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Shadow Hills*
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Love, Can You Bottle It?

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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

Hello Neighbors, I am not running for reelection for a seat on the Board of Directors. I explained the various reasons during my Board Report at our last open session meeting, so I won't repeat here why I chose not to run. I do want to thank all those who trusted me to deliver responsible leadership, and I will continue to volunteer in some capacity going forward.

I would like to suggest the following to all the candidates running for the three seats available in the next election:

First, candidates must remember that they are representing all residents, not just those supporting them. This may sound obvious, but believe me when I say that this is something that each candidate needs to understand going into any election. It may surprise those who run that there is a tremendous amount of information that only a sitting Board member has access to, and thus, there will be times that a previously held belief will need to be reconsidered, much to the dismay of their backers.

Second, candidates and residents must refrain from personal attacks during the election, as this has absolutely no place in our community. We all have opinions about the best way to get from A to Z. Candidates will differ on issues and their solutions. However, only positive debate will lead to constructive solutions. I will be evaluating candidates on their:

- conduct in forums and around the community.
- creativity in reaching solutions.
- professionalism.
- positivity and willingness to work with others.

Third, I mentioned to Carolyn Collins (chair of the Nominating Committee) that displaying candidate campaign yard signs was not a good idea and, if I were to run, I would not put them up regardless of what the other candidates would do. I am incredibly happy to announce that ALL candidates have agreed not to use signs for this upcoming election. I am extremely proud of each one of them for taking this positive step.

Finally, I wish all the candidates good luck.

Remember, whoever wins must work with the other four Board members for the betterment of our community. Compromise on issues is a lost art these days, but I believe it is the key to finding positive solutions for both short- and long-term goals.

I look forward to seeing how the next Board responds to the needs of the community and will fully support their efforts to find solutions to the issues of the coming year.

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

Next Board Meeting:

Date: Monday, February 26

Time: 2:00 pm

Location: Montecito Ballroom

Please join us!

TREASURER'S REPORT

Sun City Shadow Hills

Condensed Financial Information Balance Sheets

	November 30, 2023 (Unaudited)	November 30, 2022 (Unaudited)	December 31, 2022 Audited
Assets:			
Cash and cash equivalents	5,946,509	4,882,754	6,713,138
Certificate of deposits and investments	15,667,926	13,799,089	12,327,321
Property and equipment, net	823,777	1,375,191	1,255,369
Cash - chartered clubs	199,594	151,818	199,594
All other assets	575,227	545,052	516,303
Total assests	\$23,213,033	\$20,753,904	\$21,011,725
<u>Liabilities:</u>			
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	1,410,552	1,334,465	1,238,137
Prepaid Assessments and deferred revenue	773,349	798,288	822,655
Total liabilities	\$2,183,902	\$2,132,753	\$2,060,792
Fund balances:			
Operating	2,531,577	2,348,117	2,102,131
N Channel Flood Control Fund	1,081,161	1,500,641	1,160,422
Chartered Clubs	199,594	151,818	199,594
Property and equipment	823,777	1,375,191	1,255,369
Replacement	16,393,023	13,245,384	14,233,417
Total Fund Balances	\$21,029,131	\$18,621,151	\$18,950,933
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	\$23,213,033	\$20,753,904	\$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	(2,148)	(79,261)	2,159,606	2,078,197
Interfund Transfers				
Fund balances, as of November 30, 2023	\$3,554,946	\$1,081,161	\$16,393,023	\$21,029,130

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



Meet a Board Member

Thursday, February 8 · 3 pm · Montecito Clubhouse Capistrano Room

Come by and introduce yourself to Kathy Lindstrom, Member at Large of your HOA Board. She 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 11 months ended November 30, 2023

	e can ie		Over (Under)	_	2023 Annual	Total Monthly
=	Actual	Budget	Budget	Percent	Budget	Assessment
Operating Fund DRM/HOA Operations						
Revenues (Assessments)	8,724,407	8,724,407	0	0.0%	9,517,535	229.89
All other revenues	2,253,808	2,127,084	126,725	6.0%	2,330,091	
Total revenues	10,978,215	10,851,491	126,725	1.2%	11,847,626	_
Total expenses	9,054,267	9,301,039	(246,772)	-2.7%	10,138,536	
Excess of revenues over expenses	1,923,948	1,550,452	373,496	24.1%	1,709,090	
North Channel Flood Control Revenues						
Revenues (Assessments)	37,950	37,950	0	0.0%	41,400	1.00
All other revenues	25,663	0	25,663		0	
Total revenues	63,613	37,950	25,663	67.6%	41,400	_
Expense	142,874	200,000	(57,126)	-28.6%	200,000	_
Excess of revenues over expenses	(79,261)	(162,050)	82,789	-51.1%	(158,600)	
Troon Operations-Golf						
Revenues (Assessments)	1,239,737	1,239,737	0		1,352,440	32.67
All other revenues	1,843,513	1,771,666	71,847	4.1%	1,990,074	
Total revenues	3,083,250	3,011,403	71,847	2.4%	3,342,514	
Expenses, Includes depreciation	4,431,013	4,643,108	(212,095)	-4.6%	5,127,954	-
Excess of revenues over expenses	(1,347,763)	(1,631,705)	(283,942)	17.4%	(1,785,440)	
Troon Food & Beverage						
Revenues (Assessments)	418,597	418,597	0		456,651	11.03
All other revenues	783,950	886,677	(102,727)	-11.6%	891,091	
Total Revenues	1,202,547	1,305,274	(102,727)	-7.9%	1,347,742	
Expenses	1,780,879	1,603,578	177,301	11.1%	1,804,393	
Excess of (expenses) over revenues	(578,333)	(298,304)	280,029	-93.9%	(456,651)	
Total Operating Fund						
Assessments	10,420,691	10,420,691	0	0.0%	11,368,026	\$274.59
All other revenues	4,906,935	4,785,427	121,508	2.5%	5,211,256	
Total revenues	15,327,625	15,206,117	121,508	0.8%	16,579,282	-
Total expenses	15,409,034	15,747,725	(338,691)	-2.2%	17,270,883	-
Excess of revenues over expenses	(81,409)	(541,608)	460,199	-85.0%	(691,601)	
Replacement Fund						
Revenues						
Revenues (Assessments)	2,368,460	2,368,460		0.0%	2,583,774	\$62.41
All other revenues	317,867	132,913	184,954	139.2%		
Unrealized gain/loss on investments	761,449	0	761,449		145,000	
Total revenues	3,447,776	2,501,373	946,404	37.8%	2,728,774	
Total expenses	1,288,171	2,371,092	(1,082,921)	-45.7%	2,706,647	- 0
Excess of revenues over expenses	2,159,606	130,281	2,029,325	1557.7%	22,127	

Total Monthly Assessment

\$337.00

2024 HOA ELECTION CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

Disclaimer: Neither the Association nor the management company made any revisions, alterations, and/or corrections to the information submitted by the candidates. The information was transferred exactly as submitted, per Civil Code. Candidates are listed alphabetically by last name.



Linda

Linda Aasen for HOA Board of Directors Because Experience Matters!

I am your candidate for our HOA Board of Directors because I care deeply about our community. I have the experience and the knowledge to make Sun City Shadow Hills a great place to live.

Education:

BA - English - University of Minnesota

MBA - Management Information Systems & Marketing Corporate Experience:

30- years at 3M Company in R&D, Marketing, & **Product Development** SCSH Experience:

- HOA Board Director 2019 2021
- Ad-hoc Community Facilities Committee
- The View Magazine Committee Writer and Chair
- Information Advisory Committee Chair
- Shadow Hills Women's Golf Club Board
- Emergency Preparedness Committee
- Co-created Newcomers Club and Golden Seniors Social Club
- Co-chaired the Coachella Valley Foster Kids **Fundraiser**

Our reserve fund of \$15,323,250 plus our anticipated 2024 revenue of \$15,520,230 makes us a \$30M nonprofit corporation. We need business professionals to run our HOA. I will use my education, corporate business experience, and my SCSH involvement to focus on fiscal responsibility, elevated reserve levels, and highly maintained facilities and services while increasing our home values.

I will work hard to create a cohesive community where everyone is seen, heard, and understood.

Sincerely,

Linda Aasen.

HOA Board Candidate



Michael Becker

With over two decades of experience in the food and beverage industry, I've ventured into entrepreneurship and managed various restaurants both independent and within corporate chains. My expertise lies in budgeting and crafting business strategies. I understand that fiscal responsibility extends beyond current budgets; it entails future

planning. If elected, I aim to establish a Strategic Planning Committee dedicated to foreseeing our community's future needs. This committee, inclusive of homeowners' opinions, will evaluate future Board decisions based on comprehensive data gathered.

Another crucial aspect of our Board's fiscal responsibility is scrutinizing our associations with contractors and vendors. Leveraging my 20 years of business experience and 25 years of legal acumen, I'll negotiate optimal terms with our vendors, ensuring transparency in any budget increments they propose. Enforcing contractual obligations of our vendors will be paramount.

My approach prioritizes homeowner input and Committee guidance. I'll base decisions on comprehensive information, respecting diverse viewpoints before taking action.

Throughout our lives, we've worked hard so we can enjoy and cherish this beautiful community. My commitment lies in advancing our amenities to safeguard and enhance the value of our properties.



Kathy indstrom

I am Director Kathy Lindstrom asking for your vote for a second term on the HOA Board.

As a Board liaison to various committees, I have worked with our resident experts to champion the following for our community:

• Terrace Dining Area - An outdoor dining venue at the golf course

- Shadows Restaurant necessary improvements: ovens, grills, paint, sound system
- Fitness Centers: New flooring, pec deck machine
- Safety and Health: AED defibrillator machines for every community area and building
- 5-Acre Parcel: Communication with Indio city manager for specific plan re-zoning
- Exploring strategic rollout proposals for 5-acre parcel revenue generating endeavors
- Homeowner Safety: Relocation of the basketball court for pickleball player safety
- Amenities: Exploring Happy Hour options with the Montecito Ad Hoc Committee

I have worked with homeowners on specific issues and suggestions, promptly responding to emails and calls, meeting in person to listen to concerns.

I strive to make my single vote on the Board count as a springboard to action for our homeowners. I am your voice on the Board.

- Player Loyalty Card for golfers
- Dog Park Issues
- Landscape issues in Phase 3 and the golf courses
- Formation of new clubs My goals for my next term as a Director:
- Additional Pickleball Courts
- Happy Hour venue for the Montecito Café
- 5-acre parcel as an RV storage facility and golf maintenance facility
- Safeguard our Reserve Funds and Capital Improvement Fund
- Improved budgeting, reasonable assessments I am proud to call SCSH my home and will always work to maintain and improve

the quality of life we have in our community.

- Educator, counselor, administrator with budget experience
- Participation in community clubs, golf and activities Vote for Kathy Lindstrom for strong leadership!

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Scott

Neighbors -

I'm Scott Pessin, your current Vice President on our Board of Directors. I am seeking re-election.

I initially ran because I saw that we had a "Big" problem. Thankfully, because of informed homeowners who cast their votes, there is much less of a problem today.

I feel that I have made a positive addition to OUR board in the past 2 years, but I still have concerns about what the future looks like, and I still want to get us on the right track. We have been moving in the right direction.

I have heard you, and we share the same concerns. I want what you want, a beautiful friendly and inviting community, a balanced budget, reserves for emergencies, appreciating home values, and the finest amenities based on fiscal efficiency and responsibility.

I will still be only one voice/vote on the board, but as promised, it will always be OUR voice/vote.

Throughout these past 2 years I have brought to light and have addressed some issues that many of you were not aware of.

I would be humbled to receive your vote for another term.

Regards, Scott Pessin Vice President SCSH BOD



Larry Siegel

I have a long history of executive management. I have been the president and CEO of numerous public and private companies and am familiar with all aspects of commercial activity. I have been a member of the boards of directors of NASDAQ and AMEX public companies. My complete resume is available on LinkedIn. I have time and wish to contribute to my community. My wife, Letty, and I have resided here full time for over 6 years, we moved here from LA. I am a Men's Club golfer, a member of the Bridge Club and Tuesday Night Putters and Couples Golf. I often attend club programs like Comedy Night and Plays and Music events. I am a regular patron of our Shadows restaurant and frequently use the gym facilities. I believe I can contribute to the efficient operation and betterment of our community.



Every vote counts. Please support your community by participating in this election.



Linda Aasen **Because Experience Matters!**

As a member of our HOA Board, I will work harmoniously with other board members, management, and residents to make SCSH an even better place to live. During my 13 years here, I have been extremely involved in many aspects of our community including several committees and many clubs. I previously served on our HOA Board from 2019-2021. Therefore, I know what this job entails, and I have the necessary experience and skills to lead our community.

As we approach our 20th anniversary, I will ensure that our buildings, infrastructure and common areas are well maintained.

My Five Major Issues

- 1. Coachella Valley Water District Lawsuit and the need to ensure a stable Jefferson entrance before another catastrophic water event.
- 2. Action must be taken to improve Shadows Restaurant financials and improve food and service consistency.
- 3. Action must be taken on the pickleball situation.
- 4. Establish Strategic Planning Committee to determine community objectives and define what must be done to reach those goals. Use more surveys and town halls to gather input from our residents on future projects.
- 5. Improve our golf courses which will increase everyone's property values.

Thank you, Linda Aasen



Vote Mike Becker

For Integrity & Progress

Growing up in the Coachella Valley and returning here in retirement has been a wonderful experience! Sun City Shadow Hills is a great community, and my wife and I are so happy to have found such an active and engaging environment here.

As full-time residents, we enjoy this community year-round and are excited to watch its progress over the next several years as we continue to welcome new neighbors and friends into its gates.

