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8:00 AM – Noon

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Open Dancing
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Friday, February 7, 2014
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DVCC Board Meeting
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Saturday, February 22, 2014
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11:00 AM

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Thursday, February 27, 2014
Farnsworth Hall – 7:00 PM

Dreamland Receives No Tax Money

by Jackie Young

Have you ever heard anyone say, "Why should I pay my dues because my tax bill shows Dreamland Villa is already being paid?" Or maybe you have noticed a charge on your tax statement showing

Dreamland Villa No. 7 (or your section number) and an amount of approximately \$50.00. I contacted the Maricopa County Assessor's Office and was told this is an old assessment stemming from an agreement between the developer

(Farnsworth) and Maricopa County to pay for the street lights and their maintenance in Dreamland Villa. So please understand that Dreamland Villa Community Club does not receive any portion of this tax.

Dreamland Villa-What's in It for Me

by Jim Cook

Last month I asked those of you who read my January article to ponder two questions. The first basically asked you to think back to how involved you were in the community from which you came before you moved to Dreamland Villa. What did you do besides work; how did you entertain yourself; and how did you interact with your neighbors and your community? The second question asked what it was that attracted you to Dreamland Villa.

When Joe Farnsworth founded Dreamland Villa some fifty years ago, he was also instrumental in the establishment of the Dreamland Villa Community Club. DVCC was founded (let me paraphrase what the Articles of Incorporation say) "...exclusively for pleasure, recreational, (and) civic purposes, ...to provide an opportunity for the members to associate with others of like interests and ambitions, ...to safeguard the individual rights of the citizens of Dreamland Villa (and) ...to operate and conduct all types of recreational activities." Back when Dreamland Villa and DVCC were just beginning, there was a real sense of community, a camaraderie among neighbors, people interacting and enjoying each other's company and interests. Over the years we seem to have lost some of this. I'd like to think

we can get it back. And the Dreamland Villa Community Club is the one common thread in our community of some 5,000 residents that can accomplish this. What may have been part of the attraction for you to settle here hasn't disappeared – it's just being ignored. You may have guessed by now that I'm going to make a pitch for you to join the Dreamland Villa Community Club. You are right! But not for the dues, for what the benefits being a member will mean to you and what the Club means to the community as a whole.

This month, let's review the types of activities available to DVCC members. When you look at this list, you will see that there is really something for almost everyone. Ready for use you have three pools (two with spas), bocci ball, shuffleboard, pickleball as well as our award winning mile long nature walk. There are the Dreamland Villa ladies' and men's golf leagues and bowling leagues, although not directly sponsored by the Club. There are horse shoe courts, ignored for years but just waiting for an enthusiastic group of players to bring them back to life. There's a Game Room where you can enjoy a game of pool, table tennis or darts. Want some exercise? We have an exercise room in Read Hall and three exercise groups

including one that is comprised of aqua aerobics. Like cards? How about joining in canasta, cribbage, euchre, bridge, pinochle, poker, whist or "500". Feel creative? There's the Art Department, Ceramics, Lapidary, the Photography Club, the Quilters Club and the Wood Shop. Don't worry if you haven't done anything like this in the past. You'd be surprised how many of us have talents we don't know we have. You'll never know if you do or don't until you've tried. Regardless of your skill level, there are monitors and instructors ready to help and encourage you.

Some of you already have skills and hobbies creating interesting items that you may want to share. Consider joining the Arts and Crafts group. Four shows are held each year, at which you can offer your creations for sale to the public. And, if you like to sing, there's the Sing-a-Long group that meets every Sunday. Or, if you have a particular talent, you can be part of the DVCC talent show. We have a Computer Club that welcomes both beginners and advanced computer users. Besides offering training and help with this new technology, the Club sponsors seminars put on by specialists in their field.

Just want to get together with other folks? How about the Michigan Club, the Minnesota Club or the Iowa Club?

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Notice to DVCC Residents

by Carol Cooper

The Dreamland Golf Course Rezoning proposal at Mesa City

Council Chambers was postponed until Wednesday, February 19, 2014. We need your support. To carpool or

if you would like to offer to carpool residents on that day, please call 480-832-2450 for more information.

Block Watch Will Host a Spaghetti Feed

by Barbara Miller

To raise money for the Block Watch program, the Block Watch members will host a spaghetti dinner on Friday, February 7 at Farnsworth Hall from 5:00 – 7:00 PM. For just \$5.00 you will get spaghetti, of course, salad, garlic bread, and drink. You can't beat those prices at fast food restaurants and have a home cooked meal, so mark your calendar for Friday, February 7. Bring your friends and neighbors and enjoy a super dinner. We appreciate your support.

See the Super Bowl on the Big Screen

by Harry Cole

The Dreamland Villa community will sponsor a Super Bowl Party for residents at Farnsworth Hall on Sunday, February 2, 2014. Doors will open at 3:30 PM, and you need to bring a crock pot of soup or chili to share with the fans. Soft drinks will be available for purchase. If you have questions, please call "Red" Westall or Harry Cole whose telephone numbers are in the directory. Come and cheer your favorite team on to victory!

Dreamland Villa Community Club Will Hold Spring Open House Extravaganza

by Larry Wilkens

WHEN: Saturday, February 22, 2014, from 11:00 AM till 3:00 PM

WHERE: Read Hall, 320 N 55th Place, Mesa, AZ

Come and meet your neighbors and enjoy FREE food, fun and door prizes. All current residents and prospective residents looking to purchase a home in the Dreamland Villa Community are welcome. The event is planned for individuals who are not currently members of the Dreamland Villa Community Club but who would like to take a look at what the club has to offer. Come see the amazing facilities you can use or participate in for pennies a day. There are

three large, beautiful swimming pools, shuffleboard courts, pickleball courts, bocce ball area, dances, live bands, hiking groups, photography club, computer club, a full woodworking shop, ceramics, billiards, exercise area, card clubs, potluck dinners and pancake breakfasts and much, much more.

There will be guided tours of the facilities, drawings for door prizes, FREE hotdogs and drinks and a chance to meet vendors who can help you with all kinds of local services. So grab your neighbor and come to the big Spring Open House Extravaganza.

For additional information or directions call 480-832-3461. See you there, NO EXCUSES.



Barbara Miller: Editor

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- Editor

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by Patty Thorpe



The President's Message

In my message to you last month, I told you I could not do this job all by myself. Making Dreamland Villa Community Club a better place to live is up to all of us. Sure the Board can assist with the goals and future plans to keep a breast of changes which needs to take place in order to keep up with the changing times for our community. However, we need all of you working with us so we can accomplish these goals.

February is a very important month!

Five people on the Nominating Committee have worked for several months in attempt to find people from Dreamland Villa who are willing to run for the new Board, which starts April 1, 2014. After talking with hundreds of people, we now have only seven people who have stepped up to the plate. You met these brave people on January 14th at Farnsworth Hall and were introduced to five nominees in the January *Citizen*. The next very important thing for you to do to help us is to VOTE! Vote for whom you believe would best represent you on the new Board of Directors. Voting will take place on February 11, 2014, at Read Hall from 8:00 AM to 7:00 PM. There are approximately 2800 residents that could vote at this time; however, the average number of voters is around 300.

On Saturday, February 22, 2014, from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM, the Board of Directors is having an Open House for all Dreamland Villa residents whether you are a member or not.

John Powloski, Sr. who by the way agreed to fill a vacancy on the Board is the chairperson for this event. Many hours of planning have already taken place. All Board members will be there to greet you and take you on a personal tour of the ceramic shop, wood shop, lapidary shop, computer club, and the art studio. Check out the new pickleball courts, the shuffleboard courts plus all our pools and hot tubs both at Read Hall and Farnsworth Hall. Everyone has put in a great deal of time and effort to make this a fun and informative event. So I ask you please join us for this event, which I hope will you will enjoy and perhaps find a reason to join our Dreamland Villa Community Club.

Remember you are always welcome to join us at the Board Study Session on Tuesday, February 4th at 9:00 AM and the main Board Meeting on Tuesday, February 10th at 9:00 AM, both at Read Hall. Why don't you come and find out what the Board is discussing and voting on for the future of our club.

By the way don't forget to read the *Citizen*, which is delivered free to your door. In the *Citizen* you can gather all kinds of information and find fun things to do. If you don't like to read the *Citizen*, perhaps you would rather go to the Dreamland Villa website at "Dreamlandvilla.org." On the web site you could spend a lot of time researching and investigating all kinds of things perhaps you never knew about our club.

I guess by now you've gotten the message that I'm trying to get across to you. Please get involved! It just might be the best decision you have every made regarding the place that you call home.

See you around the Villa.

New Resident Orientation Will Be Held at Read Hall

by Hazel Dubbs

The New Resident Orientation is for all new home owners and renters or for those who have never attended. You will receive information on the Dreamland activities, pools, John's Villa Restaurant and other interesting things concerning your community. For instance **you are invited to celebrate Valentine's Day** at Farnsworth Hall on Saturday, February 8. The "Mood Swings" will provide music for dancing. Tickets are \$10 each and are available at the office or at the door.

A short Video will be shown concerning Help Services, Inc., a non-profit, that has medical equipment, is available for use by Dreamland and Velda Rose residents. Also, our community is served by the Maricopa County Sheriff; the Sheriff Posse office is located in the DVCC Library Building. Rural Metro is our fire department. A special information packet is provided by for our residents by Rural Metro. Representatives of some of our activities will be present to

share information also.

