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## IN BRIEFS

**Singles Meeting**  
Wednesday, December 10th  
9:30 am  
Read Hall

**Mingle Jingle**  
Friday, December 19th  
5:30 pm  
Read Hall

**Read Hall Pool Maintenance**  
Wednesday, December 10th  
All day

**Farnsworth Hall Pool Maintenance**  
Wednesday, December 17th  
All day

## Dreamland Villa Retirement Community 2026 Membership Drive

By The Membership Committee

The annual Membership and 55+ Age Affidavit drive is in process for 2026. The year's mailing includes an Age Affidavit, a Membership form, and a brochure that highlights the benefits of membership. Please call the office with any questions at 480-832-3461. Stop by to set up a payment plan or to tour the facilities.

A yearly membership fee of \$270 per person gives you access to all events, activities, and facilities in the Dreamland Villa Retirement Community. Along with your financial support, your time, talents, and energy are needed: attend board meetings and have a voice in shaping Dreamland Villa - be part of the "community."

If you pay your membership fee by January 15, 2026, we are offering a sweepstakes entry to win a \$100.00 gift card. All members who pay their fee

by this date will automatically be entered into the sweepstakes. The winner will be chosen at random and notified by email on January 20, 2026. Don't miss your chance—pay your membership fee today for an opportunity to win!

The Age Affidavit is mandated by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development – Housing for Older Persons Act (HUD-HOPA) and Maricopa County to maintain Dreamland Villa's status as a 55+ age-restricted community. According to Dreamland Villa Retirement Community (DVRC) Policy and Procedures, "Each dwelling unit in Dreamland must have at least one occupant that is 55 years of age or older."

The DVRC office maintains the records required for compliance reporting, and this responsibility is supported financially by membership dues

and donations designated specifically for compliance expenses. Compliance reporting ensures that Dreamland Villa maintains its 55+ community status and meets legal requirements, which helps preserve our unique neighborhood.

Dreamland Villa is what we make of it. If you are unable to become a member right now, you can still support the 55+ senior overlay by returning a donation with your age affidavit. This simple act helps ensure Dreamland Villa continues to be a welcoming place for residents aged 55 and older.

Get involved today, attend a study session or board meeting, join our coffee social, sign up for the Blast (our online newsletter), connect with us for updates on Facebook or at [www.dreamlandvilla.org](http://www.dreamlandvilla.org), and read the Citizen to stay informed and explore what membership can offer you.



**4th Annual**  
**Mingle & Jingle**  
**Ugly Sweater**  
**CONTEST**

**Friday, Dec. 19, 2025**

Doors open @ 5:30 pm @ Read Hall  
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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Pat Clark

Hello everybody! Hard to believe it's December already. For us year-round residents, the weather is getting colder. For you winter visitors, this is the reason you come.

Hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving. We had what is becoming our annual Thanksgiving dinner/potluck on November 27th, in Read Hall.

There will be a dinner show at Barleens on Saturday, December 13th, and the annual Mingle Jingle will be held on Friday, December 19th, in Read Hall.

Little Mesa Cafe will be giving back to us 20% of the cost of your meal on Tuesdays, from 3:00 pm to 8:00 pm closing time, now through the end of the Winter season.

Hope you all have a wonderful Christmas. The year is coming to a close fast, and 2026 is knocking. December is the start of our annual dues renewal season.

You should all be receiving your dues renewal form, along with a senior affidavit that we must have filled out and returned to us so we can maintain the records we need to show HUD and Maricopa County that we are in compliance with the requirements to keep Dreamland Villa a federally protected, 55+ community.

This year, we have a newly formed, 55+ compliance/membership and marketing committee, which will be coordinating this year's renewal season with the office staff.

I cannot emphasize enough the need for membership in DVRC. Not only does the corporation provide all of the amenities and activities that are available to a member, but DVRC is the official entity that is required to be the shepherd of the documents needed to stay a 55+ community. Your membership is what keeps the corporation open, and your neighborhood 55+. We were not just given

the 55+ status and will have it forever. It must be maintained. That is done by the keeping of the senior affidavits that are required of us to show that at least 80% of Dreamland Villa's residences are occupied by at least one resident who is 55 or older, and no one under the age of 19 resides here.

