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DVRC BRIEFS

DVRC Study Session
Tuesday, February 1
Read Hall
10:00 am

**Brad Fitch John Denver/
Gordon Lightfoot Tribute Concert**
Saturday, February 5
Read Hall
2:00 pm

DVRC Board Meeting
Tuesday, February 8
Read Hall
10:00 am

Dreamland Villa Pot Luck
Thursday, February 17
Read Hall
5:00 pm

**Concert Under the Stars
with Cold Shott**
Sunday, February 20
Farnsworth Bandshell
5:30 pm

Happy Hour
Friday, February 25
Read Hall
4:00 pm

For more events,
see the calendar in this issue or go to
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ELECTION OF NEW BOARD MEMBERS

The election is to be held on February 8, 2022 at Read Hall in Room 9 (Computer Room), 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. You must present your Kee Card to vote. There are four candidates for three seats and your vote does matter.

Absentee ballots will be available during regular DVRC office hours until February 7, 2022. You must personally be present to vote. If you are physically unable to come to the office you may call and arrangements will be made to bring the ballot to you.

Please support these fine people who have graciously volunteered their time to serve our community and VOTE!!!



Debra Buntun



Steve Malone



Anthony Pagano



Earline Parham

Debra Buntun

I believe I am offering new creativity and a more meaningful dialog to move DVRC forward. I believe I've shown my ability to think for myself and present to others. I believe it's past time that the Board should motivate and bring excitement to DVRC residents.

Challenges remain. Getting more residents involved to financially support our 55+ age restricted community. Doing away with the divide and make all Residents welcome to Study Sessions and Board Meetings. There are many out there who have some wonderful ideas and skills that can be shared with DVRC. I need the younger generation to join me in these endeavors. Sadly, we are losing the generations before us and it's imperative that our younger generation starts stepping up or we will lose our treasured DVRC. Our older generations have cared and supported our beloved Dreamland for years and it's our turn.

I want to thank my friends and mentors who are pulling me out of the background into the forefront. I'm looking forward to this educational journey of service. I may be the youngest sitting on the Board of Directors but I'm here for all. I have brought many new ideas to the Board and I strongly want to encourage others to do the same. We are all needed in our community.

I have been in Dreamland for nine years. This is my 3rd time living in Dreamland. After my first month I was in love with the community. The quiet, peaceful atmosphere; clean, tidy neighborhood; no parked cars on the street; no kids was all so refreshing. I felt safe and I was home. I was a renter on two occasions and was asked to move due to the selling of the rental property. That was the last straw... I am purchasing house number three.

I was born and raised in Austin, Texas and started my work career at an early age. I worked for some years for a US Senator. I then worked for a couple of attorneys getting their account payables in order. I married, relocated to California and landed in Santa

Rosa where we started a successful business. My duties were accounting and payroll. I relocated to Arizona a few decades ago and started another successful business. My duties remained the same.

Thank you for the encouragement and support I have received from one and all. I can't think of a better time for me to run for the Board of Directors while I still have mentors and teachers to lead me down the path.

Steve Malone

My wife Marcia and I purchased our home in Dreamland Villa in March of 2017. Since purchasing the property we have remodeled both the inside and the exterior, including Landscaping. We, like many others in Dreamland Villa, are snowbirds and come down in the fall and return to Nebraska in the spring.

I have been retired for 11 years from the Nebraska Department of Agriculture, where I was the administrator of the Department's Division of Weights of Measures. I managed this program for over 35 years. Duties included the supervision of twenty staff members who were located throughout the state of Nebraska, prepared, and managed budgets, developed legislation, along with the rules and regulations to implement legislation and managed regulatory actions. I have participated in and served as Chairperson of both my Regional and National Association, which developed model technical standards for measurement equity.

My wife and I have owned three duplex rental properties which we managed and maintained on our own. I am proud to say that I served my country in the United States Marine Corps and served a tour of Duty in Okinawa and Vietnam.

My years of regulatory experience has taught me how to work together with others.

Anthony Pagano

My bride of 43 years and I journeyed to California from the east coast in 1982. We lived in three different counties; Orange, San

Diego & Contra Costa. While it was a great place to live, it became quite expensive and oppressive at the last, so we moved to Mesa/Dreamland Villa last April. We are extremely happy here; great people, safe streets and well-kept homes.

I served on the Bay Harbor Park Home Owners Association for five years at our last residence in Northern California; one year as director, two as Treasure and two as president. During that time our board instituted conservative investments specifically designed for HOA's, implemented significant cost reduction programs and improved management oversight. Our efforts forestalled any dues increases during that time. Our projections were no dues increases for another 5 years.

Our current Dreamland Villa Board is tasked with navigating through both current and future financial difficulties. While significant, elimination of both short-term dues increases and long-term dues reduction are possible.

With your trust and guidance, I wish to join our board and collectively resolve both issues.

Earline Parham

Earline Parham is a native of South Carolina and has lived in Mesa since 1987. She worked at the Boeing Company from 1987 to 2010 as a Technical Engineering Specialist. Earline's education includes an AA and a BS in Behavioral Science from the Western Int'l University of Phoenix. She has earned a Certificate as a Family Development Specialist from Mesa United Way and a Certificate of Completion in the Dale Carnegie Course in Effective Communications and Human Relations.

Earline has served as a volunteer within the Mesa community in many capacities, including Mesa United Way, Mesa Child Crisis Center, Martin Luther King Fr. Committee, United Food Bank, Buffalo Soldiers of AZ.

