow Hills and Indio!"



#### **Ruben Arias**

"I am a native of the Coachella Valley, raised in Thermal on a date and citrus ranch. I have resided in Indio for over 50 years and here in SCSH for seven years. My bachelor's degree is in Agricultural Biology from California State University in Pomona, CA. I also have a master's in public administration from Cal State San Bernardino. I worked for both local and state governments in the Department of Agriculture. I retired from the State of California as an environmental scientist. My role is to keep the Chief informed about community issues that might adversely affect the city and our community of SCSH."

In closing, Chief Washburn stresses that he looks forward to growing the Board with more innovative ideas and youth involvement.

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# MOTHERHOOD AND WORK

BY AGGIE JORDAN | PHOTOS BY ROBERT DELAURENTI

Do you remember the days when you were trying to balance your career and your family? You probably felt like you were pulled in a thousand different directions. The children had to come first, but that didn't leave you without guilt about your job. Employers might believe you were less dedicated when you had to leave for a family emergency or whenever your child was performing in a play.

As you read this article, I would like to ask you to remember those days, especially when you recognize the mothers who serve us here at our HOA. *The View* would like to honor those mothers who support us to ensure that we live and enjoy a safe, fulfilling retirement.



Norma Gomez

I had the opportunity to talk with a few of those mothers: Norma Gomez, Fitness Coordinator; Amber Galindo, Fitness Director; Connie

King, Lifestyle Director; Vanessa Ayon, Assistant General Manager; and their supervisor, General Manager Cari Burleigh. I wanted to determine how they felt about balancing their positions here at Sun City Shadow Hills with their family obligations. Except for Cari, each of these women has a flexible schedule and has children at home. Yet, all are on 24/7 emergency call duty. Norma opens the Fitness Center door at 4:45 am to begin her day. Amber is at work by 5:45, and Vanessa is at her desk well before 8 am along with Cari. When Norma leaves at 1 pm, she does her errands and gets ready to welcome her children home from school at 3 pm.

When I heard each of them describe their day, I understood why they are all in bed with the lights out at 9 pm. Getting up at 4 am and ensuring that everything is ready for the young ones before they rise is a tough schedule. Vanessa must be dressed and ready to leave the house before she awakens her six-year-old Clothes, daughter, Valeria. backpack, and school demands are all laid out the night before; but getting her child dressed, fed, and dropped off at school must be organized. Cari, Vanessa's supervisor, relates, "She is equally organized, and dedicated, here on the job. Sometimes I must tell Vanessa to pack up and get out of here." While Vanessa drops off and picks up her daughter at school, her husband, Ivan, prepares their dinner by the time they arrive home.



Vanessa Ayon

With very little time to spare, Amber must leave at 2:45 pm to pick up her seven-year-old son at 3 pm. Then it's on to middle school to gather her daughter. "After that," Amber says, "I'm the taxi driver for all their activities including baseball and swimming. Then it's time to help with homework and prepare dinner." But Amber also returns to our community for the evening lectures that Fitness sponsors for us.

Amber has worked at SCSH for 12 years. She was selected for the Fitness Director's position because of her experience as Fitness Coordinator. For the nine months that the Director position was vacant, Amber served as the temporary director. Her handling of that job impressed the General Manager and the HOA Board. They recognized that she was the perfect candidate for the job.



Amber Galindo

Occupying that position for eight months, Amber has introduced and operated a number of new and highly successful programs for the residents. These included a duathlon and a triathlon in which many residents competed, as well as the addition of many classes.

I commented to Norma that, with all her experience, I imagined she would be ready for the Fitness Director's position. With great admiration for those managers, Norma was clear, "No way. Our managers and directors keep long hours. Sometimes they work day and night. They must be available for all emergencies. I need a scheduled day that I can count on for my family." Norma has four children: Efrain, Liliana, Jakelin, and Santiago.



Connie King, photo by Lee Rabun

Since Connie King's son, Rajahn, is an established adult living his own life, he wanted us to know, "My Mom had her own wedding event business when I was growing up, yet she always had time to attend my games and to be involved in my school." Connie affirms that Rajahn's Dad and she were always there for their son. With the 24/7 demands of Connie's job as our Lifestyle Director, Connie's partner, Lee (who also works a 24/7 job), supports and encourages the flexibility that their relationship demands.

Cari waited until her son, Grant, was in high school before she returned to work, starting in our HOA office as the receptionist. She has held about every position in our HOA office, and those experiences prepared Cari to go on as a General Manager to smaller HOAs until, finally, she returned to SCSH. Cari proudly sings the praises of all her directors and their employees. She believes that flexible scheduling allows managers to assume responsibility for their jobs and to dedicate the time they know it needs. "They know it best," states Cari.



Cari Burleigh

We send our thanks to all our staff and, especially this month, to all the managers and employees who take such excellent care of us. Happy Mother's Day to them and to all our resident mothers.

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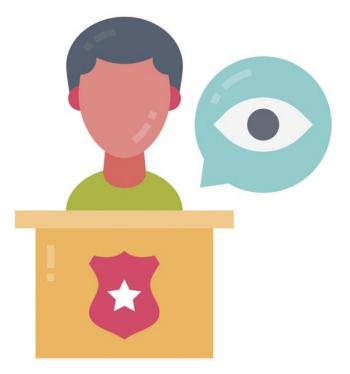


# I WITNESS

#### **BY LENI JACOBS**

As a retired attorney, I often reflect on some of my past cases, especially those I lost. The ones that haunt me most are those where I knew my clients were innocent, but eyewitness testimony convicted them.

Eyewitness testimony is fraught with peril. Many victims and witnesses have identified a defendant as the perpetrator of the crime, and they are 100% positive that this person is the guilty party. But despite their unflinching identification, it turns out later they misidentified their perpetrator. Innocent people have been convicted, only to eventually be exonerated.



As the attorney defending an innocent client, I was often frustrated and sometimes angry. It's unbelievable how eyewitnesses can be so unreliable. Recently I was thinking about one such unreliable witness.

My vacation was cut short when I learned that a close friend was hospitalized. I was devastated by the news and drove an agonizing six hours back home. Although exhausted from being on the road, I went straight to the hospital and visited him daily after my return.

I have always hated hospitals: the strong smell of disinfectants, the darkness of patient rooms, the noise of the machines hooked up to patients with IVs in their hands, and the bustle of medical personnel hurrying through the hallways. My friend was in such a room but, as much as I hate being in hospitals, I valued my friend more. The room was in shadow, with the only illumination coming from the light in the hallway.

I developed a ritual when I went to see him on my daily visit. I would walk into his room and, when he was awake, we exchanged greetings. When he was asleep, I went to the left side of his bed, took his soft hand, and held it for a few seconds. Then I lightly kissed his forehead. When he was awake, we chatted about his health or about anything that came to mind.

I always commented on his facial hair, which felt like sandpaper to my touch. He said he wanted his electric razor. I told him I'd tell his wife to bring it. But I always forgot.

He told me he hadn't eaten much for several weeks before being hospitalized and wasn't doing much better in the food department since his admittance. So I patted his still substantial belly and commented that it was a little smaller than the day before.

On the day he was being discharged, I went to see him as usual. As I walked into my friend's room, I was delighted that he was wide awake and quite talkative. We chatted about different subjects while I performed my daily ritual of holding his hand and kissing his forehead. I learned that he would be discharged that evening. Everything was as it had been most every day before, especially his darkened room, with light only emanating from the hallway.

I touched his facial stubble, which still felt like sandpaper. I guessed he'd never gotten his razor. And his belly had gone down much more than in previous days. When I rubbed it this time, it was almost flat, which was very puzzling. I wondered how it could have gone from one extreme to another overnight. Perhaps the hospital had given him prunes, Metamucil, or bariatric surgery overnight? When I leaned over the bed to scrutinize him more closely, alarm bells suddenly rang in my ears.



OMG, OMG, OMG! Was I suffering from a ditzy blonde moment, or was something awry? The belly had given it away. How could I have made such an enormous boo-boo? Who is this guy? Where did he come from? Where's my friend? Why didn't he ask who I was, or why I was touching him?

When the lightbulb went on in my head, I was flummoxed. How could I have made such a mistake?

I wanted out of that room so fast; I didn't know what to do or say. My cheeks were burning; I felt my face redden. I quickly blurted out, "I'm so sorry, I'm so sorry. You're not my friend," and fled from his room.

I realized I'd made a BIG mistake, confirmed by my friend's wife when I saw her smiling outside a different room across the hallway. The hospital had changed my friend's room and replaced him with another patient. I was so embarrassed. But as I realized what had just happened, I busted up laughing. To this day, every time I think about this event, I still laugh.

It just goes to show how eyewitness identification can be flawed. Take it from one who knows. Even when you think you recognize someone, look again.

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# LIFESTYLE UPDATE

CONNIE KING | LIFESTYLE DIRECTOR

April has been one of Lifestyle's busiest months, beginning with our outdoor concert featuring SantanaWays on April 2. Although the weather reports promised a bright sunny day, we were met with unpredictable gusting wind, however it didn't prevent attendees from dancing and having a good time. We opened the doors at 6 pm and Shadows served approximately 300 guests within 35 minutes – a record time!



