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## Benefit for the 100 Club of Arizona

by Jackie Young

Dreamland Villa Community Club would like to show our respect and support of the 19 firefighters of the Prescott Fire Department's Granite Mountain Hotshot fire team that were lost while battling the Yarnell Hill Fire in Yarnell, AZ, on June 30, 2013. The DVCC Entertainment Committee is planning a fund raiser to take place later this month at Farnsworth Hall. As we are still in the planning stage, look for details to be announced on the marquee at Farnsworth Hall and the bulletin board at Read Hall. I can tell you there will be entertainment and food.

The 100 Club of Arizona provides immediate financial assistance to firefighters and law enforcement officers seriously injured in the line-of-duty, in addition to the families of officers who died in the line-of-duty. Today, the 100 Club of Arizona supports all police, correctional, probation and parole officers, firefighters, and federal agents who are serving and protecting the citizens of Arizona.

The 100 Club of Arizona recognizes the need to respond immediately. Whatever the need – financial, advisory or moral support, the 100 Club of Arizona is there to ease the pain of the family of those in fire, public safety or law enforcement who are injured or killed in the line-of-duty.

We sincerely hope to see you at Farnsworth Hall to show our community spirit!

## Help Services Makes Plans to Celebrate

by Betty Mosier and Jim Cook

This fall Help Services will be celebrating forty years of serving the communities of Dreamland Villa and Velda Rose Estates. We are planning a 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration that will be held in November. Over the next three plus months we'll tell you more about that. But first, we have a bit of a problem to face.

Most of you are aware that Dreamland Villa has been around now for some 54 years. Velda Rose Estates about the same. There have been a lot of changes over these past fifty plus years. A lot of new faces. In fact, it has been estimated that there is almost a complete turnover of residents every 10 to 15 years. Why are we saying this? Because many of you seem to be unaware of what we are and do. There are an estimated 5,500 to 6,000 residents living in Dreamland Villa and Velda Rose Estates yet fewer than 12% of you take advantage our services. Help Services is an organization that provides a variety of sickroom and health care equipment on a loan free basis to the residents of Dreamland Villa and Velda Rose Estates. That's right, loan free! We are a non-profit 501 (c) (3) public charity, and we operate strictly through donations. We have no other source of income. All donations that we receive are tax deductible. Additionally, all of our staff and the members of our Board of Directors are volunteers. We do, however, pay to have



equipment cleaned and sterilized as well as for delivery and pickup of certain equipment items.

Our goal this anniversary year is to improve our visibility and your use of our services. Our only purpose to exist is to help you control your health care costs by making sickroom and other health care equipment available on a loan free basis. This past June, our Board of

Directors took the first step towards realizing our goal by approving a new logo (see it at the beginning of this article). We also are in the process of redecorating our office facilities to provide our visitors with more pleasant surroundings when they come to sign out equipment.

Last month our Board voted to delete child car and booster seats from our loan inventory. After much consideration and debate it was decided that the potential liability from an injury while using these items was just too great. We regret any inconvenience this action may cause our clients but hope you understand why the decision was made.

And a final reminder, Help Services is totally funded by donations from the residents of Dreamland Villa and Velda Rose Estates. Please help support this important community service by sending your donation today to Help Services, Inc. 5210 E. University Dr., Mesa, AZ 85205-7352. Remember your donation is tax deductible.

## ARIZONA DAY TRIP

### Sedona and Historic Downtown Cottonwood

by Alicia Short, Photos by Glynn Short

Sedona has long been a favorite town of mine to visit. I know, I know.... everyone has probably already been there. Seems like most everyone just has to visit what I consider one of the most beautiful places in Arizona.