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AROUND THE VILLA

60TH ANNIVERSARY GALA

By Christie Robbins

On behalf of the 60th Anniversary Gala Committee we'd like to thank all of the following sponsors for their donations..... these gifts made for some very nice Chance Auction baskets as well as, door prizes!!

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Also, we'd like to take this opportunity to thank the many volunteers for their donations, skills and, generous gift of time. We couldn't do it without you!

Just a note, this article is being submitted just weeks prior to the Gala happening on January 29 due to the submission deadline for the February Citizen. Please look for ALL the exciting details in the March edition of the Citizen. We just wanted to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their support and participation in making the 60th Anniversary Gala possible.

Did You Know?



- Did you know that DVRC offers a quarterly payment plan? Call (480) 832-3461 for more information.
- Did you know that DVRC needs your age verification form filled out each year?
- Did you know that you must sign in and out when entering or leaving a facility or activity?
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- Did you know that DVRC has three pools and two spas for your enjoyment?
- Did you know that DVRC has a lending library and puzzles to work on at Read Hall?

Community Garage Sale

Let's get our 2022 spring cleaning done early. Start going through all the stuff you haven't used in a while to get ready for the Dreamland Villa Community Garage/Carport Sale.



Get signs posted at the end of our street and in front of your house.

It would be great if several of the homes participated in this event.

February 11th - 12th

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Mary Newkirk, Editor

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AROUND THE VILLA



by Lewis (Lew) Hooser

Well here we are again. It's already February and we are preparing for elections in March. The following are folks that have stepped up to the plate to offer their services. It's a brief summary of some very talented people. Also before you start reading, please make a note to yourself:

Elections: March 8, 2022, voting times are from 9AM-4PM.

Annual Meeting: Tuesday, March 8, 2022, at 1:00 pm. At Help Services Please plan to attend!

Hello, my name is Barbara Morgan, I have been a resident of Velda Rose Estate's since 2009 and have volunteered at Help Services for a few years now. I feel Help Services provides a very important service to the Dreamland and Velda Rose Estates communities and would like to expand my contribution by serving on the board. In addition to my desire to give back, I offer a computer background. Over the course of my working career, I was involved with the testing and implementation of three major computer systems, as well as, training and supporting users. Now that Help Services has been computerized, I feel I have something more to offer.

Hello, my Name is Mike Miller, I've lived in Dreamland Villa since Novem-

ber 2017, moving here upon retiring, although I've lived in Mesa all my life. I've worked in construction, worked for Motorola and owned businesses of my own. The last business was a Water & Ice store. I truly love the interaction I get working with and talking to people. I've been associated with Help Services for three years. I was the maintenance technician for Help Services for a few years, but felt I could do much more by being on the board of directors. My present position is chairman of inventory, building and grounds. I've seen a lot of good positive changes in our organization and truly hope I can continue on to serve as a board member. Thank you.

Hello, my name is Betty Maynard, since I've been a volunteer at Help Services for the past number of years, I want to continue on with my duties to Dreamland Villa and Velda Rose Estate's as a board member. I also want to say "thank you" to Help Services for all the equipment I have borrowed. It was really a blessing to me. Hopefully, you will put a check mark next to my name so I can continue on as a volunteer board member.

Hello, my Name is Judy Walkin, I have worked in the health care field for 26 years. I have had many titles within the various organizations; Executive Assistant to the President; Administrative Coordinator; appointed Secretary to the Board of Trustees. In my early years with the health care organization it was my responsibility to assist the board of trustees and the executive team. As time went on as Administrative Coordinator, I was responsible for all financial aspects of the organization,

negotiated and contracted for technical support systems and recruitment of office personnel. I have volunteered at Help Services for the many years and enjoy meeting and help those individuals needing our assistance, thank you.

A note from our president Ms. Patty Thorpe. Right now we are looking for people who will step forward to join our team as one of our Board of Directors! Elections are the second Tuesday in March. So, now is the time for you to contact one of us on the board or stop in and let us know that you are interested in joining our team. Even though your name will not appear in this month article it will be in next months. We not only have a lot of fun but, we get into some very interesting conversations and ideas to create new services for Dreamland Villa and Velda Rose Estates while maintaining our current services. I know we have a lot of very talented people from both communities and we really could use all those creative talents at Help Services. Why not give it some serious consideration? we know you will really enjoy helping us out. Thank you. By the way check us out at our web page, www.HelpServicesInc.org. Our phone number is 480-985-6021, for appointments to discuss memorials and any other questions you might have. Address is 5210 E. University Drive Mesa, AZ 85205. Our services is only available to Dreamland Villa & Velda Rose Estates folks.

Now from the desk of this news boy and our president Patty Thorpe and the upcoming new and old board members, "thank you for all your generous donations and memorials".

BOOK REVIEW

By Anita Thompson

This Tender Land by William Kent Krueger

Another book I couldn't put down. This story is set in 1932 during the depression when a lot of people are struggling. Odie, who is 12, and his older brother Albert, who is 16, are orphans. Although they are white, they are sent to an Indian school in southern Minnesota. It is NOT a nice place. The couple who run it and some of their workers are cruel to the children. There is one teacher, Mrs. Frost, who is kind and she has a young daughter Emmy who the boys befriend. Also in the story is Mose who is an Indian boy whose tongue was cut out after his parents were killed. Mrs. Frost is killed in a tornado, her husband had died a few years before her. These 4 children run away and the book is about their adventures, as told by Odie, as they canoe down the rivers looking for safety, a place to belong and peace. The people they encounter, some good, some bad, are very interesting. Each child has a different dream, but together they are a family and really look out for each other. There are lots of twists and turns in the story. A lot of surprises but a real feeling of how the magnificent American landscape connects us all, haunts our dreams and makes us whole.