SantanaWays

Then, on Wednesday, April 5, we took a bus filled with happy wine-goers to the wineries in Temecula.



Lifestyle's Saddle Up and Ride – Sip N Chat was well attended on April 7. Over 85 residents enjoyed pizza, candy, popcorn, and a bottle of water as they watched the outdoor movie **City Slickers**. The Sip N Chats are geared towards new homeowners who are not yet acclimated to the community, and allow residents to ease into activities, clubs and groups as well as partner with others to help them navigate all the wonderful things going on in the community. The Lifestyle Advisory Committee met on April 25 to discuss additional activities to support new resident integration.

On April 21, the community hosted its annual Volunteer Appreciation event. This event recognizes all the hard work done by our volunteers to keep our community running smoothly.

Johnny Meza shared his musical talents on April 27 on the Montecito patio, and we're looking forward to planning many more entertainment events over the next few months.

Lifestyle hosted its first Club President and Officers Boot Camp on March 31, with 79 officers in attendance. We are committed to continuing to offer and provide support, workshops, and information to assist clubs throughout the year.

I hope you enjoyed watching the recent video podcast (www.scshca.com/podcast366). As mentioned, we will be adding programs to include Coffee with the Lifestyle Director in the near future.

Thank you for your continued support and participation. We hope our programs have been enjoyable, and we look forward to bringing you even more exciting activities in 2023.

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Wine Tour







## Norton Simon Museum Thursday, May 11, 2023 | \$45.00 per person



One of the most profound means of human communication is the visual arts. By establishing a meaningful dialogue between an artists vision of the world and our own perceptions, art can help us to understand ourselves more fully. Moreover, art at its finest gives us a deep sense of history, tradition, and the true potentialities of man's creativity. In today's world where often scientific development is regarded as the highest goal and where the individual frequently feels alienated from himself and those around him, the role of art becomes increasingly important in keeping open the lines of communication." - Norton Simon, 1972

Norton Simon believed deeply in the power of art to communicate. One of the outstanding American art collectors of the twentieth century, he kept as a guiding principle his regard for the ability of the visual arts to inspire and reflect the human condition.

Sign up starts: February 20, 2023 • Guest: March 6, 2023 • End: May 5, 2023 Departure: 9:30am • Approx Return: 6:30pm • sign up at www.scshca.com/tickets Price includes Entry to museum, snacks, and trip. Lunch on your own at the Café in the Museum.



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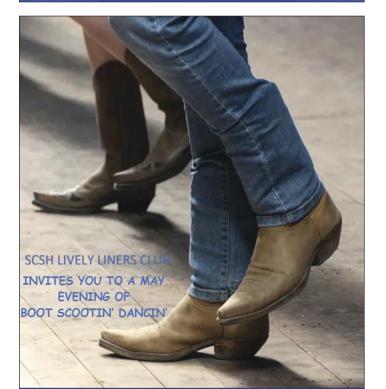
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Sunday, June 4, 2023

10:00am - 3:30pm

Bring your game, group and all items needed for your game. If you don't have a group, let us know so we can help. More information to follow.

Game Day will be held at the Montecito Clubhouse in the Main Ballroom.

**INVITE YOUR FRIENDS!** 



#### LIFESTYLE



#### SCSH SINGERS NEXT SEASON SCHEDULE

September 25, 2023: Rehearsals begin for Holiday Concert
 Rehearsals continue every Monday 3:30 – 6:30 pm
 Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm Holiday Concert

January 8, 2024: Rehearsals begin for Spring Concert
 Rehearsals continue every Monday 3:30 – 6:30 pm
 Sunday March 17<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm Spring Concert

All SCSH Singers wish to thank our community friends and neighbors, as well as the Lifestyle Staff, for supporting and cheering on our singing and performing adventures.

> For more information please contact Karen Adamik, Musical Director via text at 310-940-9428.



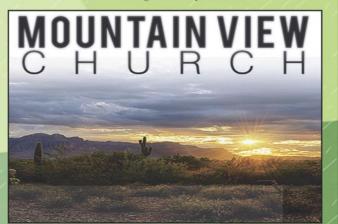
Bonjour! We are pleased to invite you to join the new SCSH French Club, L'Expérience Française.
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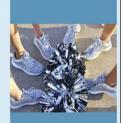
INTRODUCING THE POMETLES

A fun new group of community members who want to bring a little "Cheer" and happiness to our community. We are seeking members for our Cheer Squad but also need non-performing support with behind-the-scenes tasks!

If you are interested in having the *Permetters* perform, entertain, or cheer for your event, club or special occasion,

contact Events Coordinator, Liz Brannon.

Put a little "Spring" in your step with the Sun City Shadow Hills Pomettes Club!



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## FOOD & BEVERAGE MANUEL GUADARRAMA | FOOD & BEVERAGE MANAGER

Farewell and safe travels to our snowbirds. This month is always a bittersweet one for us at Shadows. We say goodbye to good friends, and we gear down for the slower summer season.

This year, however, we are getting ready for a busy summer. With a population of 73 percent permanent residents, we will not slow down very much. To celebrate this, Chef John has created a Daily Specials menu. This menu started in April, and offers one breakfast special and one lunch special Tuesday through Friday.

The end of April also brought a new type of theme night and new hours of operation. Buffet nights are over until further notice. To better serve our community, Chef John will offer weekly theme night specials from the kitchen to minimize closures. We will offer our regular menu plus a theme night menu on advertised days. Visit our website **theshadowsrestaurant.com** for more information.

Another exciting thing we have started doing is a recognition program for the Shadows and golf team. Last month's winners were Wendy Burgie (Server), Adrian Covarrubias (Lead Cook), and Hank Bierman (Golf Operations). Come in for a daily special and help us congratulate them.

Thank you for your continued support.

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## Shadows Restaurant (760) 772-4342

#### Hours of Operation

Monday: Closed Tuesday – Sunday: 8 am – 8 pm Happy Hour: 2 – 5 pm

Hours are subject to change to accommodate for specialty nights, banquets, or catering events. Please view the events calendar on our website: theshadowsrestaurant.com

# SPECIALS MENU

#### BREAKFAST 8AM - 11AM

Tuesday Short Stack	\$5.00
Wednesday	
Big "A" Breakfast	\$5.00
Thursday	
Shadows Breakfast	\$9.00
Friday	
French Toast	\$5.00

#### LUNCH 11:30AM - 8PM

Tuesday (3) Mexican Street Ta	acos	SE	5.00
Wednesday Burger, Fries and a F *No substitutions	ountain Drin		2.00
<b>Thursday</b> Pepperoni Pizza *No Substitutions or	Ads-ons.	\$1	0.00
<b>Friday</b> Tuna Melt, Fries and *No substitutions	a Fountain D		0.00
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# CHEF'S CORNER

It's here! BBQ season - my favorite time of year. This is when the cover comes off the barbeque and I go grilling. My love for BBQ and preparing meals on the grill goes way back to the start of my culinary career. I started out as a BBQ caterer and spent most of my days cooking up great BBQ meals for the companies of Silicon Valley. Now you will find me at the grill most spring and summer nights cooking up dinner for my wife and me.

I just love the flavors and smokiness that grilling your food on an open flame creates. That not only includes all the traditional meats but also most of the dinner sides, too. One of my favorite sides to make on the grill is grilled corn, which I either eat as is or turn into

## Grilled Corn Salad

- 4 to 5 ears of corn with silk and husk removed
- 1 small container of cherry or grape tomatoes (for extra
- color you may use mixed baby heirloom tomatoes)
- 1 red bell pepper, diced small
- 1 avocado, diced
- 1 small red onion, diced small
- 2 cups mixed greens (can use any greens you like or leave them out if you prefer)
- cup Cotija cheese (a Mexican cheese that goes well but you can use any cheese or no cheese at all)
   4 cup cilantro or parsley, based on your taste

#### Dressing

Juice of 3 limes 3 to 4 tablespoons olive oil 1 tablespoon honey ¼ teaspoon garlic powder ¼ teaspoon onion powder ½ teaspoon paprika Salt and pepper to taste a grilled corn salad. The ingredients are simple and usually made with things you already have in your refrigerator or pantry.

Here is my recipe for grilled corn salad. A couple of secrets: If your corn on the cob is not at its peak freshness, just blanch it in some boiling milk and water for a few minutes before placing it on the grill. You are also not limited to what you can put in your salad. You can add your favorite cheeses or greens. Also, I make my own simple dressing, but your favorite vinaigrette will also work.

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First, prep all your ingredients for the salad. Cut your vegetables and place them all in a bowl. Make your dressing and set it aside or use your favorite store-bought vinaigrette. Now it is time to get your corn ready. Remove the husk and silk from your corn. If the corn is not at its peak sweetness and freshness blanch it in a boiling combination of milk and water, usually for about four minutes. Then grill the corn until you get nice grill markings on it. Take the grilled corn and cut the kernels from the cob. Add the corn to all the other ingredients. When you are ready to serve, simply mix in your dressing and enjoy the salad with your favorite grilled meats.