If elected as a a SCSH HOA Board member, it is my goal to be open and honest with homeowners as well as be progressive yet fiscally responsible with our budget. I want to see our amenities improve for ALL residents and our community to be united.



WHY VOTE FOR ME:

Experience: I bring a range of professional skills and experiences to the table including 25 years as an attorney and 20 years of additional business experience. This experience will ensure effective and well-informed decision making. I have owned my own business and understand how to balance a budget.

Accessibility: I am a full-time resident and active in the community. I am committed to being approachable and responsive. Your concerns and ideas will always be heard. And we will work together to find solutions that will benefit the entire community.

Passion for our Community: I am fully invested in the well being and success of our neighborhood. Together we can create a community that we are all proud to call home.

Transparency: I will prioritize true transparency in our decision-making processes - providing clear justifications for our actions. I will encourage town halls and surveys and welcome all forms of community input before major decisions are made.

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Want to learn more? Go to www.votemikebecker.com



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Kathy Lindstrom

For HOA Board



Experienced Leadership Transparent & Positive Action

- * 2 Year Term on the Board of Directors where I have been your voice and your vote on the issues
- * HOA Board Liaison to Advisory Committees that have effected positive action for our community: Safety Advisory Committee, Health and Fitness Committee, Food & Beverage Committee, 5 Acre Parcel Committee Montecito Cafe Ad Hoc Committee, City Development Coordinating Committee
- * Former SCSH Club President, Advisory Committee Member and Advisory Committee Chairperson
- * 10 Year Resident of SCSH and active participant in many of our SCSH clubs and activities

Where I Stand on the Issues:

- Safeguard and Protect our Golf Course against Flood Damage Costs Maintain a dedicated North Channel Fund and reinstate monthly HOA funding, as advised by our Financial Advisory Committee. Protect our homeowners against any large future assessments.
- Revenue Producing RV Storage and Golf Maintenance Facility on the 5 Acre Parcel Let's Get It Done!
- Additional Pickleball Courts with Shade Structures Time to Move Forward!
- Revenue Producing Happy Hour Venue in the Montecito Cafe Bistro A Gathering Place for Homeowners
- No Reduction of Reserve Fund Percentages Safeguard our Reserve Funds
- Maintain a Fresh and Vibrant Look and Feel to our community by Continued Modernization of Amenities

Why Vote For Me For Board of Directors?

- * Experience of Leadership that has been working for you
- * Respect & Courtesy for our homeowners and volunteers
- * Commitment to continual improvement of our community
- * A history of seeking out & listening to residents for input & transparency

VOTE 1, 2, or all 3 votes for Kathy Lindstrom Your votes keep me working for YOU!

kathylindstrom01@gmail.com 949-285-3509





SCSH is a Great Community and a Wonderful place to call home, and I want to help keep it that way. If re-elected I will continue to be community driven and not someone of personal agendas. The input, concerns, wants, needs, and voice of the community will continue to be how I cast my vote. Exercising common-sense has always guided my decision making. My motivating factor for running again to be part of our Board of Directors for another 2 years . . . we are not where we need to be yet.

I Stand For:

- · More Community Input for Big Financial/Improvement Decisions
- · More Discussion of New Ideas Before the Board Acts
- · Committees Open to Those Qualified, Who Want to Serve
- · Better/Stronger Negotiating with our Contractors and Vendors
- · A Board That Follows Our Governing Documents
- Keeping the Homeowners Better Informed and Included

I Stand Against:

- · Personal Self Serving Agendas/Legacy Projects
- · Community Being Underserved by a Lack of Inclusion
- · Stacking Committees to Further Personal Agendas
- · Rash and Impulsive Spending Decisions Not Properly Researched
- · Excluding Homeowners in Large Projects or Purchases

I Want What You Want

- · Fiscal Responsibility
- · A Balanced Budget
- · Well Funded and Planned for Reserves
- · Welcoming Beautiful and Safe Community
- · Appreciating Home Values
- · The Best of Amenities
- Continued Low/Modest HOA Dues
- No Surprise Assessments







Want to Help my Campaign?

Tell Your Friends to Vote For Scott. I Appreciate All of Your Support.

818-687-6000

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Vote for the Future

LARRY SIEGEL

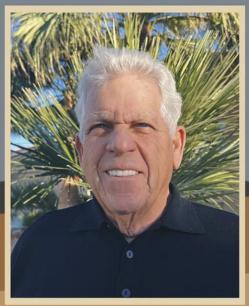
HOA Board

Sustaining our amenities and quality of life for the future of SCSH, as the best 55+ community in the Coachella Valley

- Create a 5-10 year community project plan
 - · Modify the by-laws
- Institute necessary engineering modifications for front entrance
- Ensure the front pond and south golf course are protected from CVWD project
 - Anticipate and act on the future needs for sport courts and facilities
 - Improve the overall quality of the food and beverage experience

Run with me, spread the word. I'm available to meet with you, your friends and neighbors.

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"looking to the future, running for you"

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PEOPLE WHO MAKE OUR LIVES BETTER



Margarita Barajas

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

Our Employee of the Month is Margarita Barajas. Margarita has been part of the Custodial Team for the last five years. She always arrives at work on time with a lot of energy, and she has one of the best attendance records. Margarita is always willing to come to work when asked and she is a hard worker and is not discouraged by weather conditions. Whether it is windy, cold, or extremely hot, she goes above and beyond with all her tasks, which include routine attention to and maintenance of the billiards' tables and window cleaning for both clubhouses and Shadows Restaurant. Margarita is quick to step up and pick up additional tasks, should we be short-staffed and/or if any emergency arises.

One of the things we admire about Margarita is her energy. She enjoys life to the fullest. During her free time, she likes to attend concerts, dance, and experience local events. She also enjoys traveling to see her favorite artist, Laura Leon.

We are lucky to have Margarita as part of the SCSH team. Thank you, Margarita, for all your energy, hard work, and reliability.

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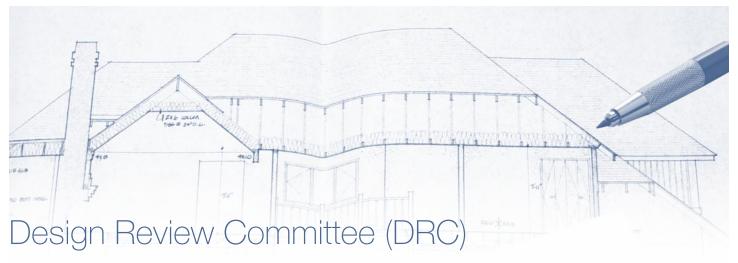
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THE VIEW ADVISORY COMMITTEE

viewcommittee@scshca.com Chair: Aggie Jordan

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





AGI KESSLER | CHAIR

After a 28-day period for public comment, the Board of Directors, in December, approved a change to the Design Rules, reducing the requirement for the number of trees on homeowner property to ONE. Below is the newly revised section.

5.10.1 Trees: Front yard areas shall have a minimum of one tree. All trees planted, subject to section 5.12 below, must be at least fifteen (15) gallons in size and must be four (4) feet tall above the ground when planted. The tree should be expected to grow to a minimum height of thirteen (13) feet at maturity. Palms, of any variety, may be considered a tree and will fulfill the one tree minimum requirement if it is four (4) feet in height when planted and can grow to a minimum height of thirteen (13) feet at maturity.

Some quick but important reminders

- 1. Holiday ornaments of all kinds should have been removed by now. If yours are still up, please store them now. See section 4.18.
- 2. If you are planning on extending your front side wall, i.e., a property-line wall, your HIA must be accompanied by written approval from the neighbor who shares the wall. This requirement acknowledges that the wall sits one-half on the homeowner's property and one-half on the neighbor's property, with whom it is co-owned. An extended wall will also be on the neighbor's property and co-owned.

- 4.29.2 Front Sidewall Extensions: Wall extensions will be considered by the DRC on a case-by-case basis, depending on the location of the wall as it relates to the adjacent neighbor and how well it will complement the overall aesthetics of the property and neighborhood as a whole. Written approval from the adjacent neighbor is required to obtain DRC approval.
- 3. Another subject to consider is screen doors, especially as we head into spring and before flies and other flying insects become annoying. Of course, an approved HIA is required to install a screen door, whether you choose a swinging or retractable one. Please include a detailed description and picture, and choose a frame color to match your home's trim when submitting your application.
 - 4.23.1 Screen Doors: Prior to installation, owners are required to submit an HIA with a colored catalogue cut indicating the style and color choice of the proposed front screen door to the DRC for review. The DRC will take into consideration the appearance and finish color of the proposed front screen door. Front screen doors are to match the color of the window frame, trim, or doors. In addition, shades of brown, black, charcoal, and grey may be used.

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Emergency Preparedness Committee (EPC)

JEFF KIRKPATRICK | CHAIR

Special Needs Reunification Program

Here is an unfortunate truth: we are getting older! "What? Say it isn't so!" A sad note in our aging is that many of our lives will change as some succumb to dementia, Alzheimer's disease, and other ailments that can serve to dissociate us from our loved ones. A recent study cited that one in ten Americans will fall prey to one or more of these diseases! As many as 50% of individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities (such as autism spectrum disorder) and 60% of individuals with dementia will wander at some point in their lives.

Our Security Department often receives calls from frantic loved ones and caretakers reporting their significant other has walked away from their residence and disappeared to parts unknown. Tragically, a few years ago, one of our residents did walk away from their home and was found deceased off-property not far from one of the back gates.

For quite some time, the Emergency Preparedness Committee has thought of developing a database that allows residents and caretakers to register at-risk family members or charges to aid in the discovery of their location and speedily recover them healthy, safe, and sound.

Lo and behold, the Riverside County Sheriff's Office (RCSO) has developed just such a system, and it is open to all residents of Riverside County! The Indio Police Department is acquiring a new Records/ Computer Aided Dispatch system and expects a similar program to go live in 2024.

Until then, the RCSO program can provide crucial information to law enforcement officers about registered individuals before arriving at their residence. This includes emergency contact information, detailed physical descriptions, and photographs, as well as an individual's communication abilities, routines, behaviors, and other helpful information that may also be entered to assist law enforcement. Individuals with autism, dementia, Alzheimer's Disease, and Down Syndrome are examples of members of our community who might benefit from this registry.



Register your loved one online at this web address: www.riversidesheriff.org/768/ Special-Needs-Reunification-Program

Or you can register them at our local sheriff's office. You and your loved ones will be grateful that you did! The EPC meets the first Thursday of each month.

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

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JIM BULLOCK VICE CHAIR FOR SUB-COMMITTEE FOR MAJOR REPAIR AND REPLACEMENT FUND

Question of the Month: What service does the Finance Advisory Committee's Sub-Committee provide to the community?

The Finance Advisory Committee (FAC) sub-committee's mission is to review, analyze, and approve or disapprove major repairs and reserve study components/projects that are submitted to the subcommittee on a Board Action Form (BAF).

The subcommittee members are all HOA volunteers with years of industry experience. These areas include construction, equipment, procurement, facilities management, reserve studies analysis, and engineering. Three of the subcommittee members are also serving members of the Finance Advisory Committee.

Any expenditures less than \$5,000 do not involve the subcommittee and can be submitted for Board approval by the Association General Manager (GM) or Assistant GM seeking written authorization for the proposed expenditures.

The BAFs are submitted from two different sources. The first is from the Facilities Maintenance Director, and the second is from the Troon General Manager or Troon Superintendent of Shadow Hills Golf Club.

The Facilities Maintenance Director will submit BAFs for any non-golf course expenditures, including Shadows Restaurant equipment. These submissions, for example, can include gatehouse and security access systems, asphalt and concrete repair, common area improvements, and fitness equipment. The BAF amounts will range from \$7,500 for furniture replacement up to \$1.2 million for the asphalt rehabilitation project.

BAFs submitted by the Troon GM and Superintendent include, for example, all golf course maintenance equipment, sand bunker rebuild, and golf course greens refurbishment. Again, BAFs for Troon will range from \$7,000 for a walk-behind mower up to \$750,000 to replace the golf cart fleet.

Any expenditure from \$5,001 to \$10,000 requires a minimum of two bids from vendors. Any expenditure over \$10,001 requires a minimum of three bids. If the number of bids received is less than specified, the responsible Department Manager must submit a written justification to the Association GM. There are instances where there may be only a single source supplier. In these cases, that bid would supersede the minimum bid requirement.

All BAF expenditures over \$5,000 will require the subcommittee to perform its duties in reviewing, analyzing, and recommending approval (with caveats if necessary), or not approving (with applicable justifications). Once the subcommittee has made its decision, the BAFs are presented at the monthly FAC meeting for their approval. Once approved by the FAC, they are presented at the monthly HOA Board meeting for approval. Ultimately, the HOA Board approves or disapproves these BAF expenditures.

The amount of work for the subcommittee in reviewing and analyzing will vary depending on the complexity of the project, components or equipment, and reserve or operating funds proposed on the BAF.

We request as much information as is available to help us make an informed, timely, and fiscally responsible decision. That process includes pictures, equipment hour meter readings, and onsite inspections to make these decisions. Communicating with the person submitting the BAF is essential.

On December 11 there was a committee meeting to review the upcoming reserve study replacements for 2024. The report identified 86 items to be replaced at an expenditure of \$3.6 million from the reserve replacement fund. The committee and responsible parties discussed what equipment or projects could be deferred for 2024. A decision is still pending.

The subcommittee will be busy with an anticipated 86 reserve study items being replaced, plus any additional unforeseen capital or reserve expenditures for 2024. The subcommittee is currently looking for two individuals with construction or general contracting experience. If you meet these requirements and are interested, please fill out the HOA committee interest form available on the SCSHCA website or from the HOA office.