I highly recommend this book. This is the first time I have recommended a second book by an author. This is quite different from most of Krueger's books but well worth the read.

Volunteer Highlight

By Cyn Munday

We need to give a shout out of thanks to our dozens and dozens of volunteers! We could never survive without them.

Patty Thorp and Richard Schlagenhaft moved to Dreamland in 2006. They have been 'snowbirds' who fly south from Wisconsin each year. Not only have they both volunteered more times than you can count, but they have been huge supporters of activities and events. It's important to remember that when you attend events and activities, you are showing your support to the community, as well, and it is appreciated--especially by those who have poured their efforts into the event.

Patty has served on the Board of Directors and currently runs Help Services. She has been a tremendous volunteer over the years, running pancake breakfasts, the monthly potlucks and other activities.

Richard prefers to work in the background. His expertise as an electrician has helped Dreamland more times than you can count. He has always been helpful and kind and most generous.

We appreciate Patty and Richard and all they have done over the years to help Dreamland. Thank you and thanks to all of you who support our community.

VOLUNTEERING JUST GOT EASIER!

By Gene Miller

A new online program that was developed for our website helps connect volunteers with event organizers. Do you volunteer now? Or maybe you have thought about it, but didn't know how to get involved? Now you have a way to tell organizers what your interests are. The program also shows you what you are volunteering for and provides contact information for others involved with the same event.

Event organizers have tools to help them find volunteers and organize events. Events are saved so if the event is put on again the past information is available for the new event.

Access is easy; just click the link on the website home page (dreamlandvilla.org). Initially you need to register.

The program will request information that it compares to the office records to verify who you are. There are lots of opportunities to indicate your interests. Then you save an email and password to provide secure access any time you want. If you are involved with an upcoming event, you will be able to see others involved and what you will all be doing. Maybe next year your interests will change. Just log in to the program and make the changes to your interests.

We know many of you are not able to access the online program for a variety of reasons. If you want to volunteer, we still want your input. I bet you have a neighbor or friend with a computer that would help you. As a last option you can go to the office and fill out a form and we will enter the information for you.

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AROUND THE VILLA / BOARD

Dreamland on the Go

Kathie Chismar

Sinclair Travel is resuming their popular motorcoach day trips. There is a trip to the 62nd annual Tubac Arts Festival on February 9. Explore the Biosphere with a stop at a winery on February 16. Go for adventure on a mystery trip on February 18. There will also be a tour of the Big Room at Kartchner Caverns in the spring. We have a 3 day trip to Laughlin for St. Patrick's Day March 16 to 18 and the Pacific Wine Coastal Country Cruise on the Grand Princess from September 26 to October 3, 2022.

All Sinclair motorcoach tours include a professional tour guide and a deluxe motorcoach. Sinclair Travel moved from their Main Street location and is now located at Val Vista and Southern. The office is open by appointment only. You can contact me at 480 830-6641 and I would be happy to assist you with all your tour and cruise bookings.



POSSE CORNER

The Dreamland Villa Posse has been busy getting used to our new office across from the DVRC main office. If you've driven past the center parking area you may also have noticed our patrol vehicles are now at the East end of the University Rd. parking lot next to the main office staff parking spaces. In addition, a new House Check form box will be placed below our mailbox by the Posse office door.

The Posse would like to thank Ron Tancrede for his 8 years of service to the Posse. He is stepping down as a patrol officer but will be a mentor for a while. We also want to thank Evie Salzman and Gloria Wilson for their service to us both as posse members and the DLV community. We have vacancies for additional officers, so if you are considering a volunteer position, we will get you an application and discuss Posse service with you. You can call us at 602 877-8489 to request information or an application. It's a great way to get to know your neighbors in the Dreamland Villa community.

We will be sending out a request for donations soon and we encourage you to contribute as you are able. The Posse has stepped up to the challenge by paying rent now for our new office. We are a non-profit service to the citizens of Dreamland Villa and we are volunteers. Every little bit helps as we have expenses: new uniforms; vehicle maintenance and now rent. Do what you can and we definitely appreciate you!

Tip of the month:

There are many street lights in this community that are not working. If you find this is the case of a light near you, please note the address, also a number at the base of the light pole. Call SRP, they will track that particular pole on their grid and come out to repair. Be aware of other street issues including clogged material blocking water runoff during storms. Not too often do we Arizona citizens have to deal with these issues but things happen quickly, don't they?

DREAMLAND CAN BE A NIGHTMARE

If you're working for us, that is.

Any successful company realizes that the most important asset they have are the employees. Unfortunately, Dreamland has fallen far short on this issue and we are now facing turnover in our office staff. Since we only have two employees, this is something that affects us deeply. Diane, who has done a terrific job with our 55+ Compliance issues, tendered her resignation because of her husband's health and to take a better opportunity to permanently work from home. We appreciate all that she has done for Dreamland, and she will be missed!

We also ran the very real risk of losing Mary, whose experience with our accounting and The Citizen, as well as the community in general, is vital to running this business known as Dreamland Villa Retirement Community. Fortunately, after Mary met with the Board in January, we have a very real understanding of the issues facing Dreamland. During that meeting, we identified areas of concern for our staff, and the changes we can make to improve the working environment for all our employees. It's that commitment that has given Mary the encouragement to work on this task with the Board, and we are excited that she has made that decision to do so.

It's not just the Board's work to make sure we aren't providing a toxic, chaotic working environment to our employees. It's our members, committee leads, class participants...actually, anyone who has come into the office or spoken to the Maintenance Staff demanding their needs be met immediately, or yelling at our staff about something that frustrates or causes anger. What has happened to us? Where is common courtesy and respect? Why is it okay to verbally abuse someone?