# FITNESS CLASS PRICES

FINE

SINGLE CLASS	\$6
5 CLASS PASS	\$30
10 CLASS PASS	\$54
MONTHLY PASS *Valid for a calendar month	\$65
ANNUAL PASS	\$600
*Annual Pass Sale Date: Monday, Nov. 28th, 2022.	
Pass will be effective Jan1st, 2023 – Dec 31st, 2023.	

# **REFORMER PILATES CLASS PRICES**

SINGLE CLASS.	\$17
10 CLASS PASS	\$153

#### For more information, contact (760) 345-4349 ext. 2111

Please note that all passes are Non-Transferable and Non-Refundable



# FITNESS UPDATE

AMBER GALINDO | FITNESS DIRECTOR



May is recognized as Mental Health Awareness Month, a time to bring attention to the importance of mental health and to raise awareness about the challenges that many people face. Mental health is essential to everyone's well-being, but it's often overlooked, leading to a range of mental health issues, from stress, anxiety, and depression to more serious conditions like bipolar disorder, schizophrenia, and eating disorders.

The importance of Mental Health Awareness Month is to break the stigma around mental health and to encourage people to seek help and support for their mental health issues. Unfortunately, many people still believe that mental health problems are a personal weakness or a character flaw, and this often prevents individuals from seeking the help that they need. Raising awareness about mental health can help to counteract these stigmas and misconceptions and encourage more people to come forward and seek the help they need.

So, how can you become involved in Mental Health Awareness Month? There are many ways to show your support, such as:

- 1. Educate yourself about mental health by reading information on credible websites or attending mental health events in your community.
- 2. Take care of your own mental health by talking to someone you trust, practicing self-care, and seeking professional help if you need it.
- 3. Support a friend or loved one who may be struggling with mental health issues by offering support, listening without judgment, and encouraging professional help if necessary.
- 4. Spread the word about mental health awareness by sharing information and resources, participating in mental health discussions, and wearing green to show your support.

In conclusion, Mental Health Awareness Month is a vital time to raise awareness and advocacy around the importance of mental health. It is essential to break the stigma surrounding mental health and encourage people to seek help and support. By making mental health a priority in our lives, we can improve the overall health and well-being of ourselves and our communities.

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# FITNESS CLASS SCHEDULE

#### MONDAY

#### MONTECITO FITNESS CENTER

8:00 AM	Yoga; Angel (\$6)
9:00 AM	Zumba; Yvette (\$6)
10:00 AM	Aqua Fitness; Tiffani (\$6)
10:00 AM	Mat Pilates; Cheryl (\$6)
11:00 AM	Reformer Pilates; Cheryl (\$17)
2:00 PM	Lively Liners (Beginner)
6:00 PM	Pomettes

#### SANTA ROSA CLUBHOUSE

8:00 AM Silver Circuit; Cheryl (\$6)9:00 AM Total Body Strength; Cheryl (\$6)

#### TUESDAY

#### MONTECITO FITNESS CENTER

8:00 AM	Barre; Eliezer (\$6)
9:00 AM	Moving to the Music; Tiffani (\$6)
10:00 AM	Aqua Fitness; Tiffani (\$6)
10:00 AM	Mat Pilates; Eliezer (\$6)
11:00 AM	Reformer Pilates I-II; Eliezer (\$17)
1:00 PM	Lively Liners (Beginner Review)

#### SANTA ROSA CLUBHOUSE

9:00 AM Essentrics Stretch & Tone; Melinda (\$6)
10:00 AM Yoga; Melinda (\$6)
11:15 AM Total Body Pump; Jessica (Free)

#### WEDNESDAY

#### MONTECITO FITNESS CENTER

8:00 AM Silver Sneakers; Cheryl (\$6)
9:00 AM Balance & Stretch; Cheryl (\$6)
10:00 AM Aqua Fitness; Tiffani (\$6)
10:00 AM Body Toning; Cheryl (\$6)
1:00 PM Lively Liners (Intermediate)
6:00 PM Pomettes

#### SANTA ROSA CLUBHOUSE

7:30 AM Zumba; Rosy (\$6)
9:00 AM Qi Gong; Melinda (\$6)
10:00 AM Chair Yoga; Melinda (\$6)

### FITNESS CALENDAR

### THURSDAY

### MONTECITO FITNESS CENTER

9:00 AM Cardio Kickboxing; Jessica (Free)
10:00 AM Mat Pilates; Eliezer (\$6)
10:00 AM Aqua Fitness; Tiffani (\$6)
11:00 AM Reformer Pilates I-II; Eliezer (\$17)
1:00 PM Thera-Band; Dr. Eric (Free)
5:00 PM Lively Liners (Intermediate Review)

### SANTA ROSA CLUBHOUSE

9:00 AM Zumba; Yvette (\$6) 10:00 AM Essentrics Stretch & Tone; Melinda (\$6)

### FRIDAY

### MONTECITO FITNESS CENTER

 8:00 AM
 Zumba; Rosy (\$6)

 10:00 AM
 Yoga; Angel (\$6)

 11:00 AM
 Mat Pilates; Eliezer (\$6)

 12:00 PM
 Stretch; Eliezer (\$6)

### SANTA ROSA CLUBHOUSE

8:00 AM Silver Sneakers; Cheryl (\$6)
9:00 AM Vinyasa Yoga Level I-II; Leesann (\$6)
10:00 AM Meditation; Leesann (\$6)

### SATURDAY

### MONTECITO FITNESS CENTER

9:00 AM Open Line Dancing

### SANTA ROSA CLUBHOUSE

9:00 AM Vinyasa Yoga Level I-II; Leesann (\$6)

### SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

#### Please check www.scshca.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. Lively Liners and Pomettes classes require Chartered Club membership.

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### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

4	THURSDAY	5	FRIDAY	6	SATURDAY
9:00 AM 9:00 AM 9:30 AM 9:30 AM 11:00 AM 12:30 PM 1:00 PM 1:00 PM 4:00 PM 6:00 PM	Women's Golf SY2 Creative Arts CAM/MIR Facilities & Services MAR/SY1 Hadassah FH Writers Club LJ Pan CAP Hand & Foot NPT Canasta MIR EPC MON/PIS King & Queens Club PIS Oke Dokey Karaoke BH Bridge CAP	9:45 AM 11:45 AM 2:00 PM 4:00 PM 5:30 PM	Ceramics CAM Performing Arts LJ Pan CAP Table Tennis NPT/PIS Classic Movie Club: <i>The Producers (1967)</i> MON Bingo BR Movie Night: Where the Crawdads Sing CAM/MIR	11:00 AM	Bridge CAP Pan KSK Paint & Sip CAM/MIR
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9:30 AM 11:00 AM 12:30 PM 1:00 PM 3:00 PM 4:00 PM	Creative Arts CAM/MIR Writers Club LJ Pan CAP Hand & Foot NPT Canasta MIR Meet a Board Member CAP King & Queens Club PIS Bridge BH	10:00 am 10:00 am 2:00 pm	Ceramics CAM Alzheimer's Group CAP Flag Sale CL Table Tennis NPT/PIS Movie Night: Promising Young Woman CAM/MIR	9:45 am	Bridge CAP
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# May 2023

### 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 www.scshca.com/tickets. For more information, contact the Lifestyle Desk at 760-345-4349 x 2120.



## GOLF OPERATIONS

PHIL VIGIL | GENERAL MANAGER, SHADOW HILLS GOLF CLUB

### What a great season!

As the warm temperatures rapidly approach, we have a moment to reflect on our amazing season. We saw golf participation on both the North and South Courses at pre-pandemic levels by both our wonderful clubs and residents alike. Shadows Restaurant was bustling and busy as hungry residents and golfers enjoyed great food, great drinks, and great service with great friends. On behalf of the Shadow Hills Golf Club and Shadows Restaurant teams, thank you all for your support!

As we move into spring and summer, we will begin to see the overseeded rye grass transition into our warm season Bermuda. This transition occurs in late April and early May as the overseeded rye grass dies off and the Bermuda emerges from dormancy. This transition will give us great Bermuda playing conditions for the summer leading into our overseed process again in the fall.

Effective May 1 on the South Course, we will return to a "Single Tee" consecutive tee time start, and this will remain in place through the summer until our golf course re-openings in November and December. Below are our upcoming aerification and overseed schedules.

### Aerification 2023 Golf Course Closures

- South: July 11 14
- North: July 18 21
- South: August 15 18
- North: August 22 25

### Overseed 2023 Golf Course Closures

- South: October 16 November 9
- North: November 13 December 7

Stay tuned to our weekly email blasts, postings to Facebook through "The Shadows Golf Club" and "The Shadows Restaurant," as well as our mobile app for upcoming summer events, hours of operation, and other important information.

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Shadow Hills





## GOLF COURSE MAINTENANCE

THOMAS JOHNSON | GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENT

### Winter Grass Removal

In order to have a good Bermuda base, you want to give it as much time to grow without the competition of winter rye grass. In turf school,100 days is the goal; 100 days of growing without competition before overseeding again.