The New Resident Orientation meeting will be held Tuesday, February 18, 2014 at 7:00 PM in READ HALL located in the building adjacent to the office (320 N 55th Place). Come and enjoy getting acquainted with other residents and share refreshments with the Welcome Committee members: Nancy Cole, Charles Dubbs, Hazel Dubbs (chairperson), Dodie Gruner, Ginny Hays, Lucille Kraiss and Dorothy Ruth.

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News from the Librarian's Desk

by Margie Gilbert

Many thanks to all of you who helped with our annual book sale, and to those of you who purchased books. Our annual book sale enables us to raise funds for improvements around the library that help keep things running smoothly and to make your Dreamland Villa Community Club Library a pleasant place to visit.

Our winter hours are 10:00 AM until Noon on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 1:00 PM until 3:00 PM on Wednesday and 10:00 AM until Noon the first and third Saturday of the month. We can always use another volunteer or two if you are interested.

We have again been doing some re-arranging, so if things aren't where you expect, just ask one of the volunteers on duty if you have questions. We have been given quite a number of Zane Grey and Louis L'Amour westerns recently, so if you are a western fan, you may see a few more that you haven't read. If there is a new best seller you'd like to see added to our collection, please put it on the request list by our sign in sheet.

We have been getting what seems like record numbers of donated books recently. Thank you all for thinking of us when you clean house! Many of them go into our collection, and those that we cannot use go into our sale section. We also have quite a few interesting DVD's that have come in this winter. Check out the movie selection....you do have to provide your own popcorn.

As always, thank you for your patronage and your generous donations. Come and see us, relax, pick up a book to read and have a cup of coffee. It's on the house!



Citizen Book Review

by Margie Gilbert

All the Living by C.E.Morgan

This is a love story. It is a story of longing and despair. It is a story of loneliness and dissatisfaction. C.E. Morgan's first novel is written in beautiful prose. The first sentence, "She had never lived in a house and now, seeing the thing, she was no longer sure she wanted to," is a fine example of her style. It almost begs to be read out loud.

All the Living is the story of Aloma, a southern mountain orphan raised by an uncle and aunt until she was twelve, and Orren, a worker at a nearby agricultural college. At twelve Aloma was sent to a mission school and began learning to play piano. Her talent took her beyond the school walls to an outside teacher and then to play for a local church. After she finished high school, she stayed on to teach piano and dreamed of getting away to the "real world" and study piano and perform.

Aloma and Orren met when he drove a van full of agricultural students to her school so that they could do an agricultural demonstration. They instantly connected and Orren began making the trip across three counties to see Aloma several times a week. When Orren's mother and brother, Cash, die in a tragic accident he comes to see Aloma after the funeral. He asks her to come live with him on the farm he has inherited and she agrees.

It almost hurts to read about the stark poverty, the isolation and the stifling of their dreams. The author's first work, and written without quotation marks, this is a gripping story.

March DVCC Arts & Crafts Show

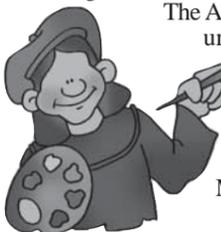
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Think about all the birthdays of family and friends coming up this year and stock up with presents that will make someone feel really special because you picked out something handcrafted and unique.

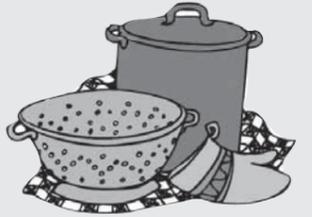
The Arts & Craft Show runs from 9:00 AM until 2:00 PM and parking is free as well as admission. Every year the show gets better and better so you won't want to miss this one. You won't want to miss the last show of the season: Saturday, March 1st



Easy Cooking

Reprinted from Mommy's Kitchen

Crock Pot Cheesy Chicken & Rice



- 1 lb boneless skinless chicken breasts
- 1/2 cup chopped onion
- 1 8 oz package Zatarain's New Orleans Yellow Rice, cooked according to directions
- 1 cup Mexican cheese blend or cheddar cheese
- 1 10.5 oz Can cream of chicken soup
- 1 15 oz Can whole kernel corn, drained
- 3 Tlbs butter, melted

Place the chicken breasts in the crock pot. Add the chopped onion and spoon the soup on top of the chicken. Cook on low 7 to 8 hours or high 3 to 4 hours. At the end of the cooking time, open the crock pot and break the chicken up in small pieces. Add the cooked rice, cheese, corn and melted butter to the crock pot. Stir until all is combined. Put the lid back on and allow the crock pot for about 10 to 15 minutes until mixture is heated through and the cheese is melted.

Cook's note: To add a little kick, add one 11-ounce can of drained Mexicorn in place of the regular corn.

In and Around the Villa

by Mary Anne Glauner

This month is known as 'Sweetheart Month'. So to every 'sweetheart' out there, this is your month to shine!

Congratulations to Richard Schlagenhaft, the winner of the Nativity Set made by the members of Ceramic Chaos and raffled off at the Pancake Breakfast last December. The ceramic class had several fund raisers at the end of last year. They have one of their kilns that is 'sick' and in need of repair or replacement, the good news is that it can be repaired. They raised enough funds to make the repairs.

Don't forget your dues are past due as of the 1st of this month. It is such a privilege to live in such a wonderful community as Dreamland. We have the cheapest dues and have the most activities available to you, so why wouldn't you want to pay your dues. Be a good neighbor and write your check today if you haven't as of this reading.

The Activity Committee will be having the 3rd (or maybe 4th) Open House on Saturday, February 22nd. If you have never attended an Open House, you are in for a big surprise. All the activities and clubs will be available and have representatives of their club available to introduce you to

their activity as well as demonstrating their crafts. You will be able to make a piece in ceramics, play a game of pickleball; learn a new card game; check out the tools in the woodshop; play with the rocks in lapidary; maybe even learn about the genealogy classes in the Computer Club. There will be free hot dogs and drinks, or you can get a meal in John's Villa, our restaurant on site. This is your opportunity to explore everything available in your Dreamland Villa Community Club. Mark your calendar, February 22nd from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM. You might even make some new friends as well.

The former site of Brubachers Bakery is now Bama Bucks, on Higley Road next to Cricket Wireless. It's just around the corner from the Wal Mart Neighborhood Market. If you want a really good meal, try Johns Villa, they have some great daily specials like their Philly Cheesesteak sandwich, Chicken Fried Steak, and, of course, they are famous for their Sunday's Biscuits and Gravy as well as their waffles. You can get an affordable cup of coffee, even milk shakes. Stop by and say hello to Eddie and his mother Barbara, the owners and cooks. Once you give them a visit, I know you'll be back many times.

Another year has passed
And we're all a little older.
Last summer felt hotter
And winter seems much colder.
There was a time not long ago
When life was quite a blast.
Now I fully understand
About "Living in the Past"
We used to go to weddings,
Football games and lunches...
Now we go to funeral homes
And after-funeral brunches.
We used to have hangovers,
From parties that were gay.
Now we suffer body aches
And wile the night away.
We used to go out dining,
And couldn't get our fill.
Now we ask for doggie bags,
Come home and take a pill.
We used to often travel
To places near and far.
Now we get sore asses
From riding in the car.
We used to go to nightclubs
And drink a little booze.
Now we stay home at night
And watch the evening news.
That, my friend is how life is,
And now my tale is told.
So, enjoy each day and live it up...
Before you're too damned old!
Author unknown

Dreamland Villa Community Swap Meet

by Bruce VanVleet

There will be a swap meet on Saturday March 22, 2014, from 7:30 AM to 1:00 PM. Reserve your space at the Farnsworth Hall parking lot for the swap meet. Clean out your garage or storage shed, display all of your wares, and make a little spending money.

Rent a space, which is two parking places, put your car on one space and set up your table in the other or use both spaces for your tables. Rent is \$10; however, if you need 8 foot tables, they are available to rent for \$5 each. Sign up to reserve and pay

for your space at the Club Office, 320 N 55th Place in Mesa. Office hours are 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM and 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM Monday through Friday. Reserve your space early to get the choice spots. If spaces are available, they may be rented the day of the meet.



Refreshments will be available for a nominal fee.

From the Office

by Jackie Young

Membership has been going great! It was wonderful to see so many residents turn out in January to pay their membership and get their new Kee cards. I hope to see all of you at the various DVCC functions and amenities. I want to especially thank Karen Peterson for all her hard work as Membership Committee Chairperson. Several of the procedures were changed this year and under Karen's supervision everything ran smoothly. Of course, she had a whole crew of wonderful residents that turned out to volunteer. Thank you all so much!

February is the month for romance so grab your sweetie and come to the DVCC Valentine's Day Dance on Friday,



February 14th at Farnsworth Hall and as long as I have you looking at your calendar how about coming to the DVCC Senior Prom on Thursday, February 22nd also at Farnsworth Hall. I have it on good authority this promises to be a special evening. Or maybe you're feeling a little more rugged and more like a cowboy? Well, the walk in move night returns on Wednesday, February 19th. I understand there will be a fire pit and some chili to help get us in the mood for John Wayne in the Searchers. For those of us who don't care for the cold, a patio heater has been purchased for our comfort. One thing is for certain, there is always something to do at Dreamland Villa.