Dreamland office's purpose is to support the over 1,700 members who financially give to this community. If you have chosen not to provide your financial support because you don't use the facilities, understand that the office is one of our facilities, so please seek your support elsewhere. This also means that patience and respect is the minimum expectation we ask of our members to give to our small staff so that everyone can get their requests answered. It means that if a sign is on the door to wear a mask, or limit the number of people in the office, then for goodness sake, do it. Don't pound on the door demanding to be seen if the office is closed. It seems that for some reason, our society today has forgotten the golden rule: Treat others as you would like to be treated. **WE MUST REINSTATE THE GOLDEN RULE IN OUR COMMUNITY IMMEDIATELY!**

Over the course of this year and beyond, you will begin to see changes being made to help restore order and efficiency to address the needs of our community. Please be courteous and patient with these changes, embrace them and know that they are for the good of everyone so we can provide a positive working environment and retain good employees. If you have a suggestion or complaint, then send an email to a board member or drop a note in the suggestion box at Read Hall. Gossip and rumors do not help Dreamland. It's up to all of us to make this community a positive experience for everyone.

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When Jane and Larry found themselves facing a series of unexpected events that left them with credit card debt and without the money they needed to comfortably retire, they didn't have a lot of options. Jane could go back to work - but there wasn't much in the area. Larry tried taking on some consulting work, but it was negatively affecting his health. The only realistic option they could see was to sell their retirement home in PebbleCreek. It felt like an impossible task.

Luckily, a neighbor suggested an alternative: a reverse mortgage. Jane and Larry's credit card debt was not a part of their retirement plans, but Sun American Mortgage Company stepped in and helped turn a bad situation into an opportunity. With over 30 years of experience assisting Arizona seniors in similar situations, Sun American Mortgage is a leader in the Reverse Mortgage industry. Instead of selling their precious home in PebbleCreek, Jane and Larry were able to turn to the equity in their own home to pay off their credit card debt and get back on track with their retirement plans.

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they want to, but also feel safe knowing that, in a pinch, no payment is required. They pay their property taxes, homeowners insurance and HOA fees as always. Jane and Larry have options. They can simply pay the interest, make a full payment every other month, make 2 payments every month, or never make a payment again. The reverse mortgage gave them the flexibility to live the future they envisioned even though their retirement plans didn't go quite as planned.

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FROM THE BOARD

Dreamland Villa Retirement Community Board of Directors

January 11, 2022 10:00 a.m. Board of Directors Meeting

Welcome: Johna Sharp, President
Pledge of Allegiance

Call to Order: 10 a.m. by Johna Sharp, President

Roll Call: Kathie Chismar, Secretary. Present were Johna Sharp, Kim Rogers, Allees Cohrt Ward Jennings, Debra Buntun, Anthony Pagano, and Kathie Chismar. A quorum was present.

Ratification of Minutes: Kathie made a motion to ratify the minutes from the December 8, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes. The minutes were ratified.

December Treasurer's Report: Kim Rogers, Treasurer. Members may request a copy of current report from the office.

Office Manager Report: A copy of the report is available in the office.

Committee Reports: Copies of reports, if available, are on file in the office.

Old Business:

Town Hall Meeting: Ward presented a review of the Town Hall meeting that was held on January 8, 2022. An article reviewing the results will be in the February Citizen.

New Business:

By Law Amendment: Non-voting Social Membership: Johna read the by law that will allow persons 55 and older who live outside Dreamland Villa to pay the annual fee to obtain a social membership. Kathie made a motion to add Article XII, Membership and Dues to the bylaws at the Annual meeting for approval. The motion passed with 6 in favor and 1 opposed.

The motion incorrectly stated the change as Article XII. It will be corrected to show the change as Article XI at the annual meeting.

Annual Meeting: Johna presented the agenda for the annual meeting to the Board. There is a DVRC Voter pamphlet that lists all the by-law changes that will be presented to all attendees with the ballot for the changes, as well as a 2 page year in review financial report. The other items on the agenda are ratification of minutes from previous meetings and presentation of the 2022 Directorial Candidates.

Ad Hoc Committee – Mission, Vision and Values Committee: Johna made a motion to create an ad hoc committee called Mission, Vision and Values Committee that would include as members Steve Malone, Earline Parham, Debra Buntun, and Anthony Pagano. The motion was seconded and passed with 6 in favor and 1 opposed. The committee will provide reports on their progress at all regular Board meetings.

Assistant Treasurer's Appointment: Kathie made a motion to appoint Anthony Pagano as Assistant Treasurer. The motion was passed unanimously.

Ad Hoc Audit Committee Chairman Appointment: Johna requested advise and consent of the Board to appoint Dennis Zurbay. The appointment was ratified without objection.

Pianos and Organ: TAD has requested that we remove the piano and organ from Farnsworth Hall. There is also a piano in Read Hall. Johna made a motion to post an ad to sell a piano and organ in the Citizen. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. If there is no response, we will advertise publicly. If there is no response we will donate the items.

Annual Fee Update: Ward requested data for a Customer Base Analysis. It was agreed that we will discuss this at the February Study Session.

Due to COVID, the office is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 a.m. until noon. Anyone can call the office and leave a message at any time. The office will respond to messages and arrange appointments outside of the office hours according to the caller's need.

Adjournment: 11:39 a.m.