The drive up I-17 toward Flagstaff is one I enjoy. You move from the desert of Phoenix to the high desert of New River and Black Canyon City. Please note and stop sometime at Cheelen's world renowned BBQ restaurant in Black Canyon City and there is another restaurant well known for their pies. Also take note of the lavender earth on the sides of the highway where construction has opened up hills to accommodate the freeway. On top of the climb toward Sunset Point rest stop, you can view spans of rolling hills and wide open skies. I know there's a painting in me somewhere for that view. Another spectacular view opens as you approach Verde Valley. Here is a town worth exploring. Not long after passing by the town of Verde Valley, you come to the exit to Sedona.



weekend when we took this trip and it was very crowded with cars everywhere. I had hoped we could get in at the Slide Rock picnic grounds, but it was filled up already. The Slide Rock area is a state park now and is known for its fun water slides along natural rocks and picnic spots. But luckily we finally found a picnic ground with parking and an empty covered table. It was about 95 degrees so we needed to

have shade. Lunch was enjoyable in that gorgeous surrounding despite the heat. (But better than the 112 degrees in Phoenix/Mesa.)

The canyon is a beautiful drive. On each side of the highway, there are steep cliffs walls with scrub oak, and other green vegetation. The creek runs along the road and on occasion you get glimpses of the rushing water. Sometimes the roadway is high above the creek and sometimes within a few feet. I understand the canyon was formed as a huge earthquake split the land millions of years ago.

Glynn took a number of photos as did I to use for this article and

for other purposes. So as soon as he felt he had enough we decided to head back toward home by going through Cottonwood. I think I mentioned in a past article that the Historic Downtown Cottonwood is a place I wanted to come back to. And it was worth the trip. What a wonderful transformation they have made of that part of town. There are a number of wine tasting businesses that represent the wines of Arizona. We stopped in one to share a sip of 5 different wines. We bought fresh baked bread from the Onion Bread Shop. I stopped in the rock shop and purchased some cabochons for making more jewelry pendants. That shop also had some beautiful Native American rugs. I wish the Olive Oil store would have been open (it was Sunday) but I see they have a great variety of olive oils, and balsamic vinegars. Some interesting flavors were listed on the flier we found. Jewelry stores, fashion boutiques, leather goods, antique stores and more were all within a short walking distance. But we didn't have time to explore them all.

This is a place I want to come back to for a weekend. There was even an old motel in the heart of this downtown area. Not sure how great it is but I'll be checking it out. One thing I'm going to keep in mind is their annual December Chocolate an Old Town Cottonwood event, being held on December 7th from 4:00 – 8:00 PM.

Before we stopped in downtown Cottonwood, we took a quick ride into downtown Clarkdale which is only a couple of miles away. I was impressed with the potential that it could have. They haven't done anything with it, but it sure could be a great place for artists and other tourist attracting businesses. I could envision warehouse condos, art studios



and art galleries, coffee shops, bakeries and all kinds of places that bring tourists to their doors. Some of the craftsman homes near there were incredible. I'm sure they would add to the charm that Clarkdale could have. They even had a bandstand in a village green.... Imagine the concerts and ice cream socials and art festivals that could happen there.

It was a pleasant day revisiting places that hold memories and stimulate creative thinking. For photographers there are plenty of great shots, for artists there's so much that can get the creative juices flowing. For shoppers the stores have everything you could want. For touring, the jeep tours are fascinating... I went on one a number of years ago. Great story teller guides!

To learn more about Sedona, you can visit their website at: [www.visitsedona.com](http://www.visitsedona.com). To learn more about downtown historic Cottonwood go to: [www.oldtown.org](http://www.oldtown.org).

We will see you next month somewhere in Arizona... although we are going to Ouray, Colorado, next weekend, and I'll probably write about that.

## Ice Cream Social to Be Held on August 22

by Irene Nissen

Who says you can't have another Ice Cream Social after having one last month? There will be an Ice Cream Social on Thursday, August 22 at Read Hall from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM. Come and relax from the heat, enjoying a cold ice cream sundae. Strike up a conversation with friends and neighbors or by chance meet new residents that have just moved to Dreamland Villa. Hope to see you there.