In May we will spray the tees and fairways with an herbicide to remove the perennial rye. *We do this to ensure that 100-day goal.* By the end of the month, Bermuda should be the predominant stand of grass.

There was a good base going into overseed, and we don't anticipate many thin areas.

On the greens, we will mechanically help the Poa Trivialis go away. This means we will lightly verticut the greens, removing more grass canopy, and exposing the Bermuda to more sun. This will give it the edge it needs to quickly overtake the winter overseed. We did not aggressively renovate the greens back in the fall. The transition from Poa Trivialis to Bermuda should go smoothly.

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## PRO SHOP NEWS TERRY FERRARO | HEAD GOLF PROFESSIONAL, SHADOW HILLS GOLF CLUB

As the season winds down, I'm writing this article in my office during another day of 30-plus mile an hour wind. It's been a tough winter for all the golfers and another day to stay inside. Hopefully, better days are ahead. Congrats to all the March winners:

### Shadow Hills Cup

- 1st Percy Serrano
- 2nd Greg Pincitich

Greg Pincitich had a spectacular wedge in the shootout at the Montecito Clubhouse. The hole played 120 yards, and Greg hit it to around 3 feet. Nice job!

### Ladies Club Championship

- Gross winner Laurie Randall
- Net winner Nancy Maxwell

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## Tip of the Month

While playing in the Byron Nelson one year, I was having a little trouble getting the ball to come out soft in the rough around the greens. Byron just happened to be around and said to me, "Son, you need Live Palm, Dead Fingers." I was a little confused. He explained, "Hit the shot holding the club with your palms, not your fingers. This will cause the club head to act like a shock absorber. When the ball hits the face of the club, it will give, causing the ball to come off soft." Great tip from a legend. So remember: Live Palm, Dead Fingers.

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## CLUB NEWS



## Bocce Buddies

Come and meet a nice group of residents who enjoy the game of Bocce. It does not matter if you have played before, we can teach you how to play.

We play Bocce at the Montecito Clubhouse. Log on to scshca.com and see the "Clubs" calendar for the exact times. All are welcome to play and join our club. There are no membership dues.

We have five Bocce courts at the Montecito Clubhouse and two courts at the Santa Rosa Clubhouse.

The club plays year-round. If you want to play Bocce at any time other than when the club meets, Bocce balls are available for your use at the Fitness Desk.

For more information, please call Rick Halla at 949-500-0568.



Our 2022-2023 season has finished. What fun we had every Friday, from 10 am – 1pm at Fantasy Springs bowling alley!

We need to plan for our 2023-2024 season, starting in October. As always, life changes have altered the makeup of some of the teams. We will be organizing and reorganizing teams, so here is a wonderful opportunity to join our club. To join SCSH Bowling you don't need to be a seasoned bowler. If you would like to learn, have an interest in refreshing old skills, or just want to make new friends, please come try us out. We always need substitutes, so if that is a better fit, just let us know. Either way, contact one of the people below or email us at scshbowlers@gmail.com to let us know of your interest. We look forward to hearing from you.

For the current bowlers and substitutes: if you plan to join a different team, or to become a full-time team member, or move to being a substitute, please let us know as soon as possible. Spring and summer are refreshing times to go to the alleys. Get out of the heat and see if bowling interests you. Give it a try at Fantasy Springs.

Karen Kimbrough, President (818-929-2235) Peggy Mathieson, Vice President Dana Barbour, Secretary/Treasurer (562-201-3444)



As we say farewell and safe travels to our snowbird friends, we are looking forward to the lovely month of May that is ahead. Our regular games continue Wednesday mornings, from 9:15 am – noon; Thursday evenings, from 6:15 pm – 9 pm; and Saturday mornings from, 9:45 am – 1 pm. All games are in the Capistrano room at the Montecito Clubhouse. Make your reservations by responding to the emails that are sent to members weekly.

Our games are open to all Shadow Hills Bridge Club members regardless of experience or level of play. Now would be a good time to join the Bridge Club and play in our clubhouse games. We will have more room for players as some of our members fly away to their summer homes.

For more information about the club, please contact Bev Teel at 310-592-7212 or bevteel25@gmail.com.



For those who have never attended or never played, don't worry! There is room for all, and no reservations are required. You can join the club the day you play. The game can be learned in a matter of minutes so it's okay to show up with no knowledge of the game.

Here is our 2023 schedule: April 18, May 16, June 20, July 18, August 16, September 19, October 17, November 21, December 12.

Feel free to bring what you want to drink. Bunco starts at 7 pm. Please arrive a few minutes early to sign in.

If you have any questions, please contact Stacy Boeskin at scshbunco@yahoo.com or call 562-322-0985.



Camera Club

Our Camera Club activities are winding down for the summer months.

As we reflect on this past season, what a year it has been. We resumed regular in-person meetings. Our knowledge and photographic skills improved thanks to some great presentations during our main meetings and workshops. We had some tremendous guest speakers. We improved our post processing skills through regular Zoom meetings. Our field trips took us to some great photographic locations. And our Creative Eye event allowed members to showcase their art for the community.

Most importantly, our membership increased with new members of all skill levels joining us. We had something to offer everyone, regardless of where they were at with their own photography.

While our club activities are scaled back over the summer, our members will continue to pursue photographic endeavors and share their work in our website galleries.

To view our members' artistry, or to find out more about becoming a member, visit our website at www.scshcameraclub.com.



"Creative 3" by Patrick Garrett



This month I want to share with you just one of the processes we use in the work of creating a beautiful piece of ceramics.



These two "kitty" bowls don't look like much at this point, but they have been expertly painted and now partly glazed with a clear glazing.



These cute pieces are completely glazed, and drying, ready for the kiln.



Three of these glazed pieces are in the kiln and ready to be fired. The glazing on each piece will bring out the depth of colors underneath.

Stop by on any Tuesday or Friday morning at the Montecito Club house, Cambria Room.

The Summer is a perfect time to enjoy the A/C at the club house, the camaraderie of a fun Club and learning a new hobby. For more information, email us at scshceramics@hotmail.com.



The Classic Movie Club will present showings of Oscar-winning films every other Friday starting at 4 pm in the Santa Rosa Clubhouse's Monterey Room. There will be time for socializing, and those attending will be able to take their picture holding a real Oscar.

Josh Kanin, co-host of the club's film series, grew up in a prominent Hollywood show business family – parents Fay and Michael Kanin and uncle and aunt Garson Kanin and Ruth Gordon – all of whom were Oscar and Emmy Award-winning screenwriters, directors, and actors for over 50 years. Josh is a noted film historian from Los Angeles, and since 1973 has been (and still is) a college professor of film studies. Bill Hooper, co-host with Josh, is a local Realtor who introduced him to the Coachella Valley and who is a classic movie fan.

The club is pleased and proud to provide our community with free, quality entertainment on an ongoing basis. The screening events are open to all SCSH residents, and no club membership is required to attend them. If you love classic movies, please join us. We would love to meet you. For more information, call either Josh Kanin (310-980-0747) or Bill Hooper (310-293-9597).



## Classy Niners

Happy Summer Everyone!

What a great season we've had. Our fun tournaments once a month along with our regular play days were a huge success and have been enjoyed by everyone.

Our "Mama Mia" Classy Niners Women's Golf Invitational and our "Spring into Golf" General Meeting, Luncheon, and Troon Trunk Show all were very successful with huge turnouts for both. At our "Tiptoe Through the Tulips" End of Season and General Meeting we recognized the 2022-2023 Board, Chairs, Mentors, and Par and Birdie Winners.



Mamma Mia Invitational

Beginning May 2, start time for Tuesday golf is 7 am. Start time for Friday is 6:30 am, with the option to play 9 or 18 holes. The deadline for Tuesday play is Saturday at 5 pm.

The Classy Niners welcome golfers of all levels of experience. Our membership has grown with 12 new members. 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!



Pictured here is "Blend," a smaller group of singers which is part of SCSH Community Singers, performing at an the Festival of Local Creatives held by the Rotary Club of Indio (noon).



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We do love to sing, taking every opportunity afforded us, to share the joy of music, inside and outside our community.

Over the past months we have sung for the Lady Putters Club, Desert Life, Indio Rotary, Avenida, Snowbirds Club Mixer, Brookdale Care Facility, and of course our March Concert, *Sing, Sing, Sing.* 

If you love to sing, we invite you to keep us in mind this next fall season. We would love to have you join us, work on great music, and celebrate in performing. For more information, email us at communitysingers@ hotmail.com.



## Couples Golf

The 2022/2023 season for Couples Golf is now over and will resume in November 2023. Keep visiting our website at **scshcouples.com** for further information on our play dates and our early November Welcome Back potluck dinner. Here you can meet old friends and make new ones. The site should be updated in September.

Notwithstanding that our name suggests you need to join as a pair, we also have several single members and welcome all couples or single players. We will match you up with another golfer and you can enjoy the fun and camaraderie of our group.