Submitted by Kathie Chismar, Secretary

Why Pay the Annual Fee? Dreamland Villa's 55+ Status

By Johna Sharp, President

Keeping Dreamland Villa an age restricted community requires a concerted effort by DVRC's office staff. Eighty-five percent of one staff member's time is spent researching and updating the records that are required by Maricopa County to confirm our compliance with the Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and Housing for Older Person's Act (HOPA) regulations. Compliance means retaining a notarized Age Affidavit for each home within the Dreamland Villa subdivision.

Each year Maricopa County requires that DVRC complete a verification of this compliance. HOPA requires that we re-survey our residents every two years to ensure that 80% of our community's homes are occupied by residents who are 55 years of age or older. The regulations are that one person residing in the residence must be at least 55 and no one 18 years or younger can live in the home for longer than 90 consecutive days. There are special circumstances that allow for exceptions to this rule, but they must apply for a permit with Maricopa County. Residents should report violations to the office to ensure that we remain compliant with the HOPA regulations. Violations are reported anonymously to Maricopa County.

In 2021 there were over 600 homes that did not fill out Age Verification Affidavits. Part of the process is keeping track of houses put up for sale. Our staff receives a report of MLS real estate listings on a regular basis. If a realtor lists a Dreamland home and does not state that it is in a 55+ community or that there are no fees involved, they contact the realtor to get the MLS listing corrected. They also provide the title company with the DVRC Age Verification Affidavit stating that it must be signed and notarized at the time of sale. If the form is not returned, our staff must track it down or contact the new owner to get one. If the home is sold by owner or deeded to a relative, then staff must track down that information and obtain the proper documentation.

Reports must be run regularly because our compliance numbers can drop below 80% in just two months.

Our database tracks the age verification dates and when the two-year date expires, additional research is needed to find out if the home is still owned by the same person or persons. Research includes a search of Maricopa County records to find out if there is an ownership change. And, if needed, a background check is conducted to see if at least one occupant is 55 or older. If the new occupant cannot be identified and there is no response to staff inquiries, then the home is no longer compliant. This is a problem.

We need to know that you're still living in Dreamland Villa. When annual fee notices are mailed out, an Age Verification form is included. If you choose not to support DVRC, you need only input your name and date of birth on the paper and return it to the office. If you support DVRC you can pay your annual fee online at www.Dreamlandvilla.org or return the form to the office along with your payment. Please note that only the current year's form and the original notarized affidavits are kept on file. All other verification documents are shredded and discarded.

A large portion of our annual income is spent on personnel expenses. Staffing is required to maintain our compliance requirements as well as perform bookkeeping and maintenance responsibilities. DVRC cannot operate without your financial support. When you pay the annual fee of \$190, you are not "joining" DVRC or joining a club. You are paying to support the staff required to maintain your community's facilities and to retain your community's age-restricted status. As a bonus, you get access to the pools, activities, and official meetings. You need to provide your financial support if you want to keep Dreamland Villa a senior citizen community for the enjoyment of all its residents. If DVRC is not able to support itself, your facilities will erode, and the processes and programs required to retain our compliance will not be maintained. Even if our facilities are sold off, staffing and computer programs will still be required if we want to stay in compliance with the 55+ Status. Don't wait until it's too late. Support your community today.

January 8, Town Hall Meeting Take-Away

by Ward Jennings, Host and DVRC Board Director

Overwhelmingly the 160 residents who attended the Town Hall Meeting want Dreamland Villa to remain a 55+ age-restricted Community. Of those attendees, 139 had paid 2021 and/or 2022 annual fees.

The following are the take-away points from the meeting's attendees and the surveys completed at the meeting.

- \$100 was the most frequent annual amount attendees suggested as a contribution to

keep our Community 55+ age-restricted.

- The Affidavit should be on a form separate from the Annual Fees renewal form.
- One "membership" should be offered to those supporting our Community's 55+ Age-Restriction and a different "membership" offered those who wish to use the facilities and activities.
- Payment plan options should be better defined and communicated. Attendees said they would be better able to pay the annual fee if "installment payments" were available.
- Advise renters of the activities offered by DVRC.
- Suggested more aggressive action be taken to get owners of rental properties to provide financial support to DVRC, suggesting rents be increased \$15 per month so renters could be offered a kee card.

- Rent out DVRC spaces, such as the parking lot.
- Inform residents of the DVRC activities available in the summer and offer more evening activities.
- Keep the office open more hours, Monday through Friday from at least 9 am to 1 pm AND one night at week.
- Additional observations:
 - The existential threat to the future of our Community is its declining financial support from our Community's residents. The question, "How do we increase the residents' financial support for DVRC?" was not answered.
 - The 160 attendees who attended the meeting was an excellent turnout! And exceeded the 100 Agendas and Surveys that were provided. Poor planning on my part.



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Minnesota Potluck

by Andrea Hill

I'm going to tell you a secret – Minnesotans are great cooks! We have delicious food at our potlucks. We meet at Read Hall on the second Thursday each month. The next one is February 10. Doors open at 5:15 pm and we eat at 5:30 pm. Bring a dish (with food in it) to serve eight to ten people, your own plate and eating utensils. You may bring your own drink if you like, but coffee and tea will be provided.

I will pass around pencils and slips of paper. Whoever wants to can write down their guess for the Super Bowl winner and the scores. At the March Potluck I'll give a prize to the lucky person who guessed the closest prediction.

From the DV Office dated August 27: "Due to the increase in the number of cases of the virus in Arizona we ask that any unvaccinated people please wear masks while you're inside any of the Dreamland Villa buildings."



Let's Get Happy!

By Lynda Leix

Please join us in Read Hall on Friday, February 25 for another Happy Hour. Carla Elliot will be tickling the ivories for your listening enjoyment and some of us may even get up and shake a leg! Carla plays a nice variety of music with a lot of 50's and 60's. And she keeps the volume down so that we can visit. Root beer floats will be available for a donation. Festivities will start at 4 and Carla will play till about 6. Bring whatever you would like to drink and get together with your friends and neighbors. Hope to see YOU there!