Larry R. Scheider, CFP.EA



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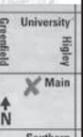
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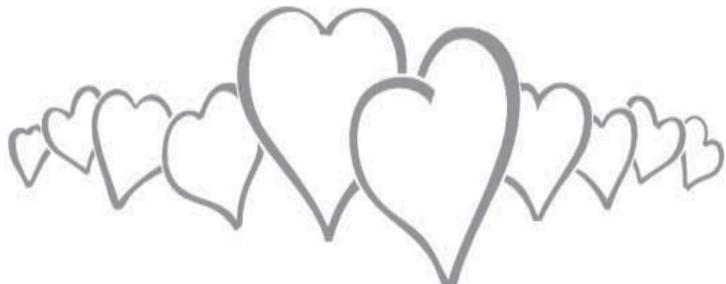

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Dreamland Villa-What's In It for Me - conintued from cover

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Of a more community service nature, special seminars are occasionally provided on topics of interest to our residents. And for a sure way to meet your neighbors and at the same time provide a neighborhood service you can join your neighborhood's block watch group.

Providing on going service to our community, we have a library filled with both fiction and nonfiction reading material

including westerns, biographies, mysteries and romance. They also stock a variety of DVD's. And Help Services: this is a community run charity that provides, on a loan free basis, sickroom and other health care equipment to the sick, injured and convalescing residents of our community.

Dreamland Villa is fortunate to have Farnsworth Hall, a facility providing a full blown stage that can accommodate a number of different types of performances and a hall that can accommodate an exhibition, a dance, the Arts and Craft Show, a reception, a dinner or a stage performance.

With all this activity going on, I'd be surprised that there isn't at least one thing that will interest you. I am very much aware that there are number of residents who are still working full or part time jobs. There are some who, because of age or physical restrictions, find it difficult to participate in our community activities. However, with all there is to choose from, I'm sure even our working population can find

something to interest them.

For more information on any one of the many activities, contact the Club's Business Office at 832-3461 or stop by the office for a personal chat. If they can't answer your questions, they will direct you to someone who can. By the way, an Open House is going to be held on Saturday, February 22nd. This will provide you with an opportunity to talk to representatives of most activities on their home turf. You'll find more specifics regarding the Open House elsewhere in this edition of the *Citizen*. Most of the activities are available only to DVCC members. While most activities take place in facilities maintained by the Club with dues from its members, some activities or programs may require a nominal participation or an admission fee.

These many programs and activities are just part of what you get when you join the Dreamland Villa Community Club. Next month I'll write about the rest of the benefits.

DVCC Board Candidates Need Your Vote

by David Senke

February is the month to get out and vote for the new members for the DVCC Board of Directors. It is important to vote in order to help maintain our beautiful community and move it forward. The four candidates receiving the most votes will serve a three-year-term. The next two candidates receiving the most votes will serve a two-year-term and the next one will serve a one-year-term.

For people that need them, absentee ballots will be available at the office by Monday February 3rd.

Election Day ----- Tuesday, February 11
Where ----- Read Hall, 320 N. 55th Place
Time ----- 8:00 AM - 7:00 PM
You will need ----- 2014 Kee Card
Please get involved and watch this community grow.

Carol Cooper



I have lived in Dreamland Villa for three years. My husband, Bill, and I retired and moved to Arizona in 2005. We have a son, Chase, and I also have two step-daughters and one stepson, Melissa Hart, Leslie Thompson and William Cooper.

When we first moved to Arizona, my brother joined us. Then came Bill's brother, then my sister and her husband, then my older brother and his wife, and last but not least our son Chase and his wife. So as you can see, we brought a lot of family with us.

Before retiring my husband and I lived in Texas where I worked for CPS. That was a great job with a great boss, but I have to admit my favorite job was working in the Sheriff's office. That as you know is a political position and unfortunately my boss at the time ran for Sheriff and lost by five votes. So I guess you know what happened to his department when the new Sheriff came on board.

I am originally from Wyoming and lived in Colorado for several years.

What I would like to bring to Dreamland Villa is fresh ideas concerning activities and ways that will help our residents get involved with this community and open up communications between Board members and residents.

Earl Munday



I was born and raised in California. I worked for Port of Seattle in Engineering, Maintenance, and Airport construction projects. We traveled across the US and Canada full time in an RV for twelve years. We have been snowbirds at Dreamland Villa since November 2012. I feel all residents and members of DVCC should participate in activities and

volunteer to meet the needs of the community as their capabilities allow. I have experience working in and managing government agencies and volunteer organizations. I feel that the DVCC Board needs to keep the membership appraised of what is going on and what decisions need to be made. The residents of Dreamland Villa should be encouraged to participate in the various DVCC activities as their interests and abilities allow.

Cindy Munday



I grew up in Southern California and later relocated to the Seattle, Washington area. I worked for the same Insurance Company for 16 years and later for a subcontractor of the Boeing Company. After raising our families, my husband Earl and I left work in 2000 and took to the road. We have traveled to each and every state in this wonderful country of ours including all

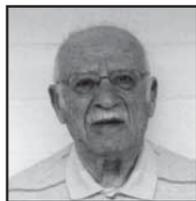
Canadian provinces. It has been a wonderful journey but the time has come for us to find a place to land and we have chosen this "community". Although we are not down here yet as full time we do plan to do so in the next few years.

We have found this community to be a great place to live between all the activities and nice facilities. I enjoy reading, playing pickle ball, cribbage and dancing.

I am running for the Board because I care about our community and want to do my part. I feel we all need to contribute to keep it successful and we are both willing to do what we can to contribute to that end.

CANDIDATES

Rev. John I. Sabbagh



I was born in North East Syria, the Middle East. I graduated from high school in 1946. I worked in farming as a landlord in different style than it is acknowledged here. At the same time I taught in the high school and the elementary. In 1959, while attending a teachers' spiritual conference, I responded to the call of serving the

Lord. I went back to college. I graduated with the degree of BA at the American University of Beirut, Lebanon and Master of Divinity at the (International) Near East School of Theology in Beirut, Lebanon, in 1947. Our seminary and AUB are English speaking institutes.

I was ordained as Minister of the Word and Sacrament in our National Evangelical Synod in Syria and Lebanon and served The Presbyterian Church in both countries.

In 1988 I was invited to the USA by the Synod Of the South West, Presbyterian Church USA.

In 1991 I was appointed as a chaplain I (One) in the Arizona Department of Correction in Douglass State Prison Complex. Two years later I was promoted to Senior Chaplain II to the Eyman State Prison Complex in Florence where I served for another twelve years. I retired on April 08, 2005.

Since then, as time went on, I became involved in my church, the hospital ministry specially in BBMC, BHH, our church and the Singles Club of the DVCC in addition to the family and friends with active periodical visits to the, phycisians specialists and medical centers.

We moved to Mesa in April 1993.

In the ministry, at work, with family and friends, my attitude and response follow the following principles or the way to address :

01-Ntional- I have deep respect and love to our army with all their branches, to law enforcement corpse, to firefighters and to every person who the serves the public in any way.

02- My affirmative principle in dealing with others is based on love, respect and openness to solve hard issues in a flexible and friendly style.

03- When I take over any responsibility, it becomes a commitment not an obligation.

04- I preside with the laws, rules or regulations even if I am not content with then till they are changed. I do not encourage law violation.

Thank you and God bless you.

Lane Allen



My wife Mary and I bought our Dreamland Villa home in October, 2012. We immediately fell in love with the area and the people of Dreamland Villa. In less than three months we developed some of the closest and best friends that we have ever had. This is what I envisioned living in an over 55 community would be and I am running for the board so I can help DVCC stay this way. We all need to stop

and consider why we moved into a community of this type and do what we can to make it better.

I was born in Iowa and lived there until I was 21. I moved to Minnesota and worked as an accountant at Graco Inc. until I returned to college and got my degree in Business Administration, Accounting Major. Mary and I met while working at Graco, have three children, four grandchildren, two dogs and five granddogs. We moved to Mesa in 1980, California in 1984 and back to Minneapolis (Apple Valley) in 1988. We sold our house in 2012 and moved back here.

I worked as an Accountant, Accounting Manager and Controller for over 35 years, a Human Resources Manager for five years and finished my working career as the Manager of a large retail/wholesale landscape store for ten years. During this time I have served on several boards and community organizations holding about every office known to volunteers. Most were in the financial side or as chairman or president.

I would like to see Dreamland grow and provide activities and interest for as many as possible while maintaining a fiscal discipline. We need to find ways to maintain what we have and grow the facilities. This is not going to be easy but it is possible. I look forward to working with the board and all Dreamland residents in finding ways to accomplish this. You may do your part by coming out and meeting all the candidates, voicing your opinions and ideas, and voting.

Sara D'Spain

Along with my late husband, Howard, I moved to DVCC in 1999. Graduating from Glendale High School, on the other side of Phoenix, in 1961, I immediately moved to the land of milk and honey, California. Since that time I have been a long distance telephone operator, back when there were such things, and a wife and stepmother. My degree in Accounting was issued by the University of Texas and my work background includes hotels, banks, restaurants, business ownership and labor arbitration. Over the years I have lived and/or worked in Montana, Arizona, Utah, New Mexico, Delaware, Georgia, California, Texas, Alaska, and (briefly) Ecuador. As a full-time resident and club member for many years, I think it's time to support my community with physical effort in addition to just paying my annual dues.

John Pawloski Sr.



I was first introduced to the Dreamland Villa community approximately 27 years ago when my Mom and her husband bought their house on 56th Street. My wife, Marge, and I visited regularly and then relocated from Buffalo, New York to Mesa in 2003.