Barbara Miller: Editor

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- Editor

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## The President's Message

by John P. Mathews



When we first moved to Mesa, we visited with a local nursery to discuss the proper types of shrubs and flowers that would survive in the dry desert climate. The nursery showed us quite a variety of plants from those needing regular water attention to those needing little to no water. The last group fascinated me so I queried how they could survive in the desert without water. He explained that through the law of nature some desert plants develop here naturally and others have been specifically developed to adapt to the desert climate. That got me thinking about other natural laws such as gravity, the rotation of the planets in the universe, seasons of the year, etc. Each functions around natural universal laws. Those laws help maintain order and clarify understanding in our lives.

Often you hear people say, "I'm fed up and tired of being told that I have to do this or that. I want to be free to choose." In reality we are free to choose exactly what we want to do, as long as it doesn't restrict or impose on the rights or liberties of others, but we all need to understand that when we make choices, we must also be responsible for the consequences attached to those choices. Someone likened it to picking up one end of a stick. The rest of the stick comes along as well.

Living in a senior community like Dreamland Villa is wonderful and pleasant as long as everyone knows and understands the rules that govern our community and is willing to uphold those guidelines which help us maintain order, respect for others, and peace in our neighborhoods. There is a great deal of time and money spent to provide and maintain our facilities so everyone that is a part of the Dreamland Villa Community Club can enjoy and use the a wide variety of opportunities. Our beautiful pools are available to members with access via the use of their club

cards. Visiting children are welcome during the posted children's hours. At other times, we ask that we reserve the pools for our members who are, for the most part, 55 or older.

So it is with our card clubs, billiard rooms, ceramic classes, shuffleboard courts, pickleball and other venues. These are for card carrying members and occasional guests of members. If these were thrown open to the general public, the facilities would soon have to close down due to lack of funds to maintain and keep them in working order.

There are also guidelines concerning the upkeep and beauty of the property in Dreamland Villa. We are all asked to keep our yards free from weeds, trash, and abandoned cars. Maricopa County also has rules governing property and has the enforcement power to levy fees and fines to anyone who ignores the simple rules that help our neighborhoods remain beautiful. When folks leave for an extended period of time, if they stop by the Dreamland Villa Office and fill out a simple form, the local sheriff's posse will have a patrol car check their home. Good neighbors will also arrange for a friend or a relative to make sure their property is free of weeds as that is an obvious signal to would-be robbers that the owners are away. Additionally, everyone should give the office an away-from-Mesa phone number where the home owner can be contacted in case a storm or accident happens to damage the yard or home while owners are absent. For example, a couple of years ago, a strong wind came through the area and took the roof off a neighbor's home. Because no one knew how to contact them, the damage went uncorrected for almost two years.

Natural laws help things run smoothly, and local and community laws when followed bring peace and harmony to our beautiful area. Let's continue to work together to keep our rules and regulations in force and make Dreamland Villa Community Club the wonderful place it has been for seniors to retire to and enjoy for many years to come. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation and for all you do!

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# Ceramic Chaos

by Teena Baker

Greetings! So the "dry heat" has finally hit us! We hope you are finding solace in the shade, pool or wherever keeps you cool and happy! I heard a joke the other day: "My oven's a dry heat too, but it doesn't mean I wanna live in it!" These "DOG DAYS of SUMMER" will be here for another month to six weeks. Everyone knows that the "dog days of summer" occur during the hottest and muggiest part of the season. The dog days of summer is that period between early July and early September when the hot sultry weather of summer usually occurs in the northern hemisphere. It is a well-known period of stagnation or inactivity.

Just a reminder to those of you who have been coming to the shop on Wednesday afternoons. The shop will not be open and available for the month of August. Maintenance has need of the room to do work in. The shop will reopen on September 3rd at 9:00 AM. See you then.

We have 75 bowls that need to be painted. We only have the month of September to get the bowls painted and ready to be delivered to Mesa Community College in early October. PLEASE come help us paint them. Ceramic Chaos will provide brushes and

paint for you to use as well as any assistance desired. Anyone who can hold a paintbrush can paint a bowl.

When you come back to ceramics in the fall, you will notice some changes in the room. The floors will have been striped and new wax put on them. Our table frames and legs will be painted. Paints will be restocked. There will also be new table coverings on all of the tables. Please be aware that it will be YOUR responsibility to clean and keep up your work area. Let's keep the tables looking new as long as we can.

