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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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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

JERRY CONRAD | PRESIDENT

Now that the Board has reached a final decision on the annual budget, I thought it might be interesting to share my thoughts on the budget preparation process.

This yearlong process leads to the consideration of a final proposed budget in late October. The process is challenging because changes can occur until the last minute. This budget is a case in point.

In August, every year, our HOA asks Desert Resort Management (DRM) and Troon to develop and submit proposed budgets for intensive review by the Board and the Finance Advisory Committee (FAC). Each vendor is a little different because of the nature of its business. Some vendors are more employee-oriented, and others have a variety of issues that they need to address. After examining the first proposal, the Board asks for more "fine-tuning" and clearer explanations by line item. This process of "back and forth" continues over several months with each draft budget until it becomes more defined and ultimately accepted by the Board. This year was no different.

I want to thank the FAC committee, DRM, and Troon for all the hard work that they put into analyzing each line item of the proposed budget. The number of hours and energy expended was a testament to their level of professionalism.

In late October, the Board was looking at a rise in monthly dues from between \$20 - \$30 per month. It was suggested by our Capital Reserve Fund consultant that we raise the Capital Reserve Fund monthly payment (a portion of your HOA dues) from \$62 per month to either \$72/month or \$82/month. The hike in dues to the Fund would be to keep the percentage of funding of the Reserves at either 65% or 70%, respectively. This would be on top of what we were going to need to budget for our vendors.

The Board decided to reduce the Capital Reserve funding by incrementally smaller raises of \$5 each year over the next several years to avoid another very large monthly assessment increase. By taking this action, the Board was able to reduce the proposed monthly assessment increase to \$13.88. Had we not done this, the monthly increase would have ranged from \$18.88 - \$28.88.

I want to acknowledge Terry Coon for his advice during a meeting in which he reminded the Board that the use of excess Working Capital could be used to lower the dues increase. The Board decided to take \$207,000 out of our Working Capital and transfer that amount to the Capital Reserve Fund. This allowed the \$5 to be taken off the \$13.88 dues increase.

The final tally is a 2.67% increase in our dues. This solution affords vendors the subsidies they need to successfully conduct their business for the Association while at the same time funding the Capital Reserve Fund. The final monthly dues to the homeowners increased from \$337 to \$346.

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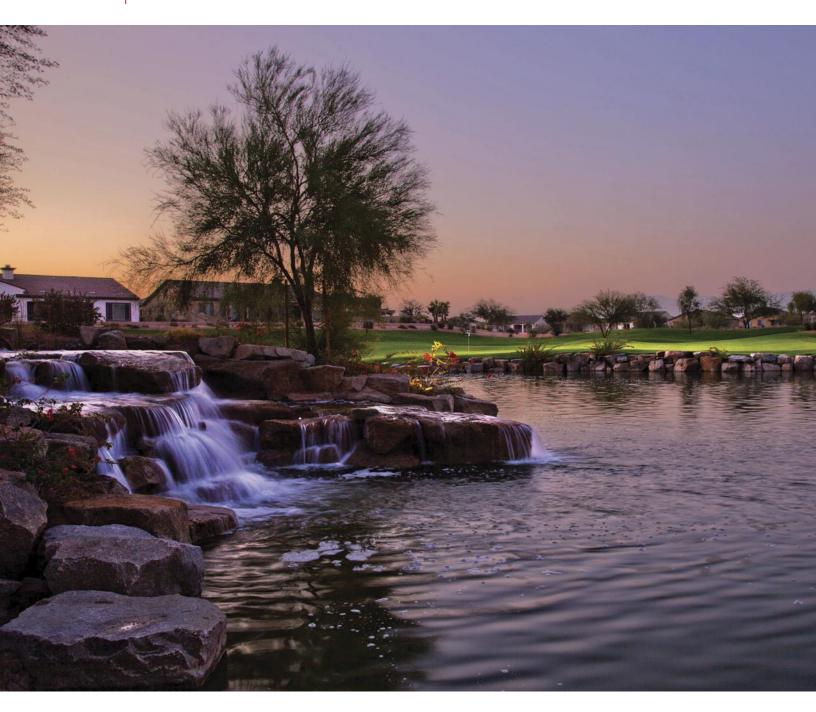
Next Board Meeting:

Date: Monday, December 18

Time: 2:00 pm

Location: Montecito Ballroom

Please join us!



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I hope future Boards take advantage of excess Working Capital in this way to help fund the Capital Reserve Fund. I also want our residents to know that this Board is aware that this type of transfer should only be done if the funds are available and if the transfer will not have an impact on our ability to handle emergency needs. I also would like to suggest that all future Boards go through what I call a "Budget Boot Camp" to involve the members of the Board early in

the process and to help each member understand their role. Currently, each Board member goes through a general boot camp, but I think this budget process needs to be a separate and more detailed camp.

Finally, happy holidays, and I hope your New Year is a terrific one!

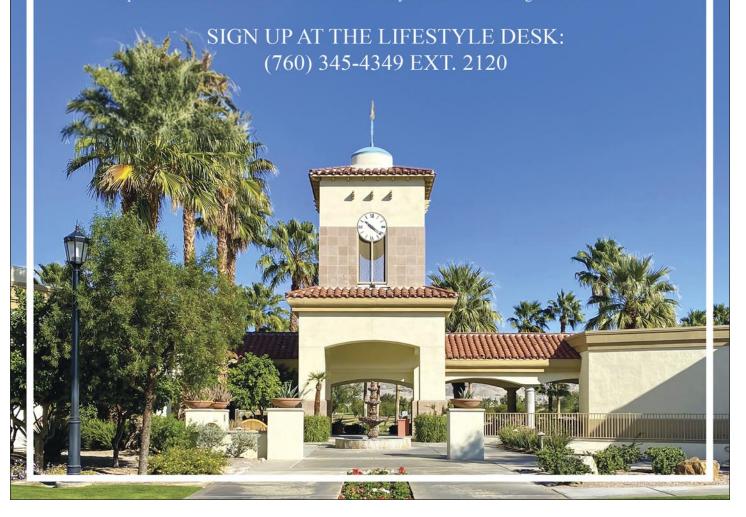
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NEW HOMEOWNER ORIENTATION

FRIDAY, JANUARY 12, 2024 AT 4:30 P.M. MONTECITO CLUBHOUSE BALLROOM

The HOA and Lifestyles will host the New Homeowners Orientation on January 12 in the ballroom. We host a Get Acquainted half hour for residents to gather at 4:30 pm and the meeting will start at 5:00 pm.

The orientation is an opportunity for you to learn more about your community. All Department Heads will be there to provide details about their department duties and responsibilities. Please rsvp at the front desk or call to let us know if you will be attending the orientation.



TREASURER'S REPORT

Sun City Shadow Hills

Condensed Financial Information Balance Sheets

	September 30, 2023 (Unaudited)	September 30, 2022 (Unaudited)	December 31, 2022 Audited	
Assets:				
Cash and cash equivalents	5,140,392	3,599,471	6,713,138	
Certificate of deposits and investments	15,826,343	13,700,237	12,327,321	
Property and equipment, net	900,996	1,278,031	1,255,369	
Cash - chartered clubs	199,594	137,600	199,594	
All other assets	454,163	1,766,983	516,303	
Total assests	\$22,521,488	\$20,482,321	\$21,011,725	
<u>Liabilities:</u>				
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	1,065,946	838,570	1,238,137	
Prepaid Assessments and deferred revenue	726,908	758,521	822,655	
Total liabilities	\$1,792,855	\$1,597,091	\$2,060,792	
Fund balances:				
Operating	2,513,361	2,448,539	2,102,131	
N Channel Flood Control Fund	1,101,302	1,187,117	1,160,422	
Chartered Clubs	199,594	137,600	199,594	
Property and equipment	900,996	1,278,031	1,255,369	
Replacement	16,013,380	13,833,943	14,233,417	
Total Fund Balances	\$20,728,633	\$18,885,231	\$18,950,933	
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	\$22,521,488	\$20,482,321	\$21,011,725	

Statement of Changes in Fund Balances	Operating Fund	North Channel 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 Adjusting Entry -Researching	56,855	(59,119)	1,779,963	1,777,699
Interfund Transfers Fund balances, as of September 30, 2023	\$3,613,949	\$1,101,303	\$16,013,380	\$20,728,632

Detailed Financials can be found at www.scshca.com/documents/finances/ (login required)



Meet a Board Member

Thursday, December 14 · 3 pm · 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* Statements of Revenues & Expenses Compared

to Budget for the 9 months ended September 30, 2023

	Actual	Budget	Over (Under) Budget	Percent	2023 Annual Budget	Total Monthly Assessment
Operating Fund DRM/HOA Operations		,		5-		
Revenues (Assessments)	7,138,151	7,138,151	0	0.0%	9,517,535	229.89
All other revenues	446,464	318,750	127,714	40.1%	521,000	
Total revenues	7,584,616	7,456,901	127,714	1.7%	10,038,535	_
Total expenses	7,348,897	7,540,767	(191,870)	-2.5%	10,138,536	_
Excess of revenues over expenses	235,718	(83,866)	319,585	-381.1%	(100,001)	
North Channel Flood Control Revenues						
Revenues (Assessments)	31,050	31,050	0	0.0%	41,400	1.00
All other revenues	20,905	0	20,905		0	
Total revenues	51,955	31,050	20,905	67.3%	41,400	- 7
Expense	111,074	200,000	(88,926)		200,000	_
Excess of revenues over expenses	(59,119)	(168,950)	109,831	-65.0%	(158,600)	
Troon Operations-Golf						
Revenues (Assessments)	1,014,330	1,014,330	0		1,352,440	32.67
All other revenues	2,552,575	2,543,653	8,922	0.4%	3,342,514	
Total revenues	3,566,905	3,557,983	8,922	0.3%	4,694,954	
Expenses, Includes depreciation	3,607,510	3,805,880	(198,370)	-5.2%	5,127,954	
Excess of revenues over expenses	(40,606)	(247,897)	207,291	-83.6%	(433,000)	
Troon Food & Beverage						
Revenues (Assessments)	342,488	342,488	0		456,651	11.03
All other revenues	949,588	1,019,026	(69,438)	-6.8%	1,347,742	
Total Revenues	1,292,076	1,361,514	(69,438)	-5.1%	1,804,393	
Expenses	1,430,334	1,318,385	111,949	8.5%	1,804,393	
Excess of (expenses) over revenues	(138,257)	43,129	(181,387)	-420.6%	0	
Total Operating Fund						
Assessments	8,526,020	8,526,020	0	0.0%	11,368,026	\$274.59
All other revenues	3,969,532	3,881,429	88,103	2.3%	5,211,256	
Total revenues	12,495,551	12,407,449	88,103	0.7%	16,579,282	
Total expenses	12,497,815	12,865,032	(278,291)	-2.2%	17,070,883	
Excess of revenues over expenses	(2,264)	(457,584)	455,320	-99.5%	(491,601)	
Replacement Fund						
Revenues						
Revenues (Assessments)	1,937,831	1,937,831		0.0%	2,583,774	\$62.41
All other revenues	327,141	108,747	218,394	200.8%		
Unrealized gain/loss on investments	471,325	0	471,325		145,000	
Total revenues	2,736,296	2,046,578	689,719	33.7%	2,728,774	- 2
Total expenses	956,333	2,316,099	(1,359,765)	-58.7%	2,706,647	
Excess of revenues over expenses	1,779,963	(269,521)	2,049,484	-760.4%	22,127	

Total Monthly Assessment

\$337.00

PEOPLE WHO MAKE OUR LIVES BETTER



Mirca Patino & Joe Delgado **EMPLOYEES OF THE MONTH**

This month we acknowledge Mirca Patino and Joe Delgado. Both Mirca and Joe have gone above and beyond to ensure all aspects within the fitness department run smoothly for residents.

Mirca has been with Sun City Shadow Hills for three years. This year Mirca was promoted to Fitness Lead, and she accepted the task of teaching cardio classes to the community. Everyone admires Mirca for her gentle but challenging classes. But that is only the beginning, Mirca has also made a huge contribution to the team's daily operations assisting with fitness events and gathering information as we prepare to transition to ShapeNet, for class reservations.