I completed my formal education in 1966; married in 1967 and had two sons. In 1972 I joined the Fire Department. I am a Master Plumber by trade and went into management. In 1978 I started my own plumbing and remodeling construction company. I was blessed to have good employees in the office and in the field. In 1989, I was certified as a Code Enforcement Officer in New York State. In 1998 I retired. That lasted for one year when I became a construction manager with a large development company. My expertise was plaza rehabs and big box drug stores like Walgreens. In January 2004 I was certified by the State of Arizona as a Home Inspector. In March 2004, I joined the Maricopa County Sheriff's Posse at Dreamland Villa.

I have several properties in this community and I am eager to do whatever I can to keep Dreamland Villa a nice, safe, clean and affordable place to live.

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The Coffee Shop Is Open

by Margie Gilbert

Come visit with your friends, meet new people and have a free cup of coffee. The Dreamland Villa Community Club Library now has a coffee corner. We also have tea and cocoa if you are not a coffee drinker. The library is open from 10:00 AM until Noon Monday, Wednesday and Friday, from 1:00 to 3:00 PM Wednesday and from 10:00 AM until Noon the first and third Saturday of every month.

While you are there, you might also like to browse among our thousands of books to borrow. We also have books for sale in the front of the library. Thank you for visiting us.

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Consultations

by Kay Hawbaker

January brings a new year and a new computer Board to direct the activities of the Club. At the first General meeting of the year, David DeFord, the new President of the club, introduced himself and the other members of the Board. Larry Wilkens, Vice President, Darrel Mosses, Treasurer, and Kay Hawbaker, Secretary. Members at large are Roy Baker, Thelma Emmons, and Dan Nelson. Ann Krasselt will serve as Past President and Advisor.

January speakers were Kim Belair and Cherise Mead, Tech Specialists and Librarians from the Mesa Library -- Main Branch. They covered information about the four products that are available from the Mesa Library website.

1) Overdrive -- Access to more than 70,000 electronic resources including books, audiobooks, music, and videos. Items check out for two weeks and automatically return when the time is up (unless renewed)...no more overdue fees!

2) Axis360 -- Electronic book resource including enriched ADA-compliant books (meaning you can have the book read to you and you can see color pictures). This database is particularly good for fiction, both adult and juvenile fiction with loads of newer releases and juvenile nonfiction. Books can be checked out for up to fourteen days and return automatically. Again, no worrying about overdue fees.

3) Zinio -- Choose from ninety-one magazines free to download with your Mesa library card. Magazines never expire and never have to be returned.

4) Freegal -- Up to three free music downloads per week or one video and one song per week. Freegal provides access to more than 7 million songs. Downloads are yours to keep

Computer Club

forever and can be transferred to iTunes.

Kay Hawbaker continued a four-week class about Photo Gallery Live in January. It is a good free program included on our computers or can be download from Microsoft website and all we need to do is learn how to perform many of the things that are available. Bringing your own laptop gives you the benefit of using your own pictures to change and save.



Bob O. is available on Thursday mornings at 9:00 AM and is always ready to help others with problems with XP, Vista, Windows 7 and even Windows 8. He also has a Samsung tablet and he can help members who are just getting started with a similar device.

Members with iPads are meeting most every Friday morning to help each other use this device more effectively. By helping each other, we learned a lot and are always enthusiastic about finding out what else is available. They are amazing little pieces of equipment. New board member, Dan Nelson, is available to start the discussion.

And every third Thursday, all those who like to meet and eat at the Golden Corral, show up and stay for a couple hours of good food and conversation.

We would like any of you to stop in and check out our room, pick up a calendar to see what we will be doing in the coming months. Remember, we are seniors who are here helping each other and we welcome you.

PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB

by Alicia Short



Butterfly Wonderland was the first field trip for this year's (2014) first Photography Club. Photo Club attendees enjoyed a unique exhibit of butterflies.

Another fun trip planned for February is to the Musical Instrument Museum (MIM). Monday, February 3rd is the day!

We will meet at 10:00 AM in the parking lot in front of the library to carpool to the MIM. For more information about

the Musical Instrument Museum, see the Arizona Day trip article.

The first Monday of the month is the field trip and second meeting for the Photography Club is always the 3rd Monday of the month. This meeting will be held at the home of David and Becky DeFord, 6207 E. Decatur, at 10:00 AM. At this meeting we will view the photos taken on the field trip and perhaps offer some tips for improving photos.

March 3rd at 10:00 AM will be a trip to the Out of Africa Wildlife Park, Camp Verde, and 3505 W. SR-260.

April 9th (Wednesday) will be at the Pioneer Living History Museum (closed on Monday and Tuesday).

May 5th at 10:00 AM, the Club will go to the Botanical Gardens, 1201 N. Galvin Parkway, Phoenix for the Chihuly glass sculpture show. This fabulous exhibit is not to be missed. The amazing glass sculpture set in the gardens of the Botanical Garden are outstanding. Tickets to attend the exhibit are to be obtained online at www.dbg.org. Please sign up for the 4:00 PM time. This will allow us to do our photography in day light, hopefully experiencing a beautiful sunset and then the evening lighted sculpture.

The club will not meet June, July and August. Membership dues are \$15 a year or \$20 for couples for a calendar and are due in January. To find out about field trips and meetings, you can go to the Dreamland Villa website and find the Photography Club under Hobbies and Crafts.

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Ceramic Chaos

by Teena Baker

Happy Valentine's Day, my friends. On February 22 there will be an OPEN HOUSE in Dreamland Villa. The hours will be between 11:00 AM and 3:00 PM. All rooms will be open for viewing and doing mini projects. Ceramic Chaos will be having our bowls available for anyone who would like to do one as well as some other bisque pieces available. Stop by the room and see what we do. This is a wonderful place to live and be able to enjoy all the amenities that are offered to us. There are all kinds of card playing in Read Hall. There is an Art Room in the center walkway as well as Lapidary and the Computer Room and, of course, the Ceramic Room.

The houses in Dreamland Villa are selling, and new faces are showing up in many of our activities. There will be a lot of new changes and a lot of new faces. Ceramic Chaos has seen several new faces. A BIG Welcome to all of you.

We now have in stock 208 new bowls to be painted for our Bowls for

the Hungry project that we have been taking part in for the last ten years. All proceeds go to the nonprofit Pas de Cristo Community Center, which provides anti-hunger and empowerment support for the East Valley's homeless, unemployed, working poor and their families.

If you like working with paints and glazes on ceramic or clay, Ceramic Chaos is the place for you. If you have never worked with any of the ceramic arts and would like to try your hand at it come join us and we will be more than willing to work with you. The people in Ceramic Chaos are friendly, easy-going, and very helpful. We always have the coffee pot on and goodies to snack on. We have just restocked our shelves with new greenware that you may like to do. If you have the desire to try something "NEW", ask one of the monitors or one of the teachers. We would love the chance to teach you a new project.

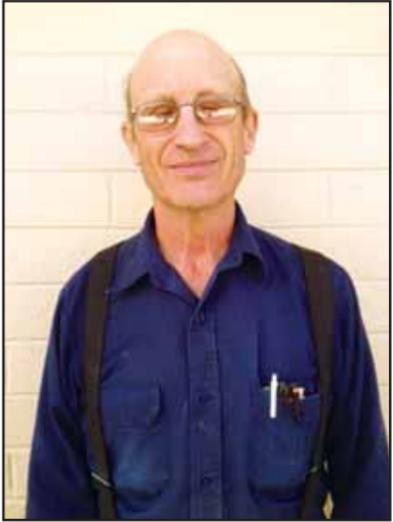
Ceramic Chaos would like to say a big THANK YOU to Rod and the

woodshop for taking all of our cleaning tools and cleaning and sharpening them for us. It makes it a lot easier to clean greenware with sharp tools. Thank You!

CONGRATULATIONS to Richard Schlagenhaft. Richard had the winning raffle ticket for the Nativity Set that the ladies in Ceramic Chaos painted. Enjoy it with our blessings, Richard.

The Arizona Ceramic Doll Show will be held at the Arizona State University West Campus on February 1 and 2, 2014. We would really like to have as many of our people as possible enter pieces in the competition. The pieces must be totally done by you. No one else may touch your piece. The pieces MUST be finished inside as well as out. Finished pieces must be turned into the ceramic room no later than the 28th of January. The times for the showings are Saturday from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM and Sunday from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Last year several of our people entered the competition and came back with ribbons. Let's do the same this year. Next month I will let you know how we did and who came back with what ribbons.

February 26th is our next luncheon outing, and we will be going to the East Mesa Café. It is located in the center where Goodwill is located at the corner of Recker and Main. We will meet and leave the shop at 11:30.



Quilting Club

by Becky Lamson

At our first meeting in January we had election of officers and the results are Co-Presidents: Sandy Anderson and Ellen Hundley, Vice President: Betty Sharpy, Secretary-Treasurer: Rita Carlson, and Liaison: Becky Lamson.

In December we delivered eighteen quilts and thirty-eight pillowcases to Helen's Hope Chest for foster children and ten twin size quilts to St Vincent De Paul for Christmas gifts for ones in need. We thank all Dreamland Villa residents who have contributed supplies that we can use in the quilts and pillowcases we stitch and donate to charity organizations.

Our picture is of a quilt made from donated fabric and cut out pieces for the Sunbonnet Sue block. It was stitched together by Pat Norris and computer long arm



machine quilted by Leslie Starks.

New and prospective members are always welcome to attend our weekly meetings on Thursdays 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM at Read Hall. If you desire, bring along an item for show and tell. Remember talent and individual expression are not qualities that just other people possess. You have it, too! All of you have a capacity for creativity in your life. Let yours happen and realize there are no boundaries to your unique expression.