So, if the main reason you bought a home here was because it is a 55+ community, please know how important it is for you to support the corporation known as the Dreamland Villa Retirement Community Inc. LLC.

To all of you current members, we need folks willing to step up and run for the board of directors. The elections will be in February. We need at least 3 candidates this year. As of this writing, there is also a vacant position on the board that needs to be filled on an interim basis. We need someone willing to serve on the board until March 31st. Those interested may email me at [president@dreamlandvilla.org](mailto:president@dreamlandvilla.org) or come see me in the Lapidary shop, Monday through Friday mornings from 8:00 am to 11:30 am.

Hopefully, we will get some more committees going again, but we will need folks willing to chair them and folks to be on them.

Remember, everybody, other than the small number of paid staff we have, everything else done at DVRC is done by a volunteer. The reason we only have limited hours in many of the activity rooms is due to the lack of volunteers. Please consider volunteering to be a monitor if you can, so that we might get expanded hours in some of the activity groups, as has been asked for.

That's about it for this month. Please be sure to renew your memberships and fill out a senior affidavit for us to maintain our 55+ community that we love. See you around the Villa!

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# Merry Christmas



# AROUND THE VILLA



## POSSE CORNER

By Joseph Favazzo

### Holiday Safety: Celebrating Securely This Season

The holiday season brings warmth, joy, and cherished traditions to Dreamland Villa. While you're creating magical memories, keeping safety at the forefront ensures your celebrations remain merry and bright. Here are essential tips to help you enjoy a secure and worry-free holiday season.

#### Candle and Fireplace Safety

Nothing creates holiday ambiance quite like flickering flames, but they require careful attention. Never leave candles unattended, and always place them on stable, heat-resistant surfaces away from curtains, decorations, and high-traffic areas. Consider switching to battery-operated LED candles for worry-free ambiance. If you're using your fireplace, ensure your chimney has been recently cleaned and inspected. Always use a protective screen, keep flammable materials at least three feet away, and completely extinguish fires before leaving home or going to bed.

#### Package Security

Holiday deliveries make tempting targets for thieves. Avoid leaving packages visible on your doorstep or in plain sight through windows. Arrange for deliveries when you're home, use package lockers, or ask trusted neighbors to collect items in your absence. Consider having valuable gifts delivered to friends or family members who are home during the day. Once inside, store wrapped presents away from windows where they might attract unwanted attention.

#### Christmas Tree Fire Safety

A fresh, well-maintained tree is a beautiful centerpiece and a safer one. When selecting your tree, bend needles to ensure they're flexible and don't break easily. Check that the trunk cut is fresh and sticky with sap. At home, make a fresh cut on the trunk base and place it in a sturdy stand with a large water reservoir. Check water levels daily—trees can drink a gallon of water in their first week. Keep your tree away from heat sources like fireplaces, heating vents, and radiators. Replace worn or damaged light strings, and never overload electrical circuits.

#### Final Reminders

Test your smoke detectors monthly and keep fire extinguishers accessible. Plan escape routes and ensure all family members know them. With these precautions in place, you can focus on what matters most—celebrating the season safely with loved ones in your Dreamland Villa home.



## Year-Round Worker's Corner

By Megan Tackett

Taken from the 40th Anniversary written by Littleton Bradley, Lottie King, and Robert White covering the years 1961 to 2001

### Meet Me Tonight in Dreamland

*Meet me tonight in Dreamland, under the Silvery Moon.  
Meet me tonight in Dreamland, where love's sweet roses bloom.  
Come with the love light gleaming in your eyes of many colors.  
Meet me in Dreamland, there let my dreams come true.*

My parting words for December 2025 – Please do not spend the year end or new year alone, if you are retired or still have to work part time or full time, please utilize the club's community to get a breath of fresh air, meet some very kind people that make our lives here at the Club fun and entertaining, and every month there is food and fellowship just waiting for you to come.

Our new membership team has listed contact information for all of the members of the committee. You can call us, text us, or email us. We will come to your house for a visit.

- Anne Tamaro - 631-434-5627 grandanne10@hotmail.com
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- Carol Schwarz
- Sharan Rankin - 704-421-0088 svrankin@hotmail.com



## Minnesota Potluck

by Andrea Hill

Merry Christmas to all Dreamlanders; especially the Scandahoovians who escape the frigid winters of Minnesota to enjoy Arizona's sunshine. If you have lived in Minnesota, been there on vacation, fought off hordes of mosquitoes, worked or gone to school in our great state, then our potluck nights are for you. Do you like Lefse in December? We have it, so come and enjoy! You might be

called on to tell an Ole and Swen joke.