A resident of La Quinta, Mirca spends her time away from work with friends and enjoying the delightful food the valley has to offer. She also makes sure to find time to hit the gym, of course.

Joe joined the Sun City Shadow Hills team in May 2023, in this short period of time, Joe has exceeded expectations by fulfilling the duties assigned to him, such as managing court schedules for tennis, pickleball, and bocce. Joe makes sure the Fitness Team is connected, and that daily communication between both gyms flows effectively. Joe has also played a huge role in the success of many fitness events. In addition, like Mirca, Joe's contributions to the conversion to ShapeNet will undoubtedly ensure a smooth launch for the community.

A fun fact about Joe is he was born and raised in Brawley, CA. During his free time, Joe's passion is traveling to different beach destinations.

Joe and Mirca work well together to ensure the Fitness team is available to our residents and prepared for any challenges that come their way.

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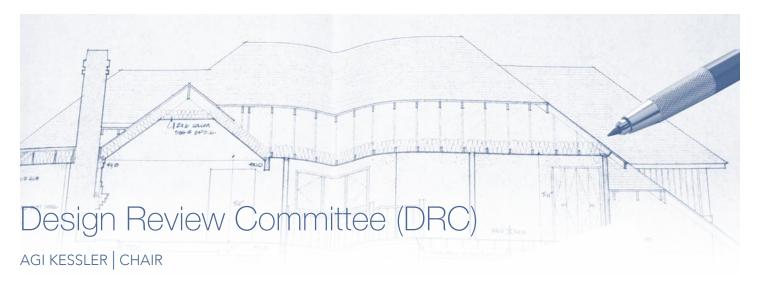
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THE VIEW ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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



Summer Travel Behind Us, Cooler Weather, Time to Prune Trees and Replace Plants Lost Because of Summer Heat

Many homeowners have indicated they were unable to take care of tree maintenance because of the duration of unusually high temperatures this summer. With the cooler weather here, we kindly ask all homeowners to take care of all necessary yard maintenance, including tree pruning and replacing plants lost to the summer heat or the damage caused by Tropical Storm Hilary. In addition, if your gravel or ground cover was washed away by the storm, this would be an ideal time to fill in the gaps.

Please Note a Change in Section 4.2 to the Design Rules

At the October 30 Board Meeting, the following change was approved and is now in effect.

A question was posed regarding units that were approved before this change. Are they legal? YES. Any time there is an update to a Design Rule, if your improvement was done prior, with an approved HIA, it is grandfathered in because it was approved under the Design Rule in place at the time.

4.2 Air Conditioners / Evaporative Coolers

Neither wall-mounted nor window air conditioners are permitted. Installation of an air conditioner or evaporative cooler in the side man-door of the garage, or any window of the residential structure, is not permitted.

Where appropriate, the requirements and constraints associated with 4.12 Equipment, Ground Mounted, apply.

4.2.2 Wall-mounted evaporative coolers for a garage are permitted subject to the following constraints on the installation:

- a. The maximum height of the top of the evaporative cooler is 5 feet above grade.
- b. A vent may be installed above or below the unit and will be through louvers colored to match the stucco wall in which the vent is placed.
- 4.2.3 Mini-split air conditioners for a garage are permitted subject to the following constraints on the installation:
- a. The height of the external condenser unit may not exceed 5 feet above grade.
- b. The external condenser unit must be mounted on a concrete slab or a prefabricated, weather-tolerant (such as fiberglass) base colored gray or in earth
- c. Any tubing or electrical wiring or service will either a) be routed within the wall or inside the garage, or b) be contained within an enclosure attached to the wall and colored the same color as the wall.

Thank you for taking the time to read the DRC article. From the DRC, we wish you all happy holidays!

Contact the author at designreview@scshca.com.

Finance Advisory Committee (FAC)

LARRY CRESTOL VICE CHAIR

Question of the month: Why would anyone want to spend the time and effort required to be on one of our Community's Advisory Committees?

Hello neighbors. It is my turn to write an article for The View on behalf of the Finance Advisory Committee (FAC). Every month a committee member can write an article to help homeowners understand what the FAC does. Some members have specific tasks like reviewing financial statements prepared by Troon, Desert Resort Management (DRM), or monthly investment statements from Comerica. Budgeting is handled by all members because it is a complex and lengthy task.

As one of the newest members, I don't have a fixed realm of responsibility, so I'm available for any new task that the Chair decides need to be accomplished.

How did I come to be on the FAC? My wife of almost 50 years, who worked with me in my office as well as at home 24/7, passed away five years ago. Only those of you who are widows or widowers know how this experience can place you in a devastating fog, losing interest in everything around you.

A friend told me there was an opening on the FAC. She said it was time to get out of my house and put my Certified Public Accounting professional experience and financial talent to work on behalf of the community. She noticed I was slipping more into depression with every passing day. I completed a Committee Interest Form, had an in-person interview with the Chair and Committee, and was approved for membership.

This has improved the quality of my life immeasurably. Working in a group of independent like-minded volunteers, to review the monthly financial reports from DRM and Troon and Association requests for funding for amounts exceeding \$5,000, is a challenging responsibility. Once our analysis of financial reports and funding requests is completed, we send our recommendations to the Board for action. All of this is specifically required in the committee's Charter.

Our members have varied backgrounds, allowing for diverse opinions, experiences, and knowledge. All members are invited by the Chair to ask questions and comment on topics under consideration or rumors

going around. This makes for lively conversation and the ability to inspect a topic from varied perspectives.

FAC has a very important subcommittee that does a lot of the heavy lifting. After receiving a Board Action Form (BAF) from the administration for an expenditure exceeding \$5,000, this subcommittee's task is to verify whether the expenditure is necessary and in the best interest of the entire community. The subcommittee has experienced members with backgrounds in engineering, construction, mechanics, etc. They evaluate spending requests by visual inspection to determine whether we need a new replacement or if a repair can be substituted. They evaluate the life of a repair versus a new purchase. Without their hard work, FAC would not have the ability to evaluate financial alternatives that present our best judgment in making recommendations to the Board for a decision.

Other committees have a specific purpose, such as golf or food and beverages. FAC has no limit on its scope and can investigate any financial matter confronting the Association, community amenities, other advisory committees, or chartered clubs. We get to know what is going on in our community from many different angles.

As is my experience in life, when you volunteer for a worthy cause, you get much more back than you contribute. Not only have I met a group of great people but have also been able to contribute to the betterment of the community in which I enjoy living.

I urge every resident who has a particular education or skill and wants to help our community to join one of the Sun City Shadow Hills Advisory Committees. It may change your life for the better as it did mine. Our meetings, for example, include lots of friendly banter not just boring numbers games. My intention is to stir your interest in serving your community. I hope I have succeeded. My service makes me very proud.

Contact the author at finance@scshca.com.



From the Library

CINDY DEGRAF

A great thing about this time of the year is that we get to view many wonderful films that come out. There's a lot of buzz surrounding movies like Killers of the Flower Moon, The Boys in the Boat, and All the Light We Cannot See. Did you know that the books these movies were based on are in our Montecito Library? Stop in to see if we have a copy of a book that you are interested in.

Do you have an author or book that you'd like to highlight for our readers? Please send a brief paragraph or two to cld5858@aol.com, and it may be featured in a future issue.

We welcome your donations, but please remember that library space is limited; and we can only take certain types of books. Check the list below to see what items we can accept. Please be sure that your books are in excellent condition and bring in no more than 10 books per month.

We Accept as Donations:

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

We Do Not Accept:

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

Thank you for supporting our library.

Contact Barbara Perler at 760-772-4484 or at baramp311@gmail.com if you have any questions or comments about the library.



Information Advisory Committee (IAC)

MARJE BURDINE | IAC MEMBER

As a resident of SCSH, do you feel frustrated or even overwhelmed at times when you need information about our rapidly changing community and don't know where to find it? There is now one central source at your fingertips that will answer your questions and provide up-to-date information. Our newly expanded SCSH website is so streamlined and easy to use that a novice should enjoy exploring it.

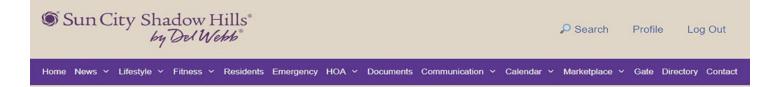
The new website aired in early November and is one of the creative projects of the IAC, with collaboration and technical support from Gus Ramirez, our Communications Manager. Members of the website sub-committee are Stacey Boeskin, Peggy Mathison, Sid Weiss, Wally Barbour, and Chair Linda Aasen.

To access the website, just visit scshca.com. The Visitors Homepage will appear with updated photos of our scenic community and a new southwest color scheme. Go to the upper right-hand corner to either register or log in to access the attractive Resident Homepage. You will immediately see a banner at the

top with categories including marketplace, gate access, resident directory, fitness, lifestyle, and HOA. Simply click on one to see the menu. You will also see your favorite posts, including "Ask A Question," FAQs, SCSH News, Current Calendar of Events, Club News, and Coachella Valley News. Just click on your topic of interest.

There are also some exciting new topics: a Residents Corner page that will feature Meet Your Neighbor and Spotlight on Volunteers with interviews of residents and volunteers, a Resident Artists page with photos of various art submissions, and a Pet Spot. There is also a new Community Emergency Preparedness Section with everything you need to know before, during, and after an earthquake. The new layout makes accessing these resources simpler and more efficient. We are confident that the new HOA website will serve as the central source of information for our entire community.

Contact the author at information@scshca.com.



Welcome, Demo





Visit our community website!

Go to: www.scshca.com

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

- Important HOA Announcements
- Upcoming Events
- Resident Corner
- Documents
- Podcast
- Board Meeting Videos
- Classified Ads
- Resident Directory

And so much more!



BOOK SOME TIME AT THE MONTECITO Our Library Has an Interesting Backstory

STORY AND PHOTOS BY BETH BOLDUC



Librarian, Barbara Perler

Here at SCSH, we enjoy a wide range of amenities as part of our community lifestyle. And since some are free, we tend to take them for granted - for instance, our wonderful library. It's always available ...always free. No check-in, no check-out. Just think back to a few months ago

during the COVID lockdown. I'm sure many of us missed using our library. How easy reading a book seemed in 2019. Not so much in 2020 and even 2021.

As I started this story, I was curious how long we've had our SCSH library and how it came to be. So I went to an excellent source: Barbara Perler, our community's Librarian. Turns out she's been in charge of the library from the very beginning. In fact, Barbara helped put it all together.

Here's the backstory on how everything transpired. In mid-2005, when the Montecito Clubhouse was first being built, someone suggested SCSH should have a library. And as the saying goes, "The rest is history." Barbara and her husband, Andrew, had just moved to SCSH; and she heard about the need for a library.

Because Barbara loves books and is a voracious reader, she answered the call. It only made sense that she became our first librarian. Eighteen years later, Barbara still happily manages the library with the help of a staff of dedicated volunteers.

As Barbara explained, at first, the developer allotted a very small space in the clubhouse for a library, about the size of the "Artist of the Month" display area. Not satisfied with that. Barbara and a small committee worked with the developer to expand and create the shelving that now houses our hard- and soft-cover collections.

An interesting fact you might not know is that all the books in the library are donations. No books have ever been purchased for our library. When a newly donated book comes in, Barbara and her crew examine and label the book before shelving it. The label in the front of the book tells its history, starting with the date it was donated and showing the times it has been read and returned. That way, the staff can keep track of how popular a book is.

Please note: although the library is grateful to everyone who makes a donation, please first doublecheck the information in the "From the Library" section of The View for specifics about the materials the library can use. Some books (like self-help, travel, and



A group of our wonderful SCSH Library Volunteers. Barbara pictured in center.







Hardback area complete with computer station

cookbooks) cannot be accepted as shelf space is very limited. Barbara asks that you donate those kinds of books to charities like Angel View or Salvation Army.