We welcome your unused quilting fabric and batting. You can contact Becky Lamson at (480) 202-7003, and she will arrange a time to pick it up or you may drop it off during our quilt meetings at Read Hall on Thursdays afternoons.

Quilters' quote of the month: Quilters make great comforters.

Singles Club

by Ruth Mogen

The Singles February Potluck will be the 4th at 6:00 PM in Read Hall. The January 7, 2014, potluck was attended by 20 people.

Our Christmas Party on December the 15th was attended by 26 members. Everyone brought a stuffed animal, and we delivered them to the Fire Dept. on 58th and Main St.

Our meetings are held on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month at 9:30 AM in Read Hall. Coffee and cookies are served to get the meeting off to a good start. Our potlucks are held the first Tuesday of the month at 6:00 PM in Read Hall. All singles are invited to join us at any of these events. Til next time, keep a smile on your face!



Dreamland Book Club

by Mary Lindgren

"No entertainment is so cheap as reading nor any pleasure so lasting"

This quote was in my fortune cookie recently, and I thought it worth sharing. The members of Dreamland Book Club, I believe, would all agree.

Members read at least two of four selections in January: *Ahab's Wife*, *The Star Gazer* or *The Trunk*

Murderess: Winnie Ruth Judd, and *Animal Dreams* or *Lark & Termite*.

As of this writing I have not received conformation of titles requested for February.

Our group is always open to new members. If you love to read and would like to join us for a lively discussion, contact me or just come to our meeting on **February 13th 2:00 PM** at my house (address in DVCC directory).



Don't Forget!

by Bev and Jim Bence

Wisconsin Coffee will be held on February 3rd in Read Hall at 9:00 AM. Bring your coffee cup and any ideas. Call Bev or Jim Bence at 715-834-3777 if you have questions.





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Hiking Group News

by Andrea Hill



Our first hike of 2014 was on January 6th. Twenty-five hikers enjoyed a challenging trail on the north side of Pass Mountain to the "Saddle." It was a sunny but blustery day. I listed the trail as being 4+ miles but two of our GPS users said it was 2.8 one way. But oh, it was such a beautiful trail with views of the Goldfield Mountains, Four Peaks, and the fountain at Fountain Hills.

We are happy to welcome new hikers and glad to have back those winter visitors who have returned to sunny Arizona after spending their holidays in cold country. Today as we peeled off our jackets in the warmth of the

sun, we had a moment of silence for our families and friends in Minnesota where the wind-chill factor is 70 degrees below zero. I don't think the hiking is too good up there right now. Uufta.

Please check out the *Citizen* on-line at www.dreamlandvilla.org for more hiking news, including a list of up-coming hikes. If you wish to join us, we meet every Monday morning at Farnsworth Hall at 8:45 AM. Please find me in the DVCC directory and give me a call so I can get your email address. This is how I send out detailed hiking trail updates.

Happy Trails to You!

Dreamland Tuesday Bowling League

by Ray Zabel

The Christmas season has passed at this writing. We have had the best weather. Some of our bowlers traveled to family and friends for the holidays and many to that cold climate. Now we can say how fortunate we are here; besides some of us are lucky enough to have family close by.

In December we bowled weeks five, six, and seven. There are two weeks to finish the first half, the ninth week, January 14, of the bowling season. The teams are bunched together trying to win the first half of the season. In first is the "Has Beens" (Lois Delong, Carol Wincel, Wayne Long) with 36 won points. There are two teams tied for second "Millies Keggler" (Bea Westall, Jerry Sarver, Julie Hyink, Richard Lower) and "Who Cares" (Sammy Leeper, Bob Conger, Vonita Hinton Paul Rife) with 35 won points. Also there are two team tied for third "Penguins" (Linda & Rod Bilodeau, Dorothy & Ray Roslan) and "Pin Busters" (Karen Berdine, Andy Black, Mike Clark) with 34 points. There are five more teams right behind.

We have real need for substitutes. Since we are seniors we do have health problems and other important duties so we do need substitutes. We also need permanent team members. Don't hesitate to call Jan.

Some splits that were picked up:

Bob Conger 4-7-10, 3-10; Fountain, A13-6-7-10; Harvey, Karla 5-7; Katz, Max 5-7 Kloeckner, Chuck 7-7-10; Kloeckner, Mary 3-5-7; Leeper, Sammy Leeper 3-10, 3-10, 3-18; Pitts, Joan 3-10; Pole, Reg 5-10; Darlene Poynter 3-10; Russ Poynter 3-10, 5-10; Paul Rife 6-10; Sanders, Jim 6-7-10; Sarver, Jerry 3-6-7-10.

Below are some of the bowlers and their

scores

Bafia, Robert 191, 175; Sue Barney 177, 193; Norm Barney 192, 513, 201, 512; Bellows 211, 189, 178, 177, 186, 525, 181, 221, 541; Black, Andy 172, 207, 159, 538, 204, 180, 202, 586, 183, 176, 173, 532; Wayne Brown 186; Cole, Harry 187, 520, 214, 517, 194, 191, 553; Cole, Nancy 170; Mike Clark 170, 188; Conger, Bob 212, 505; Cregar, Jack 203, 194, 526, 179, 192, 204, 211, 561; Damert, Chuck 182, 518, 199, 179, 536, 176, 525; Fountain, Al 197, 202, 551; Fountain, Sylvia 178, 171; Tim Goodwin 191, 210, 183, 584; Grande, Robert 172, 173, 175, 187, 508; Wayne Herreman 187, 177, 511, 193; Vonita Hinton 202, 510, 179, 506; Jenkins, Dan 267, 234, 664, 205, 211, 203, 619, 234, 206, 609; Katz, Max 170, 196; Kloeckner, Chuck 245, 200, 601; Sammy Leeper 184, 194, 178, 517; Wayne Long 170, 177; Lower, Richard 190, 184, 509, 177, 188, 190, 555, 185, 175, 524; Marzullo, Karen 179, 178, 517, 170; Pat Marzullo 183, 194, 527, 194, 209, 210, 613, 227, 202, 170, 599; Carolyn Morrow 182, 513, 213, 175, 508; Bob Morrow 195, 224, 553, 171, 176, 246, 593; Pitts, Joan 180; Pitts, Roy 183; Poynter, Darlene 203, 185, 180, 503; Poynter, Russ 179, 175, 175, 203, 174, 546; Rife, Paul 200, 185, 180, 192; Ridgeway, Bob 215, 180, 553, 225, 196, 182, 603, 187, 503; Roslan, Dorothy 204x; Roslan, Ray 185; Sanders, Jim 185, 178, 517; Sarver, Jerry 181; Smith, Bob 182 197, 197, 538; Swanger, Coy 215, 196, 191, 602; Taylor, Carolyn 177, 530; Vickery, Joe 213, 207, 570, 213, 198, 188, 599, 178, 195, 525; Walsh, Colin 179, 245, 179, 603, 218, 210, 577; Ray Zabel 178, 191, 181, 550, 180, 172, 175, 527, 179.

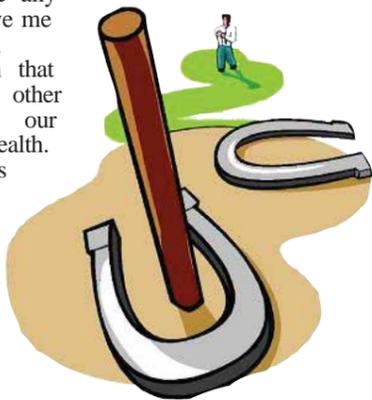
If you need more information, call Jan 480-396-4136.

Outdoor Activities

by Ken Hyink

I want to let people know that the horseshoe pits adjacent to the bocci ball courts have been dug up. I am not an expert at horseshoes, so more work probably needs to be done. In other neighborhoods, horseshoes are a popular activity, and I thought there might be a chance we could get some interest from Dreamland Villa. If you are interested or have any suggestions, please give me a call at 480-981-4068.

It has been proven that getting together with other people will improve our mental and physical health. We have many activities available to us in our community. Come on out, participate, get to know your neighbors, and have fun and enjoy life! Hope to see and meet more of you.



BOCCE BALL

By Dan Beringer

For your information: Bocce is a bowling game popular throughout Europe that can be played on any flat surface, grassy yard, beach, or even parking lot with two, four, or eight people. The object of the game is to throw as many of your team's balls closer to the "pallino" (a small, red or white ball) than the other team's ball. One point is awarded for each ball closest to the Pallino.

Bocce is a ball sport with an ancestry from ancient times; it was played during the Roman Empire. It was developed into its present form in Italy. The plural of the Italian word boccia, which mean bowl, it is played around Europe and also in overseas areas that have received Italian migrants including Australia, North America and South America (where it is known as bachas, bolas, criollas in parts of the area).

So there you have it. No matter how you say it, it is a fun game. Come to Dreamland Villa and play our game of BOCCE. You will enjoy it. We play every Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday.

Pickleball

by Dan Beringer

For your information, whether you need it or not...but it is very interesting to know that the game of Pickleball was named after the family cocker spaniel of one of the co-inventers of the game. The dog used to chase stray balls and then hide in the bushes, so they named the game after the dog.

Pickleball is a fun game that is played on a batminton court with the net lowered to 34 inches at the center. It I played with a perforated plastic ball (similar to a whiffle ball) and wood or composite paddles. It is easy for beginners to learn, but can develop into a quick, fast-paced, competitive game for experienced players.