We meet at Read Hall on the second Thursday of each month. The next one is December 11. 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.

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AROUND THE VILLA

Help Services

By Lewis (Lew) Hooser

Well, here we are, looking at another new year just around the corner. I hope all the folks in Dreamland Villa and Velda Rose Estates had a great Thanksgiving and will have a wonderful Christmas.

I am relating a story about a great friend and board member of Help Services for many years. This is her story, as follows. “I have been a monitor and board member of Help Services for many years. During that time, I have seen many people using the equipment available on a loan-free basis and have always thought how fortunate the people living in Dreamland Villa and Velda Rose Estates are to have such a facility. Well, I found myself as one of those individuals needing equipment from Help Services. After surgery and a long stay in the hospital, I was sent home needing medical equipment that would help my recovery. So, I became a client rather than a volunteer. I was very grateful that I was able to use this equipment as long as I needed it for my recovery and to Help Services for having the equipment that I needed.”

A list of loan equipment we provide includes: hospital beds, commodes, toilet risers (with and without handrails), knee-walkers that fold, canes of all kinds (some quad, some folding), crutches, C-walkers, Wheelchairs, beds, and exercise bicycles.

Remember, Help Services is financed solely by your donations, and as always, tax-deductible. Our normal winter hours are 9:00 am to noon, Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday. This service is available exclusively to Dreamland Villa and Velda Rose Estates residents. Check us out at our web page [www.HelpServicesInc.org](http://www.HelpServicesInc.org).

Well, that’s it for this newsboy, and our president, Patty Thorpe. Have a great Christmas and a Happy New Year, Good Day!!

BOOK REVIEW

By Anita Thompson

The Christmas Child by Linda Goodnight

It’s December, which means Christmas season, so I tried to find a book about Christmas that was inspiring and a quick read because it’s such a busy season. I succeeded, this is a really good one. The story is set in the small town of Redemption, Oklahoma, a town that loves Christmas and goes all out with celebrations. It starts with a junk dealer nicknamed Popbottle, in a dumpster, looking for something he can salvage. Inside, he finds a small, skinny, dirty little boy about 9 years old, clutching a book. When asked his name, he doesn’t respond, just looks scared. Sophie, a fifth-grade teacher, was walking by and heard Popbottle call for help. Sophie jumps into the dumpster to help. Soon, another person, Kade, a stranger in town staying with his great aunt, jumps in too, and the story goes on from there. Why won’t the little boy, Davey, talk? Where are his parents? What’s Kade’s story? He seems withdrawn and sullen; the only thing he relates to is his dog. So many questions. It’s a story that shows there is still love and kindness in the world. Maybe miracles can still happen at Christmas time. I laughed, I cried, and I couldn’t put it down. It was a really good book.

Merry Christmas everyone.

ACTS OF KINDNESS

Acts of Kindness Card Program

DVRC Social Committee would like your help in reaching out to those who have suffered a loss, are dealing with an illness, or recovering from a surgery.

There is a fill-out slip in the office where you can add a name and address of someone to whom we can send a card. Then place the slip of paper in the Acts of Kindness box. We promise to send a card if you let us know the need! Lastly, if you have any of the *Get Well* and *Sympathy* greeting cards that you’re not using, we would gladly take them off your hands and put them to good use.

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### Sudoku

	4	9						6
1						4	8	
2	7	6				1		
4		1	6	9				
	3		1		4			
					2			
9		4		7	6		3	
	2		9					
3			4	2			7	5

PUZZLE SOLUTIONS  
ON PAGE 5

### ACROSS

1) "Silence!"

5) Santa in California?

10) Part of a nucleus

13) Bismarck's first name

14) Boring tool

15) Hen home

16) Daydreamer's state

19) Vessel with a spigot

20) Lobster companion

21) Come next

22) Core group?

24) Rock tour info

25) Crystal-ball gazer

26) It may be wood-burning

28) Bear with a big chair

30) Apart from any others

31) Biological blueprint

34) Try to see things the other way?