Next, let's explore in depth what it takes to keep the shelves stocked, orderly, and clean. This might seem easy on the surface, but it requires constant maintenance. Remember those volunteers I mentioned? You might not realize our library needs the help of 30 to 35 volunteers year-round to run smoothly.

Volunteers' hours and days vary, but Barbara admits she is usually there on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. At other times, when she just happens to be at the clubhouse, Barbara can't help but check the shelves and straighten things out. I noticed other volunteers do as well. After all, the library is their baby, and they take good care of it.

Badly damaged books are disposed of almost immediately, and new books are added continuously, but it takes more to keep the library in tip-top shape.





Playing puzzles in the paperback section. We've got step stools.

As often as three or four times a year, the collection is thoroughly purged and updated. Some books are removed because of their condition or for lack of interest; others might be duplicates of some already in stock. Sometimes people even surreptitiously slip a "new" one onto the shelves.

Books in good condition that are duplicates are purged, boxed, and donated to several causes throughout the Valley. College of the Desert uses most of our discards for their three yearly book sales; and several SCSH residents also take discards to hospitals, senior citizen centers, and to people with disabilities who are homebound.

Our library has a wide range of subjects our readers seem to prefer - from fictional, romance, and thrillers, to historical and political books, plus biographies and autobiographies. Barbara estimates that we have just under 5,000 books. There is even a small offering of interesting books published by some of our own SCSH residents. (Many of those have been donated by selfpublished authors.) Finally, the library has audiobooks, DVDs, and some magazines and puzzles.

So come in, enjoy, and explore what we have to offer. The seating area around the fireplace is a cozy spot to sit and relax. And it's all free!

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OLLECTING WESTERN ART?

BY DARI ENE TURNER

It's been said that a work of art will speak to you and nourish the soul. "Western Art" is a genre unto itself. It tells the history of the movement west from the Civil War in the mid-1800s to the 1930s - cowboys, Indians, settlers, and wildlife. In some cases, the genre has also been extended to include African wildlife artists. The most well-known examples are early works of Frederic Remington and Charlie Russell, who both traveled west to capture in paintings or bronze sculptures the spirit of the American frontier. To this day, many outstanding artists are hardly recognized outside of galleries and museums specializing in Western Art.

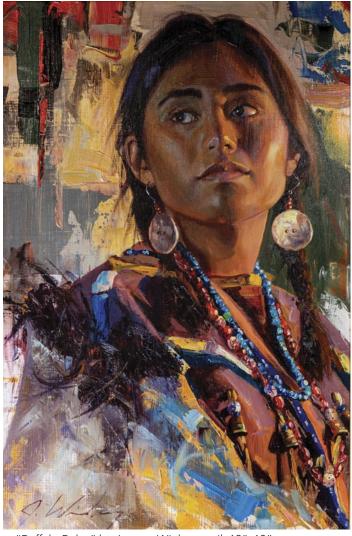
The love of cowboys and Indians in "Western" films from Hollywood further inspired artists to depict stories of the frontier, using the highest standards of research for realism and history. An elite group known as "Cowboy Artists of America" brand their works as "CA" and command prices of up to millions of dollars. Currently, Howard Terpning and Martin Grielle are two of the top ten.

You may think that realism in art is like photography, but these artists portray what a camera lens can never capture: the fur on a wild animal, hair on a horse's mane, or a feather on an Indian headdress that you want to touch.

What is an Art Collector?



Jim Rivenes looking at 40"x28" painting of "Pickett's Charge at Gettysburg" by Bradley Shmel, a famous battle of the Civil War.



"Buffalo Robe" by Jeremy Winborg. oil, 12"x18"

Jim Rivenes has been collecting Western paintings and bronzes since the 1960s. Today, at 88, he is as active as he has always been in adding to his collection. After graduating from the University of Washington, Jim joined the United States Marine Corps and served as a captain in Japan and Korea. He returned to live in Southern California and began a career as a stockbroker, married, and had two children (a daughter, Traci Sissons, and a son, James S. Rivenes).

But long workdays and Wall Street made Jim realize there was more to life than business. Returning to his roots in his native Montana, he established and substantially grew Rivenes Investments in Bozeman.



"Sign of the Times" by Michael Dudash, oil 42"x30"



"Evening Glow" by David Graham, oil 11"x14"

From his youth in Montana and seven generations of pioneer relatives and ranching, Jim was influenced by the history and stories of cowboys, the Indian wars, and the culture. And he was lured by the realism of artists who showed and sculpted these stories. Over the years, Jim attended numerous museum expositions and met gallery owners as well as up and coming artists. He began to learn and admire the awesomeness of their superior skills and extraordinary talent.

Collectors are a big boost and constant support for artists. "The trick is to find artists on the way to greatness and help them rise in fame. "Purchased at an early stage of their careers, many of the artists whose works I own are now out of my price range into the ranks of Texas millionaires," Jim laments.

Rivenes' favorite artists now are Michael Dudash and Don Oelze, still affordable, but he believes both are on the way to replacing Terpning and Grielle.

"The fun part of collecting is attending shows and auctions, meeting the artists, like-minded art admirers,



"Defending the Stronghold" by Don Oelze, oil 25"x38"

and gallery owners - especially The Legacy Gallery in Scottsdale, Settlers West in Tucson, Coeur d'Alene Gallery in Idaho, Mountain Trails in Jackson, Wyoming, and Maxwell Alexander in Los Angeles."

Ask Rivenes how a collector decides "what's a good buy in art?" and he will tell you, "Over a period of time, you pass a painting on your wall, and it brings you excitement and happiness - you've got a great buy!"

Widowed in 2010, Jim has five grandchildren. His grandson, Riley Sissons, took over the investment company when Jim retired three years ago. On a business trip to Palm Springs, he met the author, and they have been together for six years here in Sun City Shadow Hills as well as in Bozeman, Montana.

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GROWING UP IN SAN FRANCISCO Childhood Memories Of Simpler Times

BY ARNOLD CHOY

I was born in 1950 in San Francisco's Chinese Hospital in the heart of Chinatown. I grew up on the outer edge of Chinatown as the middle child of five siblings.

I don't remember a lot of what occurred during the 50s, but I do recall many things from the 60s. Funny, but my memory doesn't include Tony Bennett singing "I Left My Heart in San Francisco" for the first time in my hometown in 1961.



I Left My Heart in San Francisco

One of the coolest things I recall was that we always had "fake" uncles and aunts visiting our home. My mom had porcelain beer steins engraved with their individual names for when they visited. She placed them on the fireplace mantel. Oh, and did I mention that they were Chinese, Japanese, Mexican, White, and Black? Yeah, discrimination was not a word used by our family.

I also recollect that some of the neighborhood Chinese families were not too happy with our "open door" policy. On one occasion, I heard that my mom was confronted by one of these neighbor ladies, and her terse reply was, "Mind your own business and go f#\$k yourself." Thus, the legacy of the "Dragon Lady" was born.

I now know that my parents' beliefs forged a strong sense of "do the right thing" in my brothers and me that exists even today. So, we grew up playing sports and hanging around with kids of different backgrounds, beliefs, and skin colors. Being different didn't matter to us if you could run fast, roller-skate, and jump high.

By 1967, San Francisco had become the "hippie" capital of the world, with the infamous Haight Ashbury district, the Summer of Love in Golden Gate Park, the Jefferson Airplane and the Grateful Dead headlining at the Fillmore Auditorium, and the arrival of the Beatnik culture. "Tune in, turn on, and drop out" was a popular slogan. There were also the civil rights and free speech movements, the Vietnam anti-war demonstrations, and the Black Power movement, highlighted by the emergence of the Black Panthers across the bay in Oakland.



The famous Haight Ashbury district

Oh, and we must not forget the venerable Herb Caen, aka Mr. San Francisco, whose witty and humorous daily column was a must-read for all, or the 1968 action movie Bullitt, with Steve McQueen, made famous by that wild car chase throughout the hills of San Francisco?

Even though there were a lot of things happening in the City by the Bay, most of them did not affect my childhood. Being Chinese, we were told to stay within our community, for the most part. We didn't go to Haight Ashbury to see the hippies with "flowers in their hair." And heavy rock music wasn't for me, nor were psychedelic drugs. Yes, I admit I tried uppers and downers, but after my initial highs and lows, I knew as a teenager that I was happy just being me.

In our neighborhood, nobody locked their front doors or car doors. And everyone looked after one another. That said, I must admit that my two older brothers were the thugs of the neighborhood. And my grandfather was an officer in the Tong Association, the Chinese version of the mafia.

I have fond memories of going to the corner grocery store, Pon's, with a note from my parents approving me to buy their cigarettes and beer. And sometimes, when we ran out of bread and before the store opened, I'd grab a loaf of Wonder Bread and place 25 cents in the outside breadbasket. This was the perfect neighborhood store. Oftentimes my brothers and I would give Mr. Pon whatever money we had, and he'd give us small bags of handpicked sweets.

Because both my parents worked and had to leave early, my older brothers were in charge of breakfast and lunch. Most of the time we had lumpy Cream of Wheat hot cereal or cold cereal, hot chocolate, and toast with margarine and jam. Sometimes we had that awful Carnation powdered milk. Ugh. A treat was when we had milk toast, which was white toast spread with margarine, cut into bite-sized pieces, and topped with warm milk. Mmmmm, it was delicious. I bet it

would have been even better if we had butter. but that's another story.

Sometimes for lunch, besides fried baloney or Spam sandwiches, we had a concoction of Wonder Bread with margarine spread on it and then sprinkled with sugar. Carbs? Who cared?



Yummy Spam

And for Thanksgiving, I will never forget my mom's famous yams. A few large cans of syrupy yams slathered with margarine, sprinkled with cinnamon, and then crushed canned pineapple spread all over, followed by creamy marshmallows. Yummy.

Fast forward to the 80s when my wife, Margarite, and I started dating. We went to Safeway for grocery shopping, and I remember her asking, "Do you like sweet potatoes or yams?"



Yams in a can

I replied, "Yes, I love yams, but not sure about sweet potatoes."

So, she picked a few large ones from the vegetable section and asked, "Are these OK?"

I responded with, "What are those?"

When Margarite informed me that they were fresh yams, I replied, "But I thought yams only came in cans!"

Recently, I read about current events and news describing the deterioration of my hometown, and my heart became heavy with sadness and despair. So, I just dreamed of the place where I once grew up, and it brought a smile to my sad face.

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This is the first of a series of stories about where and when you grew up. We'd like to hear from you. You can write it yourself and we'll help with the editing, or we can assign a writer to help you. Fmail us at view@scshca.com.

HILDA & JIM MEET HURRICANE NICOLE

BY LINDA AASEN | PHOTOS COURESY OF HILDA ANDERGAARD

On November 3, 2022, Jim Crandall and Hilda Andergaard arrived in Tampa, FL, for Jim's high school reunion, where they had a great time for three days partying and reminiscing with Jim's high school friends.

The following day, they arrived at the Wescott Bed & Breakfast in St. Augustine, FL, and settled into their first-floor room. They spent three days enjoying the beautiful calm weather and soaking up the historic beauty of the area. On November 8, they relaxed on the front porch rocking chairs and watched the sun set over the calm blue ocean, blissfully unaware that Hurricane Nicole was headed in their direction!

The wind began to blow the next morning, and it started to rain. The B&B manager, concerned about the weather, moved Hilda and Jim to the second floor, just to be safe. Hilda and Jim are both good sleepers and never heard the wind or the rain throughout the night.

At 8 am the following day, they awoke to banging on their door. Hurricane Nicole, with sustained winds of 75 mph, had arrived! The manager announced they had 10 minutes to get dressed, packed, and downstairs because rescue vehicles were on the way to pick them up.

As they descended the stairs, they were amazed to see the entire first floor covered in water and firemen at the front door. The rescuers held onto Hilda, Jim, and the manager and walked them very slowly down the porch stairs and into the chest-high water. They carefully continued through the yard, across the highway, and finally into the rescue vehicles sitting near the ocean.