In the meantime, if you have any questions about Couples Golf, please contact our President, Rob Quilley at scshcouplesgolf@gmail.com.

Have a great summer and we look forward to golfing with you in the fall.



By now many snowbirds will have returned home. This year the club will be going dark for three and a half months effective June 1, 2023, until September 11, 2023. This decision was made by the club officers since so many of the club's members are gone those months and attendance dwindles down to just a handful of members. Many year-round members travel during the summer months.

Club members' artwork will be displayed on the Artists Wall during the summer months but will not be changed monthly unless an artist's painting sells while on display. All sales will be arranged between the buyer and the involved artist. The resulting empty space may be replaced by a painting of a similar size.

Contact Daryl Wolf, club president, at 760-574-4586 for further information.

# Desert Gardeners

Our club provides opportunities for expanding your gardening knowledge and skills. We meet on the second Wednesday of the month from November to April starting at 3:30 pm. Activities include guided tours of local nurseries and gardens, lectures on gardening techniques and plant selection, and an annual tour spotlighting residents' gardens.

Check our website **www.scshdesertgardeners.com** for the latest news on our club activities and a wealth of gardening resources.

Yearly dues are \$15 for one person or \$20 for two from the same household. Applications are available on the website. For more information, please contact Terry Bolen at scshdesertgardeners@gmail.com.



Summer color: Gazanias



Desert Life meets for lunch on the third Tuesday each month except for June, July & August. Attend one luncheon without paying the membership fee! For more information, contact Membership Chairperson, Sue McCollum, at 760-285-0915.

### MAY LUNCHEON

DATE | May 16, 2023, 11:30 am to 2 pm LOCATION | Heritage Palms Clubhouse PROGRAM | AAA Travel – Travel packages and opportunities 2023/2024

CHARITY FOR THE MONTH | Elder Love USA, Inc.

This organization helps Coachella Valley seniors with caregiving needs such as bathing, dressing, personal care/hygiene, cooking, shopping, cleaning and more to address physical and mental health needs.

You may donate by Check payable directly to the charity. *No Cash, No Gift Cards!* Otherwise, Blank Greeting Cards, Boxed Note Cards, Stamps, Puzzles, Large print activity books such as Word Search and easy Sudoku, First aid kits, Blankets/throws, Cleaning Supplies for bathroom and kitchens, Kleenex (both travel size and boxed) are needed.

MAIN MENU | Carne Asada Salad

VEGGIE OPTION | Shitake Mushroom Quesadilla DESSERT | Flan

PRICE | \$32. Checks must be in the mail slot at the Montecito by May 9. Includes seven tickets for door prizes. Turn checks in as early as possible and mark "Veggie" on your check if you choose the veggie meal. Hope to see you there!



## -rench Club

Un Grand Bonjour! Nous vous souhaitons. Joyeuses Pâques! / Happy Easter!

We invite you to join SCSH French Club, *L'Expéri*ence Française. Learn French, improve your language skills, and make new friends! Please join us!

Madame Terry Bolen taught classes during the month of March and students practiced their conver-

sational skills along with learning French customs and those of French speaking countries.



Several "étudiants de la langue française" pose after their last class in March, with Madame Terry, before her "Bon Voyage" back to Canada for the summer months. *Merci mille fois*, Madame Terry!

The current French students will be notified whether classes will resume during the summer months of May through October.

Any new interested students, please contact French instructor Barbara Guiffre, at 315-868-3854 or bmgguiffre@yahoo.com.

À la prochaine!



Games Plus was formed to play various games.

BINGO | Join us on May 5. Doors open at the Montecito Clubhouse at 5:30 pm with games starting at 6:30 pm. No inflation here. Paper still sells for \$5 for 10 games. Two special games can be purchased for \$3. You must be 18 years old to play. Cash only and small bills are appreciated.

SCRABBLE/OTHER GAMES | Scrabble is held on Mondays of each week at the Santa Rosa Clubhouse from 1 pm to 3:30 pm. Contact Barbara Irwin at scrabble731@yahoo.com to sign up to play.

MEXICAN TRAIN & RUMMIKUB | Mexican Train and now Rummikub is played the first and third Wednesday of the month from 1:30 pm to 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.

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HAND & FOOT | Hand & Foot gets together on Thursdays at the Santa Rosa Clubhouse. Please arrive at 12:15 pm to play at 12:30 pm. Please contact Kathy Reid at 760-469-2335 if you plan to play.

CANASTA | Canasta is played on Thursdays at the Montecito Clubhouse from 1 pm to 4 pm. All levels of players are welcome. If you have questions, please contact Joyce Cain at 561-249-1382.

Happy gaming!



### Family Heirlooms

We all have them. Maybe it is a military service medal, a precious China teacup that once belonged to Aunt Martha or that WWI German bayonet. In my family, we have a host of "treasures" accumulated over a lifetime. My grandfather's Orange Order ceremonial sash (below) is interesting with the host of embroidered icons. My son has a collection of carbide lamps that my father gave him from his time working underground in a copper mine. And many more items.



What to do with all of this "stuff?" Someday, we will no longer be around to look after these items. What then?

Well, at first cut, try the following:

- 1. Create a document describing each item (with a photo), and its provenance (i.e., where did it come from).
- 2. Ask your children, siblings, nieces, and nephews if they have an interest in any item.
- 3. Check your local museum or historical society to assess any potential interest.
- 4. Share your inventory list with your family. In many cases, you might find a good home.

Join our monthly Genealogy Club meetings in the Monterey Room, Santa Rosa Clubhouse, 2 pm, first Monday of each month. Check our website, scshgenealogy.com.



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

If you play Gin Rummy or would like to learn, please contact Marie DeVito at 312-909-0446. We are a fun group, and all are welcome.



### Happy Travelers

If you love to travel, come find out about the new SCSH Happy Travelers Club! We invite you to join us in exploring a variety of travel options and adventures with like-minded members of our community. You will have the opportunity to make new friends and gain valuable information for planning memorable travel experiences.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 2, at 4 pm in the Monterey Room at the Santa Rosa Clubhouse. We will resume club meetings in September after a summer hiatus. For information, please contact us at SCSHHappyTravelers@gmail.com.







The hiking Club has scheduled hikes between November 1 and March 31 each year. Please check our website in August for the list of hikes for November and December. In the meantime, if you are interested in joining the Hiking Club for the upcoming season, you can register your interest with the Club President, Marjorie Babuik at marjoriebabuik1@mymts.net.



## Jewelry Club



As the saying goes "April showers bring May necklaces, earrings, and bracelets." Actually, that is not the way it goes but did it catch your attention? If so, come and see what the Jewelry Club is all about. And while you are at the Jewelry Club, you can make necklaces, earrings, and bracelets. We meet every Wednesday, 1 pm - 3 pm at the Montecito Clubhouse.

For information please contact Club President, Jutta Ruehl at 310-567-2236 or Club VP, Veronica Vandenburg at 760-360-8378. Hope to see you there.



### Lady Putters

HURRY! HURRY! Beat the heat, join Lady Putters today!

Join Lady Putters for a morning of fun before it gets too hot!

All women of SCSH are invited to join Lady Putters. We meet every Monday morning in the Capistrano Room at the Montecito Clubhouse. Absolutely no golf skills are required. Our club is a great way to have fun, make new friends, and even do a little putting!

There are two sessions to choose from. First session check-in begins at 7:45 am, play begins at 8 am. Second session check-in begins at 8:45 am, play begins at 9 am. If the weather gets too hot, we will switch to the first session only. Check our website for times.

No experience is necessary. All you need is a putter, a ball, \$2, and a desire to have a great time! You are invited to try Lady Putters once without paying the \$2 play fee or the \$20 annual membership dues.

Visit the Lady Putters website at **shputters.com** for the latest information. You can also contact the Club President, Barbara Prezlock, at 732-580-3681 or bprezlock@aol.com.



Hi club members! On Sunday, May 7, we have one of our favorite bands, DysFUNKsion, back to keep us entertained with lots of great dance music. Get your dancing shoes on, because it's going to be a fun night! Please drop the form and your check in the club mailbox. It's \$10 / club member, and no cash please. The fun starts at 5 pm, and remember to bring food to share with your table of 10 and your own beverages. No credits or refunds once seats are purchased. Once the event fills, we will put a note on the club mailbox, and no more reservations will be accepted.

On Sunday, June 4, The Shadows Band will rock the ballroom! Everyone loves them and they keep the dance floor packed all night! Forms for the June event will be available in the Montecito lobby at 4:30 pm on May 7. Events will start filling up really quickly, so get your forms in early.

Remember, residents must be club members to attend our events. Membership forms are in the Montecito Clubhouse lobby. Questions? Email scshmeetandeat@gmail.com.



\_ively Liners



Dance is exercise so the physical benefits of dancing will be similar to that of other cardio activities. The heart pumping health benefits of dance are right in line with the Department of Health and Human Services physical activity guidelines for adults. Dancing makes for a great cardio workout since dancing and movement improves cardiovascular health.