The work performed by the individuals on this subcommittee is of vital importance to our community. Their dedication and results-oriented commitment to make very important financial recommendations to our HOA speaks volumes.

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From the Library

CINDY DEGRAF

There's a definite uptick in library activity these days! Stop in to see what's new. Do you have a favorite author or recent read that you'd like to recommend to others? Send me a couple of sentences about it and we may use it in an upcoming column. Send it to cld5858@aol.com.

Dave Distler sent along this note:

There are two new authors in the library: D. D. Black, who writes mysteries that take place in the Puget Sound area of Washington state; and John Stonehouse, who writes mysteries that take place in the American southwest. There is also a new book available: The Violinist of Auschwitz by Ellie Midwood. It is based on a true story in World War II in Germany. It is a very sweet story that takes place in very horrible conditions, so be prepared to be wrenched every which way.

Thanks, Dave.

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.

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LOVE, CAN YOU BOTTLE IT?

BY DIANE LETTAU

For centuries, Love has been the subject of countless songs, paintings, sculptures, books, and poems. Battles have been won and lost, thrones gained and forfeited, land claimed and sacrificed, ships launched and sunk - all of this caused by one intangible force: Love.

Romantic involvement attaches to itself an imponderable importance. Although we feel this powerful emotion keenly, we struggle to verbalize it. The joy we gain from such involvement is akin to the steam in a combustion engine. The steam rises and builds in all parts of the inner chambers, and when no more steam can be contained, the engine produces energy.

When dedicated to the good of humanity, Love's energy can create startling feats. We somehow manage to overcome seemingly insurmountable obstacles, and inspiration rushes in to produce great works of art.

What is it that can drive otherwise sensible beings to near madness? Love. What will cause a person to give up all worldly possessions gladly? Love. What can cause someone, suddenly and without hesitation, to

move halfway across the nation or even the globe? Love. What can put spring in the step of a tired and weary body? Love.

Indeed, Dr. Joyce Brothers reported that the human body itself changes physiologically when a person is in Love. The adrenal glands produce more adrenaline, giving us more energy. The spine becomes more erect, so we stand taller. The tear glands produce more tears, not enough to make us cry, but just enough to make our eyes sparkle.

When this unseen force is felt by two - and a great Romance is borne – surprising and unexpected things can happen. A new and almost separate personality is created. Indeed, the Romance itself seems to take on a life of its own.

This "new life" - this great Romance - is like a pebble tossed into a pool of water. The ripples go outward, and thus, the pebble's presence is felt throughout the pool. When a Romance is tossed into the pool of humanity, it is felt by all.

Those who seek great Romance for themselves become keenly aware of this phenomenon. And, if the

winsome twosome are famous, we follow and report their lives with dramatic zeal. As Dean Martin sang, "Everybody loves a lover."

I once knew two people who had this kind of great Romance. Together, they were very popular. But when I first met them, they were simply two lonely people, each wishing for a soulmate.

In those days before their Romance, they were separate fun. And boy, oh boy, could they tell the stories! They could walk into a somewhat crowded room where no one was really enjoying themselves and where people were hardly speaking to one another, certainly not listening. Then one of them would pick you up with their conversation, take you from the darnedest, toughest day you think you ever had, and draw you smack into the best cocktail party you ever attended.

I even said to one of them once, "You know, if I could bottle the sizzle of even one of you and sell it, why I could make a million bucks." Lots of people told them that.

Gosh, they were good. Even then, I thought, "Damn, if I owned a restaurant, I would hire them just to sit around and make everyone happy." As we all know, happy people eat and drink and, if they do it often or long enough, they run up big tabs. And maybe I could afford to go on a little vacation to Cabo San Lucas!

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P.S. From the author: If you have already been fortunate enough to find the love of your life, I wish you every happiness together. If not, I hope tomorrow is that special day for you!

THE LOVE LE

BY BARA ROSENHECK

Marriage can be a blissful stroll on the journey of life or an arduous uphill trek. Most often, it's a mixture of both but, if you're lucky, it's more of the former and less of the latter. Friends and lovers, wives and husbands, all negotiate, compromise, and engage in verbal warfare. Unfortunately, on occasion my husband and I have taken turns being nasty.

"Happily Ever After" is a myth. "Happily, Most of the Time" is more of the reality. The goal here is not only to love each other but to enjoy each other and look forward to being together, savoring the good times, overlooking the disappointments, and remembering that imperfection means we're human.

Like all marriages, in mine, there have been ups and downs. We separated twice but couldn't stop dating each other! We lived apart but often went out to dinner together. During one of our separations, I moved out of state, but the ease of air travel nonetheless facilitated our dating one another. Separated, we learned to forgive and love by long distance.



When I returned home, we had both grown, we had both changed, and we both understood that we wanted to remain together.

This was written August 11, 2022, as I contemplated all that my husband and I have learned together over the years. On that date, we celebrated our 60th Wedding Anniversary. That's six decades on life's journey together. This was truly a happy anniversary, sweetheart!

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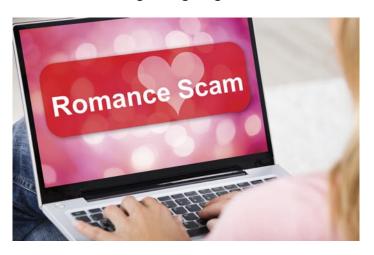
YOU CAN'T BUY LOVE!

BY GINA STAR POLLACK

Ah, love! From the day we're born, we search all our lives for true love. Love comes in many forms; and we yearn for the embraces, kisses, emotional rapture, and color-filled world our lovers bestow. In younger years, it's easier to find dates while attending school and college and working at jobs. But the dating pool gets smaller in our golden years because most people are married or in long-term relationships, making it more difficult to find love and companionship as seniors.

Loneliness, especially during the isolation of the pandemic, and online dating services have contributed to the rise of romance scams. The number of older adults turning to the internet for dating has doubled over the past several years and, as we increasingly go online to find love, scammers are following in our heart-steps.

Con artists use dating apps to prey on lonely people, and seniors are a growing target. Older adults lost



nearly \$139 million because of romance scams in 2020, mainly through bank transfers, gift cards, and an additional \$12 million paid by cryptocurrency.

Many romance scams originate in Nigeria and Ghana. Criminal organizations use legitimate dating apps to defraud people looking for love online. The scammers strategically target recently widowed or divorced seniors because of their vulnerability and retirement assets. Transnational criminal organizations pose multi-jurisdictional challenges to U.S. law enforcement agencies that work with prosecutors, foreign law enforcement partners, and the financial industry to bust dating scams.

Online dating scammers follow a typical playbook. Alone at home, a senior may accept a Facebook friend request from an attractive stranger who poses as a professional working overseas. After several months of daily communication on encrypted messaging apps, the "boyfriend or girlfriend" asks for money. The lonely senior may send gift cards emptying bank accounts, insurance, pension, and income from Social Security. The fraudsters exploit the victim's loneliness to establish a bond quickly by discussing an imagined future. They then plan an in-person meeting that depends on the victim's willingness to part with money.

Once seniors understand they were duped, they may report the scam to the police. However, the police will probably advise them that they can't do anything to reimburse the lost funds. Besides the financial loss, the lonely senior may be emotionally devastated,

believing the more painful damage is losing true love and the new family they thought they would have.

Reluctance to accept that an online romance is not real is common among older victims of this type of fraud. Sometimes, the lonely individual will defend the fraudster even when shown evidence that the person they think they're in love with isn't who they pretend to be, and the money wasn't used for what the scammer promised. Although there is little chance of recovering funds that were spent, a family member's involvement can often stop a romance scam before it goes farther.



Unfortunately, Section 230 of the Communications Decency Act gives online platforms, including dating sites and apps, immunity from liability for content posted by their users. The F.T.C. sued Match Group in 2019, alleging that the company, which runs online dating platforms like Match.com, allowed scammers to disguise themselves as regular daters. A federal court in Texas dismissed the claims, but recognizing the problem, Match Group initiated a public awareness campaign alerting users to watch for red flags.

We know that the heart wants what the heart wants, but golden seniors should not allow loneliness to close their eyes to romance scams. This Valentine's Day, we appreciate that seniors want their hearts to remain open to love, but keep these tips in mind to avoid losing your hard-earned money to a romance scam.

Protect yourself and other single seniors by raising awareness about romance scams.

• Check on senior friends and family members to make sure they are busy with hobbies, sports, and fun activities. Romance scammers target seniors living

- alone or grieving the loss of a spouse because they are more vulnerable.
- Be careful not to share too much personal information on social media sites. Scammers can use details and photos you post on social media and dating sites to bond and target you.
- Before responding to a friend or romance request online, do your research. Check the person's photo and profile using online searches to see if the pictures, name, or other details were used elsewhere.
- Take your time moving forward with a new relationship and ask many questions. Don't let the individual rush you into leaving a dating service site to communicate directly.
- Trust your instincts. Talk to a close friend or family member about the budding relationship if the man or woman seems too good to be true.
- Be suspicious if the individual promises to meet but consistently comes up with an excuse for canceling.
- Never send money to anyone you only communicate with online or by phone.
- Don't send inappropriate photos or financial information that may embarrass you or be used for extortion.
- If you think a romance fraudster has scammed you, stop communicating with the individual immediately.



If you dream of a new romance this Valentine's Day, keep your heart and mind open, regardless of age. But remember to be careful and that "love don't cost a thing!"

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MEET BETTY AMES A True Golden Senior!

BY LINDA AASEN | PHOTOS BY BETH BOLDUC OR SUPPLIED BY MIA LYNOTT

Betty Ames was born February 2, 1928, in Auburn, WA, where she lived for most of her life. Betty and her husband, Bill, were active parents to their three children: Barbara, Mia, and Ralph. Betty now has eight grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Betty was the bookkeeper for their family business, Ames Marine & Auto Upholstery. After Bill sold the business and both retired, Betty struck out on her own and became the owner of a real estate brokerage. After retiring again, Betty and her husband lived on a boat, traveled in an RV, and built a house on a hill overlooking Seattle.

If that wasn't enough, Betty was on the board of the Meydenbauer Bay Yacht Club on Lake Washington. The club often sailed through the locks to Puget Sound. They didn't get lost because Betty was in the Power Squad Club and charted their course the oldfashioned way. No GPS in those days!

In 1988, Betty and Bill moved to the Coachella Valley. For 17 years, they enjoyed all that our area has to offer. In 2005, Betty became a widow, and a daring

one at that, when in 2009, she joined a dating service called "Introductions." It was there she met Fred Elg, a WW II veteran, who is her companion to this day. Betty and Fred cruised the world and, when their traveling days were over, they adopted an adorable puppy. You can see Betty walking "Baby" early every morning in Phase One.

Betty's daughter Mia and her husband, Tom Lynott, moved to the desert in 2013 and finally to SCSH in 2019. Betty and Fred followed them to our community shortly afterward. They are so happy to be living less than a mile apart.

Among her many interests, Betty is an artist in several mediums, a great cook, an amazing seamstress, and she knits and crochets. She loves to play pool and even has her own cue. Betty is also a "dissectologist." Do you know what that means? She is a puzzle enthusiast. Betty finds that this requires significant concentration, which diminishes stress and tunes out the outside world.



Betty and Fred



Betty and her daughter Barbara ready to play pool

In September, Betty saw the flyer in *The View* for the Golden Seniors Social Club (GSSC—previously the Super Seniors) and thought it would be fun to meet some new people plus enjoy the company of others. On September 21, daughter Mia arrived with Betty and Fred. They were so excited to meet and get to know other residents.

The 40+ Golden Seniors who attended sat at tables of four and played an "ice-breaker" game that gave them an opportunity to learn about their tablemates. Fred sat across from another veteran, Bud Butler (who fought in the Korean War), and they had much to talk and reminisce about. The other participants were equally enthusiastic. Betty and Fred were so excited to meet other residents that it was the topic of conversation at their daughter's dinner table that evening.

At the club's October Halloween Party, members were invited to dress up or bring an item to represent what they were doing in the 1950s. Betty bought a doll she had named Mia to show that she was raising babies back then.



Betty and her Mia baby doll

The Golden Seniors Social Club is now an official SCSH Club. The club has a meeting/party every month with fun activities in between. Betty and Fred enjoyed the first meeting, smiling and talking. Mia was so enthusiastic that she is now president of the club, and husband Tom is secretary/treasurer. Natasha Frank is vice president.



Betty & Mia

Mia, Natasha, and Tom are very creative, so the monthly meetings are truly a fun event. The club's next meeting, with a Valentine's theme, will be February 21 from 2 - 4 pm in the Capistrano Room at the Montecito Clubhouse. Between meetings, there are organized walks, happy hours, coffee at the Montecito Café, and breakfast at Shadows.

People often ask if there is an age limit for the Golden Seniors Social Club. The short answer is no! If you would like conversation and activities at a slightly slower pace, this is the club for you.

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READERS INK

BY TERRI FITZSIMMONS

"I think books are like people, in the sense that they'll turn up in your life when you most need them."

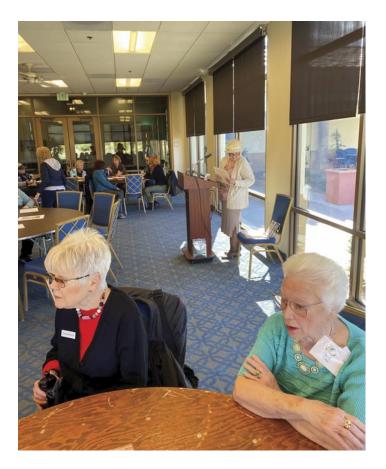
- Emma Thompson

Sun City Shadow Hills offers its residents many opportunities to explore their passions: Readers Ink takes them on journeys into the past and the future and even to faraway lands without ever leaving their surroundings. Since 2005, its members have come together to share their impressions of what they have read.