A fireman helped Hilda into the cab of a rescue vehicle. He told her that she could now cross a "water rescue" off her bucket list. Luckily, Hilda's sense of humor prevailed, and she had a good laugh. Meanwhile, Jim was loaded into the open bed of



Jim and Hilda enjoying the ocean view

another vehicle, and the wind and rain pelted him on the trip to the fire station. The rescuers told them that, 10 minutes later, they would have had to use a boat because the vehicles had reached their water depth limit.



Luckily, the rescue vehicle arrives.

At the fire station, Jim and Hilda were served welcome hot coffee and donuts. The husband of the Wescott B&B manager arrived to take them to their home so the couple could shower and change into dry clothes. The owner of the B&B hired an Uber to drive them to Jacksonville. FL, where he had secured a hotel room for them. The next day they gratefully caught their flight back home to warm and dry Palm Springs.

Hilda and Jim realize how lucky they were to escape Hurricane Nicole, which caused more than \$1 billion in damage. They were overwhelmed by the kindness, caring, patience, and generosity of the people who helped them escape.

A California girl, Hilda never thought she would need such a water rescue. But these two adventurers are not deterred, and they would love to return to St. Augustine any time - except hurricane season!

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Feeling like drowned rats, Hilda and Jim pose with their rescuers.







Guitar Jamin

DAN REGEIMBAL Resident Music Man

STORY AND PHOTOS BY BOB FIRRING

Dan Regeimbal discovered his passion for music at a very early age. After banging on pots and pans as a child, his parents gave him a bongo drum one Christmas. That set him on a path to learn the drum as well as guitar and banjo, and he formed a high school band in his hometown of Yakima, Washington. Although he attended college, music was his passion, and he formed a Beatles cover band called Apple in 1972, shortly after the Beatles broke up. They toured the US and Canada playing Beatles music from 1972 to 1978.

After he got married and started having children, he bought a motor home and toured the country for a while as a contract musician. Some of the name entertainers he played backup for were Joe Cocker, Ricky Nelson, the Doobie Brothers, and Hank Williams Jr. It was a dream existence until his kids got old enough for school. It was then he was forced to enter the "real world."

Dan and Paula settled in Orange County, CA, where he had a career as a banker and mortgage executive. He played on weekends when he could, but for the most part, his life was "normal."

Dan and Paula moved to SCSH in 2017. He soon found some other players, and they formed a band called "The Shadows." They have played locally at Casuelas Cafe and the Big Rock Pub. In addition, they have played at numerous private parties.

In 2020, Dan and neighbor Steve Rinehart formed a group called "Just Two Guys." They play at smaller events where a full band would be overpowering. In March, they played at the "Festival of the Creatives" put on by the Indio Rotary Club on a Saturday in Downtown Indio.

In addition to all this, Dan finds time to play Pickleball. He is the current president of our Pickleball Club and wrote a song called "Gimme some Pickleball" that he performs with the Shadows Band. It has been adopted by the US Pickleball Association.

Dan and his groups are available to play at local events. You can follow the Shadows Band by joining their Facebook page.



Dan and Paula

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NOT ALL BARBIES ARE CREATED EQUAL Mine Was Special

STORY AND PHOTO BY KRIS DOWNEY

As a kid, playing Barbies was a favorite pastime. Of course, sometimes there was a downside. My mom tried to make me believe my Barbie was special, but unfortunately for me, my doll didn't have the bouncy ponytail that my sister's or my best friend's Barbie had. No, my Barbie was a bubble head. A bubble head is an early version of helmet hair, and helmet hair is the one thing no kid wants their Barbie doll sporting.

I was a kid stuck with a bubble-head Barbie and a serious case of ponytail envy. When I dared mention my dismay to my mom, I was told there would be no ponytail Barbie forthcoming. My choice was to take it or leave it. I decided to take it.

The real problem with my Barbie was she looked like everyone's mom. It didn't matter if she fit into the same iconic black and white striped swimsuit the other Barbies wore, she still looked like the mom. The worst part, as everyone knows, is moms don't have boyfriends. When Ken showed up a couple of years later, ponytail Barbies were more than ready for a boyfriend. By this point, I'd resigned myself to my Barbie's maternal role, but just the same, she needed a boyfriend too.

I was one of the first to score a Ken doll. Mine was the felted hair version. That meant his hair had a fuzzy texture that quickly wore off. I decided premature baldness was not in the cards for Bubble Head's boyfriend, so I solved the problem with a black permanent marker.

Once Ken joined the ranks, playing Barbies got much more interesting. Our preferred scenario for Barbie was a college student deciding whether to become a nurse or a floozy. We had no clue what a floozy was, but it sounded more fun than a nurse. Of course, Ken preferred the floozy.

In honor of Ken's preference, we took turns dressing our Barbies in the flooziest outfits we could find and standing them next to Ken. That soon got boring. Next, we decided having a boyfriend must mean kissing. We quickly discovered the only way to get their lips even close to touching was lying down. The next decision was who should be on top. Clearly, Barbie and Ken's relationship was progressing.

The good news is, I made it through my Barbie phase unscathed and only a tiny bit more aware of what having a boyfriend might entail. I still have my bubble head Barbie and my slightly balding fuzzy-head Ken. In their honor, I'm going to attend the Barbie movie as soon as I can view it from my couch, along with Bubble Head and Fuzzy Head lying on top of each other right next to me.

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THE MISSION INN'S FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS An Unforgettable Holiday Experience In Riverside

BY RALPH OLSON

Often called the Cornerstone of Downtown Riverside, the Mission Inn. now known as the Mission Inn Hotel and Spa, can trace its beginnings to 1876. As a quaint boarding house called Glenwood Cottage, it quickly expanded into a full-service hotel in the early 1900s. The property attracted wealthy travelers and investors from the East Coast and Europe because of California's citrus boom and warm weather.

Opened by Frank Miller in 1903, the hotel expanded to over 200 questrooms with the addition of the Mission Wing. Built in Mission-Revival style, it incorporated architectural features from more than 20 different California missions. Demand increased as the hotel's reputation grew, resulting in the construction of the Cloister, Spanish, and Rotunda Wings. Miller filled the hotel with historic artifacts from across the globe, including artwork, furniture, and religious relics.

Presidents Roosevelt, Taft, Hoover, Nixon, Reagan, and Bush Jr. relaxed and dined at the hotel over its 150-year history. Visiting celebrities included Albert Einstein, Helen Keller, Susan B. Anthony, Amelia Earhart, and John Muir. Entertainers including Judy Garland, Bette Davis, Clark Gable, and Tom Hanks also stayed there and enjoyed the unique atmosphere. The hotel's distinctive setting played perfectly for many Hollywood movies, including 1915's The Vampire, 1938's Idiot's Delight, and 1997's Man in the Iron Mask.

Frank Miller ran the successful operation until his death in 1935. Although his family held on to manage the hotel until the mid1950s, ownership changed multiple times thereafter, and the property came close to demolition. It was not until the late 1980s that Duane and Kelly Roberts purchased the property and established the Historic Mission Inn Corporation.

The Roberts funded a \$55 million renovation and re-opened the hotel in 1992. Kelly became Vice Chairman and Chief Operating Officer with the goal of maintaining the Mission Inn's reputation as a premier luxury California destination. Her ideas inspired the award-winning Tuscan-style spa and many other exclusive creature comforts.





One of Kelly's most popular innovations was the Mission Inn's annual Festival of Lights, which the Roberts created as a give-back to the community. Every year, it attracts over 500,000 visitors of all ages from all over the region. The event has gained national recognition as one of the largest holiday light collections, and USA Today readers voted it the "Best Public Lights Display."

This year's festival takes place from November 18, 2023, to January 7, 2024. Parking can be challenging, but you can reserve a spot on the Mission Inn website. People of all ages should not miss this wonderful holiday event, which blazes to life with lights and fireworks after sundown.

Until next time...keep exploring!

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The Mission Inn Hotel and Spa (www.pininterest. com)





The Rotunda Wing (www.pininterest.com)



CONNIE KING LIFESTYLE DIRECTOR

Can you believe it? Instead of lightning striking twice, the wind struck twice. Once again on October 29, almost 30 days after Island Times festivities, we had to move the Earth, Wind, and Fire concert inside. Can you imagine staff having to pivot to accommodate 424 people, three bars, a spot to grill the hotdogs, and more? They made this event a success with little or no hiccups. We even created a new area called dancing on the patio which was a blast!



Kalimba: Spirit of Earth, Wind & Fire



Our Lifestyle Director, Connie King, at the recent Lifestyle Conference in Austn TX

On October 31, Lifestyle hosted and sponsored its first annual Halloween Pet Parade. Over 38 residents and their furry friends and family participated in the event. We would like to thank the judges: Melissa Perez owner of Ruff Life Grooming; Michael Phipps-Russell from Loving All Animals; and Ricki Scholes from Petco. Petco provided lots of toys and goodies for the gift bags; as well as for all the volunteers, staff, and Shadows Restaurant bartenders, which made the event an even bigger success.







Halloween Pet Parade

Other successful events included:

- The Holiday Gift Boutique was well-attended again this year. Handmade crafts, clothing, artwork, and delicious treats were among the many items that were sold.
- Holiday cocktails were a fun addition to the Holiday Golf Cart Parade festivities.
- Our concert series sold out within minutes after going on sale. We hope you were able to select and purchase your seats with ease.

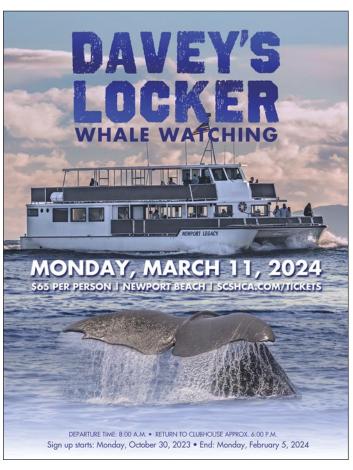
Last, but certainly not least, we are excited to announce that this year's Holiday Gala will be held on December 20. The theme is The Great Gatsby -Roaring '20s.

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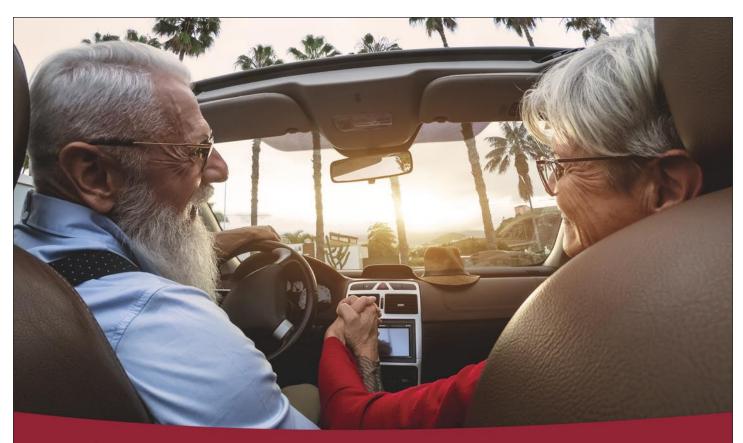






Thank you SCSH community for an amazing fundraising event supporting Coachella Valley Foster Kids (CVFK). Your generosity will have a positive effect in the lives of so many local children. Big hearts save lives! Thank you on behalf of CVFK.





AGE WELL, DRIVE SMART

This program was designed to provide older drivers with the KEYS to driving safer and driving longer. Discussion topics in the Age Well, Drive Smart program include:

- · How to tune up their driving skills.
- · Refreshing their knowledge of the rules of the road.
- · Learning about normal, age-related physical changes and how to adjust to them.
- · When it may be time to limit or stop driving.
- Understanding the alternatives to driving.

During the class participants will also have an opportunity to ask questions and get additional resources for other transportation options here in the Coachella Valley.