Come join our friendly group and make new friends. We offer club members many classes each week along with a free monthly fun dance. Our classes range from Beginning to Advanced. Try our Beginner Class on Mondays at 2:00 pm. Your first two classes are Free! Please check the Montecito Fitness Center calendar or our website for the schedule.

## There is Free Open Line Dancing every Saturday at 9:00 am at the Montecito Fitness Center.

Please visit our website at **www.scshlivelyliners.com**. For more information call Katy, at 760-610-5710 or Melanie, at 626-222-6044.

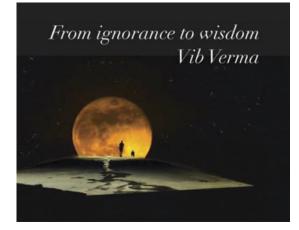


Excitement is happening in the Mah Jongg room since April brings us a new card to play with. It's always challenging and fun learning new hands. We will miss our snowbird friends and hope you have a cool summer.

Mah Jongg meets on Wednesdays in the Montecito clubhouse from 12:30 pm to 3:30 pm. If you like to be a part of the fun, contact our President, Rochelle Asheroff, at asheroff@sbcglobal.net.



Meditation Over Medication Club is a group of residents who meet on Mondays to meditate and help each other grow in the practice. There are many methods of meditation, this group uses the simple practice of Self Awareness by observing the breath.



The members who practice daily on their own have experienced benefits within a couple of weeks. They start observing a positive change in how they deal with stress, anxiety, and anger to lead a happy and fruitful life. Even though they start seeing the changes in few weeks, but it takes a long time to overcome all the defilements. Just like when a seed is planted, the plant starts to grow but it takes lots of nurturing and caring before the plant and tree will give all its benefits. If one feels that all the defilements will be overcome in a week or two, one will be disappointed.

The day you plant the seed is not the day you eat the fruits.

Self-awareness is a secular technique to help control craving and aversions, to control stress, anxiety, and anger, to live a peaceful, harmonious and happy life.

Come join in a free session of guided meditation to experience the peace and harmony with-in.

Meditation Club Meets Every Monday at 10 am Santa Rosa Clubhouse – Pismo Room



As of May, the Shadow Hills Men's Golf Club play for the 2022-2023 season is officially over. All-important annual awards were made to top players at our April 30 Awards Dinner. It is difficult to recognize each of our winners in this *View* article, but the winners total in the 60-70s when all the team and match play tournaments are included as part of our great season. But we think that it is worth mentioning that our Club Champion is Russ Schreiber. Russ shot a dazzling 72 and 74 over a two-day period to eke out Gary Crocker, who finished a close second. Congratulations to Stu and Gary. We'll be looking for some free golf tips from each of you, as our 2023-2024 Season opens in October.

But the fact that official play is over for 2022-2023 doesn't mean that there isn't a lot of good golf left for the summer months here at Shadow Hills, as well as our play-away days and special get-away tournaments. Watch our website for weekly announcements for both Shadow Hills routine summer play and special get away events. See you all in the fall.





### Dog Bed Race?

Needles and Pins

Yes, that's right. Needles and Pins recently held a dog bed race. The purpose was to make as many beds as possible in a two-hour time span. The group broke up into teams of five to see what team could make the most dog beds. All the donated fabric for the beds

was cut into rectangles. Then it was sewn together, stuffed with donated fabric scraps, and sewn shut. Needles and Pins have been making these beds for many years. They have an ongoing collection of large fabric swatches for the beds and as members of the group sew their projects, they collect the scraps for dog bed stuffing. 26 dog beds were made and then donated to local dog shelters. A fun day was had by all.



Needles and Pins participates in a number of charities throughout the year. As members create their own projects, they also create various projects for local charities. The group meets Sundays all day, Monday afternoons, and Wednesday mornings. If you would like to make a donation or participate, contact Joan Kiening needlesandpinssuncity@gmail.com.



"Singing is fun and makes you feel good."

~ Alan Voss, our karaoke jockey (aka "KJ")

The club meets on the first Thursday of the month (October through May) in the Montecito Ballroom from 6 to 9 pm. The best thing about karaoke is that you can sing or hear any kind of music you like – show tunes, country, big band, jazz, pop, rock, and tunes from "The Great American Songbook." We have 72,000 songs for you in our songbooks from today's tunes to those of the '40s, '50s, and '60s. You don't have to sing, just come and listen – studies show you may live longer and help get rid of stress with music! You'll meet interesting neighbors with varied backgrounds and assist in being a great audience for all the singers. Everyone sings better with enthusiasm from the audience. Our dance floor is also open for those who like dancing.

We can help those who haven't sung before – by helping pick a song or how to hold the "mic" Mark your calendar and come join us. Bring your own libation and snacks. Dues are \$10/year if you decide to join. These funds help us with buying new songs and equipment.

For more information, tune in to SCSH Podcast Episode 306 (www.scshca.com/podcast306) for the interview with Alan Voss, club president, or call him at 209-768-9393.



## Pairs 9-Hole Golf

The Pairs 9-hole Golf Club's mission is to share the love of golf in a social, friendly setting. We play a fun line-up of games at the par 3 North Course. Not requiring handicaps, our club is designed to provide a golf experience for those of us who wish to enjoy a relaxed, fun game.

We encourage all resident golfers in SCSH to join, be it as a single or a couple. Players are randomly paired to create foursomes to play as a team. We use a shot-gun format for the start of play at 1:30 pm on the first and third Thursdays each month, November through April, unless otherwise posted. Following each play date, we gather at Shadows restaurant for happy hour where prizes are awarded. Additionally, we gather for a welcome back potluck and an end of season dinner.

Annual membership dues are \$15 per person, due in January. Membership forms are available at all play dates or email us at scshpairsgolf@gmail.com.

We encourage sign ups from the Sign-Up Genius link, published on the Thursday before each play date. Contact Glenn Carlson at 206-200-5452, or stretch1@ wavecable.com; or Mike Johnson at 775-721-7966, or michael.d.johnson3860@gmail.com, for further information.



Happy May Day, Cinco de Mayo and all of the other fun events this month! Speaking of FUN events, Thursday, April 27 was a stellar day for our members. All who attended our Annual Pan Tournament enjoyed a day of friendship, great prizes, and a yummy luncheon. Congratulations to all the winners! We would also like to thank all who volunteered to be captains of the tables and those who volunteered to help us set up the event.

SUMMER REMINDER | Yes, the "dog days of summer" are rapidly approaching! Please remember we play throughout the summer, We look forward to catching up with everyone and playing our favorite game in the Montecito Clubhouse. Come join us as we escape a little bit of the desert heat! Questions? Please contact Michele at kirscmi62@gmail.com, or call her at 661-510-5790.





Spring is here and our Paper Crafters have been busy designing cards to celebrate. We look forward to learning new designs and techniques each week. Join us to learn new skills and visit with your friends and neighbors. There is nothing more satisfying than creating a card or craft, and there is always someone to help you accomplish your project and share their expertise.

Each week a new card or paper project will be presented by one of our members. The projects range from \$1 to \$3. We invite you to join us in the Mirada room at the Montecito Clubhouse on Tuesdays at 12:45 pm. Classes begin at 1 pm. Join us for a class. The first, class project is on us. You will see how much fun we have sharing our creativity with each other. Membership is \$10 per year.

After class, you are encouraged to stay and use the supplies and equipment available to make additional cards or projects. We would love to have you join us.

Questions? Contact our president, Sharon La Croix, at 760-469-2447 or noflurn@gmail.com.



## Performing Arts Club

The Performing Arts Club has completed our 2022-2023 season. We had two of our most successful plays to date, Neil Simon's, *The Dinner Party* and Leslie Kimball's, *Four Old Broads*. Our audiences' have grown, and we were sold out for *Four Old Broads*! We are so honored that our plays are being received so enthusiastically in our community. It makes the massive amount of work worth it!

We have begun our work on our fall performance, Deathtrap by Ira Levine. This is a different type of presentation for us in recent times – a murder mystery of the first degree. We have completed our auditions for cast members. These people will be spending their summers becoming their characters!

Although our regular meetings and activities are on a hiatus until fall, we have fun committees working all summer both on 2023 items and long term through 2024. You can join in person or by text and zoom. We all enjoy being part of such a close-knit club! We hope many of you will join us now or next year. Mark your calendars for our first meeting October 11, 2023. Contact Linda Bostjanick, club president, at lbostjanick1@gmail.com, or 760-460-6223 for more information.

## Pet Club Pet Club

Many thanks, SCSH Pet Club's membership, for your attendance at our May Potluck meeting, right before we go dark for the summer months of, June – August. Kudos to you!

As we've continued striving forward, I personally wish to thank Susan Engel and Catherine May (Co-Secretary/Membership), Karen Goodrum (Treasurer), and Linda Strongin-Grant (Vice President), who've offered their talents serving on our SCSH Pet Club Board. Thank you! Thank you!

A few kind reminders:

- Both our Security Guard Gates have been provided with "chip readers," please make sure your loved pet(s) have been chipped and/or have a collar with a tag attached for identification purposes.
- 2. Would you be interested in providing a "Safe House" for any of our SCSH lost pet(s) until their owner has been contacted? It would be great to add another few homes to our list!