Connie Brennan was the first president of Readers Ink, one of the initial five clubs chartered at SCSH. Before that, a small group of readers met monthly in one another's homes until they began to need more space.

Each month, Readers Ink members meet to discuss the book chosen for that month. A club member or guest speaker will introduce the book, providing insights about it and its author. Once, Deborah Drucker and I dressed up as librarians to introduce the book The Paris Library. Deborah had met the author and gave us fascinating tidbits about her. Another time, a quest speaker gave us information about a virtual tour of Jane Austin's home and then described the Jane Austin Society Event she attended in Seattle. After the introduction, we meet in small groups to rate the book and discuss it. The books are rated from 0 to 10, 10 being "I love this book." After the meeting, we socialize together and give out door prizes.

Although the premise of Reader's Ink is to read books and share information, it goes much deeper than that. Each member brings a unique perspective to the book, a different take. As we discuss varying opinions, we learn about the singular experiences of others and to appreciate alternative views. Sometimes, we are taken out of our comfort zone, reading books that we might not normally choose.



Our members have a special bond, a connection created from being together for so many years. New members bring a different perspective, welcomed by us all. We support each other outside the club. Every Christmas, we enjoy a lovely holiday party with entertainment from the SCSH Community Singers and other local groups.

The club's continued existence is largely due to the efforts of Jennifer Wilkins, who took on the role of president in January 2022 when only five active members were participating on Zoom. She took on the daunting task of reaching out to inactive members, promising them that by March, we would meet in person again instead of on Zoom. Selecting board members, reserving a room, and contacting the membership, Jennifer brought the club back to its glory days. She ensured the health and safety of the participants by providing social distancing and, by November, there were 40 members in the club.

In January 2023, I became co-president with Deborah Drucker. We already had the list of books for

the year, which had been chosen the previous year. (The board members read book selections before submitting them to the readers.) Our members use the Montecito library extensively, which offers a wide variety of books. There is also a section for resident authors. Here's a partial list of the books we read in 2023:

- The Paris Library by Janet Skeslien Charles
- Best Friends: A Compass and True North by TK Banner
- The Horse Dancer by Jojo Moyes
- The Maid by Nita Prose
- The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek by Kim Michele Richardson

Deborah and I set aside time after each meeting to have a brief social for the members. We provide treats (sometimes related to the book discussed). We also include door prizes that reflect the books. Here are two examples:



"Travels with Charley," John Steinbeck coffee cup.



"The Paris Library," Janet Skeslien Charles coffee cup.

Our club goes dark during July and August, and now we are enjoying another exciting year.

The success of our club begins with an active Board, and this Board has done some strategic planning, such as inviting guest speakers to introduce books, having colorful flyers to advertise our club, and encouraging more intimate discussions about the books. The Board has just introduced the practice of having members share their involvement in various charities. Some members are volunteers in literacy programs, such as "Read with Me." Adding social time for everyone to convene after the meetings has helped club members remain a cohesive group.

Join us to read exciting books selected by the members, be blown away when you learn that the reactions of others are quite unlike yours, be exhilarated when others see your point of view and change their minds, be enlightened when you change your mind based on others' reactions to the book and, finally, be inspired by the multiple experiences that others bring to the same volume. It's a heady experience.

For more information, check out our write-up in the Club News section of The View.

> "A reader lives a thousand lives before he dies. The man who never reads lives only one."

> > - George R.R. Martin, A Dance with Dragons

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RAISING THE BAR AT 75+:

Gene Gambale

BY AGGIE JORDAN

It seems Gene Gambale has been a lawyer all of his life. Born and raised in New York City, Gene graduated from Fordham University Law School, pursuing his law degree while he worked full-time. He was admitted to the New York State Bar in 1971. That's 52 years of lawyering.

Gene could have retired 20 years ago but, as he says, "Why would I? I have the best of all lives." In 1977, Gene moved to California with his wife, Donna, and daughters, Jennifer and Erica, to accept a job offer with a large oil company. As Gene explains,

I was lucky to have many exciting experiences of such a variety and notoriety that most lawyers never dream of. I traveled extensively internationally and helped negotiate an oil deal with the Chinese government, as well as a variety of transactions with other foreign governments and international companies.

Commuting to my office in Washington, DC, from Los Angeles, and participating in high-level government activities were very energizing. It's quite a high to be on a first-name basis with presidents and governors, plus it's quite satisfying to help pass laws and ballot propositions.

In California, Gene established a relationship with an Indian tribe and became their general counsel. This put him in contact with Governor Gray Davis in the negotiation of a compact with the Indians. Gene was successful in negotiating the first large Indian casino in the area. This work even got him involved with Donald Trump.

After Gene first retired, he accepted a request from a business owner whom he knew from his casino days to do some part-time work for his company. "Years later, I'm still at it. I just enjoy the constant intellectual challenges and stimulation."

Recently, after years of contentious litigation, Gene helped settle a case for a client suing a large insurance



company. The insurance company had refused to settle a multi-million-dollar claim.

Gene recognizes, "It was truly a David-Goliath situation. In such cases, you can sue the insurance company for more than the underlying claim." Because the settlement is confidential, Gene can't reveal the details. But his client was happy.

Gene and Donna have been Sun City Shadow Hills residents since 2004. They both have been active in Community Singers and the Performing Arts Club. Since 2006, Gene has performed every year in one or two plays. Gene is still thriving at the age of 79, "going on 18," he reminds us. To all who are retiring or thinking about it, Gene has some advice:

"Never, ever refrain from doing something just because you think you are too old. If you want to do it, and you are capable - DO IT!"

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THE MAMMOTH "COFFEE MEISTER"

BY GEORGE ERHART | PHOTOS BY SUSAN MOSS

Every year, the town of Mammoth Lakes, CA, kicks off its Fourth of July celebration with a pancake breakfast hosted by the local Lions Club. It's quite a production! Starting at 5 am, in the parking lot of the Good Life Café, trailers start arriving loaded with tables, chairs, and griddles to cook the pancakes and sausages. And, of course, you can't have a pancake breakfast without coffee. That is where SCSH resident David Moss reigns supreme!

David and his wife, Susan, moved to Mammoth back in 1989, and he joined the Lions Club. In the year 2000, David became the "Coffee Meister" for the annual holiday pancake breakfast, enjoyed each year by an estimated 1,100 attendees. A crowd like that requires a lot of coffee!



Getting the griddle ready

Making all this drip coffee requires the use of a 55gallon drum with a large filter on top to hold the coffee grounds. David gets his water from a hose connected to the old Chart House building and uses propane to fire up his brewing operation. Over the years, he has mastered all the elements necessary to produce as much delectable hot coffee outdoors as required and have it ready for consumption at 7 am.

David says the secret lies in constantly checking taste and controlling the temperature. He adjusts the temperature by either adding cold water from the hose or adding hot water from the spigot of the drum. When ready, the coffee is poured into large urns and sent to the tables to be served.



David in his brewer's attire

The Mosses bought a house in SCSH back in 2006 but didn't sell their home in Mammoth so they could spend cool summers there (elevation 7,880 feet), and David could continue his job as "The Official Coffee Meister" at the annual breakfast. In 2019, they sold their mountain house and became full-time residents of SCSH.

At this point in their lives, you might assume David would give up the task of being the early-morning coffee brewer way up north. WRONG! In his words, "I told them I would continue to make the coffee as long as I'm alive!"

So don't be looking for David here on the Fourth of July, as he will no doubt be back in Mammoth hard at work. David says the annual celebration includes an old-fashioned holiday parade, The Freedom Mile Race, and of course, fireworks at night. Sounds like fun maybe we should make reservations and join him!

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MY T-MOBILE EXPERIENCE

BY ARNOLD CHOY

Every time I turn on the TV at our Flagstaff, AZ, summer home, I see T-Mobile 5G Home Internet ads on just about every channel. There's no escaping their new home internet deal for only \$50 a month. No equipment costs, no annual contract, a lifetime price lock, no hidden costs, and a \$50 gift card. Wow, and it's available to 30 million households across the nation. What a wonderful deal!

My upstairs neighbor installed it and it works great, with speeds approaching 1GB. (Even though they advertise 33-182 MBPS, he is getting much more than that.) It probably helped that he also has T-Mobile for their cell phones. He told me to go to the mall and sign-up ASAP.

After seeing my neighbor's internet speed in action, I was convinced that this was the real deal. So I quickly drove to the mall and found the T-Mobile store. I was excited as I waited for a salesman to become available.

The rep confirmed just about everything that was being advertised on TV, so I told him to start the paperwork: name, address, cell number, credit card, etc. I informed him that Indio, CA, was my principal

home (which I use for my credit card). The salesman said, "No problem." Five minutes later, I was done and brought my package home. It consisted of installation instructions and a sleek, black gateway tower about 8" high with a USB power cord.

After reading the instructions, I began the self-install. I registered online and opened a new account with the information on my receipt. I even entered my credit card info for the ongoing monthly billing. When it came time to "check availability," a serious glitch reared its ugly head. It seems my Flagstaff address was "not available for internet service at this time."

I was confused, so I attempted to "chat" with customer support. After a few minutes, I discovered that the Flagstaff cellular tower was "out of bandwidth" for new customers. I was not a happy camper, so I inquired about my options and was transferred to another person. I was told that they would add me to their waitlist. When I asked what that meant, I was told that if someone cancels, the waitlist people would be notified immediately. The rep couldn't tell me how many people were ahead of me. Also, I would be

notified if T-Mobile decides to increase the bandwidth in my area. And yes, the wait could be up to a year (or more).

Frustrated, I started researching what the competition was offering. Verizon and AT&T were just getting started with 5G home internet deals. Theirs was just a little more expensive, but guess what? Once again, neither service was available in Flagstaff.

After I completed my research, I concluded that this is the future. Using existing cellular infrastructure, costs are minimal, so they can offer exotic deals. They have the engine; they just need to give it more juice. Flagstaff is a small town of under 80,000 people, so only a limited number of households are likely to get this "deal" until the communications companies decide to increase bandwidth.

Frustrated, I went back to the T-Mobile store in the mall and returned everything for a refund credit. I asked the same salesman, "Were you even aware that Flagstaff was out of bandwidth in the cellular towers and that they cannot take on new customers at this time?" Of course, the answer was, "No, sir."

I thought out loud, "Such a sinful way to do business, don't you think? Nonetheless, buyers need to be aware of this marketing glitch." Ahh, but there is more...

After not seeing the credits of \$38.21 for the connect charge and \$55.00 for the first month's usage, I had to call T-Mobile Customer Support. To my overwhelming surprise, my account was still active and had NOT been canceled. Another shock was that I would only be refunded the \$55.00 as the \$38.21 was non-refundable. Then the rep had the nerve to ask for my checking account information so they could do a direct deposit. What was so hard about understanding the words "no, no, and no." And I was getting really annoyed with hearing repeatedly, "I understand your problem, sir."

This senseless conversation took over 50 minutes. I was put on hold for every question I asked, waiting for an answer I didn't like. Finally, I told this "useless idiot" to transfer me to his supervisor or the person in charge. After answering the same set of questions, I was asked earlier, I finally got the new guy to agree to credit both refunds AND apply them to my credit card, the one they already had on file. Just before the rep completed updating my file, I casually asked him if he was the supervisor in charge. I was speechless when he replied, "No, I just sit next to the original support person that you talked with."

"Is there anything else I can do for you today, sir?"



After a total of 1 hour and 10 minutes on my cell phone, all I could say was, "You're all idiots, so no, no, and no." No thank you, no goodbye, and I anxiously await the survey email from T-Mobile.

> Contact the author at choyarnold@yahoo.com.



PDATE ON WHAT IS HAPPENING

BY ROBERT FIRRING

I recently had a chance to interview City Manager Bryan Montgomery about what has been happening in the last few months. Here are the highlights:

DESERT RETREAT | Pulte is recording its final maps with the County and preparing to start grading. They still have an issue getting power, and we are at least a year away from seeing any vertical construction.

COACHELLA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT FLOOD CONTROL PROJECT | The District has its own governing Board and timetable. It is not required to share construction plans with the City.

VARNER-JEFFERSON CORNER | Circle K is open. We expect to see a small grocery store as well. Other developers are looking, but there is no formal proposal yet.

VARNER BETWEEN MONROE AND JEFFERSON |

One developer has assembled most of the land here (about 200 acres). A large residential development combined with commercial and some warehouses are in the planning stages. Retail will be clustered toward Monroe, and the residential and warehouses will be stretched out in the middle. It's important to point out that these projects take a long time, and nothing is firm yet.

EAST OF MONROE BY THE CARWASH | This area is fenced off, and preliminary work is underway for the In-N-Out Burger and Raising Canes Chicken Fingers franchises. There is more room there, and Sumo Dog and Panera Bread are interested. A fitness center will probably be built in this area, too.

AVENUE 42 AND JACKSON BY THE GOLF COURSE |

A Chick-fil-A, Dutch Brothers coffee, and a sit-down restaurant are planned for here.

SHOPPING CENTER ANCHORED BY WINCO | A Skechers shoe store and a Tillys have applied to build



there. Tillys is a mix of clothing and knickknacks aimed at young people. They will go in next to the Five Below store.

DOWNTOWN INDIO | The Farmer's Market is open on Saturday mornings. On Friday nights, there are food trucks plus live entertainment once a month. A tap house and a brewery are under construction, and more businesses will be coming as the Indio branch of the College of the Desert gets closer to opening.

APARTMENT PROJECT SOUTH OF 111 ON JEFFERSON | The State has taken control of many affordable housing projects because local groups were so successful in getting them delayed. This one will include 400 apartments at the buildout, and they are needed. The definitions of low and moderate income housing have changed, and I think people are going to be surprised at who winds up living there.