Friday, Jan. 19, 2024

10:00 am | Montecito Clubhouse Front half of the ballroom

presentation by:

Officer David Torres

Sign up at the Lifestyle Desk or call: 760.345.4349 ext 2120

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Sun City Shadow Hills®

CLASSIC MOVIE CLUB Special Event

On Friday December 1, 2023, at 4:00 pm in the Santa Rosa's Monterey Room, the club will proudly screen:



This highly acclaimed romantic comedy, directed by George Stevens and produced by Joseph L. Mankiewicz, marked the beginning of the personal and professional union between Katharine Hepburn and Spencer Tracy, who would go on to make eight more films together. The screenplay, written by Michael Kanin and Ring Lardner Jr., won an Academy Award, and Hepburn received an Oscar nomination for her performance. Woman of the Year is a dazzling, funny, and acute observation of what it takes for men and women to get along-both in the workplace and outside of it.

In a lively Q&A after the screening, Josh Kanin (son of co-screenwriter Michael Kanin) will talk about his father's work on the film. Josh will bring the Oscar that his father won, and you will be able to take a photo of yourself holding it.

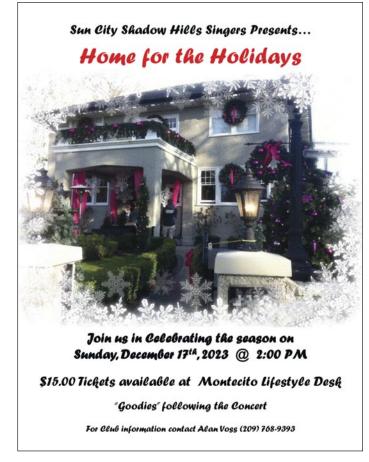
For more information, contact club co-leaders Josh Kanin (310-980-0747) or Bill Hooper (310-293-9597).















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Option 1:

Each class session: \$5.00

Option 2:

6-Month unlimited class sessions pass: \$60 Pro-rated \$10 per month or partial month Example: February 15 - June 30: \$50

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Annual unlimited class sessions pass: \$100/year

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The Pomettes of Sun City Shadow Hills is a multi-talented, spirited, and committed pom (dance) team whose members are seniors (age 55+) residing in Sun City Shadow Hills. Our pom team and its supporters are committed to excellence in performance, providing entertainment at a variety of events throughout the Valley

We do this with a spirit of integrity and service, to bring fun and inspiration to all. We enjoy staying fit and working together to inspire an active lifestyle.



Join in the fun!

New members may join the Performance Team or become a Supporting (non-performing) Member.

We welcome newcomers every Monday at our team practice at 5 pm in the Montecito Clubhouse Fitness Center dance studio.

We come in all shapes and sizes and welcome all skill levels since everyone doesn't have to perform!

Learn more by focusing your phone camera on one of the QR codes below. (Click the yellow link that appears on screen) llow link that appears on screen)



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GOLF OPERATIONS

PHIL VIGIL | GENERAL MANAGER, SHADOW HILLS GOLF CLUB

Happy Holidays

On behalf of the entire team at Shadows Restaurant and Shadow Hills Golf Club, we wish you a very happy holiday season. We hope you are enjoying this time with family and friends. We also hope that you are enjoying the amazing golf course conditions on both the North and South Courses as well as the great food and beverage service at all our outlets.

As we head into what will be one of the busiest golf seasons in recent years, we want to note the following golf course policies that have been approved by the Golf Advisory Committee (GAC). These policies allow us to maintain great course conditions throughout the season. We respectfully ask that all golfing residents adhere to these policies as we are all focused on maintaining our overseeded areas throughout the season. Additionally, we respectfully ask that golfing residents cooperate with golf staff as they monitor these policies.

- 1. Gate System Will be used on the South Course. This system is designed to promote improved traffic coming in and out of the fairways on the par 4s and par 5s. The gates will be defined with black stakes with yellow "enter" and "exit" topper flags.
- 2. Shared Cart Will be used on the North and South Courses. For resident and public play, we will be

Club fleet cart. This means that players may not to ride alone in their own cart and will be required to share a fleet cart. This is designed to minimize the amount of golf cart traffic. A single-rider cart fee of \$10 will be charged if an extenuating circumstance leads to the need for a single rider.

3. Private Cart Limit of Four - Will be used on both the North and South Courses. For residents who have paid a trail fee and use private carts, we will be monitoring that only two carts are in the fairway at any one time. Again, this is designed to minimize the amount of golf cart traffic.

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

We truly hope you enjoy what will be a great 2023 -2024 season!

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Shadow Will







& BEVERAGE

MANUEL GUADARRAMA | FOOD & BEVERAGE MANAGER

We hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving. This month, we continue the festivities. Key dates to remember are December 24, 25, 31, and January 1. In observance of Christmas, Shadows will close at 2 pm on Sunday, December 24 and will remain closed through Monday, December 25. Then, in observance of New Year's, Shadows will close at 2 pm on Sunday, December 31, and will remain closed through Monday, January 1 (we will not be open for Football Monday that day).

Doing our best to serve the community, Shadows will be offering several holiday dinners this month. We encourage everyone joining us to make a reservation using the Resy app. The app is very userfriendly; just scan the QR code on this page with your smartphone's camera. Then select the number of guests, date, and time of your reservation. Additionally, if you are joining us for a birthday or Theme Night, please let us know by completing the box that asks, "Any special request?" Use this to reserve your prime rib or to let us know if you would like to sit inside or on the patio.

Another reminder: we will reopen the North Course this month, and along with it, the Santa Rosa Bistro. Chef John has updated the menu there. Come taste his new signature sandwich. Hours of operation will be 6 am - 3 pm daily for the rest of the season, although hours are subject to change for special events.

Please visit our website theshadowsrestaurant.com for up-to-date information and upcoming events.

Thank you for your continued support.

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Monday: 4 – 8 pm (Tailgate Menu Only Kitchen Service Ends at 7 pm) Tuesday – Sunday: 8 am – 8 pm

Happy Hour: 2 – 5 pm





CHEF'S CORNER

CHEF JOHN DUTRA | EXECUTIVE CHEF

Around the holidays I reminisce about my time growing up. Christmas was a very special time for my family. We didn't have much growing up. My mother was raising my brother, sister, and me by herself, and we did not have much in the way of gifts. That didn't dampen the spirit of Christmas, in fact, it made it stronger. We focused on family and just being happy together.

We would trek over to my grandparent's house and stay overnight on Christmas Eve. Everyone would gather for a night full of laughter and a great time with uncles, aunts, cousins, and friends. The highlight would always be the feast my grandmother prepared. A traditional Portuguese dish called vinha d'alhos was served on Christmas. It is pork that is marinated for three days in wine, garlic, and spices creating this incredible flavor with every bite. As a child, I couldn't wait to have it. Every time I have this dish, I remember the great times we had with those who are no longer here to celebrate with us.

So, from my family to yours, here is my recipe for a Portuguese favorite, vinha d'alhos. From all of us at Shadows Restaurant, have a safe and happy holiday!

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Portuguese Vinha d'Alhos

2 pounds pork shoulder, cut into 1 to 2-inch cubes 1 cup red wine (your choice)

- 1 cup white wine vinegar
- 12 garlic cloves, minced
- ¼ cup olive oil
- 5 bay leaves
- 1 teaspoon oregano, roughly chopped (can use dried in a pinch)
- 2 teaspoons fresh thyme, leaved and chopped (can use dried in a pinch)
- 1 teaspoon red pepper flakes
- 1 ½ tablespoons salt
- 2 teaspoons pepper
- Combine the red wine, vinegar, garlic, olive oil, bay leaves, herbs, red pepper flakes, salt, and pepper in a bowl.

- Add cut up pork and cover with plastic.
- Refrigerate for three days, stirring the mixture at least twice a day.
- To cook, heat a heavy-bottomed pan, then add about a quarter to half a cup of the marinade along with some of the meat.
- Braise the meat for about 15 minutes in the liquid, then spoon out and save it.
- Add a little olive oil to the pan and continue to brown the meat for another 5 to 10 minutes until fully cooked.
- Serve with potatoes (any style) and your favorite vegetables. Spoon the reserved liquid over the meat for a great sauce.

Note: You can also braise the meat in the oven. Simply remove it from the marinade and quickly brown it. Then place it in a roaster and return the strained marinade to the meat. Roast it in the oven at low heat for two to three hours for tender fall-apart meat.











FITNESS UPDATE

AMBER GALINDO | FITNESS DIRECTOR

The last few months have flown by, and now the holidays will be here soon. Your Fitness Department is continuing the fun while staying active.

One of our recent events was our very first Paint SCSH Pink! Let me tell you what an inspirational night it was, as we honored cancer survivors and current fighters, along with remembering our loved ones whose journeys were cut short by cancer. The community gathered as we raised funds for the Desert Cancer Foundation.



On Halloween we held a Monster Mash Zumba-thon, and although the costumes were the main attraction, the dance moves were nothing short of awesome as everyone danced to classics like "Thriller" and "The Monster Mash."

On November 3, we held our Annual Golf Walk. It was a beautiful morning as over 130 residents got the chance to walk 5.5 miles through the South Golf Course. The participants did an amazing job whether they walked only half the course or trucked through the entire distance. Everyone completed their walk with a smile as they accomplished their finish line goals.

But that wasn't all we did in November. We also welcomed back our second annual Turkey Burner exercise class. Everyone burned their way through Thanksgiving dinner with a variety of workouts from an appetizer round to an entrée round. And of course, who can forget the dessert round?

Of course, we are not stopping the fun there. In December, we are holding a fitness class called Jingle Bands Rock! This class will be free to the community and taught by our very own Mirca Patino. Signups will start on December 1. Space is limited, so be sure to sign up early! Following this event, on January 2, we will host another Sound Bath at 6 pm. Signups will start on December 1 for this event as well.

As we ring in the new year, we also set new goals. New Year New Me fitness program will run January 8 - February 2. This program will consist of a variety of fitness classes designed specifically for New Year New Me participants. The goal is to jump-start maintaining a healthy lifestyle after the program is over and into the new year. This is not just an exercise program, but also a healthy lifestyle and healthy eating commitment. Registration began November 27. A \$25 registration fee covers classes, a New Year New Me shirt, and an end-of-the-program lunch, with prizes based on points earned during the four-week program.

Happy Holidays!



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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 Mat Pilates; Cheryl (\$6)

11:00 AM Reformer Pilates; Cheryl (\$17)

12:30 PM Lively Liners

(Free Intro to Line Dancing)

1:00 PM Lively Liners (Beginner)

5:45 PM Pomettes

SANTA ROSA CLUBHOUSE

8:00 AM Circuit; Cheryl (\$6)

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

11:00 AM Chair Yoga; Melinda (\$6)

TUESDAY

MONTECITO FITNESS CENTER

9:00 AM Barre; Eliezer (\$6)

10:00 AM Agua Fitness; Cheryl (\$6)

10:00 AM Mat Pilates; Eliezer (\$6)

11:00 AM Reformer Pilates I-II; Eliezer (\$17)

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

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 Fit; Cheryl (Free)

9:00 AM Balance & Stretch; Cheryl (\$6)

10:00 AM Body Toning; Cheryl (\$6)

11:00 AM Vinyasa Yoga Level I-II; Leesann (\$6)

1:00 PM Lively Liners (Intermediate)

2:00 PM Lively Liners (Intermediate 2)

3:00 PM Beginning Boxing; Andrew (Free)

5:00 PM Pomettes

SANTA ROSA CLUBHOUSE

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

9:00 AM Stretch; Angel (\$6)

THURSDAY

MONTECITO FITNESS CENTER

8:00 AM Brazilian Fusion; Eliezer (\$6)

9:00 AM Total Body Pump; Jessica (Free)

10:00 AM Mat Pilates; Eliezer (\$6)

11:00 AM Agua Fitness; Cheryl (\$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)

11:00 AM Chair Yoga; Melinda (\$6)

FRIDAY

MONTECITO FITNESS CENTER

9:00 AM Zumba; Rosy (\$6)

10:00 AM Beginning Ballet; Eliezer (\$6)

11:00 AM Aqua Fitness; Cheryl (\$6)

11:00 AM Reformer Pilates I-II; Eliezer (\$17)

12:00 PM Mat Pilates; Eliezer (\$6)

SANTA ROSA CLUBHOUSE

8:00 AM Silver Fit; Cheryl (Free)

9:00 AM Vinyasa Yoga Level I-II;

Leesann (\$6)

10:00 AM Meditation; Leesann (\$6)

11:00 AM Low Impact Cardio; Mirca (Free)

SATURDAY

MONTECITO FITNESS CENTER

9:00 AM Open Line Dancing

SANTA ROSA CLUBHOUSE

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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December 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

DP1 - Phase 1 Dog Park

DP3 - Phase 3 Dog Park

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.