38) Filming locale

39) Santa Fe brick

40) Leaders of the pack

41) Finger-choosing call

42) Hack's due

44) Hacks' vehicles

46) Predatory critter

49) Make the transition

50) Maker of big bucks

52) One-many link

53) Make no detours

56) Get the pot started

57) Usher's walkway

58) Tuna another way?

59) Impart a new color

60) Ten-speed alternative

61) Shameless joy

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
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49						50	51			52		
53						54				55		
56						57				58		
59						60				61		

### DOWN

1) Mundane

2) Many wombs

3) Holds to one's decision

4) Brick carrier

5) Slow gallop

6) Troubadour's instruments

7) Turkish title of honor (Var.)

8) Smell and then some

9) A jump shot forms one

10) Wake from sleep

11) Knotty situation

12) Part of a church

15) Short narrative or tale

17) Man or Ely

18) Rake take

23) Campus big wheel

24) "Finished!"

26) Ones guilty of disorderly conduct?

27) Muscle condition

28) They go below signatures, for short

29) Stopped fasting

30) Shakespearean "shortly"

31) Dishonest

32) Aberdeen denial

33) Some feature jingles

35) Ray of The Kinks

36) Horace wrote many

37) Medical motto word

41) Give off

42) Like Dracula

43) Foot curve

44) Smaller than small

45) Playing marble

46) Lightweight fabric

47) Zero of the population

48) Rich cake

49) Edible herring

50) Vivacity

51) Coarse file

54) Scot's head-coverer

55) G.I.'s ID

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## Sudoku

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2	7	6	8	4	5	1	9	3
4	8	1	6	9	7	3	5	2
5	3	2	1	8	4	7	6	9
6	9	7	3	5	2	8	1	4
9	1	4	5	7	6	2	3	8
7	2	5	9	3	8	6	4	1
3	6	8	4	2	1	9	7	5



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# FROM THE BOARD

## MINUTES Dreamland Villa Retirement Community Board of Directors Meeting November 11, 2025, 9:30 am Read Hall

Welcome: Pat Clark, President  
General Announcements: Veteran’s Day Celebration today in Read Hall @ 1 pm, Little Mesa Café Dine to Donate will offer 20% every Tuesday from 3 pm-8 pm from now to end of year (must show flyer, available in office), Archwell Pic Festival 11/12 Read Hall @ 5:30 pm, Walgreens Vaccination Clinic 11/17 Read Hall 1:30-3:30 pm, Craft Show @ Farnsworth Hall 11/22, Thanksgiving Dinner 11/27 and Turkey Leftover Potluck 11/28 @ 3:30-6 pm. Pancake breakfast has been cancelled.  
Pledge of Allegiance  
Call to Order: Pat Clark, President  
Roll Call: Joyce Canino, Temporary Secretary. Directors: Pat Clark, Dave Warren, Beth White (phone), Bob Westall and Joyce Canino. All present.  
Ratification of Minutes: Bob made a motion to ratify the October 14, 2025, Board of Director’s meeting minutes and Dave second; approved. Beth made a motion to ratify the Board of Director’s November 4, 2025, Study Session

minutes and Dave second; approved. Bob made a motion to ratify the emergency expense of \$2512.44 for receipt books and Dave second; approved.  
Treasurer’s Report: Bob stated there was a P & L loss of \$9K for October due to the replacement of an AC unit at Farnsworth Hall. Finishing out December should be close on budget. Pat commented that we’re doing good considering this time last year we had to cash out two \$25K CD’s to get through the end of year and currently there is \$60K in the checking account.  
Office Manager Report: Pat reported for October 16 homes were listed for sale, 9 sold, 5 paid the Transfer Fee (\$400), 8 paid the Disclosure Fee (\$150), 2 sales cancelled and 8 Age Affidavits received; total income from sales were \$3200.  
Craft Show Update: Lana reported \$1865 has been collected, over 70 vendors with 50 tables inside FH, 21 canopy spaces and 13 outdoor tables; 61 tables will be used. Will stop accepting applications November 19th and can always use more volunteers to help!  
Maintenance Report: Rick reported the RH spa housing was replaced and the brick behind the hall was cleaned and painted. Cost to replace 4 lights on the outside of FH with LED is \$6092 and to replace all parking lot lights (13 total) with LED is \$19,799. The men’s bathroom drywall was also fixed.