The game is a combination of ping-pong, badminton, and tennis. You only score on offense and the game goes to eleven; you must win by two points. Some of our players like John Kiplinger has a problem figuring out which of the three games he is playing. But he is learning quite quickly.



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SPORTS

Dreamland Villa Men's Golf League

by Ray Zabel

Well, we still are playing golf here on the Dreamland Villa Golf Course. Looks like we may make it thru March. If I had some extra money, I would buy the course myself. I feel it is a shame the golf course will be gone soon. Farnsworth has a golf course at all her other senior properties, why they would sell this is beyond me.

We have been enjoying the course, and there are not too many more weeks - maybe twelve weeks to play. That means only twenty-four play golf days, the last three months to play on our Dreamland Golf course. Don't miss out.

Besides regular golf we had a day playing from the Red tees. Surprising though the scores didn't improve if at all, and it just proves putting is the name of the game. We hope to have some scrambles between now and the end of playing the Dreamland course.

On Fridays we have a POT Game at 8:00 AM. Anyone interested should show up about 7:30 A.M. I can attest this is fun to do.

Some of the scores for last month:

Richard Avant 36, 34, 34, 38; Marty Bodor 39, 40, 38; Harry Cole 37; Bill Bjorklund 38, 36, 36; Al Gram 42; Al Gerholdt 40; Jim Lasee 41; John Duffy 40, 38; Ralph Hvidstan 40, 40; John Duffy 39; Larry Waterstradt 37; Dick Larson 36; Jim Lawler 38, 36, 37, 36; Carl Scoville 39; Gerry McFee 38, 38; Jim McCann 38; Don Pfalz 39; Gary Goetch 33; Jim Lasee 38; Mike Tacket 38, 37, 35; Dale Tatman 36; Freddie Vincent 40; Dick Wyland 39, 39 Ray Zabel 39.

If you have any questions, please call Dale Tatman (480-981-6193).



Dreamland Villa Ladies' Golf League

By Kay Hawbaker

The Dreamland Villa Ladies' Golf League held their second regular meeting of the 2013-2014 season on January 9, 2014, at Read Hall. The next meeting will be March 6 at 9:30 AM at Read Hall. Please mark your calendar. Look for a survey concerning member input about the future of the league at the Pro Shop.

The January *Citizen* article was due before our Christmas photo was available, so here it is in this month's article.

Kay Hawbaker organized the Christmas luncheon which was held on December 19 at Anabelle's at the Arizona Golf Resort on Power Road. Fourteen members enjoyed the luncheon. It was an Italian buffet that was very nicely presented.

The Putting Contest was held January 16 on a staked hole on the practice green across the street from the Pro Shop. Each member had three attempts (balls) for the designated hole and each ball was carefully measured. Results were based on the number of balls putted into the hole and those coming closest to the hole. Winners will be in next month's article. **Ruth Cline** organized the Putting Contest.

February is **Tournament time!** Tournament committee is **Jen Prest** and **Marie Lichtenberg**. To be eligible for prizes one must play three out of four times in February; however, all members are encouraged to play even though they may not be able to play three times in the month. Even guests are welcome, although they are not eligible for prizes. Last year's handicaps will be used to score the tournament.

The **Award Luncheon** will be held March 27 at noon in Read Hall. More details concerning the luncheon will be discussed at



Left to Right: Audrey Dahlman, Carol Hiles, Burdell Tatman, Marie Lichtenberg (mostly hidden), Jackie Rensel, Mary Kirk, Ruth Cline, Linda Bilodeau, Donnie Beck, Nancy Coghlin, Kay Hawbaker, Georgene Dietz, Doretta Miller, and Jen Prest.

the March meeting.

The regular tee times start at 10:30 AM each Thursday morning until the end of the season. Any ladies wishing to join us are welcome. Our dues are \$15.00. Check at the Pro Shop with our Golf Pro, Pat Whitworth, for more information. The Pro Shop telephone number is 480 985-6591.

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ENTERTAINMENT

Cuddle Up a Little Closer!

by Dorothy Randall



Celebrate the day of sharing your thoughts of love and affection! Valentine's Day will have an evening of friendship, music, laughter and dance at Farnsworth Hall. The Mood Swings, Ron Butler and Maddy, Paschal, are back again with their entertaining talent to give the evening a flare of

fun. Singles will delight in the Line Dancing led by Maddy. They will perform hit songs of the 50's, 60's and 70's for your listening and dancing pleasure. Soda, water, set-ups and ice will be available. Join the party on Friday, February 14th from 7:00 to 10:00 PM at Farnsworth Hall. Tickets are \$10.00 and can be purchased in advance at the Dreamland Villa Office or at the door the evening of the dance.

Sing-a-Long

by Joan Wissinger

Our first Sing-a-Long for 2014 on January 12 had a "snack social" after singing. That little elf showed up again with some very delicious food.

Sorry for all of you who missed it. Better start coming out to have a good time: every Sunday night from 7:00 – 8:00 PM (except Super Bowl Sunday) at Read Hall. You never know when that elf will show up again.

Remember-- when you're smiling, the whole world smiles with you. See you there.

Come Join Us for Potluck



by Patty Thorpe

Join our Dreamland Villa family at Farnsworth Hall at 6:00 PM on Thursday, February 20, 2014, for our monthly potluck dinner. Please bring your favorite dish that will serve 6-8 people and your personal eating utensils. We'll provide coffee, tea and good conversation.

Let's have game night again! Bring your favorite game that you would like to play and find others who would like to play the game with you. Let the games begin!

Don't stay home just because you're not interested in game night! Just sit and chat with friends if you would rather. Come join us for any reason, "just because". You might just have a good time. One hundred and six family and friends had a great time last month! Hope to see you there!

Matt Hodek & the Dakota Dutchmen Will Play Polka Music for You

by Dorothy Randall

Ah- one, ah-two! That's the call for the members of this unique band, all from North Dakota, to entertain you with their talent. Leader, Matt Hodek, playing horns, tuba, piano, accordion, button accordion and concertina will give a performance to remember. If you want two trumpets at the same time, Laddie Pecka will bring it on. Donnie Swartz and Rose Pecka hit the "Ivories" with their skills that entertain you and also compliment their individual talent. Mix in the vocals by Mike Helt, Rodney Bosh and Charlie Sunde along with their individual musical instruments, and you will have a perfect polka dance experience. Just get over to Farnsworth Hall on Saturday, February 15th from 2:00 until 6:00 PM and enjoy four hours of great music. Tickets cost \$10.00 and are available at the Dreamland Office or at the door on the day of the performance.



Country Music Jam Sessions

by Jackie Young

J.W. Henderson, a DVCC resident, will present Country Music Jam Sessions which are going to be held at Farnsworth Hall. These popular jam sessions were previously held in Apache Junction and now call Dreamland Villa home. These functions feature dancing, 50/50 drawings, and refreshments for sale. Upcoming dates are February 6th and 13th from 1:00 to 3:00 PM. The jams will be running through April 2014. Watch for future dates on the Citizen calendar. All performers' participation is by invitation only. Any musicians interested in performing should contact J.W. Henderson at 602-809-0619.

Movie Night at Farnsworth Bandshell

by Brian Standfill



John Wayne in "The Searchers"

On February 19th at 6:00 PM movie night is back and better than ever. With the addition of a larger movie screen and stereo sound along with a heated patio should make a fun night for all. The movie is "FREE". We will be serving chili and your choice of beverage for \$3.50 or 2 for \$5.00.

The Next Big Event Is Here!!!!

by Brian Standfill

T&B Productions and DVCC proudly presents "Senior Prom". This year's theme will be "Beyond the Sea" with music from the 40's, 50's, and 60's. A photo booth will be set up for your prom photos. Karaoke will be available as well as dancing, games, and just having fun. Also, a very special celebrity King and Queen will be there. Set-ups will be available for a small fee. So make a date for "Senior Prom" at Farnsworth Hall on Thursday February 28th at 7:00 PM. Tickets are \$5.00.

It's the Nifty "4 - 50's"!

by Dorothy Randall



Reaching back in time to reminisce the music we remember, four very talented men will share their musical talents at Farnsworth Hall on Saturday, February 8, 2014. The musicians are: TJ on Lead Guitar, Kimball on Synth and lap steel guitar, Dewey, on bass guitar and Phil on Drums. All four men are vocalists and plan an entertaining evening singing the great hits of yesterday. There will be guitar, digital piano and saxophone, drums plus vocal versions of classic hits for your listening and dancing enjoyment. Mark your calendars for Saturday evening, February 8th from 6:30 to 9:00 PM. Tickets are \$7.00 and are available at the DVCC Office or at Farnsworth Hall on the evening of the performance.