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Billiards Club

Our membership continues to meet every Monday and Wednesday at the Montecito Clubhouse billiards room at 6:30pm for open play. We have six beautiful nine-foot tables. Our club allows you to play with men and women of all levels of experience. Tournaments are held on the second Monday and the last Wednesday of the month at a cost of \$5 per player each tournament. No matter how you play with our handicap system you will have a chance to win and have a good time. It's a great way to make new friends and meet your neighbors!

Free lessons are available at 11 am every Thursday in the billiard room by Norman Kerr (707-372-6501), just come in or give him a call.

On Monday, October 9, we had a nine ball round Robin tournament. We had 17 players in competition. First place was won by Don Lucas, second went to Jane Blaisch, and third place to Don Salvatore

On Wednesday, October 25, we held an eight-ball elimination tournament, with a consolation flight. We had 16 players in competition. First place was won by Marc Michelson, second went to Steve Quieor, and third to Don Salvatore. Everyone played well and had a good time, congratulations to all our winners.



Bocce Buddies

Come and meet a nice group of residents who enjoy the game. 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.



Bridge Club

Happy holidays all! Hope that everyone had a lovely Thanksgiving and is looking forward to more holiday celebrations. During this active time of year, the bridge games will continue as regularly scheduled with some exceptions. There will be a break in games beginning Thursday, December 21; the games will resume on Wednesday January 3.

We wish everyone a happy, safe, and joyous time of year and look forward to a new year of bridge. See you at the tables.



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: 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 is back in full swing with a whole range of activities planned for December. Our main meeting on December 6 will feature a presentation on various photo stacking techniques. The meeting will take place at 3 pm in the Monterey Room (Santa Rosa Clubhouse). At the main meeting we will also outline the activities on tap for the balance of the month. The activities will include a workshop, fieldtrip, introductory post processing meeting, and a photo review meeting.

Be sure to capture your holiday activities with your camera. Phone camera or advanced DSLR, the type of

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camera doesn't matter. It's the memories that you capture that will be treasured.

If you have an interest in photography, whether as a complete novice or an advanced practitioner, why not consider joining our club. It doesn't matter what your level of experience, or what type of camera, we have something to offer you. Check out our club website at scshcameraclub.com.



Woodstock Bridge by Jim Schacht



Ceramics Club

Ceramics Club is working away making beautiful pieces for our homes and gifts for our loved ones. Below are a couple of Holiday items we are working on.







A wonderful Bread Plate done by Charmaine



Two vases, left by Paula, right by Diane.

Stop by anytime on Tuesday or Friday, 9 am – noon. Mark your calendar for Tuesday, January 16, 2024, for Ceramics Club Open House.



Classic Movie Club

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 holidays everyone! Hard to believe it's that time of year again. Our season started out last month with a huge turn-out for our "Fall into Golf" Welcome Back Event.

The course is fully operational and in great shape. Tuesday play is a shotgun start beginning at 8 am. Please join us for breakfast at Shadows following golf. Friday play is straight tee times beginning at 12:30 pm with a choice to play 9 or 18 holes. The deadline for Tuesday play is Saturday at 5 pm. The deadline for Friday play is Tuesday at 6 pm.

We have fun tournament days once a month. This month is the HO-HO Hole event on December 12, followed each month by a different theme and format for play. Our Holiday Luncheon and General Meeting Frost and Flannel will be held December 11.



Fall Into Golf Welcome Back Committee

New Members are welcome to join at any time during the year. We accept all skill levels. New members are given a short orientation and assigned a mentor for a smooth transition into our club.

Prospective members may play one time as a guest. Please contact Membership Chair, Barb Mason at Barb90713@gmail.com or phone 562-477-3165 for more information.

Happy New Year Everyone!



Community Singers

December is here! SCSH "Singers" and "Holiday Harmony" invite you to several events where we will be performing.

On Thursday evening, December 7, from 5 -7 pm, we will celebrate:

Hanukkah Menorah lighting

Montecito Ballroom



On Sunday afternoon, December 17, at 2 pm:

Holidays Together Concert

Montecito Ballroom



Tickets are available for \$15 at the Lifestyle Desk for Holidays Together.

Join us in these wonderful celebrations of the Holidays.



Couples Golf

Season's greetings, from the SCSH Couples Golf Club and all the best for 2024. Our season is in full swing, we have two play dates in December and the good news is we should no longer be cart path only.

We had a very enjoyable Welcome Back Social on November 4, which was well attended and provided the opportunity to meet old friends and make new acquaintances. We are always looking for new members and it was great to see many in attendance right from the start. The Couples Golf Club Board members were introduced, provided brief reports, and fielded a few questions from the floor.

At this time, we would like to recognize Rob Quilley, President and Linda Lunghamer, Past President (among many other roles) who have both had to step down from the Couples Golf Club Board to attend to family matters. Their contributions to the success of our Couples Golf Club, prior to, but especially during Covid and its aftermath, cannot be overstated. We will miss them, wish them well and look forward to their return to the desert when circumstances allow.

If you have any questions or need more information, please contact Gerry Read at 760-289-6312.



Creative Arts

The weather is cooling, and our snowbirds are gradually flying in. We are so happy to see everyone! We have a few classes remaining this season:

Watercolor for Beginners and Beyond, Managing Light & Dark Values, and The Lyrical Acrylic. If you're interested in signing up, there are flyers available in the Montecito Clubhouse lobby, in the art room during our open studio times (listed below) or contact Suzy Voss: suzygofly@yahoo.com.

While you're in the clubhouse check out our December art wall featuring work by Marilyn Johnston and Wendy McElroy.

We will be having a potluck February 29, at 5:30 pm in the Montecito Clubhouse art room. Come meet your club members! Our next general membership meeting will be December 4th.

Please consider joining the Creative Arts Club, sign up for some classes and have some fun! The membership fee is \$15/year due in January. We have open studio time in the art room twice each week, Monday and Thursday mornings from 9 am – 12 pm.

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



Desert Gardeners

Do you sometimes have questions about the trees and shrubs growing in your yard? Would you like advice about what plants thrive in our climate, and how to keep them healthy and beautiful? If so, you may be interested in joining the Desert Gardeners this month.

On December 6, at 3:30 pm in the Montecito Ballroom, we will be hosting our monthly meeting with the subject of Questions and Answers about Desert Gardening. Members and guests will have a chance to ask questions and share knowledge on a variety of horticultural topics.

Members will be going on a tour of the Coachella Valley's only local mushroom farm, Canyon Creek Mushrooms, on December 11. It promises to be a very informative and fun outing!

Visit our website www.scshdesertgardeners.com for membership information, the latest updates on our club activities and a wealth of gardening resources. We meet monthly from November through April and offer a wide array of experiences from educational meetings, consultations with Master Gardeners, slide shows of best practices, and field trips around our valley. A favorite event is the annual home garden tour in March followed by a delightful, casual reception.

For more information or questions, contact Terry Bolen at scshdesertgardeners@gmail.com.



Desert Life

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

DECEMBER LUNCHEON

DATE | December 19, 2023. at 11:30 am LOCATION | Heritage Palms Clubhouse PROGRAM | SCSH Community Holiday Harmony's Singers

CHARITY FOR THE MONTH | The Season of giving! Our Primary Charity is The Coachella Rescue Mission seeking unwrapped toys for children of all ages or check donation payable directly to The Coachella Rescue Mission. No cash or gift cards!

BONUS GIVING | The Club will host a table of 10 Marines from the 29 Palms Base and decorate with stuffed animals that will be donated to the children of the Marines. Members are invited to bring a new stuffed animal, in addition to an item for toy drive detailed above, which will be allocated to the children of the Marines!

Donations By Members Are Always Voluntary! MAIN MENU | Double Cut Pork Chop **VEGGIE OPTION | Grilled Vegetables**

(must denote veggie on check)

DESSERT | Cheesecake

PRICE | \$32. Checks must be in the Montecito mail slot by December 12. Includes seven door prize tickets. Please drop checks ASAP and don't wait for the deadline!



French Club

Bonjour et Bienvenue!

You are welcome to join SCSH's French Club, L'Expérience Française, to learn French, improve your language skills, and make new friends!

Two classes were conducted in October, with emphasis on conversation reviewing salutations, food, time, cooking, and ordering in a restaurant. New vocabulary dealt with the topic of les legumes (vegetables). Students learned that there are two words for pumpkin la citrouille and le potiron. The difference is la citrouille is a bigger, rounder pumpkin squash like our Halloween pumpkin, while le potiron is a smaller and more elongated pumpkin which would be used for cooking. Some new irregular verbs were introduced and practiced. French class wouldn't be the same without several rounds of familiar songs, such as "Sur le Pont d'Avignon" (On the Bridge of Avignon) and "Alouette" (The Lark).



Some French students gather after the October 19th class (from L to R): Paula Voorhees, Dan Voorhees, Shyrl Roberts (instructor), Bev Brunetta and Brenda Sanger. Vive la Classe de Français!

The December classes are scheduled for Thursdays, the 21st and the 28th from 2-3 pm in the Monterey Room at the Santa Rosa Clubhouse. The January 2024 classes are scheduled to be held on the 18th and the 25th at the same location and time.

Interested in joining us? Please contact instructor Barbara Guiffre at 315-868-3854 or at bmgguiffre@ yahoo.com.

Une nouvelle langue est une nouvelle vie. (A new language is a new life.)



Games Plus

Games Plus was formed to play various games. BINGO | 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.

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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 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.

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 | Regular Canasta is discontinued on Fridays due to lack of participation; however, in its place is Samba which is another version of Canasta. All levels of players are welcome. Come join your neighbors and learn this fun form of Canasta. If you have questions, please contact Betty Dixon at 970-389-4682.

Happy Gaming!



Genealogy Club

Come join a special presentation by Diana Elder, a renowned genealogy professional.



Diana is a professional genealogist, teacher, author, and speaker. She has twenty years of research experience and holds a credential through the International Commission for the Accreditation of Professional Genealogists (ICAPGen).

Diana graduated from Brigham Young University Magna Cum Laude. She is the author of the bestselling book Research Like A Pro: A Genealogist's Guide and creator of the "Research Like a Pro" study group and e-Course. Diana co-hosts the Research Like a Pro genealogy podcast with her daughter, Nicole Dyer, and writes regular articles on their website, FamilyLocket.com.

TOPIC | Pedigree Triangulation: A Key Methodology For Genetic Genealogy

So, you have had your DNA tested. Now what? How to leverage that DNA test? What might you learn from your bit of spit about your family tree, your ancestors, your ancestry? Join us for a presentation on these subjects by one of the most highly recognized experts in genealogy.

WHERE | Santa Rosa Clubhouse, Monterey Room WHEN | Monday, December 4, 2023, at 2 pm HOW | Come as a "Guest." Free! If you decide to join, single membership fees for the year are \$25.



Gin Rummy

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

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



Golden Seniors Social Club

New Club!

As our name implies, we're a social club. You'll find a young at heart, intimate group of seniors of all ages gathering and socializing; while creating a stronger connection to our beautiful SCSH community, where you are always among friends!



Halloween 2023

Feeling young at heart? GSSC may just be the perfect club for you!

Our members share core values around socializing, making new friends and enjoying common interests, only at a more comfortable pace!

We formally gather on the third Wednesday of each month from 2 – 4 pm in the beautiful Capistrano Room at the Montecito Clubhouse. Plus you can choose to enjoy casual daily gatherings with your new friends, like walking, breakfasts, happy hours, or movies. All gatherings are held in the SCSH community!

Dues are only \$25 for singles and \$35 for couples. Look for our flyers and membership applications at the clubhouses. Once completed, simply drop your paid applications in our Golden Seniors mailbox in the Montecito Clubhouse.