> Contact the author at rfirring@aol.com.



NEW HOMEOWNER **ORIENTATION**

MONTECITO CLUBHOUSE BALLROOM

FRIDAY, APRIL 19, 2024 AT 9:30 A.M.

FRIDAY, JULY 12, 2024 AT 9:30 A.M.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2024 AT 9:30 A.M. FOLLOWED BY CLUB EXPO AT 11:00 A.M.

> SIGN UP AT THE LIFESTYLE DESK: (760) 345-4349 EXT. 2120





CONNIF KING LIFESTYLE DIRECTOR



We hope everyone's New Year is off to a great start.

Thank you to Lifestyles decorating team of Ruth Woods, Leanne Howie, and Shirlee Daidone, for the beautiful table decorations at the Holiday Gala. In addition, Pam Castro-Lee, Pat Cochran, and Amber Galindo for their help, and of course our staff and Bobbie Morris who saved the day with her glue gun.

Many of you may not know that this year is Sun City Shadow Hills' 20th anniversary (2004 – 2024). The Lifestyle Advisory Committee is gearing up for this exciting time with a plethora of events, activities, and programs commemorating 20 years of community living. Free commemorative buttons will be available at the Lifestyle Desk and Lifestyle events, while supplies last. Commemorative t-shirts will be available for \$10; place your order at the Lifestyle Desk.

We need your help! If you moved into our community at the very beginning, I invite you to share with me your stories, photos, or memories of those early days. Please send them to lifestyles@scshca.com.

If you were involved in any of the first clubs, groups, or committees that were formed and have photos or stories to share, we can add them to our timeline of events.

Lifestyle will be working on a timeline of events that starts in 2004. Each month, we will celebrate our 20 years by including that theme in some of our existing activities, as well as new ones such as "Throwbacks to 2004."

We hope you enjoyed the Tina Turner tribute concert and look forward to seeing you this month at the Rod Stewart tribute.



Tina Turner tribute concert









READERS INK:

A FICTION



If you have a passion for reading, then our club is for you! We meet every fourth Tuesday of the month in the Capistrano Room in the Montecito Clubhouse at 2:00 pm.

After we have an introduction to the book by one of our members, we have a lively discussion and then enjoy a social time, along with door prizes.

For further information: please contact Terri Fitzsimmons: fitzsimmonsterri@gmail.com



BOOK OF THE MONTH FEBRUARY, 2024









Sun City Shadow Hills

CREATIVE ARTS CLUB

Presents the annual

ALL MEMBER ART SHOW & SALE

Come Visit our Gallery

For Quality

Fine Art and Gifts



Join Us for

A GLASS OF WINE

AND ENJOY THE ART

Montecito Clubhouse Ballroom



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 202 10 AM TO 3 PM

For more information contact Marilyn Johnston: 403-815-0488 email johns



Join us for our February Meeting

Thursday, 15 February 2024

Montecito Clubhouse – Cambria Room

6:00 pm - Social time; 6:30 pm - Meeting

Presentation by

Michelle Singleton

Chair of the Riverside County Democratic Party's Political Action Committee

Speaking on the

RCDP's Plan To Win in 2024



Michelle taught high school civics for 16 years, and now teaches Political Science courses at a local community college. She has been an elected Assembly District delegate to the California Democratic Party since 2017, was the CDP's endorsed candidate for State Assembly (AD-67) in 2018, and has worked for numerous

local campaigns including Will Rollins for Congress in 2022. Michelle is dedicated to supporting candidates (particularly those from underrepresented backgrounds); community organizing; and strengthening our public education

If you have any questions about the Dems in SCSH, please contact us at taribeer10@gmail.com.









EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS-101

PLEASE COME LEARN TO **PREPARE** FOR, **SURVIVE**, AND **RECOVER** FROM "THE BIG ONE!"

...and EVERYTHING ELSE TOO!

PRESENTED BY JEFF KIRKPATRICK, SCSH RESIDENT AND CHAIR OF THE HOA'S EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE.

THIS IS A ONCE-AND-DONE SEMINAR! LIMITED SPACE SO REGISTER EARLY!

THIS COURSE IS FREE COMPLIMENTS OF THE HOA! PLEASE REGISTER AT THE LIFESTYLES DESK.

PLEASE NOTE LOCATIONS AND TIMES! Eff: 12-15-23

- ☐ Thursday, FEBRUARY 8, 2024 Santa Rosa Monterey Room - 9:30AM - 12:00PM
- ☐ Thursday, MARCH 14, 2024 Santa Rosa Monterey Room - 9:30AM - 12:00PM

PLEASE JOIN US AND BECOME PREPARED! IT REALLY IS QUITE EASY!



TUTTA BELLA VINO

The Eberle Winery

Saturday, February 17th, 7pm Montecito Clubhouse Ballroom

Join Tutta Bella Vino to experience the prestigious Eberle Winery of Gary Eberle, 2020 American Legend Wine Star Award winner.

Registration flyers will be available at the at the Montecito Clubhouse & Tutta Bella webpage www.scshca.com/tuttabella on January 20th. Registration Deadline: February 10th or until sold out

For more info: tuttabellavino@gmail.com



A Club for the Young-At-Heart Gathering Montly for Fun and Socializing CSSC - the only thing missing is YOU!

- Celebrate Life and Love and beautiful Music . . . with a private guitar concert by our SCSH resident and friend Norm Bolduc, followed by socializing and sharing!
- Chocolate covered strawberries, pound cake, champagne, and sparkling cider will be served.
- Wear red, pink or white to celebrate Valentine's Day!

When: Wednesday, February 21

Time: 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Place: Montecito Clubhouse Capistrano Room



Contact Mia Lynott, President, at 760-685-4468 or Terri Fitzsimmons, Vice President, at 915-330-9910 to RSVP or ask any questions.

Sun City Shadow Hills THAT'S ENTERTAINMENT (LUB

Sir Laffs-A-Lot's Comedy Night



Starring Comedians from the Top Late Night Shows

Hilarious New Shows Every Month

Rated "R" Due to Possible Adult Content

Wednesday, February 21, 2024 • 7:00 pm Reserved Seating • Tickets on Sale February 1

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

Contact the Sun City Shadow Hills Lifestyle Desk for Tickets 80888 Sun City Blvd • Indio CA 92203 • (760) 345-4349 Ext. 2120

Have you Heard? There is a New Club in Town!!! The SCSH Newcomers

Are you new to our SCSH Community or do you feel new? Want to welcome others, make new friends and have fun?

Come to our February Happy Hour/Mixer Refreshments and beverages will be served.

Day: February 21, 2024 Time: 4:30 PM to 6:30 PM Location: Capistrano Room in the Montecito

Enjoy these fun photos from our Holiday Party:







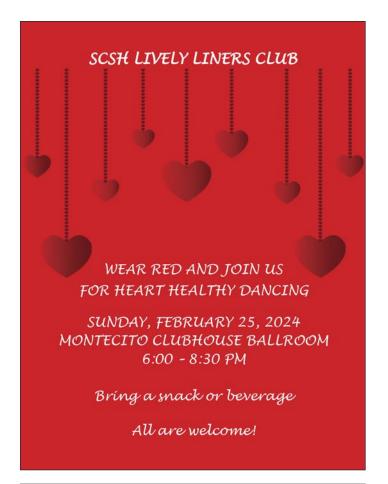


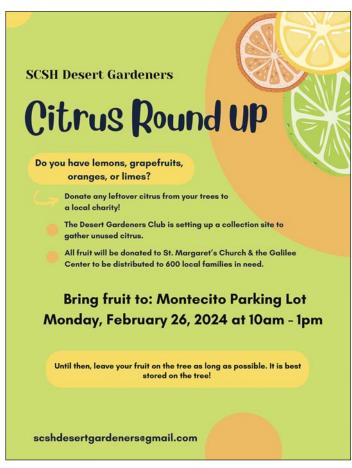


Know anyone else recently arrived? Bring them along! All are welcome!

For more information contact:

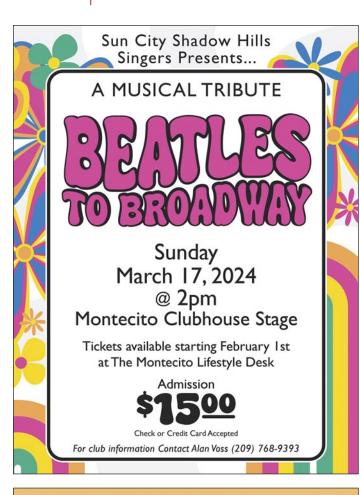
Debbie: (323) 620-1956 email: deb.halper@gmail.com















MEDITATION OVER MEDICATION CLUB

You are invited to join

Guided Meditation Sessions with Vib Verma

Live a Balanced and Fulfilled Life Reduce Stress, Anger and Anxiety

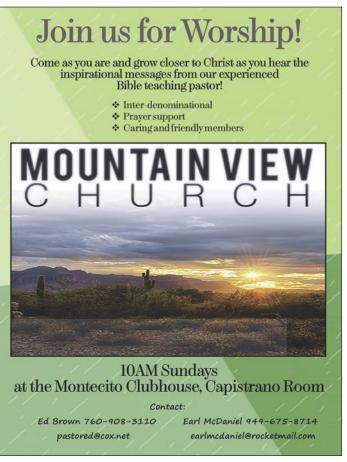
Vib features a unique topic each session. He will change your life.

- · 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 the dependence on some medications.

> We meet Mondays at 10:00 AM Santa Rosa Clubhouse / Pismo Newport Room For more information call Camille Brownson:

760-673-6694 or camillebrownson@gmail.com





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)







Membership Application (for both Performance Team and Supporting Members)



Contact pomettes.scsh@gmail.com for more information or if you'd like us to perform at your event.

Sun City Shadow Hills Veterans Club www.scshveteransclub.org

Thank you for serving our country and protecting our freedoms!



Sun City Shadow Hills Veterans: Join your Veterans' Club!

- · Monthly interesting and informative speaker presentations
- Stay abreast of your entitled VA benefits
- Meet fellow veterans from your community
- Assist with community events including Memorial Day flag-raising, Veterans' Day potluck dinner, Toys-4-Tots Drive
- · Flag Decorations National Holidays



FLAG SALES 2ND FRIDAY MONTHLY Montecito Clubhouse 10:00 am - noon

Monthly Meetings: third Tuesday, 6:00 p.m., Montecito Clubhouse Cambria Room Veterans' Club Annual Dues - \$10

Sun City Shadow Hills

Lifestyle Desk & Business Center

Montecito Clubhouse Open Daily, 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

The Lifestyle Desk and Business Center is located in the Montecito Clubhouse. In addition to assisting you with Lifestyle events and activities, a number of business services are available to residents:

- Copies
- Sending/Receiving Faxes
- Airline Boarding Pass Printing
- US Postage Stamps

www.scshca.com/businesscenter Phone: (760) 345-4349 Ext. 2120 Fax: (760) 772-9891







MANUEL GUADARRAMA | FOOD & BEVERAGE MANAGER

We hope everyone had a great start to the new year. It is hard to believe it is now February and time is not slowing down. Good thing we have 366 days this year.

For us at Shadows, February is one of our favorite months. We get to have a Big Game Party and then have the privilege of serving our community a great Valentine's Day Dinner.

The Big Game Party will take place on Sunday, February 11, from 2 – 8 pm. Only the new Tailgate Menu will be available, and the kitchen will close at 7 pm. We will begin taking reservations on January 28, 2024.

This year our Valentine's Day Special will be a sit-down, prix fixe menu. Reservation times are limited: 4:30 pm, 5 pm, and 5:30 pm. We will begin accepting reservations - in person only - on January 31 at 2 pm. We will also require a credit card to guarantee your booking. You can view the menu on our Facebook page or our website.

Also, if you have not experienced the new items on our updated menu, come try them out. As a reminder, Shadows offers a rotating menu, and we change our menu a minimum of three times per year.

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

Thank you for your continued support.

Contact the author at jguadarrama@troon.com.

Shadows Restaurant (760) 772-4342

Monday: Closed

Tuesday – Sunday: 8 am – 8 pm

Happy Hour: 2 – 5 pm





CHEF'S CORNER

CHEF JOHN DUTRA | EXECUTIVE CHEF

February is here, and we stop to celebrate the loves in our lives mid-month. For me, it is my wife of 36 years. Through good times and bad times, the one constant has been the love we have shared and the family we have created. Last February, I related how I proposed to my wife on Valentine's Day after an incredible dinner that featured Steak Diane prepared tableside. Since that day 37 years ago, we have celebrated every Valentine's Day with a romantic dinner of Steak Diane to commemorate that special night.

I hope you enjoyed the recipe for Steak Diane I provided last year. This February, I would like to share my recipe for a fantastic side dish to go with that Steak Diane: a creamy, delectable Mushroom Risotto. Now, risotto is a dish that is a labor of love. It is a dish you

must nurture and not rush to create, a dish that will reward you with an incredible dining experience.

So, this Valentine's Day, make sure you show your love to those who mean so much to your and let them know how they have filled your life with happiness. Here is my recipe for Mushroom Risotto. Enjoy!

Contact the author at jdutra@troon.com.



Mushroom Risotto

1 pound wild mushrooms (even standard button mushrooms work in a pinch)

8 to 9 cups chicken or vegetable broth

2 teaspoons butter

½ cup shallots minced

1 ½ cups arborio rice

½ cup dry white wine (like Sauvignon Blanc)

3 to 4 garlic cloves, minced

1 teaspoon fresh thyme leaves

½ cup grated parmesan

Salt and pepper to taste

1 tablespoon chopped parsley

- In a small pot, heat the broth and keep it hot on the stove. You will be adding this to your risotto slowly during the process.
- Clean your mushrooms and cut or tear them into smaller pieces.
- Add butter to a heavy-bottomed, non-stick pan and sauté the shallots until just tender. Then add the

mushrooms, garlic, and thyme. Cook until the mushrooms start to sweat, a couple of minutes. Make sure you season the mushrooms.