Wishing y'all a great and fabulous Summer, safe travels to those venturing away and about, stay cool and let's keep our furry companions safeguarded too, during this summer season. Take good care all. Looking forward in meeting up once again, Tuesday, September 12, at 6pm in the Montecito Clubhouse Cambria Room.

For additional information, contact Jo Provenzano-King, VP and Presiding President at: 818-848-5959 or j.n.provenzano@hotmail.com.



The SCSH Pickleball Club is composed of about 370 members from our community. The club is governed by five club members to serve on its Board of Directors

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The Club's planned events began on October 1 and continued through April 30. All skill levels are welcome to join the club. We have instructors available from one skill to the next. We play pickleball seven days a week from 7 am until 8 pm. The five pickleball courts are located near the Santa Rosa Clubhouse in Phase 3. We recommend visiting the club website for passed and all updated information: **www.scshpickleball.com**. There is also information posted at courts for specific court assignments for the different skill levels. Some days and times are open to whomever shows up, and other days and times are for specific events. A calendar listing specifics is available on our website.

We offer multiple events and tournaments during the season. We also have different events during the off season, so we can enjoy pickleball year-round. You can get all information on our website or contact our Membership Chairperson, Sheila Pottorff, at scsh.pickleball@gmail.com or other board members.



## Pomettes

Put a little "spring" in your step with the Sun City Shadow Hills Pomettes Club!

The Pomettes are a fun, new group of community members who want to bring a little "cheer" and happiness to our community and surrounding Coachella Valley area. We are seeking members for our Cheer squad and non-dancing members who will help backstage and behind the scenes.

Recently the Pomettes cheered on the contestants at the Desi Strong 5th Annual Run/Walk 4 Kids and the Dr. George Charity Car Show.

Cheer members practice Mondays and Wednesdays in the Montecito Dance Studio. Monday night is at 5 pm and Wednesdays at 6 pm. If you would like to be in the cheer group, contact President, Sue McCollum for an audition date.

For non-dancers you can reach out to the club Secretary, Kristi Winn with a list of your talents that you would like to bring to the club.

If you are interested in having the SCSH Pomettes perform, entertain or cheer for your event, club or

special occasions, please contact Vice President, Diana Pleasants. President: Sue McCollum, suncitycheer1@gmail.com; Vice President: Diana Pleasants, diana.051759@yahoo.com; Public Relations: Liz Brannon, lizbrannon13@gmail.com

# Rainbow Friends

It's May, so it's time to celebrate and remember Mother's Day (May 14) and Memorial Day (May 29).

We hope this finds our members and those who want to become members well and doing the things that bring them joy.

Our next Rainbow Friends meeting will be Wednesday, May 10 and will be a Progressive Small Bites Dinner and Desserts. This is a potluck gathering so check your email for the details and to sign up for this delicious and fun event.

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



### Fiction Book Club

Jennifer Wilkins impressed the club with her knowledge of horses which greatly enhanced her introduction to *The Horse Dancer*, by JoJo Moyes. It was then followed by questions and answers and a lively discussion. Then, we had the drawing for the door prizes. After the meeting we had a "social time."

Our club meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month in the Montecito Clubhouse. We have comfortable distancing at our discussion tables. Our next meeting will be on April 25, when we will be discussing *Plainsong*, by Kent Haruf, our book of the month. Please arrive by 2 pm. Eleven interesting books have been chosen for 2023. So please join us for the discussions and meet fellow book lovers.

For further information, contact Terri Fitzsimmons at fitzsimmonsterri@gmail.com.

### Non-Fiction Book Club

The next meeting of the Non-Fiction Book Group (now operating under the umbrella of Readers Ink) will be on Wednesday, May 17, at 2:00 pm in the La Jolla room at the Santa Rosa Clubhouse. Our selection for the month is the 432-page book Freedom's Forge: How American Business Built the Arsenal of Democracy that Won World War II, by Arthur Herman.

If you want to get a jump-start on our June selection, we'll be reading and discussing the 624-page book We Don't Know Ourselves: A Personal History of Modern Ireland, by Fintan O'Toole.

If you'd like to join us, see who we are, and how we manage to have a great time discussing each of the books selected, contact jhan.schmitz@gmail.com.



## Snowbirds Club

The Snowbirds Club was created for two primary reasons: 1) to provide specific information on a variety of topics to snowbirds, most importantly, safe home closures, and 2) to provide a vehicle for snowbirds to meet, socialize, and have fun together. Presently, the Snowbirds Club is comprised of almost an equal number of American and Canadian Snowbirds, and we have quite a few permanent residents as members.

The Snowbirds Club has a 25-page Home Closure document to help you with the many steps necessary to close your home for the summer. We can also provide information on maintenance, repairs, and technology for your home.

The Snowbirds Club holds many social events throughout the winter where members can meet with other snowbirds, socialize over a glass of wine, and have some fun. Our goal is for snowbirds to develop some strong friendships.

We have created a variety of snowbird social groups for coffee, casual lunches, monthly mixers, and happy hours, as well as some outside programs. All are great way to meet fellow snowbirds.

To attend our member events and programs, please join our Snowbirds Club by registering at https://shadowhillssnowbirds.springly.org or by contacting John at scshsnowbirds@gmail.com.





St. Patrick's Day



Dinner outing at Sushi Kito

Solos is a social club for single residents of SCSH. We schedule fun and entertaining activities each month. In March we celebrated St. Patrick's Day at the home of one of our members. April included a dinner outing at Sushi Kito, and our regular meeting included putting as well as a light dinner. As you can tell, our club includes varied activities that are fun for all. If you would like any membership information, contact Shirley Bunce at 760-345-8121 or email her at bunce.shirley123@yahoo.com

Solos has a standing reservation for a few tables at Shadows Restaurant for happy hour every Friday night

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at 4 pm. Come meet with your fellow members and enjoy a drink, appetizer, or small meal. Our regular monthly meeting is scheduled on the third Sunday of each month from 5 pm to 7 pm in the Capistrano Room of the Montecito Clubhouse. An activity is planned in addition to the meeting. Hope you can join us.



## Fennis Club

Another full season of tennis is behind us. Many of our members participated in various leagues here in the Coachella Valley. All of our men's and women's teams did well competing against other Clubs like Rancho LaQuinta, Mission Hills, and Sun City Palm Desert to name only a few. Our 3.0 ladies came so close to winning their league against a group of much younger players and our 3.5 ladies won their league and will be going to Sectionals next fall.

May is the beginning of warmer weather and our summer schedule. Check the website for the new schedule, as start times change to 7 am and some programs will not run during the summer months.

We added many new members to our Club this past year and hope to add more yet. If you are new to our community and are interested in tennis, our dues are \$20 a year and include access to organized playing schedules for all skill levels. We also host many activities during the year for our members to gather off the courts. For more information on joining our club please visit https://scshtennis.com or contact Linda Johnson at Inkjohns@hotmail.com. See you on the courts.



## That's Entertainment

Starting with the April 19th comedy night, we are returning to our "off season" seating through October. Both room side sections return to a layout that allows for more personal space that is preferred by some. Shadows has added a cash bar in the lobby at 6:15 pm on comedy night. Wine, beer, and soft drinks are available for purchase before the show.

If you are new to the community, you may be unaware of Sir Laffs-A-Lot's Comedy Night. On the third Wednesday of each month, we arrange for two southern California comedians to put on a 90-minute comedy show, at 7 pm, in the Montecito Clubhouse. The talent is different every month. We are in our 12th year of presenting this fun event. Reserved seat tickets, for \$12 each, go on sale on the first day of each month, at 8 am, in the Montecito Lobby. Please see our ad, in this magazine, or poster/flyers for further information.



We are a club that plays the 18-hole putting course every other Tuesday night in a very social atmosphere. This does not require skill of any kind, just a ball, a putter, a fun-loving spirit and the ability to have a good time. We have both couples and singles. After the putting is over, we celebrate with pizza, TKB, El Pollo Loco, or another fine selection.

The membership fee is \$20 and \$15 for each putting session which includes a meal, putting, and a raffle ticket.

We are dark in the off season. Please join us for "Brats & Beer" on October 24, 2023 and sign up for the season. More details in October.

### Tuesday Night Putters Calendar 2023-2024:

- Tuesday, October 24 Brats & Beers
- Tuesday, November 7
- Tuesday, November 21
- Tuesday, December 5
- Tuesday, December 12 Holiday Party
- Tuesday, December 19
- Tuesday, January 9
- Tuesday, January 23
- Tuesday, February 6
- Tuesday, February 20
- Tuesday, March 5
- Sunday, March 10 Spring Fling Dinner Dance
- Tuesday, March 26
- Tuesday, April 9

Here is a link to our membership form: www.scshca.com/tnpmembership. Once received you will receive an email at 7 am the Tuesday before a scheduled event to sign up.