Mary Anne, Gene, Roy and I will be going to Laughlin, Nevada, for a weekend. Mary Anne and I will be taking classes all day Saturday and a half day on Sunday. This is where we are taught how to use new products and to learn new ideas that we bring back to Ceramic Chaos to teach our people. It is a lot of fun and a lot of learning in two days' time. Of course, that doesn't count the time that we are wondering around (supposedly) looking for the classrooms and the ONE-ARMED bandit grabs hold of us and just twists our arms until we start dropping money into their pockets!!!! Talk about being tired. Man, oh, Man!!!!

# Computer Club

by Donna Hanson

Those of us who stay in the Valley all summer are still busy working on our computers. Bob O. has a class on Thursday mornings at 9:00 AM and is available to help others with their problems. He and Kay Hawbaker share the duties of the Saturday 9:00 AM Q/A sessions. See the August calendar in the office or on the door of Room 9.

Donna Hanson's iPad group meets every Friday morning at 9:00 AM, and we are still learning each week. We invite any other members to come and see what can be done using an iPad. Some of the group also goes to the Apple store to learn more things and shares the information with others.

The members of the Board will soon be meeting

and planning the new fall activities. Please relate your interests to a Board member as it will help in getting new activities set up for the fall classes. If you would like to teach a class, please also do offer. Remember, we are seniors helping seniors and we appreciate your help.

Those of us who enjoy eating at the Golden Corral still meet on the third Thursday of the month at around 10:30 AM. You do not have to be a computer club member to attend this event and we invite you to come and spend some time with us.

We look forward to seeing more people at our meetings in the fall and hope others can share their knowledge about what they have learned during the summer.



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# Singles Club

by Ruth Mogen

The Singles Club is still very active. Our June potluck was a "luau" with our guest Hawaiian, Ida Wilson, who played the ukelele, sang, and showed us how to do the Hula. It proved to be a fun evening.

We celebrated Independence Day at our July 2<sup>nd</sup> potluck with hot dogs and all of the trimmings. We also had a beautifully decorated cake and ice cream which was furnished by the club. Our guests were Steve Johnson, a Boy Scout leader and one of the Boy Scouts. They gave a demonstration on handling the flag and told us about flag etiquette. We also took up a donation for the nineteen firemen killed in the Yarnell fire.

The Singles meet the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month at 9:30 AM at Read Hall. Coffee and goodies are furnished to start the meeting.

We have a potluck meal the first Tuesday of the month at 6:00 PM at Read Hall. For more information call Ruth Mogen at 480-985-6677 or Jan Milner at 480-396-7898.

We welcome new members to join us at one of our meetings or potlucks. I think you will enjoy us. We do other things than what I mentioned in this article. Come visit and see what we are all about.



Marion Campbell attending to the hot dogs



# Quilting Club

by Becky Lamson

Our pictures this month are of string blocks laid out for a quilt top. Four tops were worked on as a group project in June. These tops go together fast and use up our leftover pieces of fabric.



In July we put together an Attic Window quilt. Our second picture is an example showing a winter scene through the window.

Reminder : We are meeting on the second and fourth Thursdays from 1:00 to 3:00 PM in Read Hall through September. New and prospective members are always welcome.

We welcome your unused quilting fabric and batting. You can contact the Quilt Club President Becky Lamson at (480) 202-7003, and she will arrange a time to pick it up or you may drop it off during our weekly quilt meetings at Read Hall, Thursdays from 1:00-3:00 PM.

Quilters' quote of the month: Friends are like quilts. They never lose their warmth.