- Add the rice and cook for a minute or two, then add the wine. Cook until the wine virtually disappears.
- Begin adding broth, just enough to cover the rice.
- Keep stirring, and as the liquid begins to evaporate, add another ladle of broth.
- Keep repeating this process. It will take about 20 minutes or so.
- The dish will get creamy as more starch from the rice is reduced. Keep checking the rice by tasting it. You want the rice to be cooked through but al dente.
- Once the rice gets to the doneness you prefer, remove it from the heat, add one more ladle of broth, and then add the Parmesan cheese and parsley. Stir, check the seasoning, then serve!



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February 2024

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.



JAN 24: Fred Wolff Nature Preserve

9:00 am • La Quinta, CA • 2.7 Miles Sign ups begin: January 8th, 2024

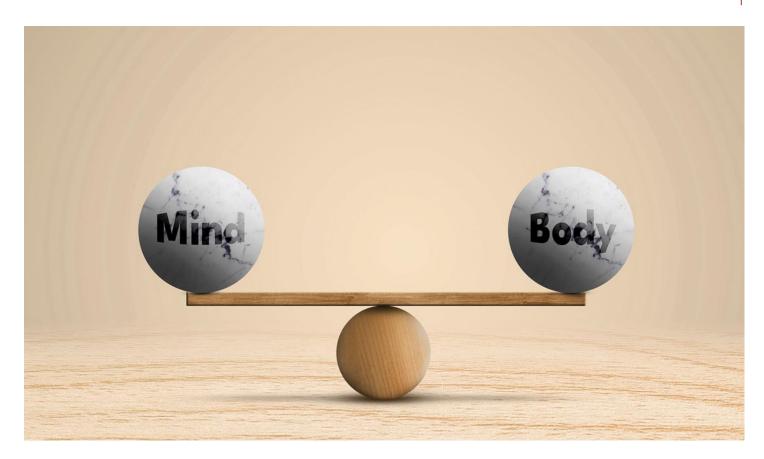
FEB 23: Butler - Abrams Trail

8:00 am • Rancho Mirage, CA • 2.4 Miles Sign ups begin: January 22nd, 2024

MAR 29: Civic Center Park

8:00 am • Palm Desert, CA • 1.1 Miles Sign ups begin: : February 12, 2024

SIGN UP AT EITHER FITNESS CENTER. FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL THE MONTECITO FITNESS CENTER AT (760)345-4349 EXT:2111





FITNESS UPDATE

AMBER GALINDO | FITNESS DIRECTOR

Taking care of both the mind and the body is essential for overall well-being. A holistic approach to health involves nurturing not only physical health but also mental and emotional well-being. Taking time for self-care can have profound benefits that positively affect one's mood, energy levels, and overall quality of life.

Caring for the body involves eating a balanced diet, getting regular exercise, and ensuring an adequate amount of sleep. Making healthy food choices and engaging in physical activity can boost energy levels and improve overall physical health.

Mind care involves practices that promote mental and emotional well-being, such as mindfulness, meditation, and relaxation techniques. Engaging in activities that bring joy, managing stress, and seeking support when needed are important aspects of mental health care.

Finding a balance, fostering healthy relationships, and engaging in hobbies or activities are also essential for holistic well-being. It's important to prioritize self-care and make time for activities that promote both physical and mental health. By taking care of the mind and the body, individuals can experience improved overall health and a greater sense of well-being.

Contact the author at amber.galindo@associa.us.

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 (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 Mat Pilates; Eliezer (\$6)

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

11:00 AM Stretch; Eliezer (\$6)

12:00 PM Reformer Pilates I-II; Eliezer (\$17)

1:00 PM Lively Liners (Beginner Review)

SANTA ROSA CLUBHOUSE

9:00 AM Essentrics Stretch & Tone;

Melinda (\$6)

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

11:00 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 Total Body Pump; Jessica (Free)

9:00 AM Brazilian Fusion; Eliezer (\$6)

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

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

12:00 PM Reformer Pilates I-II; Eliezer (\$17)

3:00 PM Beginning Boxing; Andrew (Free)

SANTA ROSA CLUBHOUSE

8:00 AM Silver Fit; Cheryl (Free)

9:00 AM Vinyasa Yoga Level I-II;

Leesann (\$6)

10:15 AM Meditation; Leesann (\$6)

11:15 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.



GOLF OPERATIONS

PHIL VIGIL | GENERAL MANAGER, SHADOW HILLS GOLF CLUB

Did you know that we have a golf legend among us? Have you had an opportunity to meet our "Player Ambassador," Sandra Palmer, LPGA? If not, please stop into the South Course golf shop and say hello. Sandra has an amazing golf resume, including 19 LPGA tour wins and two major championships. She joined the LPGA in 1964 and competed against the likes of Donna Caponi, Judy Rankin, Kathy Whitworth, Nancy Lopez, Rosie Jones, and many more. A disciple and student of the great Harvey Penick, Sandra loves the game and possesses a knowledge of golf that is unmatched.



And how about this accomplishment: Sandra was elected to the World Golf Hall of Fame in 2023 and will be inducted in June 2024. Sandra joins the likes of Walter Hagen, Ben Hogan, Gary Player, Sam Snead, Patty Berg, Betsy Rawls, and Annika Sorenstam. It was an exciting day in 2023 when Sandra received the call informing her that she had made it into the Hall of Fame while in the South Course golf shop.

As our "Player Ambassador," Sandra assists our Shadow Hills residents with game improvement at all levels. Although she is an excellent instructor, her love for the game of golf leads to fascinating conversations. We invite you to stop by and say hello to Sandra for a quick chat about golf or to discuss how she can help you improve your game. After all, there are not too many opportunities to gain knowledge from a legend.

We truly hope you are enjoying a great 2024 season so far!

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







RO SHOP NEWS

TERRY FERRARO | HEAD GOLF PROFESSIONAL, SHADOW HILLS GOLF CLUB

It's a busy season again, so be sure you make tee times as early as possible. Card holders can still reserve a tee time 14 days in advance, and residents 10 days in advance. Pro Shop hours are 6 am – 4 pm daily. Phones are answered at 6 am. Be sure to come in and say hello to our new staff member, David Eckel.

Here are the clubs' scheduled days:

MONDAY Men, 7:30 am start

TUESDAY | Classy Niners, 8 am shotgun

7:42 am start for all other players off opposite nine.

WEDNESDAY Ladies Club. 7:30 Double Tee

THURSDAY | Men's Club, 7:30 Double Tee

FRIDAY | Ladies Club, 8 am Double Tee Limited Field (40 Players)

Classy Niners, 12:30 pm Double Tee (40 Players)

SATURDAY 7:30 am Double Tee

SUNDAY | Couples, 1st and 3rd of the month 12:30 pm start

Member Play, 7:30 am shotgun

When signing up for Trail Fees, be sure to bring your insurance for your cart. Pace of Play Policy remains at 4:15 pm on the South Course and 3:15 pm on the North Course.

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Billiards Club

Our membership continues to meet every Monday and Wednesday at the Montecito Clubhouse billiards room at 6:30 pm for open play. 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!

Our quarterly challenge against Sun City Palm Desert went well. We returned the trophy back to Shadow Hills. Thanks to our team of Don Lucas, Randy Galvin, Blair Giem, Steve Quieor, and Bob Rennie.

On Monday, December 11, we had a nine ball round robin tournament with 18 players in competition. First place was won by Bob Rennie, second went to Bob Bailey, third place to Don Lucas, and fourth to Keith Dean.

On Wednesday, December 27, we held an eight-ball round robin tournament with 14 players in competition. First place was won by Randy Galvin, second went to Carlos Peña, and third to Bob Bailey. Everyone played well and had a good time, congratulations to all our winners. See you at the billiard room.



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, call Rick Halla at 949-500-0568.



Bowlers Club

Hello Sun City Shadow Hills residents!

The bowling season is now half over. As the months go by, we have experienced many life changes. Our membership has been impacted by "old knees," "old hips," and Covid. Consequently, we continue to look for substitutes. We currently have a roster of 20 teams, but as you know, these life changes impact us all. If someone can't bowl on a given Friday, we need a substitute...and we even have some opportunities for full-time bowlers.

The good news is that we are enjoying the upgraded equipment at Fantasy Springs and are thankful for the collaboration between the staff there and our SCSH bowling board and bowlers.

You might consider a soft entry into the world of SCSH bowling, and being a sub is a wonderful opportunity. Contact one of the people below at: scshbowling@gmail.com to let us know of your interest.

As a full-time bowler or as a sub, come and enjoy our Friday mornings, the bowling fun, and the community comradery.

Karen Hargrave, President: 818-929-2235

Peggy Mathieson, Vice President

Dana Barbour, Secretary/Treasurer: 562-201-3444



Bridge Club

Happy New Year!

Our newly elected club board began their duties in January. Thanks to them for their willingness to serve. We'd also like to thank our previous board for enabling the club to continue and grow.

Non-stratified, duplicate games are on Wednesday mornings, 9:30 am - 12 pm, Thursday evenings, 6:30 – 9 pm, and Saturday mornings, 10 am – 1 pm. Always arrive 15 minutes before the beginning of play.

Should you have questions, please contact club president Bev Teel at bevteel25@gmail.com.

See you at the tables!





For those who have never attended or never played, don't worry! The game can be learned in a matter of minutes so, it's okay to show up with no knowledge of the game.

There is room for all, and no reservations are required. You can join the club the day you play. 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 schbunco@yahoo.com or at 562-322-0985.

Here is our 2024 schedule: January 16, February 27, March 26, April 26, May 21, June 18, July 16, August 20, September 17, October 15, November 19, and December 3.



Camera Club

The very popular Camera Club Exhibition and Sale will be held on Saturday, March 9, 2024, from 9 am to 3 pm in the Montecito Ballroom. Our talented photographers look forward each year to sharing our art with the community. Also, on display this year will be creations by the Jewelry Club. So, whether you wish to adorn your walls or your wrist, we will have something for you.

Our club holds two in-person meetings each month focusing on techniques and two Zoom meetings dealing with post processing. Our main, in-person meeting in February will feature a presentation on Abstract Photography. That meeting will be held on February 7 in the Monterey Room at the Santa Rosa Clubhouse starting at 3 pm.

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 www.scshcameraclub.com for more information.



"Makan" by Don Paskewitz



Ceramics Club

We are pleased to announce that Ceramics Club now has a brand new "wheel" for throwing pottery, donated by That's Entertainment Club and Johnston. We hope that our members will be able to learn and use this addition



to the ceramics we already do on a weekly basis.

Anyone interested in joining our club is invited to stop by on a Tuesday or Friday morning, 9 am – noon. Any of our officers and members will be glad to show you what we do in Ceramics Club.

Please email scshceramics@hotmail.com for more information, .



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 Valentine's Day Everyone!

Hard to believe that we are a month into 2024 already! 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.

On February 6, we have the Classy 9ers/SCPD Nifty Niners Invitational on the South Course hosted by the Classy 9ers. On February 13, we have Love Scramble Tournament on the South Course. And on February 27, we have the Classy 9ers/Heritage Palms Invitational hosted by the Classy 9ers on the South Course. As you can see, we have lots of fun events upcoming. Come join the fun and meet new and old friends.

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. To join, please access our website at www.shclassy9ers.com and click the tab Join Our Club!

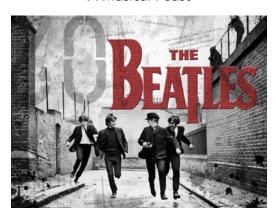


Fun Times at the Ho Ho Hole Tournament



Community Singers

Beatles to Broadway A Musical Feast



Rehearsals are well underway for this fantastic show, featuring music from Jersey Boys, Fiddler, Rent, and

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the Beatles of course. Lots of foot tapping music from beginning to end.

So, our dear music lovers! Get your tickets... Available at the Montecito Lifestyle desk on Thursday, February 1, 2024





Couples Golf

Couples Golf is holding one of our special events this month, the very popular Can/Am Tournament scheduled for February 18, 2024, followed by a catered dinner in the Montecito Ballroom, lots of prizes, and of course the customary bragging rights. Registration will begin two weeks in advance of the play date so watch for the invitation from Golf Genius.

Our membership continues to grow year over year, and we are always looking for new members. Couples Golf exists for the socialization that takes place after a round of golf; in other words, to facilitate new friendships and fellowship with the common bond of golf.

Singles are also most welcome, so if you are interested in joining our club, please go to our website at shcouples.com to find an application form under the Membership Tab. If you have any questions or need more information, please contact our President, Gerry Read at 760-289-6312.



Nice to see so many creative people in our wonderful community!



We are excited it's time for our annual art show! It's being held in the Montecito Clubhouse on February 10, from 10 am to 3 pm. Please come see what we have for sale!

We've had some wonderful classes so far this season: Watercolor for Beginners and Beyond and Managing Light and Dark Values. We have one class remaining available: The Lyrical Acrylic. There are flyers available in the Montecito Clubhouse lobby. If you're interested in signing up, please stop by the art room during our open studio times (listed below).

While you're in the clubhouse check out our February art wall featuring work by members Linda and Don Williamson.

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 morning 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

This month we are happy to welcome a special speaker, Robert Avina, from the Coachella Valley Water District on February 14 at 3:30 pm in the Capistrano Room. He has a wealth of knowledge on water wise plantings for the desert. We are sure it will be very interesting and informative as we learn to protect our most valuable resource, water.