### Tutta Bella Vino Presents May Wine Party

Time to celebrate Spring with our May Wine Party. Join us on Saturday, May 20, 2023 at 5 pm in the Montecito Ballroom. We will begin the evening with our famous bottomless sparkling wine and then you will enjoy appetizers, a fabulous buffet dinner, music, and dancing with an award-winning DJ. Our wine professional, Ryan Byrd of Signature Fine Wines, will provide the festive wines for our Party. This will be a wine party that you will not want to miss!



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- The May Party is \$25 per member.
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- You will also be able to order the wine of your choosing at the special club pricing by the case at the end of the evening. Shadows will accept both credit cards and checks for your orders.
- The Registration forms will be available on the Club webpage at www.scshca.com/tuttabella and on the racks at Montecito on April 15th . Registration for this event closes May 13 or upon sell-out, so don't delay space is limited.
- Questions? Please email: tuttabellavino@gmail.com



## Jkulele Strummers



Wow - the high season flew by with nice temperate weather. And, tada! - the hot summer is quickly approaching!

With the high season over, the Ukulele Club will for the first time be taking a long summer break!

So, until the next high season, starting in October, please stay safe and healthy. I'll touch base with The View Magazine readers in September's issue. Best regards to you all!

Musically yours, Darlene Kretchmer (Ukulele Club President), dkretchmer@yahoo.com.



The Veterans Club will meet Tuesday, May 16th at 6 pm in the Montecito Clubhouse. We will have a special speaker. Please come and join us.

We will talk about activities for Memorial Day, Monday, May 29th. For years the Veterans Club celebrated Memorial with a Flag Raising and the ROTC Cadets. We also had several Marines and good speakers. The pandemic set us back several years. The ceremony will begin at 8 am, with coffee and donuts for all.

We can help veterans and spouses with Veterans affairs and questions about Veteran benefits. Our local Veterans affairs office in Indio is on Monroe street, phone number 760-863-8266.

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Need a new flag? Call Larry Smith at 714-401-3772. Larry has flags and flag poles. We also sell flags at the monthly New Homeowner meeting the second Friday of each month at 9:30 am in the Montecito clubhouse. You can bring us any old flag that requires disposal.

We will need Veteran volunteers to celebrate May 29th, Memorial Day by placing flags around the community. Let me know if you can help that day!

Let's have a great Memorial Day!



## Women's Golf Club

With the challenging colder than normal weather, most of our women golfers still enjoyed the busy golf season. Congratulations to our 2023 Club Champion, Laurie Randall and our Net Club Champion, Nancy Maxwell.

Our last event for this Golf Season was Appreciation Day and Beat the Pro, Dixie Eckes. Great fun was had by all who participated. Many of our members are leaving the desert to their summer homes.

For those Members staying in the desert, golf play for the club will continue with casual play on Wednesdays and Fridays. You can sign up from the website.

We have an exciting new season planned starting with the Welcome Back Party, November 9. Come meet the new board members and say "Hello Again" to friends that have been away for the summer.



## Writer's Club

Our club is now holding in-person meetings every Thursday of each month in the La Jolla room in the Santa Rosa clubhouse at 9:30 am. There are no meetings on the fifth Thursday of any month.

We are a group of individuals who enjoy writing. Each member has the opportunity to read one or two pages, or, 500 words or less of their work to the group and receive ideas, direction, and gentle criticism. Part of being in our club is the encouragement we all get from each other to write on a regular basis.

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## RESIDENT GROUPS



Welcome to Mountain View Christian Church!

Looking for healthy Christian fellowship? Mountain View is an inter-denominational Christian church that has been in the Shadow Hills community for several years. If you are new to the community, just visiting or looking for a new church we are a loving, caring fellowship with a heart for the Word of God. We will make no promises that God won't keep. We are committed to "practical" Christian living through the study and teaching of God's word.

We have a new pastor, Rev. Ed Brown, with over forty years of pastoral experience, teaching with an expository approach to God's Word from both the Old and New Testaments to provide relevant applications to current times.

Mountain View meets in the Capistrano Room of the Montecito Clubhouse. Service time is 10:00 am on Sunday mornings. We are casual in dress and enjoy fellowship before service and refreshments after the service.

If you would like more information and or prayer, please do not hesitate to call or text Pastor Ed at 760-908-3110 . Pastor can also be reached via email at pastored@cox.net

This is your personal invitation! We hope to see you soon!





La Quinta Mayor Linda Evans

The Republican Club welcomed guest speaker, Mayor Linda Evans of La Quinta. Mayor Evans shared projects between Indio and La Quinta, upcoming events, her involvement with FIND food bank, and spoke on the energy business of IID and its effects on all of us. We served dinner from Mario's to over 50 people. It was a fun event and delicious evening meal too.

If you are interested in helping Republicans make a difference in the Coachella Valley, join our group. We meet at the Montecito Clubhouse on the second Tuesday of each month, social hour begins at 6 pm, and our regular meeting starts at 6:15 pm. Refreshments are served. Our annual dues are \$25 per couple and \$15 for a single membership.

We have a monthly planned program, including city council members, local candidates, or representatives from nearby museums, local charities, or newspapers. Staying informed about the issues of today is essential, and there is no better place to learn what is current in our community, state, and nation than at our Republican Club meetings.

Questions? Contact Pete Anderson, Club President, at petegolf@yahoo.com or 760-775-4745.

## CLUBS IN FORMATION



The VeloCity Cyclists of Sun City Shadow Hills are a group of road cyclist enthusiasts. We ride Monday, Wednesday and Fridays averaging 30–40 miles throughout the Coachella Valley. It is our hope to add more members of both sexes to enjoy rides. Usually, we stop for coffee along route for great camaraderie. Those interested in joining, contact Greg Smith at 650-861-7408 or gs\_smith@pacbell.net.



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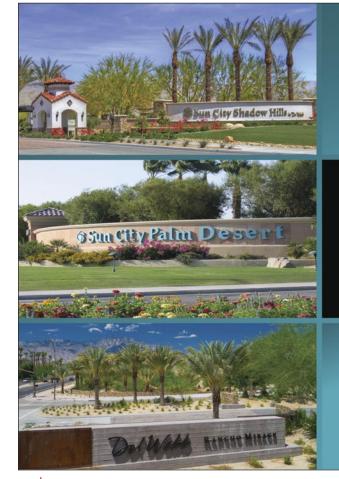
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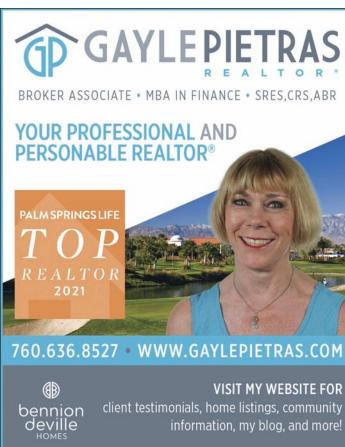
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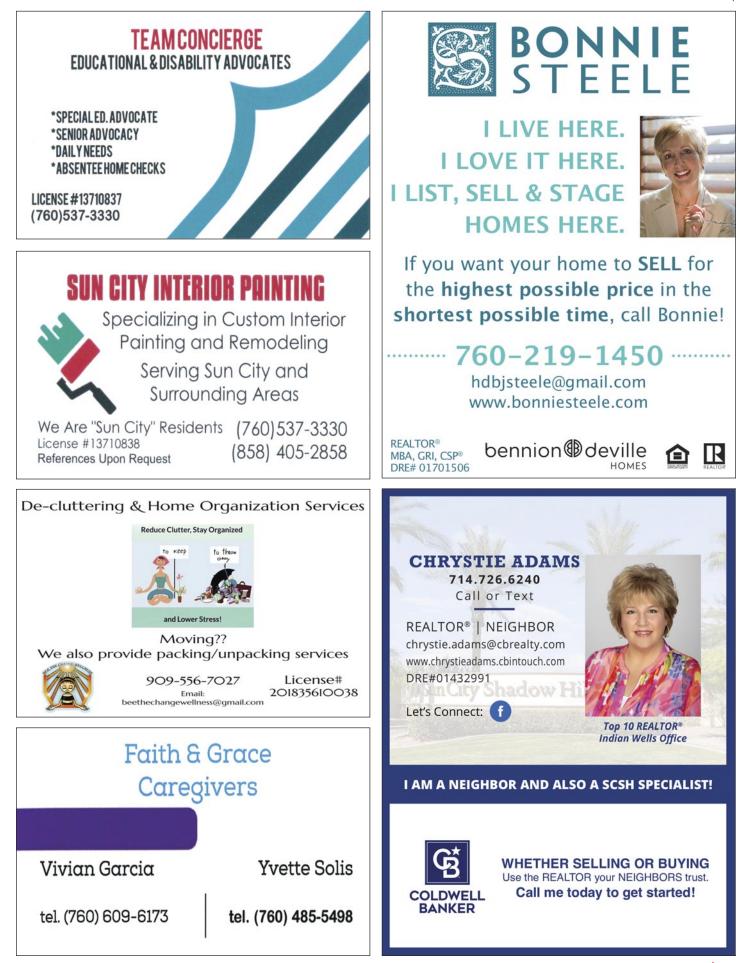
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