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Balance Sheet
Tuesday, December 31, 2013

Dreamland Villa

Cash Accounting Year Starts January 1, 2013

ASSETS			
Current Assets			
1010 National Bank of Arizona	\$111,906.35		
1011 Petty Cash	\$300.00		
1012 Change Fd-Entertain-Kit	\$400.00		
	Total Current Assets	\$112,606.35	
Fixed Assets			
1100 Equipment	\$31,505.15		
1110 Land	\$69,174.00		
1120 Buildings	\$665,782.02		
1125 Allow for Dep Buildings	(\$665,782.02)		
1130 Outside Improvements	\$158,761.24		
1135 A/D Outside Improvements	(\$153,573.06)		
1140 Swimming Pools	\$61,207.81		
1145 A/D Swimming Pools	(\$55,001.18)		
1150 Furniture and Fixtures	\$35,841.10		
1155 A/D Furniture & Fixtures	(\$35,841.10)		
1160 Buildings & Equip NBV	\$154,251.74		
1165 A/D Buildings & Equip NBV	(\$154,251.74)		
	Total Fixed Assets	\$112,073.96	
Other Assets			
1202 Reserve MM1915	\$15,430.15		
	Total Other Assets	\$15,430.15	
	TOTAL ASSETS	\$240,110.46	
LIABILITIES			
Current Liabilities			
2204 Farnsworth Hall Reserve	\$1,052.50		
2206 Nature Walk	\$3,075.00		
2305 Johns Villa Rest Deposit	\$500.00		
2310 Maranatha Church Deposit	\$250.00		
2315 Facility Use Deposit	\$1,130.00		
2420 Restricted Donations -Lib	\$1,289.80		
	Total Current Liabilities	\$7,297.30	
	TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$7,297.30	
EQUITY			
3030 Retained Earnings	\$125,360.16		
Current Year Earnings	\$107,453.00		
	TOTAL EQUITY	\$232,813.16	
	TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$240,110.46	

Revenue and Expenses

Sunday, December 1, 2013 to Tuesday, December 31, 2013

Dreamland Villa

Cash Accounting Year Starts January 1, 2013

	Current	Percent	Year To Date	Percent
INCOME				
Income				
4100 Annual Assessment	\$87,824.00	92.6	\$425,734.78	83.4
4220 Club Membership	\$1,475.00	1.6	\$20,425.00	4.0
4225 Transfer Fee Inc	\$251.31	0.3	\$9,026.31	1.8
4230 Legal Fee Recovery	\$0.00	0.0	\$20.62	0.0
4250 Commissions & Fees	\$124.50	0.1	\$2,641.79	0.5
4255 Interest Earned	\$0.00	0.0	\$0.74	0.0
4260 Investment Interest Inc	\$0.61	0.0	\$5.36	0.0
4305 Sprint Tower Income	\$0.00	0.0	\$10,800.00	2.1
4310 Facility Lease Income	\$2,850.00	3.0	\$14,200.00	2.8
4315 Rental Income	\$730.00	0.8	\$4,225.00	0.8
4400 Entertainment Income	\$1,543.00	1.6	\$17,873.98	3.5
4405 Kitchen Income	\$0.00	0.0	\$2,985.00	0.6
4415 Nature Walk Income	\$0.00	0.0	\$885.01	0.2
4500 Miscellaneous Income	\$60.00	0.1	\$1,520.00	0.3
Total Income	\$94,858.42	100.0	\$510,343.59	100.0
TOTAL INCOME	\$94,858.42	100.0	\$510,343.59	100.0
EXPENSES				
Expenses				
5005 Entertainment Expense	\$775.41	0.8	\$11,184.36	2.2
5018 Citizen Newspaper Exp	\$700.00	0.7	\$4,350.00	0.9
5025 Library Expense	\$134.25	0.1	\$1,053.95	0.2
5100 Website Expense	\$475.00	0.5	\$625.00	0.1
5105 Accounting Expense	\$0.00	0.0	\$1,722.97	0.3
5115 Bank Charges	\$9.75	0.0	\$193.25	0.0
5120 Vehicle Expense	\$100.00	0.1	\$1,361.47	0.3
5205 Office Supplies	\$460.71	0.5	\$6,346.10	1.2
5210 Postage	\$1,385.99	1.5	\$3,525.87	0.7
5215 Copy Machine Expense	\$351.91	0.4	\$3,006.75	0.6
5225 Kee Card Expense	\$0.00	0.0	\$2,923.00	0.6
5505 Pool Maint. & Supplies	\$3,561.37	3.8	\$16,846.25	3.3
5510 Other Maint & Supplies	\$881.71	0.9	\$23,921.61	4.7
5515 Kitchen Expense	(\$116.96)	0.1	\$1,558.00	0.3
5600 Miscellaneous Expense	\$0.00	0.0	\$1,318.07	0.3
6105 Workmans Comp Ins	\$0.00	0.0	\$2,540.31	0.5
6110 General Insurance	\$2,034.58	2.1	\$26,617.39	5.2
6115 Licenses & Permits	\$0.00	0.0	\$1,585.00	0.3
6120 Trash Collection	\$544.16	0.6	\$6,311.48	1.2
6125 Legal Expense	\$0.00	0.0	\$67.50	0.0
6150 Capital Proj Reserve Exp	\$0.00	0.0	\$20,783.32	4.1
6205 Telephone Expense	\$360.22	0.4	\$4,413.48	0.9
6210 Natural Gas Expense	\$4,121.37	4.3	\$38,755.72	7.6
6215 Electric	\$1,730.41	1.8	\$30,183.61	5.9
6220 Security Service	\$3,856.50	4.1	\$15,353.60	3.0
6225 Water & Sewer Expense	\$1,176.09	1.2	\$15,869.14	3.1
6235 Nature Walk Expense	\$0.00	0.0	\$2,492.46	0.5
6325 Property Taxes	\$0.00	0.0	\$23.64	0.0
6405 Salaries & Wages	\$10,391.20	11.0	\$144,393.84	28.3
6410 Payroll Taxes	\$801.04	0.8	\$11,825.60	2.3
6415 Payroll Processing	\$111.94	0.1	\$1,741.21	0.3
6420 Employee Benefits	\$0.00	0.0	(\$3.36)	0.0
Total Expenses	\$33,846.65	35.7	\$402,890.59	78.9
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$33,846.65	35.7	\$402,890.59	78.9
NET INCOME (LOSS)	\$61,011.77	64.3	\$107,453.00	21.1

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Calendar notices or dates are the responsibility of the leaders of each group. Deadline notice is due to the office by the 5 th of each month.						1 8:00AM Book Sale F
2 9:00AM Marathon Church F 3:30 PM Super Bowl Party F	3 8:45AM Hikers Meet FO 9:00AM Wisconsin Coffee Social R	4 9:00AM Study Session R 6:00PM Singles Potluck R 6:00PM Line Dance Lessons F 7:00PM Open Dance – Dakota Kid & Paula F	5 9:00AM Computer Club F	6 1:00PM Just Country Jam F	7 5:00PM Spaghetti Feed F	8 7:30AM Coffee Social R 9:00 AM Iowa Coffee R 6:30PM 4/50's Dance
9 9:00AM Maranatha Church F	10 8:45AM Hikers Meet FO	11 8:00AM Election of Board Directors R 9:00AM Board Meeting R 6:00PM Line Dance Lessons F 7:00PM Open Dance – Dakota Kid & Paula F	12 9:30AM Singles Meeting R	13 1:00PM Just Country Jam F	14 7:00PM Valentine Dance F	15 7:30AM Pancake Breakfast F 2:00PM Matt Hodek Polka
16 9:00AM Maranatha Church F Farnsworth Pool Closed	17 8:45AM Hikers Meet FO	18 6:00PM Line Dance Lessons F 7:00PM New Member Orientation R	19 6:00PM Movie Night FO	20 6:00PM General Potluck F	21 1:00PM Jam Session F	22 No Coffee Socials 11:00AM Open House F & R
23 9:00AM Maranatha Church F Read Pool Closed	24 8:45AM Hiking Meets F	25 5:30PM Minnesota Potluck R 6:00PM Line Dance Lessons F 7:00PM Open Dance w/ Dakota Kid F	26 9:30AM Singles Meeting	27 7:00PM Senior Prom	28	

FEBRUARY WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY AM	MONDAY AM	TUESDAY AM	WEDNESDAY AM	THURSDAY AM	FRIDAY AM	SATURDAY AM
7:00 Sing A Long R	8:00 Lapidary R-6 8:00 Pickleball R-O 9:00 Open Painting R-5 9:00 Help Service HS 9:00 Woodshop R-10 9:30 Shuffleboard R-O 10:00 Library L	8:00 Global Tours R-3 1 st & 3 rd Tuesday 8:00 Silver Sweaters R 8:00 Lapidary R-6 9:00 Watercolor Painting R-5 9:00 Woodshop R-10 9:00 Ceramics R-7 9:00 Help Services H-S 9:00 Computer Club R-9 9:00 Bounce Ball F-O	8:00 Lapidary R-6 8:00 Silver Sweaters R 8:00 Pickleball R-O 9:00 Watercolor advanced R-5 9:00 Computer Club R-9 9:00 Ceramics R-7 9:00 Help Services H-S 9:00 Woodshop R-10 9:30 Singles Meet R 2 nd & 4 th Wednesday 9:30 Shuffleboard R-O 10:00 Library L	8:00 Lapidary R-6 8:00 Silver Sweaters R 9:00 Acrylic & oil paint R-5 9:00 Woodshop R-10 9:00 Help Service HS 9:00 Computer Club R-9 9:00 WoodShop R-10 9:00 DreamSteppers R-8 9:00 Bounce Ball F-O	8:00 Lapidary R-6 8:00 Pickleball R-O 9:00 Computer Club R-9 9:00 Help Service H-S 9:00 Woodshop R-10 9:30 Shuffleboard R-O 10:00 Library L 11:00 Poker R-8	7:30 Coffee Social R 2 nd & 4 th Saturday 9:00 S. Dakota Coffee R 4 th Saturday only 9:30 Iowa Club Coffee R 2 nd Saturday only 9:00 Help Services H-S 9:00 Q&A Computer Club R-9 10:00 Library L 1 st & 3 rd Saturday 9:00 Bounce Ball F-O
SUNDAY PM	MONDAY PM	TUESDAY PM	WEDNESDAY PM	THURSDAY PM	FRIDAY PM	SATURDAY PM
7:00 Sing A Long R	1:00 Portrait Painting R-5 1:00 Card Hand and Foot R 1:00 Woodshop R-10 1:30 Aquacize R-O 7:00 Cribbage R	1:00 Ceramics R-7 1:00 Woodshop R-10 1:30 Aquacize R-O 1:30 Woodcarving R-3 6:00 Singles Potluck R 1 st Tues of Month 6:00 Texas-Hold EM R-8	1:00 Whist & Euchre R 1:00 Ceramics R-7 1:00 Library LR 1:00 Woodshop R-10 1:30 Aquacize R-O 7:00 Bridge R	1:00 Quilters R 1:00 Woodshop R-10	1:00 Canasta R Bridge R 1:00 Woodshop R-10 1:30 Aquacise R-O 7:00 "500" R	7:00 Pinochle R

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Candidates for the Help Services Board of Directors

by Gale Pauley

The annual election for members of the Help Services Board of Directors will be held from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM on Tuesday, March 11, 2014, at the Help Services building located at 5210 E. University Drive. Those unable to vote on Election Day may cast their vote early by coming to Help Services any day during the preceding week (except Sunday) between the hours of 9:00 AM and Noon. All residents of Dreamland Villa and Velda Rose Estates are automatically members of Help Services and are, therefore, eligible and are encouraged to vote.