Later in the month club members are very fortunate to be visiting a private garden owned by an exceptional educator who specializes in birds. The amazing habitat he has created for all flying creatures and specifically for hummingbirds is extraordinary.

On February 26, we hope to see many of you out to donate your extra fruit at our Citrus Roundup. Please see the feature story on page 28 of the January issue of The View for more details.

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.

FEBRUARY LUNCHEON

DATE | February 20, 2024 - 11:30 am LOCATION | Heritage Palms Clubhouse PROGRAM | Update on the City of Indio, Glenn Miller, Mayor Pro Tem

CHARITY FOR THE MONTH | Alzheimer's Association of the Coachella Valley. This charity needs watercolor paints, charcoal pencils, watercolor paper, aprons (large), acrylic paints, sculpting clay and paint brushes for watercolor and acrylic paint. You may also donate by check payable directly to the Charity! No cash or gift cards!

Donations By Members Are Always Voluntary! MAIN MENU | Asian Chicken Salad VEGGIE OPTION | Grilled Vegetables. Must denote "veggie" on check.

DESSERT | Cheesecake

PRICE | \$32. Checks must be in the Montecito mail slot by February 9. Includes seven door prize tickets. Please drop checks ASAP and don't wait for the deadline!



French Club

Bonjour et Bonne Année! You are welcome to join SCSH's French Club to learn French, improve your language skills, and make new friends!

The December 21 and 28 classes gave students an insight into how the French celebrate a traditional Christmas. On the 24th, there is the Réveillon de Noël.

This is the long dinner whose name derives from the word "réveil" or "waking" because it involves staying awake until morning as the meal finishes. On the 31st, the feast of Saint-Sylvestre is celebrated. This is the "Réveillon du Jour de l'An" or "New Year's Eve." It is celebrated with friends, good food, champagne, noisemakers and le baiser sous le gui or kissing under the mistletoe. Each class included singing traditional French Christmas songs: "Vive le Vent," "Mon Beau Sapin," "Un Flambeau Jeannette, Isabella," and "L'Enfant au Tambour." The December 21st class concluded with a petite soirée featuring traditional bûches de Noël or rolled cakes with frosting to resemble a yule log.



French students enjoyed traditional "bûches de Noël" at the December 21 class.



French students celebrated "la Fête de Noël" at the December 21 class, L to R: Pinar Crane, Marcie Rivera, Bev Brunetta, Chris Peters, Cheryl Radich, Judy Strauss, Dan Voorhees, Instructor Barbara Guiffre, Lucy Lee Crane, Barbi Moyer, Ken Davis, and Brenda Sanger.

As of January 2024, there will be a \$20 per person annual membership fee. February classes will meet on the 15th, 22nd, and 29th, in the Monterey Room at the Santa Rosa Clubhouse from 2 – 4 pm. To join, please contact instructor Barbara Gui re by phone/text, at 315-868-3854.



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. 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 | Samba, another version of Canasta, is played from 1 to 4 pm at the Montecito Clubhouse. If you wish to play regular Canasta contact Betty. All levels of players are welcome. Come join your neighbors and have some fun. If you have questions, please contact Betty Dixon at 970-389-4682.

Happy Gaming!



Genealogy Club

A JOURNEY OF JEWISH DISCOVERY

It all began with a cardboard box, a large box that contained old letters, old photos, postcards, and various certificates. All carefully stored over the years by her favorite aunt. And so began a 25-year journey to uncover the history of Cindy's ancestors.

Cindy began by trying to garner as much as she could from her aunt. What was all this stuff? Who were all the pictured people? Who wrote the letters? Where did they live? Where are they? So many questions and

so few answers. The box had an immense story to tell. It was a story of unending persecution, displacement, and death. The horror of the Holocaust that eliminated two, three, and even four generations of the same family in a single nightmare. Swiss bankers who demanded non-existent death certificates from descendants. A totally dysfunctional post-war Europe. And records buried deeply in struggling jurisdictions.

Somehow, through perseverance, serendipity and family support, Cindy has been able to reconstruct her fascinating family tree.

Join us on Monday, February 5, 2024, at 2 pm in the Monterey Room of the Santa Rosa Clubhouse to hear the saga of discovery. Come as a member or register as a quest. A free event!



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



As our name implies, we are a social club. In fact, the fastest growing social club at SCSH, with over 40 members to date, we're hoping to double that number by May! Our members range in age from 61 to 100 years young.

You will find a great group of young-at-heart residents, gathering and socializing; while creating strong connections, support, and memories. We meet on the third Wednesday of the month in the Capistrano Room from 2 – 4 pm. We have frequent entertainers and speakers, while enjoying fancy treats, soft drinks, and wine.

Our community is chocked full of amazingly talented and creative people, often offering their gifts to our GSSC, evoking purpose, meaning, and connection with one another. This amazing club is where you will find friendship, companionship, and a good laugh, all at a comfortable pace. How blessed we are to have so many of you step up to celebrate life together here in beautiful Sun City Shadow Hills, where you are always among friends!

You are welcome to attend one time, on us! The cost to join is only \$25 for singles and \$35 per couple, per year. Contact Mia Lynott, President, at 760-685-4468 or Terri Fitzsimmons, Vice President, at 951-330-9910.



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

Our 2024 hiking season has gotten off to a great start with some fantastic hikes in January and many more fantastic hikes planned for February and March. There's definitely a hike for everyone, and we hope to see many new and returning hikers join us this season. The temperatures are lovely and cool which gives us perfect hiking conditions. The January to March 2024 Hiking Schedule is available on our website www.scshca.com/hiking. If you are new to our club, make sure you have thoroughly read all the information on our website so that you are well-prepared for hiking in the desert. Wear good hiking shoes, bring poles, and make sure to bring snacks and plenty of water. If you are not a member of the club and would like to join, you can contact Marjorie Babuik at marjoriebabuik1@mymts.net to register your interest in being added to the list of hikers.





Jewelry Club



February is the month to show love to your partner, family, and friends. There's still a little bit of time to design a piece of jewelry for them. We meet every Wednesday of the month from 1 - 3 pm at the Montecito Clubhouse, come and join us. Everyone is welcome!



ady Putters

Putting is said to be half the game of golf. While a few of our players want more putting practice to improve their golf game, most are players who want to enjoy the camaraderie of other woman and the social activities of the club. No previous experience is needed.

We just finished our Palm Desert Invitational January 31, and a group is working hard on our Valentine Luncheon. At this luncheon, we invite any special person in our lives to join us for putting and lunch. This is a great opportunity to meet the spouses or friends of our members.

Membership is \$20. Each Monday morning, we play. There is an 8 am or 9 am group to choose from. We check in and pay \$2 and have a short 15-minute business meeting. A dollar is returned for each hole we make on our first try. There are a few who are able to make a profit on their \$2. For new members, their first play is free. All you need is a putter and ball.

For more details, call our President Olga Kiena at 714-746-2111 or Marlene Dawson the Secretary at 360-739-5428.



Let's Meet and Eat





On February 4, the Desert Crows will raise the roof again and keep us rocking. Of course, that's not all that's going on in February!

LMAE DJ Dance Party

Thursday, February 15 Check-in will be at 5 pm

Nouveau will play from 6 pm to 8 pm (Nouveau are the two lead singers from the band DysFUNKsion) Cost is \$5 per person

BYOB: bring your snacks, food, plates, and silverware. LMAE will provide napkins and an ice water station. You must have your 2024 annual dues

paid to attend all LMAE events. More information will be emailed to our LMAE members.

One More Thing...

The fabulous **Zippers Trio** will be playing on March 3. Sign-up forms will be available on February 4, at 4:30 pm. We'll see you on the dance floor!

Questions? Email scshmeetandeat@gmail.com or call Party Central: Cheri at 760-953-6674 or Margo at 310-977-2720.



Lively Liners

February is American Heart Month and by adding more movement to your day it can have a big impact on protecting our hearts. One of the big factors of good heart health is to move more and manage stress. Line dancing will help you do both. With all the classes we offer, you will have no difficulty in getting in your exercise minutes each week.



Never line danced before? We have a free basic Introduction to Line Dancing on Mondays at 12:30 pm in the Aerobic Studio at the Montecito Clubhouse. You can also try our Beginner Class on Mondays at 1 pm. Your first two classes are free! We currently have both Beginning and Intermediate classes. There is Open Line Dancing on Saturday from 9 am to 10 am, at the Montecito Fitness Center.

Please check the Fitness Center calendar or our website for our Lively Liners Club schedule. You can

also visit our website at www.scshlivelyliners.com for much more information. If you have any questions, call Katy at 760-610-5710 or Melanie at 626-222-6044.



Mah Jongg

It's February and all you need is love and Mah Jongg. We'd love for you to join us every Wednesday at 12:15 pm in the back half of the Montecito Ballroom. We play until 3 pm and we have snacks! If you have questions, please contact our president, Rochelle Asheroff at asheroff@sbcglobal.net. She can arrange for lessons if you would like to learn. We are looking forward to seeing you.



Meditation Over **Medication**



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, possibly reducing 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 usher in the month of February, it's hard to believe that we are more than two-thirds through our 2024 Tournament Schedule. Don't feel like you have missed all the fun events.

On February 1, we play our annual Avery Cup (competition between Canadians and Americans), which is always a fun event, and includes a "boasting lunch" immediately following golf.

On February 19, we play the "Dames and Dudes" Tournament. In this fun 18-hole format, the girls take on the boys (and usually win, so the guys need new blood). It too, is followed by lunch and is a "ton-of-fun" for both sides.

On February 22 and 23 we will play our annual Club Championship, and on February 29 and March 1, we have our Member/Guest Tournament.

We'll close out the schedule of play on March 28, with our Shadow Hills Cup – a competition of the top sixty-four annual money winners for 2023-2024 bragging rights.

Sandwiched between these events is our regular Thursday play. So don't write this year off quite yet. There's much more to come.

Finally, don't forget our General Meetings (donut meetings) at 8 am, on the third Wednesday of the month. During these meetings, we not only feature scrumptious coffee and donuts but plenty of door prizes.



Needles and Pins

Some of our members attended Road to California, a quilters conference held in Ontario, January 17 – 20. We are looking forward to the project ideas they will share with us.

On February 5, we will be holding our annual luncheon - good food, laughter, and raffles for fun items. Our new Needles and Pins Club board members will take office at this time. We appreciate their willingness to serve.

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The Needles and Pins Club has many fun opportunities to create various projects this year. Please feel free to swing by our meeting room to learn more or work on your own yarn or fabric projects! Show and Share is usually held on the first Monday. We meet on Sundays all day, Mondays from 12:30 to 5 pm, and Wednesdays from 9 am to 1 pm in the Cambria room in the Montecito Clubhouse.

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



Newcomers Club

Are you new to our SCSH community or do you feel like you are new? Our club is the perfect group for you! Make new friends and learn about our beautiful community together! We meet once a month for mixers, happy hours, and fun!





Come to the next Newcomers Event on February 21, 2024, from 4:30 - 6:30 pm in the Capistrano Room.

For more information contact Debbie Halper at 323-620-1956 or deb.halper@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 can 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



Email: scshpairsgolf@gmail.com Michael Johnson - President Glenn Carlson - Vice President

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 are required. Our club is designed to provide a fun golf experience.

We encourage all residents to join as a single or a couple. Players/couples are randomly paired to create team foursomes. Play starts in shot-gun format at 1:30 pm on the first and third Thursdays, October through April, unless otherwise posted. Following golf, we gather at Shadows restaurant for happy hour where prizes are awarded. Additionally, we gather for a welcome back potluck and an end of season dinner.

Annual dues are \$15 per person, due in January. We encourage sign-ups from the Sign-Up Genius link, published on the Thursday before each play date. Once received, you will be on the sign-up email sent out on the Thursday the week prior to the play date.

For more information, contact Glenn Carlson at 206-200-5452 or stretch1@wavecable.com: Mike Johnson at Michael.d.Johnson3860@gmail.com or 775-721-7966.

The remaining event dates for the 2023-2024 season are as follows:

- February 1 & 15
- March 7 & 21
- March 21 (Club Dinner at 5 pm)
- April 4 & 18



Pan Club

Happy February to our new and returning members. Yes, February is the shortest month of the year, but there are still plenty of days for you to announce (shout!) in the clubhouse, "I'm out on a good one" or "I won the high hand." We Pan players love saying those words!

Our annual dues of \$15 are due on January 15. Thank you for paying them. If you still haven't paid, please put your check in the Pan Club mail slot, or hand it to our Vice President, Judy Wilabee on Mondays, Tuesdays, or Thursdays. Please, no cash.

To our newest members: We're so happy to see how dedicated you are to playing and learning our game.

Don't forget that we're always happy to give you advice while you're playing in the clubhouse.

To our returning members: We thank you so much for your continued support of our favorite game.

Questions or suggestions? Please contact Judy Wilabee at 562-484-4960 or judywilabee@gmail.com.



Paper Crafters

February is the time for showing our love and kindness for others. Sending that special someone a handmade Valentine or greeting card is an excellent way to remember those who are dear to us. In Paper Crafter's Club, we are always learning new techniques and designs. Our fellow members share their knowledge and lead the class so we can enhance our skills and creativity. Our 2024 calendar is only one example of the variety of projects we have throughout the year.



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.

For more information or you have questions, please contact our president, Debbie Mason, at 909-214-3453 or msgreen486@yahoo.com.



Performing Arts Club

Can you believe it's February already? Where's the frigid snow? Oh, that's right we're temporary Sunbirds, enjoying our special season.

Our spring play, The Odd Couple - Female Version, is such a hoot, you'll laugh 'till you cry, it's so good! Not to worry, you'll be able to order your tickets online beginning February 12. Performances are on Thursday and Friday evenings, March 21 and 22, at 7 pm, and matinees are on Saturday, March 23, and Sunday, March 24, at 2 pm. Tickets are \$20.