Be our quest...enjoy your first GSSC on us! Questions or RSVP, please call Mia Lynott at 760-685-4468 or email mialynott@gmail.com.



Happy Travelers

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

Please visit our website at SCSHHappyTravelers.com for more information about upcoming meetings, membership, and trip offers.

If you have questions, please send us an email at SCSHHappyTravelers@gmail.com.



Hiking Club



Herman's Peak

It's been a great start to the hiking season with some fabulous hikes and exceptional weather. We have many more great hikes scheduled for December so make sure to download the list from our website page (scshca.com/hiking) and come and join us to explore our beautiful desert terrain. We have hikes at all levels. New members are always welcome. You can contact Marjorie Babuik at marjoriebabuik1@mymts.net to register your interest to be added to the list of hikers.

We are often asked why we leave for hikes so early in the morning. Cooler temperatures are the best time to start a hike. Temperatures rise quickly and we want the best conditions for the majority of the hike. Early hikes also mean you can get home early afternoon. We know people have many activities they are involved in at SCSH. Regardless of the temperatures, always make sure to bring adequate water with you.

See you on the trails!



Jewelry Club

Hello neighbors! The Jewelry Club wants to wish everyone a happy holiday season. May 2024 be filled with good health, peace, and love.



We are looking for new members. Come and see what we do. Pull up a chair and chat for a while. We meet on Wednesday, from 1 – 3 pm at the Montecito Clubhouse. If you have questions, please contact our President Jutta Ruehl at 310-567-2236 or our VP Veronica Vandenburg at 951-325-3211.



ady Putters

The snowbirds returned in time for our Welcome Back tea on October 24. and now we are planning our Holiday Luncheon scheduled for December 14.



Lady Putters Holiday Luncheon 2022

All Sun City Shadow Hills women are invited to check us out and join the fun. All you need is a putter and a golf ball. The \$2 fee is forfeited for first timers. If you enjoy meeting new people and the no experience needed putting game, the membership is \$20 plus payment for a blue shirt and apron. It's on the apron you'll place various pins that match the many holes in ones you are guaranteed to make.

We meet every Monday. Early risers can attend the 7:45 am meeting. The second meeting is at 9:00 am. Come 15 minutes early to check in, visit, and attend a quick morning meeting. For more information don't hesitate to call the President Olga Kiena at 714-746-2111 or Marlene Dawson, the Secretary at 360-739-5428.



$ar{\mathbf{T}}$ Let's Meet and Eat

On December 10, the amazing band, DysFUNKsion will again get us out of our seats and on the dance floor! Sign-up forms will be at the Montecito flyers rack.

Yes, the word is out! We're having a New Year's Eve party! Here's the scoop: Sunday, December 31 2023. We dine at 6 pm and The Flashback Boyz play from 7 - 9 pm. Please note: \$15 per person, LMAE Members only. BYOB and bring food to share for 10. As always, we provide silverware, cups, napkins, paper plates, and the water station. Optional attire: Dressy Casual.

Wait! There's more: January 21, 2024, The Shadows Band will rock us all night with their fabulous sounds! We can't wait to hear this popular band.

Special Note: The sign-up forms for both New Year's Eve and January 21 will be available December 10, at 4:30 pm in the Montecito flyers rack.



LMAE Board (left to right): Cherie Adams, Margo Goldsboro, Jeri Eversole, Dolores Shore, Mary Lou Halla, and Patti Petersen

On behalf of your LMAE Board, we sincerely wish you the happiest of holidays!

Questions? Please call Party Central! Cherie at 760-953-6674 or Margo at 310-977-2720.

"See you on the dance floor!"



Lively Liners

If the promise of a stronger, healthier, and more coordinated body isn't enough to get you dancing, perhaps the pure joy of moving to the music will. Whether you like to move moderately or slowly, and like all kinds of music, there is always a dance for you.

Now is the perfect time to learn line dancing! Our free half hour introduction class is on Mondays at the Montecito Fitness Center from 1:30 - 2 pm. This is your chance to learn



the basic dance steps. You can then try out two of our Beginning classes for free without joining our club. You now have an opportunity to dance four days a week, plus there is open line dancing for all on Saturdays.

Please visit our website at www.scshlivelyliers.com for our full schedule and lots of information. If you have any questions, call Katy at 760-610-5710 or Melanie at 626-222-6044.



Mah Jongg

Happy Holidays! We are delighted to see our Mah Jongg room fill up with players. To celebrate the December holidays, we will be having Pizza Mah Jongg on December 20. The luncheon is free to all dues paying members. Players, who have not yet joined the Mah Jongg club are welcome to attend the pizza party for \$5. Dues will be paid in January 2024.

For more information and/or questions, contact Rochelle Asheroff at asheroff@sbcglobal.net.





You are invited to join guided meditation sessions with Vib Verma. Live a balanced and fulfilled life. Reduce stress, anger, and anxiety. Vib features a unique topic each session. He will change your life.

- You will learn how to be happy and peaceful.
- You will learn to be positive.
- You will learn to generate love and compassion for all.

Science has shown that a negative mind can cause hypertension, insomnia, and other illnesses. With the right meditation practice, you can feel better and possibly reduce your dependence on some medications. We meet on Mondays at 10 am in the Santa Rosa Clubhouse Pismo/Newport room.

For more information call Camille Brownson at 760-673-6694 or camillebrownson@gmail.com.



Men's Golf Club

As we approach the end of the Year, the Shadow Hills Men's Golf Club (SHMGC) weekly play and special events are well under way. If you are not yet participating, you are missing a lot of fun and camaraderie. Have questions about any events, contact one of the club's Board Members, and he will be happy to get you pointed in the right direction.

As of mid-October, we have two new Board Members. Dick Ewers has come on board and will serve as Secretary and Craig Fierstein, as a new member, will serve as Director-at-Large. We extend a big "thanks for a job well done" to the leaving members - Steve Aasen and Rob Robinson. If you haven't said hello to these new Board Members, do so at our next meeting.

Note that we typically move our December General Meeting up one week to avoid the Holidays, but the Montecito Ballroom was not available on the prior Wednesday this year, so our meeting will be on the third Wednesday, as usual.

If you haven't already signed up for our Holiday Party on December 8, be aware that seats are filling up quickly. Your Men's Club Board Members wish each of you a wonderful holiday season, and a healthy and happy new year. See you on the golf course!



Needles and Pins

December brings cooler weather, holiday projects, and celebrations! Our holiday party will be held on Monday, December 11. We will be munching on

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yummy treats and voting for our new officers for the 2024-2026 term.

The Needles and Pins club continues to be involved in making donations for various organizations in the Coachella Valley: bears, baby hats, and blankets for newborns and for children at the family crisis center, lap blankets for Veterans and for patients at the Lucy Curci Center, winter hats for the needy, and pet beds for the animal shelters. As of October, 256 pet beds have been made! If you have a few minutes, come by to cut fabric scraps to be stuffed inside the pillow casings.







We meet on Sundays all day, Mondays from 12:30 to 5 pm, and Wednesdays from 9 am to 1:00 pm in the Cambria room in the Montecito Clubhouse!

For more information, please contact Joan Kiening at needlesandpinssuncity@gmail.com.



Oke Dokey Karaoke

"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. No handicaps required; 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, October

through April, unless otherwise posted. Following each play, we gather at Shadows restaurant for happy hour where prizes are awarded.

Annual membership dues are \$15 per person, due in January. Our membership form can be found on our page on the SCSH website: www.scshca.com/pairs. Once received, you will be on the sign-up email sent out on the Thursday the week prior to the play date.

Contact Glenn Carlson at 206-200-5452 stretch1@wavecable.com, or Mike Johnson at 775-721-7966 or Michael.d.Johnson3860@gmail.com, for further information.

The event dates for 2023-2024 Season are as follows: October 5 & 19, November 2, December 14, Potluck December 14 (5 pm), January 4 & 18, February 1 & 15, March 7 & 21, March 21 Club Dinner (5 pm), and April 4 & 18.



Pan Club

Stop! What's that sound in the Montecito Clubhouse? It's the Pan Club members excitedly discussing our holiday plans as we shuffle the cards and play our favorite game! 'Tis the season!

PAN TOURNAMENT







Our annual tournament was a huge success! Congratulations to the winners:

1ST PLACE | Donna Strauss 2ND PLACE | Margo Goldsboro

3RD PLACE | Frankie Cino

We'd like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all the participants, captains, and volunteers who helped make the day so much fun. Additionally, a big shout out to the Shadows Restaurant for catering our delicious luncheon.

On behalf of your grateful Pan Board members, we wish you the happiest, healthiest, and safest of holidays! Thank you for your support! If you have questions, please contact Club President Michele Kirsch at 661-510-5790 or kirscmi62@gmail.com.



Paper Crafters

December shines brightly with twinkling lights, beautifully decorated trees, and our homes are ready for family and friends to gather together to enjoy the holidays. Paper Crafters will be busy making holiday cards. On December 12, we will be celebrating together with a luncheon and holiday fun. To let our members enjoy this holiday season, we will not be holding classes on December 19 and December 26. Classes will resume January 2. Please join time us for a new year of fun paper crafting.

We meet in the Mirada room at the Montecito Clubhouse every Tuesday at 12:45 pm with classes beginning at 1 pm. Our weekly projects cost from \$1-\$3 per card. For SCSH residents, the first class is on us. You will see how much fun we have sharing our creativity with each other and making new friends. Membership is \$10.

After class, you are encouraged to stay and use the supplies and equipment available to make additional cards or projects. One of our members is always there to help if needed. 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

Hey, you, you, and you! This month is the perfect time to give yourself a gift of membership in the Sun City Shadow Hills Performing Arts Club. Trust me, it's a perfect fit! You'll leap for joy when you attend our December 21st Potluck Dinner meeting in the Montecito Ballroom at 6 pm. New members are especially welcome. I hope you will come to our next meeting. You can come as a single or as a plus-one. Read on...

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The big, waited for announcement is: Our next Broadway smash hit Spring Play is The Odd Couple (Female Version). It is a tremendously exciting, and uproarious comedy! And you, you, and you can be a part of it! Rehearsals and committee sign ups begin January 2. The play is March 21, 22, 23, and 24.

For membership inquiries, please contact our Club Secretary, Gordon Thomas, at gordon.thomas8727@ gmail.com. He can't wait to welcome you!

In case you would like to talk to me, and if picking up the phone isn't too scary, just call me. I'm Jamie McGrew, at 949 500-4722, and we'll chat.



Pet Club

Season's greetings, SCSH fur-kids parents and fur-paws!

What an inspiring and enlightening presentation at our November Pet Club Meeting! For those that weren't able to attend, Guide Dogs of the Desert were our guests, an organization which is "one" of 13 facilities in the country, that focus is: on breeding, raising, training, and matching guide dogs to those visually impaired. The Pet Club, thanks you!

REMINDERS:

- Tuesday, December 12: Pet Club Meeting, Special guest speaker and holiday pizza party at 6 pm.
- Monday, January 1: Happy 2024! Calming time to give serious thought to, for "your" pets pre- and post- New Year's.
- Tuesday, January 9: Guest Speaker and General Meeting.
- Yearly Membership Dues and updated Membership Forms begin.

Please, come join us! New interested members, are always welcome!

We meet every second Tuesday each month at 6pm, Montecito Clubhouse - Cambria and Mirada rooms.

Looking forward to seeing you, we're a great group of "pet paws" owners!

Contact info: Jo Provenzano-King, Club President, at j.n.provenzano@hotmail.com or 818-848-5959.



PICKLEBALL PICKLEBALL Club

The holidays are here and Pickleball is merry and bright!

There are no scheduled special events in December due to the holidays, but we'll be out on the courts enjoying the season between holiday shopping, parties, and other family and friends gatherings.

Watch your email for sign up information for our second tournament of the season which will be held on Saturday, January 20. It will be a Round Robin format and promises to be lots of fun!

We have very full courts during Open Play every morning, patience required, from 8 am until noon.