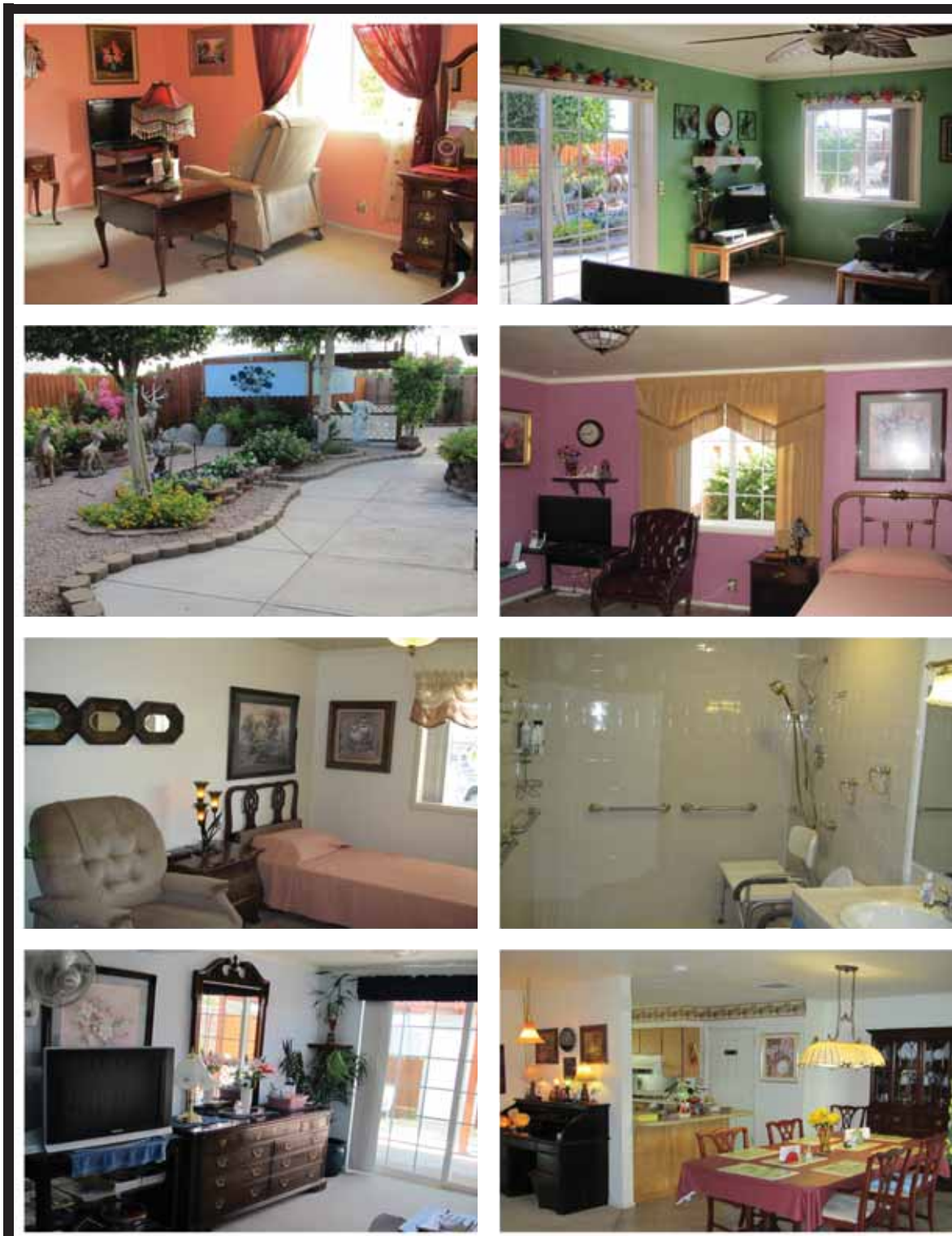
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## Dreamland Villa Men's Golf Club

by Ray Zabel

The Dreamland Villa Men's Golf Club is playing golf every Monday and Wednesday, teeing off around 6:30 AM and later as long as two members play together even during this warm weather. I like to think we could get more men to play the Dreamland course since the course is in such marvelous shape. Come join our club. We have benefits. We keep track of your scores and determine your handicaps. You benefit a lower green fee and a portion of the fee you get back in chits you can use in the pro shop.

We also have a group that plays on Friday and the starting time is 6:30 AM.

We have prizes for low net, birdies, and closest to the pin on a couple of holes. You pick a partner even yourself and there is also a prize for low net.