Yep, that's right, our Sun City Shadow Hills Performing Arts Club is at it again! Of course, as you, you, and you, well know, we're missing you! Yes, yes, and yes, snowbirds are welcome to join! I apologize that I didn't mention this sooner! If you love people and have always acted, or wanted to, this is the perfect time to join up! Not an actor? Boy howdy, do we have a place for you behind the scenes! Come on, join the fun with your neighbors, be a part of our great club, don't be a fraidy cat!

Please contact our Club Secretary, Gordon Thomas, at gordon.thomas8727@gmail.com for membership inquiries. 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 have a wonderful time chatting.



Pet Club

Greetings Pet Club members, new members, and quests!

We have an exciting year planned for our SCSH pet families and perhaps a few surprises along the way, too! Please come and join us!!

WHEN | Second Tuesday of each month WHERE | Montecito Clubhouse Cambria/Mirada rooms TIME | 6 pm

For additional information about SCSH Pet Club, contact Jo Provenzano-King, Pet Club President, at 818-848-5959 or j.n.provenzano@hotmail.com.



Pickleball Club

We love Pickleball this month and every month!

We have a larger group playing every day during the winter season alongside our hearty group of full-time residents. The weather doesn't affect the die-hard players, never too hot or too chilly.

Players are getting ready for our annual Can-Am Tournament on February 24 which pairs our Canadian members against our American members. It's always a lot of fun and brings out all the country colors in a very fashionable show. Come out and support your favorite team and see who gets their name on the plaque this year.

The 2nd Annual Daffodil Tournament will be held March 16 and 17.

We end the season with our final meeting, the election of new officers, and the end-of-year party on March 29.

Please check the website for more information on these events and others that are happening within our club at scshpickleball.org. or contact one of our board members.

- Don Johnson, President djjjpd51@gmail.com, 760-774-8388
- Kathy Gierat, Vice President kathy.a.gierat@gmail.com, 949-584-0197
- Sheila Porttorff, Secretary pottorffs@gmail.com, 970-214-4281
- Steve Davidson, Treasurer & Web steve@reverse4you.com, 714-745-5770
- Marc Michaelson, Membership ipliquors@yahoo.com, 843-685-0140



The Pomettes of Sun City Shadow Hills are proud to have celebrated their first year as a chartered club last month. In their first year, they participated in a variety of events, including the Fourth of July parade in Idyllwild with the Corvette Club, the Desi Strong Run/ Walk for Kids, the Dr. George Car Show, and the Alzheimer's Walk, to name a few.

In December, they donated holiday stockings to the kids of United Cerebral Palsy and surprised the SCSH Classy Niners with a holiday performance, including dance instructions from choreographer Sherri Thompson, on the "Boot Scootin Boogie." The Frost and Flannel event was fun and festive for all. The generous donation from the Classy Niners is very much appreciated.





The Pomettes are excited for several February events which will be highlighted in next month's View. Our Facebook page is over 225 and please feel free to join us as we grow, Pomettes of Sun City Shadow Hills, the only 55 and better cheer/dance/pom team in California.

If you are interested in having the Pomettes be a part of your event or for more information, please contact Sue McCollum at suncitysuecheers1@gmail.com.



Rainbow Friends

Happy Valentine's Day Everyone! Hopefully you will find a way to celebrate this month that is personal to you.

Our next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 14, at 6 pm in the Montecito Clubhouse. This will be our last regular meeting before our Dinner Dance which takes place on Saturday, February 24. We will also be celebrating our January - March Birthdays. If you haven't paid your annual dues for 2023 of \$15 per person please do so at this meeting or no later than the end of February, thanks!

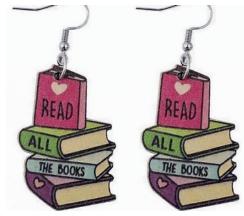
If you can't attend, you can still pay your annual dues by writing a check made payable to "SCSH Rainbow Friends." Again, \$15 per member and put it on our mailbox in the Montecito Clubhouse.

Please watch your email for the latest regarding club news.

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

Our club was saddened by the news that one of our long-standing members passed at the end of December. Carolyn Smith has been with the club since it began. She was also a long-time member of Desert Life, and she once belonged to the Holiday Singers Group. We will certainly miss her.

During our January meeting, Eileen Bunch introduced the book Bewilderment by Richard Powers. After the introduction, there were questions and answers followed by a lively discussion. Then we had the drawing for the door prizes. After the meeting we had a "social time."

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

Our next meeting will be on February 27 when we will be discussing The Underground Railway by Colson Whitehead. So please join us for the discussions and meet fellow book lovers.

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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, February 28, at 2 pm in the La Jolla room at the Santa Rosa Clubhouse. For members who cannot attend in person, the next meeting will also be available on Zoom. Our selection for the month is the 496-page book The Last Spike: The Great Railway, 1881-1885, by Pierre Berton - our Canadian selection this season.

If you want to get a jump-start on our March 2024 selection, we'll be reading and discussing the 352page book Undercover: My Secret Life and Tangled Allegiances as a KGB Spy in America, by Jack Barsky.

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



Happy Valentine's Day, everyone!

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 760-345-8121 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. Hope you can join us then.



Table Tennis Club

We have many choices for exercise and entertainment in our community, so why not try ping pong which

combines both? Every Wednesday at 11 am, and Friday and Sunday at 2 pm, at the Santa Rosa Clubhouse and we'll leave a light on for you. For more information contact Steve Lee at 303-601-6096.



Tennis Club

A big thank you to all that attended our Fabulous '50s Dinner, Dance, and Business Meeting on January 27. You got out your poodle skirts and bobby socks, slicked your hair back, and got your James Dean on. Once again, our Tennis Club Board provided us with an evening of fun, food, and friendship.

If you enjoy these fun events that our club puts on, show your appreciation by seeking out a club Board position for 2024. It is fun, rewarding and yes, sometimes challenging. If you need more information about any of the positions, please refer to the Board Position Summaries on our website, scshtennis.com, under the Club Business tab, or contact Linda Johnson at Inkjohns@hotmail.com. Elections for new Tennis Club Board officers will be held at our spring AGM event on Saturday, March 30.

If you are interested in tennis, our dues are \$20 a year and include access to organized playing schedules for all skill levels. We also host many activities during the year for our members to gather off the courts. For more information on joining our club please visit https://scshtennis.com.



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.



Tutta Bella Vino

THE EBERLE WINERY

Tutta Bella Vino spotlights the Eberle Winery of Paso Robles this month. Since 1979 when Gary Eberle started the winery, he has excelled in producing premium wines. Join us on Saturday, February 17, 2024, at 7 pm in the Montecito Ballroom. Soraya Ennis, our wine professional with Breakthru Beverage and a representative of Eberle Winery will be our guides for this tasting.



- The membership fee for this season is \$15 per person. Please pay when you register for your first event. If you have never attended a tasting, you may attend one event without paying the required membership fee.
- The Wine Tastings by Tutta Bella Vino are \$25 per member and \$28 for a non-resident guest of a member for the "regular" tastings.
- The tasting by Tutta Bella Vino will include six to seven wines for the evening with a cheese and fruit platter at your table.
- Please for this event you must bring your favorite wine glass!

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- You will be able to order wine at special club pricing by the case at the end of the evening. Shadows accepts both credit cards and checks for your orders.
- The Registration forms will be on the Club webpage at www.scshca.com/tuttabella on January 20, 2024, and the flyer racks at Montecito. Registration closes February 10 or upon sell-out. Unless you are notified otherwise, your registration has been accepted.
- Questions? Please email tuttabellavino@gmail.com..



kulele Strummers



With Valentine's Day just around the corner, L-O-V-E is in the air!

It seems that when love is in the air, music is often a big part of the ambiance that brings special somethings to the setting. For me, music is a gift that keeps giving. One thing I love about playing the ukulele is, it's the easiest instrument to play, plus it's just one more tool of self-expression to tell the special people in my life how much they mean to me. If you would like to explore music making and playing instruments as a gift you can give to others around you, we hope you will come check-out our club.

Our regular on-going Thursday Ukulele Club meetings and instructional classes take place in the Cambria Room at Montecito Clubhouse. Instruction to learn to play uke, read from uke tablature and standard music notation, and music theory takes place between 12:30 pm to 1:30 pm. The performing Ukulele Ensemble rehearses from 1:45 pm to 3:30 pm.

Plus, the Ukulele Club will be continuing our weekly sing-a-longs on Sundays in the Capistrano Room between 1 pm and 3 pm. We hope you will join us.

To all of you living in SCSH, we wish a very heartfelt Valentine's Day and a Jubilant February! If you have any questions, feel free to contact me or club board members listed below.

Darlene Kretchmer/President (dkretchmer@yahoo.com) Noray Papazoglu/Vice President (norayanthonydesigns@gmail.com) Josefina Preuit/Treasurer-Secretary (jpreuit1@gmail.com) George DeGraffenreid/Musical Director (georgedegraff@yahoo.com)



Veterans Club

Veterans Club meeting February 20, at 6 pm, Montecito Clubhouse with pizza and beverage. We have an excellent guest speaker.

The Sun City Shadow Hills Veterans Club would like to express our appreciation for the assistance of the SCSH Homeowner's Association staff in getting the word out about this year's Toys for Tots Campaign.



We would also like to extend a big "Thank You" to the residents of Sun City Shadow Hills who so generously donated toys to the campaign. Thanks to your generosity, a total of 684 toys were collected for distribution in our area.

Look at our new website, www.scshveteransclub.org. There is interesting information about Coachella Valley and military historic places of interest.

If you have not visited the General Patton Memorial Museum at Chiriaco, it is only a half hour from here. See generalpattonmuseum.com.

Need a new flag? Call Larry Smith at 714-401-3772 or email at sharlar55@gmail.com. Or stop by February 9 between 10 am - 12 pm at Montecito Clubhouse; he has flags and poles.

We are looking for new members, come join us on the third Tuesday of each month at 6 pm.

Our local Veterans Affairs is located on Monroe Street. Their phone number is 760-863-8266.

For more information, please contact club President Tony Napolitan at tony_napolitan@yahoo.com or 760-604-3543.



Vomen's Golf Club

The month of February is a busy one with so many golf special events and soon we will be back to warm temperatures. We start the month with a one-day Member/Member Tournament. Other notable events to follow are the popular Dames and Dudes, a morning Guest Day, and at the end of the month we start a two-day Club Championship Tournament that starts at the end of February and continues through the first Wednesday of March.

As a reminder, there are some rule changes in 2024 to the World Handicap System that members need to know. For further information, please contact Chris Cauvet. In addition, please remember to post all Friday scores.

Since February is the month of love, in the spirit of Valentine's Day, get out on the course with your favorite partner and share your love of the game.



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.

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

When you join us, you will meet interesting people and hear their fascinating stories.

Try your hand at writing that story you have always wanted to tell. Free membership!

For more information, email Beth at bethbolduc7@ gmail.com, or Tony at antiqphoto@gmail.com.

ESIDENT GROUPS



Democrats

OUR NEXT MEETING IS:

Thursday, February 15, 2024 Please join us! 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 emails
- If you have any questions about the Dems Club



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Our weekly emails will keep you informed about local and national issues, volunteering opportunities, and local political events.

Email: democratsinscsh@gmail.com



Hadassah

Please join Hadassah for a most interesting interactive conversation and socialization opportunity with Rabbi Suzanne Singer and Dr. Judy Neall Epstein, who will discuss with us "End of Life Choices." Dr. Judy Neall Epstein is the executive director of End of Life Choices California (EELCCA) and Rabbi Suzanne Singer is a member of their board. Dr. Epstein's discussion will include California's End of Life Option Act, which allows the legal use of medical aid in dying for terminal patients. In addition, Rabbi Singer will explore the Jewish perspective and the official position of the three major denominations on this issue.

Join us on Wednesday, February 7, 2024, at a private home with two opportunities to attend:

- Coffee & Nosh, 10 am to 11:30 am
- Happy Hour 3, pm to 4:30p m

The cost is \$10 per person, to help support the emergency campaign at Hadassah Hospitals. RSVP is needed. Call Debbie Orgen at 760-289-7987 to RSVP. Address will be given with paid reservation. Checks are to be made payable to "Hadassah" and mailed to 38180 Del Webb Blvd, PMB #315, Palm Desert, CA 92211. Be sure to specify your selection of morning or afternoon session.



Mountain View Church

Welcome to Mountain View Christian Church!

Looking for healthy Christian fellowship? Mountain View is an inter-denominational Christian church that has been in the Shadow Hills community for several years. If you are new to the community, just visiting or looking for a new church we are a loving, caring fellowship with a heart for the Word of God. We

will make no promises that God won't keep. We are committed to "practical" Christian living through the study and teaching of God's word.

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

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

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

This is your personal invitation! We hope to see you



Republicans

Join us on February 13 when our guest speaker is Joy Miedecke, president of East Vally Republican Women Patriots on El Paseo. Joy is knowledgeable about political issues and will discuss the propositions and candidates on the March ballot. Bring your ballot and follow along as she discusses the issues. She will also tell us what EVRWP has to offer us and the many interesting events they have.

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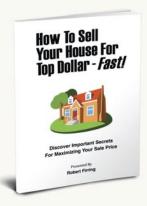
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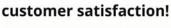




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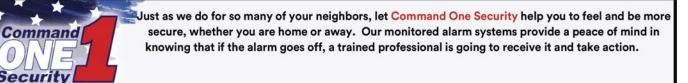
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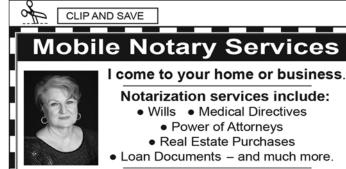
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