Organ Stop Pizza Update



Just a reminder that the sign-up sheet is in the office. You can call the office to reserve your spot! Ph. 480 832-3461. Please leave your telephone number so that we can get a hold of you if we have to cancel for any reason. We need at least 100 people to have this special party. Organ Stop has good "infection protection" procedures in place.

The date, again, is February 24. We will meet in the parking lot of Organ Stop and doors will open about 10:45. Cost is \$9.50 and includes a salad, all you can eat pizza and a special music program that includes a demonstration of how the organ works. Organ Stop is located on Southern just west of Stapley.

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Desert Walkers

by Jill Holleque

Our January walks included the Moon Walk trail at Utery Mountain Regional Park followed by a picnic lunch and an urban excursion to the USS Arizona Memorial Gardens at Salt River and lunch in a restaurant.

Remaining walks are:

February 4 at the Riparian Park in Gilbert with a picnic lunch.

February 18 at Fountain Hills followed by a restaurant lunch.

March 4 TBA

March 18 MCC Rose Gardens

April final walk of season at Boyce Thompson Arboretum with a picnic lunch. Date TBA

We meet at 9 a.m in the Farnsworth Hall parking lot, unless otherwise announced.

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by Dave Senke



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Please note that fused glass will now be open on Monday nights from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Our regular hours are Monday and Wednesday – 9:30 AM to 12:00 noon and 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM.



Dreamland Villa Quilting Club

by Becky Lamson

The quilt top in our photo this month was made from a donation of several pieced blocks and the fabric for the rest of the top. Becky Lamson finished the remaining blocks and stitched it together. It was quilted by our long-arm operators Les Starks.

In December we donated 20 quilts to St Vincent De Paul to be given as Christmas gifts to families in need.

Our first meeting in Jan we elected Becky Lamson President/Reporter, Faye Miller Vice president, Betty Sharpy Secretary and Rita Carlson Treasurer.

Let us give them our support during 2022. On the 3rd Thursday of each month a different members will be in charge of a special project.

We will be on our winter schedule meeting weekly on Thursday afternoons 1:00 to 3:00 pm at Read Hall. We will remain on this schedule through June 2022. We will have quilt tops to piece or bindings to sew. The 3rd Thursday of the Month is Special Project Day. You are always welcome to bring a project of your own to work on at any of the meetings.

New and prospective members are always welcome. If you desire, bring along an item for show and tell.

If you have quilt club questions, contact Becky Lamson at 480-202-7003,

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Dreamland Bowling League

By Cyndy Munday



Bowling season is winding down. Our league plays until the end of March. This is a senior league with handicaps which makes it fun to see how the teams rate against each other. This has been an interesting year. With a lack of bowlers, it hasn't been easy, but we are getting by. This year we took two weeks off for the holidays and returned to bowling on January 7th.

A special thank you to Linda Herreman who volunteered to set up and served at our annual Christmas party. It was a beautiful set-up and we had others who thought our set-up better than their own and wanted to participate as well. Thanks again so much Linda!

TOP BOWLERS FOR DECEMBER

12/3 Jack Cregar 170; Harry Cole 178; Joan Pitts 159; Roy Pitts 166; Bill Harder 190, 224; Sid Meehan 162; Richard Arnold 186; Wayne Herreman 166; Andrea Hill 164; Cyn Munday 166; Bob Langer 188, 206; Ted Modjeski 172; Jenkins 186; Tom Guinan 168, 167; Jim Seamandle 170

12/10 Jan Langer 178, 181; Bob Langer 208, 221; Jane Gilbert 165; Chuck Kloeckner 170; Marc Thompson 184; Dan Jenkins 193, 171; Ken Busch 169; Kevin Todd 187; Tom Guinan 180; Jim Seamandle 187, 171, 179; Mike Couza 219; Richard Arnold 169; Harry Cole 181, 179, 184

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SPLITS PICKED UP IN DECEMBER – Jack Cregar 3-10, Linda 2-5-7; Stephanie Lowe 5-7; Jan Langer 5-7; Ted Modjeski 5-6; Fred Zrmack 9-10; Bob Langer 2-4-10; Andrea Hill 5-10; Sid Meehan 5-7, 2-9-10; Ken Busch 4-7-9; Nancy Cole 6-9-10; Jan Sahler 7-8; Andrea Hill 3-10; Wayne Herreman 2-4-7-10; Karen Berdine 5-7; Jack Cregar 5-6;

We are always looking for more bowlers. If you are interested in joining or need more information, please call Cyndy Munday 425-218-1105. Thank you.

Fun Time Ceramics

By Barb Sherer

Come join us! Learn a new method of completing a project, share your expertise, or just visit with us. We're learning new things, having fun and getting to know our neighbors.

Plans for February include a beginner class on February 15, 2022 from 9 to noon. You will be able to select from three items: a blue jean mug, a planter or a mushroom. Of course, you don't have to be a beginner to join us for the class, all are welcome. Mark your calendar so you don't miss it.

We are planning another outing, this time to San Tan Valley, "gotta" see what's going on in the various ceramic shops around the valley! Lunch and socializing are on the menu, date and restaurant to be determined.

Ceramics is open Tuesday and Thursday from 9 until noon to all Dreamland Villa residents with a kee card. If you don't live in Dreamland Villa and are 55+, stop in the office and purchase a monthly pass, allowing you to join us for painting and socializing. You've worked hard to get to retirement, you've earned some fun. Come join us!