Help Services is a 501 (c) (3) public charity organization that provides, on a loan free basis, sickroom and other health care equipment to the sick, injured and convalescing residents of the Dreamland Villa and Velda Rose Estates. Help Services operates solely from the donations it receives and is managed by a Board of Directors made up of 13 volunteers from the communities it serves. Four Board members are elected each year for three year terms. The resumes of this year's candidates follow:

Dean Albertsen



I have served on the Help Services Board for three years and have volunteered for this organization for over four years. Having celebrated its 40th anniversary this year, Help Services continues to provide the assistance that has meant so much in the past. We will continue to

do what is best for our communities through current and updated services that are deemed necessary. I will appreciate your vote so that I can continue serving you. Thanks for your support.

Doris (Dodie) Gruner

I have lived in Dreamland Villa for 18 years. I have served on the Dreamland Villa Community Club Board for three years. I also supervised the Pancake Breakfast for several years. I have been a Monitor at Help Services for three years and enjoy helping our senior neighbors in Dreamland Villa and Velda Rose Estates. I look forward to now serving on the Help Services Board.



Lucille Kraiss



I have worked with Help Services as a monitor for seven years and served on the Board of Directors for two terms of three years each. Having lived in Dreamland Villa since 1990, I have volunteered in other areas of the Villa for several years. I enjoy dealing with old friends as well as with newcomers to both Dreamland Villa and Velda Rose Estates. Help Services is such a worthwhile organization, I would like to continue to contribute in any way that I can to make it even better. I am again running for another term on the Board of Directors of Help Services and would like your vote. Thank you in advance for your confidence in me.

Kriss Miles



I have been a resident of Velda Rose Estates for the past twenty years. Prior to moving to Mesa, I was a native of Seattle, Washington, and had been an employee of The Boeing Company.

I have been a volunteer at Help Services since approximately 1997. First I was a Monitor and then I was elected to the board in 1999. I am still a Monitor and I have been the Secretary for the Board since my election.

I enjoy my involvement with Help Services as I feel it is a special organization for our communities. We are so fortunate to be able to have the use of all the wonderful equipment that is available. I have also met some very nice people who also volunteer at Help Services.

Therefore, I am seeking another term while I am still able to handle the duties of being Secretary.



Sherrie Larkin-Nosal



I was born in Florida and joined the USAF after high school where I became a communication specialist and where I met and married my first husband. We eventually settled in the Fargo, North Dakota/Moorhead Minnesota area where we raised our family. I lost my oldest son in 1986 and my husband in 1989. In 1993 I married Jim Nosal. We came to Arizona for our honeymoon and fell in love with the state and Dreamland Villa. We moved to Arizona permanently in 1995 and have lived in our home in Dreamland Villa since October 1996. My occupations after the USAF were owner/operator of a small town bar, assistant librarian for the Fargo Forum newspaper and certified medical assistant from which I retired in 2009; although I did do seasonal flu shot clinics for three years after retirement.

My volunteer jobs have been with the Arizona Chapter of American Association of Medical Assistants, All Saints Catholic Church and Dreamland Villa Community Club membership and elections. Over the years I have found that God, a sense of humor, and patience are the key to overcoming adversity and enrich life.

Help Services was an aid to me when a friend of mine became ill and had to stay in our home for a while. Now, if you choose me for the Help Services Board, it will be an honor to pay it forward.

Joanna Padilla



I have lived in Velda Rose Estates just over eight years and have been volunteering at Help Services for over three years. I am on the Board of Directors in Velda Rose. For the last nine months, I have been in charge of scheduling our volunteers to work at Help Services and helped with the 40th Anniversary Open House. I have been a desk monitor and in a pinch I have been a warehouse monitor. I have learned a lot in my time volunteering at Help Service and have met many wonderful people. I feel I would be very helpful to Help Services and would appreciate your vote.

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more financial options than ever. Parker Turk explained that "there is a new Reverse Mortgage Product called a Reverse Mortgage Saver. It works just like a home equity line of credit without ever having to make a monthly payment. The upfront fees on this program have been slashed and it is now one of the most attractive financial options available to seniors. Seniors who are interested taking a look at these new programs should do so as soon as possible to take advantage of some of the greatest benefits." Parker also said "Remember that when you are looking into a Reverse Mortgage it is recommended that you find a local business with a great reputation. Sun American Mortgage is a Farnsworth company and wrote the first reverse mortgage in the state of Arizona over 20 years ago."

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by Alicia Short

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What a fascinating place! It is amazing how many different, interesting musical instruments there are in the world. No matter what country, what color, creed, religion there is, people all over seem to find a way to make music. No wonder music is the language of the soul.

The museum is really an all day trip just in itself or two. Divided by regions of the world there are 12 plus rooms full of instruments. Instruments from Africa, Middle East, Central and South Asia, Southeast Asia, Oceania, Latin America, Europe, the United States and Canada are on display. There are a large variety of drums, lutes, flutes, guitars, and more. The people in these various countries used what was available to them from their environment and lands to create a variety of sounds to celebrate events, accompany rituals or just plain entertainment. It was amazing to think of how many variations of the same type of instrument were created by different people.

As the brochure says, “Travel the world of music in MIM’s five geographical Galleries. State-of-the-art audio and video recordings allow you to hear and see the creative spirit of people from every country in the world as they play their instruments. Attend a traditional Beijing opera. Celebrate a contemporary Ukrainian wedding. Pulse to the rhythm of Nigerian drums. And let the good times roll with Cajun zydeco.”

When you come into the museum, after you pay your \$13 (for seniors) fee, you are given ear phones so you can actually hear samples of the music from each country. Start out with



the orientation video in the Orientation Gallery behind the guest services desk and then move on to the various rooms to view their displays. We started upstairs first touring the Africa, Middle East and all the Asian rooms. Then we moved on the Oceania and Latin American rooms. By this time I was pooped. Within these rooms each country had typical musical instrument and in some areas costumes and masks were on display. Videos in each area also gave you a taste of the people who played them and danced to their native music.

By the time we had finished these rooms we had walked ourselves OUT. Too tired to go further so we missed the United States/Canada room and Europe room. We also missed the downstairs displays. While we went in on one afternoon, it is an all day event if you started out when they open and stayed until they closed. You might see it all in that case (maybe). For us, we will go back another day to catch what we missed. It's well worth it.

The museum also has a café, a gift shop, and a room for experiencing various musical instruments, as well as the Mechanical Music Gallery and Artist Gallery. In the Artist Gallery the piano that John Lennon used to compose the song, “Imagine,” is on display. There is also a Music Theatre with a full schedule of concerts throughout the year. The Target Gallery hosts special and traveling exhibits. The Conservation Lab provides an opportunity to see instruments being restored and preserved. If you like to volunteer, the museum has a program and is a great way to get involved.

It is considered the most extraordinary museum you will ever hear. Even Tony Bennett said, “MIM is my favorite museum in the world. Everyone needs to see it.”

The museum is located on the southwest corner of Tatum Blvd and Mayo Blvd. Head up the I-101 north, exit on Tatum to the south and it's just a short distance from the freeway. There's plenty of parking and a short walk to the entrance.

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by Kenneth Rygh

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by Donna Zurbay

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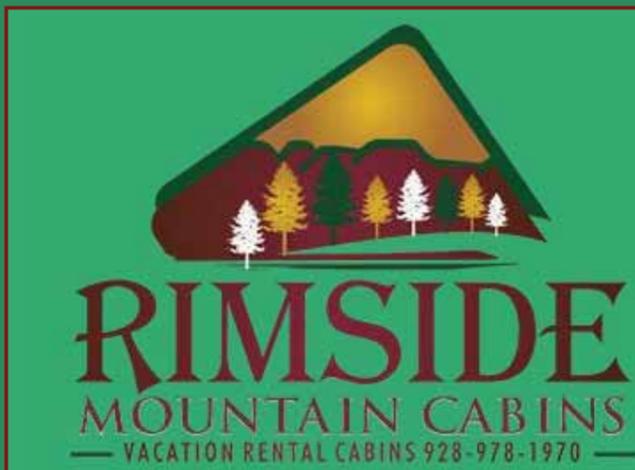
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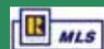
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