Lessons, Round Robins, Buckets, social play, practice, and drill sessions are held every afternoon and evening. Get more information about all the activities and sign on our website.

If you're new to the neighborhood or new to Pickleball, please check out our website at scshpickleball.org for more information.

Happy Holidays to all!



Pomettes

The Pomettes of Sun City Shadow Hills are genuinely blessed to have the dynamite duo Debby and Ron Hart as non-performing members of the club. Debby and Ron are not only extraordinary human beings, but provide many talents in photography and videography; they are adorable together! Debby and Ron are retired from the banking industry and living retirement at their best, using their talents, creativity, and making a difference.

The Pomettes have both performing Cheer/Dance members and non-performing members who do the behind-the-scenes work necessary to ensure the team is ready to get on stage to dance, cheer on another team at a charity walk, or be in a parade, for example.

They welcome new members on Mondays at 5:45 pm and Wednesdays at 5 pm at the Montecito Dance Studio inside the gym.



Please let us know if you want The Pomettes to perform at your event. Contact Sue McCollum, Club President, at pomettes.scsh@gmail.com.



Rainbow Friends

As we say Goodbye to 2023, we wish you a very happy holiday season. We also hope that the coming year will be better.

Our Holiday Gathering Potluck will take place on Wednesday, December 13, at the home of one of our members. This fun and festive event takes the place of our regular meeting at the Montecito Clubhouse. Please check your email for further details.

As we have done in past, we are asking for contributions to go to some of our local animal shelters. This can include dry cat or dog food, blankets, towels etc.

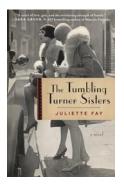
As we start 2024, we will once again collect dues for the calendar year. The annual dues are \$10 per person and should be paid by the end of February. As always, we thank you for your support for without you there wouldn't be a Rainbow Friends club here at Sun City Shadow Hills.

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



Readers Ink

Fiction Book Club



During our November meeting, we voted on the books to read in 2024. There are so many interesting ones! We also discussed the club board officer elections. The new members will take over at the end of January, 2024. Deborah Drucker introduced the book The Tumbling Turner Sisters by Juliette Fay. After

the introduction, there were questions and answers followed by a lively discussion. Then we had the drawing for the door prizes, followed by social time.

Our club meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month in the Capistrano Room of the Montecito Clubhouse. We have comfortable distancing at our discussion tables.

There will be no Readers Ink meeting in December as we are hosting our Christmas party on December 14. We will resume on January 23, 2024. The book for that month will be Bewilderment by Richard Powers.

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 Addiction Group will be on Wednesday, December 13, at 2 pm in the La Jolla room at the Santa Rosa Clubhouse earlier in the month due to the holiday season. For members who cannot attend in person, the next meeting will also be available via Zoom. Our selection for the month is the 313-page book The Confidence Men: How Two Prisoners of War Engineered the Most Remarkable Escape in History, by Margalit Fox.

If you want to get a jump-start on our January 2024 selection, we'll be reading and discussing the 464-page book Chip War: The Fight for the World's Critical Technology, by Chris Miller.

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 shadowhillssnowbirds.springly.org or by contacting the Membership Director at scshsnowbirds@gmail.com.



Solos Club

Solos is a social club for single residents of SCSH. Our regularly scheduled activities each month include an outing, like a dinner or happy hour, and our regular monthly meeting, which also includes a fun activity. If you would like any membership information contact Shirley Bunce at 760-345-812 or email her at bunce.shirley123@yahoo.com.

Solos also has a standing reservation for a few tables at Shadows Restaurant for happy hour every Friday night at 4 pm. Come meet with your fellow members or make a new friend and enjoy a drink, appetizer, or

small meal. Our regular monthly meetings are held on the third Sunday of each month from 5 - 7 pm in the Capistrano Room of the Montecito Clubhouse. We are in the process of planning our holiday party for December. Hope you can join us then.



Table Tennis Club

Why do we care that winter is upon us? Most of us gave up on the real change of seasons long ago. That's why we're here! Warm sunshine, not snow. A nice pool, not slush. A warm breeze, not the "hawk" freezing wind. Short sleeve shirts, not heavy coats. You want to feel the cold, come to table tennis where it's so cold you can see your breath. Maybe that's just me after brownies and a glass of milk! Chanukah and Christmas under the lights in the Santa Rosa, knocking around cardboard (after too many brownies) and a tiny ball is a fun gift for all.



We meet on Wednesdays at 11 am, Fridays and Sundays at 2 pm, and we'll leave the lights on for you. Bring a smile and wear sneakers, other attire optional (J-Will in his flea market shirts are now accepted).



Tennis Club

The Holidays are upon us and it is truly the most wonderful time of the year; a time to gather with

friends and family. We hope you are all planning on joining us for our first event of the season, "Hit for FUN" on December 9. It is always a lot of fun with games and skill challenges on the courts followed by lunch and prizes. And it's not too early to mark your calendars for our Winter Social & General Meeting which will be held on January 27, 2024, in the Montecito Ballroom.

We are so fortunate to live in this amazing community and climate that allows us the chance to play our favorite sport during the winter months. We also have the opportunity to play in competitive leagues against other clubs in the Coachella Valley, and we need to congratulate our Women's 3.0 and 3.5 USTA Teams for making it into the Southern California Sectionals. Congratulations ladies!

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. For more information on joining our club please visit https://scshtenis.com or contact Linda Johnson at Inkjohns@hotmail.com. See you on the courts!



That's Entertainment

Our November - March comedy nights will have "full concert seating" to accommodate more residents that would like to attend during the winter season. Shadows has a full cash bar in the lobby at 6 pm on comedy night. Cocktails, 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. Usually 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 14th year of presenting this popular 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.



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Tutta Bella Vino brings you amazing wines from Joseph Wagner's Copper Cane family of wineries. They include Quilt, Belle Glos, Boen, and Elouan. Join us on Saturday, December 16, 2023 at 7 pm in the Montecito Ballroom. Our club sommelier, Ryan Byrd, with Signature Fine Wines will present the wines.

Additionally, Riedel glasses will be available for sale by the case at special club pricing.



- Membership fee for this season is \$15 per person. Returning members pay when you register for your first event. First time attending, membership fee is waived.
- Wine Tastings by Tutta Bella Vino are \$25 per member and \$28 for a non-resident guest of a member for this tasting.
- The tasting by Tutta Bella Vino will include six to seven wines along with a cheese and fruit platter.
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- You may order wine at special club pricing by the case at the end of the evening. Shadows accepts credit cards and checks for payment.
- The Registration forms will be on the Club webpage at www.scshca.com/tuttabella on November 10, 2023 and the racks at Montecito. Registration closes December 9, or upon sell-out. Your registration is accepted unless notified.
- Questions? Please email: tuttabellavino@gmail.com.



Jkulele Strummers



SING-A-LONGS, what a great way to get into the spirit of the Hanukkah, Christmas Holidays, and New Years just around the corner!

If you like to sing some familiar Holiday songs just for fun, or just get warmed up for your family gatherings this Holiday Season, the Ukulele Ensemble is providing sing-a-long opportunities on Sundays in the Capistrano Room between 1 pm and 3 pm. Mark your calendars for the following dates: December 3 and 10.

Our regular weekly Ukulele Club meetings and instructional classes are ongoing every Thursday through December 10. Then, the Ukulele Club will resume again in January. Instruction is held from 12:30 pm to 1:30 pm. The performing Ukulele rehearses from 1:45 pm to 3:30 pm. Both activities are in the Cambria Room at the Montecito Clubhouse.

Please join our Ukulele Club as the spirit moves you. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me or the club board members listed below.

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Vomen's Golf Club

Golf Season is in full swing. We had a fun and informative Welcome Back Party on November 9. We now have the ability to pay our Golf Club Membership directly through SCGA. Annual dues are due November 1 and Delinquent after December 15.

All signups for golf will now be managed through the website or email. Wednesday and Friday play will be on Golf Genius. There are new changes coming to the World Handicap System effective January 1. For further information, please check out www. foremagazine.com to read details. More information will also be announced in the weeks to come.

Our annual Christmas Social will be held at Heritage Palms on December 11. Wishing our members and their families a wonderful holiday season that celebrates Chanukah, Kwanzaa, and Christmas.



Vriter's Club

Our club meets 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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For additional information, email Beth, bethbolduc7 @gmail.com, or Tony, antiqphoto@gmail.com.

RESIDENT GROUPS



Our next meeting is in January, please join us! Thursday, January 18, 2024 We welcome new members! Come help us strategize for 2024.

Come join with others to influence decision-making and elections by supporting qualified Democrats wishing to run for public office. Our club activities include education, campaigning, voter registration, protesting, and GOTV (Get Out the Vote!) activities.

We work to impact not just elections in California but those across the country, both state and federal.

Please contact us via our email address:

- If you want to join our group
- If you want to receive our weekly Monday Morning
- If you have any questions about the Dems Club Our weekly emails will keep you informed about local and national issues, volunteering opportunities, and local political events.

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Join Hadassah as we celebrate Chanukah with a really fun raffle. Cheer on the new 2024 Board of Directors, as they get installed into their new positions. Celebrate with us as we honor our 2023 Annual Givers. Thursday morning, December 7 in the Capistrano Room. Doors open 9:30 am for socialization, coffee,

and nosh, with program starting at 10 am. It will be a fun morning with lots of surprises. All funds raised from our Chanukah raffle will go toward the Hadassah Hospital Emergency Campaign. Couvert: \$20 members, \$25 non-members. Contact Debbie Orgen at 760-289-7987 to RSVP and for more information.

Hadassah Hospitals are doing incredible work saving the lives of IDF soldiers and Israeli citizens. As a major Level-1 Trauma Center, the only one in Jerusalem, they are treating many of the most severely wounded patients as well as sharing helpful information with other Israeli hospitals. We thank you for your support.

Save the Date: Thursday, January 11, 2024, for a special program with StandWithUs CEO Roz Rothstein. Contact Debbie Orgen for further details.



Mountain View Church

Fall has arrived at Mt. View Church! Many of our friends are returning to spend pleasant days in the desert. It's good to have you back to join with us "year rounders".

This month, we are starting a new series of teachings from the book of Nehemiah. We would love you to come and join in!

Looking for healthy Christian fellowship? Mt. View is an intra denominational Christian church. 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.

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

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.

Consider this is your personal invitation! We hope to see you soon!







SCSH Republican's December 12th meeting will have Riverside County Sheriff Chad Bianco as the quest speaker. Bianco is a twenty-nine-year veteran of the Sheriff's Office. As Sheriff, he serves as the Chief Law Enforcement Officer of Riverside County. Sheriff Bianco oversees the county's five jails, six court buildings, a civil bureau, the Coroner's Bureau, the Public Administrator's Office, seventeen contract cities, and over 4,000 dedicated employees. Sheriff Bianco is a member of the California State Coroners Association, Major County Sheriffs' Association, National Sheriffs' Association, and Western States Sheriffs' Association and is on the Board of Directors for the California State Sheriffs' Association.

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.

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.

Annual dues are \$25 per couple and \$15 for a single membership.

For more information, contact Pete Anderson, Club President, at petegolf@yahoo.com or 760-775-4745.

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The VeloCity Cyclists of Sun City Shadow Hills are a group of road cycling enthusiasts. We ride Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays averaging 30-40 miles throughout the Coachella Valley. It is our hope to add more members, both men and women, to enjoy rides. Usually, we stop for coffee along the route for great camaraderie. For those interested in joining, contact Greg Smith at 650-861-7408 or gs_smith@pacbell.net.



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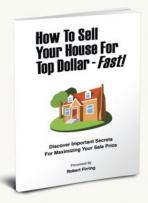
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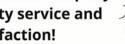






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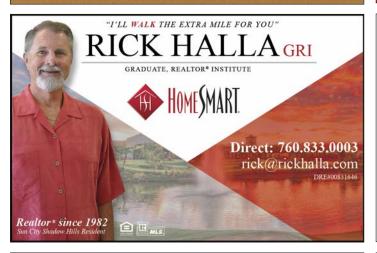
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