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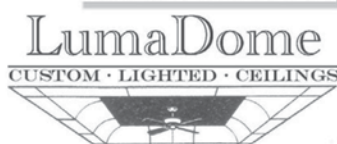
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Book Club

By Anita Thompson

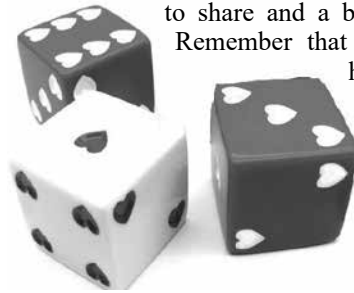
Our next book club meeting will be February 3rd at 3 PM at Anita's. Because of Covid concerns, we continue to meet outside, so dress appropriately! The two books we will be discussing are books many of us, maybe all, have probably read in the past, but we thought we might enjoy them again. The Great Gatsby, by F Scott Fitzgerald and To Kill a Mockingbird, by Harper Lee. Any one is welcome to join us. We have interesting discussions and find it has been a good way to read books we might not have, and to get to know more people from Dream Land Villa. To be honest I have not read either of these books so hopefully I am in for a treat. We shall see.



Ladies' Bunco Night

By Andrea Hill

Ladies, if you have never played Bunco and are curious, do come! It is an easy game to learn and one that doesn't require strict attention, so laughter and yakking are allowed, even encouraged. It has been changed to a daytime activity. I hope that it turns out safer because even I don't like to drive at night. We will meet at Read Hall at 1 p.m. on the third Wednesday of the month. Hope you can join us on Wednesday, February 16.



Bring your Key Card to sign in and \$2 for prize money. If you like, you may bring a snack to share and a beverage for yourself.

Remember that the Dreamland staff has issued a request that anyone who has not been vaccinated should wear a mask indoors. Thanks for your cooperation.

Senior Techies

by Kay Hawbaker



"What I learned about Zoom doing Q&A" Kay Hawbaker, Wednesday, February 16, 2022, at Read Hall 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. Cake, donuts, coffee and juice provided.

The "Next Generation TV" was held on Wednesday, January 19, for residents interested in the future of streaming. The purpose of these events include: A social gathering where people could gather to have questions answered and share information regarding computers/laptops, cell phones and other digital devices and software programs.

Any resident of Dreamland interested in the challenge of presenting a program or scheduling a speaker at one of these monthly events, please contact the office to get involved. This may be the last event of the former Dreamland Computer Club. Any remaining funds of the club will be donated to Dreamland Villa Retirement Community operating fund.

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Dreamland Singles Club

By Lu Wald

Our Singles Club members have been busy this past month supporting our community. A very good showing of members was seen at both the Town Hall meeting on the 8th and the annual meeting on the 15th. We're proud to say that four of our members have stepped up to provide their services on the Board of Directors. It is clear that we care what happens to our community and want to keep the wonderful amenities we have been

privileged to enjoy for 60 years.

January activities included the Hale Theater on the 14th, a movie on the 17th, lunch and a boat ride at Saguaro Lake on the 19th, Dominos on the 21st, the High Tea on the 26th, the Anniversary Gala on the 29th and a free Chandler Pops Symphony on the 30th. We still found time to go out for breakfast, lunch and dinner and to play Hand & Foot on Tuesday afternoons. Providing so many different opportunities offers each member to pick and choose which activity they wish to participate in. We thank our events coordinator, Kathie Chismar, for working so hard to provide so much variety. We also had a swearing in of new officers: Secretary, Sydney Clark; Treasurer, Sue Shoemaker; Vice-

President, Kathy Chismar and President, Lu Wald. Thanks to Russ Mathias for serving as our Treasurer the past 2-3 years. We also welcomed Shawn Gilleland from Rural Metro Fire to receive all of the stuffed animals collected at our annual Christmas Party in December.

February will be packed with more fun things to do. We'll go to the Mesa Community College Astronomy center on the 4th, the Hale on the 14th, Apache Junction to attend a rodeo on the 25th, take in the Mardi Gras Jazz band on the 26th and a movie on the 28th. We'll also dine out at Nana Dee's for breakfast, Pei Wee Asian Kitchen on the 16th and Cracker Barrel on the 21st for dinner. Each Tuesday afternoons finds many

members playing Hand & Foot at Read Hall. And, of course, we always gather for a pot luck on the first Tuesday of every month and invite guests to come and learn more about our club. Our meetings are always on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month at 9:30 A.M. Anyone is welcome to attend a meeting to see if you may want to become a member so you can join in our activities. Our monthly calendars are always posted on the website, and can be found at the office and in Read Hall on our bulletin board. And of course, by calling 701-527-0146 or 480-830-6641 or sending an email to singles@dreamlandvilla.org, we can answer your questions, as well.

WET PAINT

by Alicia Short

Second Annual Fine Artist And Craftsmen Show March 12, 2022

The students in the art department, as well as many of the people who make beautiful items from the lapidary, fused glass class, woodshop and more, will be showing their work again at the DVRC Artists and Craftsmen Show on Saturday, March 12th 2022 from 9:00am to 1:30pm at Farnsworth Hall.

There are so many people in Dreamland Villa who produce beautiful works that we want to show them off. Jewelry from the lapidary shop, fused glass pieces, quilts, wood workers and more will be on display and many will have items for sale.

Refreshments will be available for a donation; entry and parking is free. Also you could have a chance to win some prizes. Students and instructors donate paintings and other items for a raffle drawing. Demonstrations will give attendees a good look at works being done.