I will add that the course is in great shape. Your green fee is good to play all day if you want.

What do you think when you address the ball? Assume the correct stance and place the head of the club on the ground behind the ball prior to hitting it. Direct statements to the ball before it is hit or while it is in flight, such as: "If you go into that trap, I'll never wash you again" or "In a way, I hope you miss that cup - I've always wondered what's inside a golf ball."

If you have any questions, please call Larry Waterstradt (480-894-1645) President, Dale Tatman (480-981-1645) Treasurer or contact Pat (480-985-6591), the golf pro, at the Dreamland Pro shop.

## Dreamland Tuesday Bowling League

by Ray Zabel

We are having a great time bowling in a cool place every Tuesday at 12:30 PM at AMF Bowling Lanes on Gilbert and Southern. This group consists of about fifty-five individuals all happy jovial while the laughter you hear when you come through the bowling ally doors is astounding. It is not a team bowling; you don't have to show every time but once you come you probably will want to come each Tuesday. You will have such a great time that you can't wait till next Tuesday. The cost is \$8 and there is the possibility of winning some extra dollars. Thirty percent of those who show win something.

About once a month we play nine pin which means if you knock down nine you receive a strike. Usually we got some high games when playing 9 pin and even you could see a 300 game. In June we had a real 300 bowled by Dan Jenkins. In May we had 299 bowled

by Bob Grande. The alleys must be in great shape.

Some of the series score for last month are:  
 Chuck Hanson 737; Paul Rife 710; Robert Bafia 642, 634; Andy Black 636, 649; Dan Jenkins 628, 668, 845; Jerry Markham 617, 744; Dave Perrin 614; Jerry Sarver 610, 761; Dave Bacca 606; Robert Grande 604, 743; Chuck Damert 682; Robert Ryan 672; Ed Lockard 669; Jim Brown 651, 634; Bob Morrow 642, 633, 788; Carrie Rexford 633, 730; Carolyn Morrow 622; Donna Cole 614; Julie Hyink 612; Singleton Bank 733; Jack Cregar 652; Nancy Saathoff 650; Barb Merchant 638; Norm Erichson 606; Bob Smith 773; Jan Henning 759; Maureen Bacca 731; and Chuck Kloeckner 728.



Just come and bowl and have a great time with some very enjoyable people. If you should need more information, please call Jan Zabel at 480-396-4136.

# 2013 August 2013

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
Calendar notices or dates are the responsibility of the leaders of each group. Deadline notice is due to the office by the 5 <sup>th</sup> of each month.						
4	5	6 Singles Potluck 6:00 PM R	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14 Singles MTG 9:00 AM R	15	16	17
18 FARNSWORTH POOL CLOSED	19	20	21	22 Ice Cream Social 2:00 - 4:00 PM R	23	24
25 READ POOL CLOSED	26	27	28 Singles MTG 9:00 AM R	29	30	31

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SUNDAY PM	MONDAY PM	TUESDAY PM	WEDNESDAY PM	THURSDAY PM	FRIDAY PM	SATURDAY PM
	1:00 Hand and Foot R-3 7:00 Cribbage R-3	1:30 Wood Carving R-2 7:30 Pickleball R-O	1:00 Whist & Euchre R-3 7:00 Bridge R-3	1:00 Quilters R-3 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday R-O 7:30 Pickleball R-O	1:00 Canasta R-3 Bridge R-3 "500" R-3	7:00 Pinochle R-3

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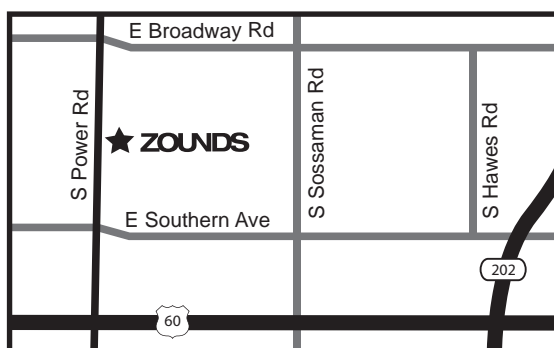
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