In March an open painting afternoon will be held on Monday from 1pm to 4pm. No instructions and no fees. It's a time to paint with other artists and is limited to 12 people.

If you have a craft or art technique you are willing to teach in the fall, please email Alicia at artroom@dreamlandvilla.org. Check out our offerings in the September and October issues of the Citizen and on the Dreamland Villa website for new class in the fall.



Dreamland Ladies Golf

by Kay Hawbaker

The "Winter Holiday Luncheon" was held at Rochester's in the Club House in Sunland Village at 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, January 18, which was also a General Meeting to review the rules of the February Tournament. There were sixteen members in attendance. Still some players were cautious about attending indoor gatherings. Our treasurer was not able to attend, but she sent the Treasurer's report. This included: the club giving Larry Olson a Christmas gift card for his faithful score keeping for the club; and Ruth Cline's (who has moved to Florida) refund for dues paid being donated back to the club.

The League plays at 12:16 p.m. each Thursday afternoon at Royal Palms Golf Course until the end of the season. The Award Presentation is scheduled for March 24 at 5:00 p.m. at Read Hall. The following Thursday there is a regular optional day of golf. After that, some players continue to play making tee times which work for them. Please feel free to contact the office for contact information if you are new to the area and are looking for other players who enjoy getting outside for a game of golf.

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<p>LEGEND</p> <p>R - Read Hall R-A - Read Hall Fellowship Room R-B - Read Hall Fellowship Room</p>	<p>R - "___" Read Hall Activity Room R-O - Outdoor Activity F - Farnsworth Hall F-O - Farnsworth Outdoor Activity</p>	<p>For an up-to-date listing of current events and activities, please go to our website calendar: www.dreamlandvilla.org</p>
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 10:00 AM R DVRC Study Session	2	3	4	5 10:00 AM R New Resident Information Social 2:00 PM F Brad Fitch-John Denver/ Gordon Lightfoot Concert
6	7	8 7:00 AM - 8:00 PM R-9 Board Elections 10:00 AM R DVRC Board Meeting	9 9:30 AM R Singles Club Meeting All Day R Read Hall Pool Closed for Maint.	10 10:30 AM R Card Bingo 5:30 PM R Minnesota Pot Luck	11	12 7:30 AM R Coffee Social
13	14	15	16 10:00 AM R Computer Club Zoom Info Meeting 1:00 PM R Women's Bunco All Day F Farnsworth Pool Closed for Maint.	17 5:00 PM R Dreamland Villa PotLuck	18	19
20 5:30 PM F Concert Under the Stars-Cold Shott	21	22	23 9:30 AM R Singles Club Meeting	24 10:30 AM R Card Bingo	25 4:00 PM R Dreamland Villa Happy Hour	26 7:30 AM R Coffee Social
27	28	For a full, up to date list of events, go to www.Dreamlandvilla.org				

February Weekly Activities

DAILY EVENTS	MONDAY AM	TUESDAY AM	WEDNESDAY AM	THURSDAY AM	FRIDAY AM	SATURDAY AM
Lapidary 8:00 - 11:30 R-6 Woodshop 9:00 - 11:30 R-10 Help Services 9:00 - Noon HS	Aquacise Class 8:00 - 8:45 R-O Lapidary 8:00 - 11:30 R-6 Pickle Ball 8:30 R-O Help Services 9:00 - Noon HS Woodshop 9:00 - 11:30 R-10 Fused Glass 9:30 - Noon R-7	Aquacise Class 8:00 - 8:45 R-O Lapidary 8:00 - 11:30 R-6 Bocce Ball 9:00 - 11:00 F-O Fun Time Ceramics 9:00 - Noon R-7 Help Services 9:00 - Noon HS Woodshop 9:00 - 11:30 R-10	Lapidary 8:00 - 11:30 R-6 Pickle Ball 8:30 R-O Help Services 9:00 - Noon HS Woodshop 9:00 - 11:30 R-10 Fused Glass 9:30 - Noon R-7	Aquacise Class 8:00 - 8:45 R-O Lapidary 8:00 - 11:30 R-6 Bocce Ball 9:00 F-O Fun Time Ceramics 9:00 - Noon R-7 Help Services 9:00 - Noon HS Woodshop 9:00 - 11:30 R-10	Aquacise Class 8:00 - 8:45 R-O Lapidary 8:00 - 11:30 R-6 Pickle Ball 8:30 R-O Help Services 9:00 - Noon H Woodshop 9:00 - Noon R-10 5 Cent Poker 10:00 - 2:00 R-8	Bocce Ball 9:00 F-O
	MONDAY PM	TUESDAY PM	WEDNESDAY PM	THURSDAY PM	FRIDAY PM	SATURDAY PM
	Cards- Hand & Foot 1:00 - 4:00 R-B Fused Glass 1:00 - 3:00 R-7 Woodshop 1:00 - 4:00 R-10 Fused Glass 6:00 - 8:00 R-7	Cards - Bridge 1:00 - 4:00 R-A Singles Cards 1:00 - 4:00 R-B Woodshop 1:00 - 4:00 R-10 Texas Hold 'Em 6:00 R-8	Cards - Euchre 1:00 - 4:00 R-A Cards - Whist 1:00 - 4:00 R-B Fused Glass 1:00 - 3:00 R-7 Woodshop 1:00 - 4:00 R-10	Cards - 500 1:00 R-A Quilting Club 1:00 - 4:00 R Woodshop 1:00 - 4:00 R-10 Pickleball 6:00 - 8:00 R-O	Cards - Cribbage 1:00 R-B Woodshop 1:00 - 4:00 R-10 Bowling 3:00 R-O	Pinochle 1:00 R-B

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