55+ Compliance Report: Anne Tammaro, Chairperson, stated Dreamland Villa 55+ compliance is at 79.84%, there are currently 1149 active kee card members, Ashlee Printing is handling the whole Membership Renewal process for \$3790, including postage and mailing. In February 2026, the committee plans to go door to door requesting Age Affidavits that have not been returned. In March 2026, they will send letters to landlords of rentals that have not returned Age Affidavits and advise Landlords that if they pay the dues of their renters it would be a tax deduction as a business expense. The Membership Renewal committee will be offering a sweepstakes entry for fees paid by January 15, 2026 for a \$100 gift card; winner to be notified by email on January 20, 2026. The committee will also have a table at the Craft Show promoting Membership. They also will be sending a flyer to all Realtors promoting the benefits of Dreamland 55+ community.  
OLD BUSINESS:  
Exercise Room: Dave made a motion to open the Exercise Room and Read Hall at 5 am and Bob second; approved.  
Office Night Hours: Joyce made a motion to approve Monday evening Office hours during Membership Renewal from

December 1 through January 30, 2026 until 7 pm and Dave second; approved. Pat said Jerayne, paid office staff, will be flexing her hours and volunteers will be helping.  
NEW BUSINESS:  
Swear in of Interim Director: Pat asked for the advice and consent of the Board to bring on John Pawloski as an Interim Director, with Pat’s vote 4 approved and 1 opposed. John took the oath and was seated at the table. Joyce commented that there was a vacant Officer position of Secretary and nominated John to take the position, he declined. This position is still vacant.  
New Sponsor Associate Member: Joyce made a motion to approve Ron Wilson, sponsored by Bettie Stuyck and Bob second; approved.  
Farnsworth Hall Outside Lights: As mentioned in Rick’s Maintenance Report, the cost to install 4 lights is \$6100, Pat said they have found solar lights online costing \$275/each that are motion sensor using 10% lighting and get brighter when motion is detected; he will look into that option and possibly purchase one or two to try.  
Adjourned: 10:04 AM  
Submitted by: Joyce Canino, Temporary Secretary  
No Open Forum

Dreamland Villa Retirement Community			
Balance Sheet			
As of October 31, 2025			
	AS OF OCT 31, 2025	TOTAL AS OF SEP 30, 2025 (PP)	CHANGE
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Bank Accounts			
1010 Checking Account	84,718.59	101,806.30	-17,187.71
1011 Petty Cash	920.00	920.00	0.00
1200 Money Market Accounts	0.00	0.00	0.00
1210 Chase Checking	3,332.91	3,279.99	52.92
1215 Chase CD	200,000.00	200,000.00	0.00
Total 1200 Money Market Accounts	203,332.91	203,279.99	52.92
Total Bank Accounts	\$288,971.50	\$306,106.29	\$-17,134.79
Total Current Assets	\$288,971.50	\$306,106.29	\$-17,134.79
Fixed Assets			
1100 Equipment	90,232.23	90,232.23	0.00
1110 Land	69,174.00	69,174.00	0.00
1120 Buildings	877,114.00	877,114.00	0.00
1130 Building Improvements	269,135.00	261,235.00	7,900.00
1140 Swimming Pools	351,248.73	351,248.73	0.00
1150 Furniture and Fixtures	35,841.13	35,841.13	0.00
1170 Accumulated Depreciation	-1,366,150.00	-1,369,150.00	0.00
Total Fixed Assets	\$329,595.09	\$315,695.09	\$13,900.00
TOTAL ASSETS	\$612,566.59	\$621,801.38	\$-9,234.79
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY			
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities			
Other Current Liabilities			
2000 Advance Dues Payments	4,924.86	4,664.86	260.00
2001 55+ Donations - Restricted	500.00	500.00	0.00
2100 Facility Use Deposits	0.00	0.00	0.00
2100.2 Read Hall Deposits	1,760.00	1,605.00	155.00
2100.3 Arts & Crafts Deposits	1,615.00	1,350.00	265.00
Total 2100 Facility Use Deposits	3,375.00	2,955.00	420.00
2403 Restricted Funds	2,459.20	2,459.20	0.00
2403.11 Brats & Beans	1,383.00	1,383.00	0.00
2405 Nature Walk (Restricted)	-50.00	0.00	-50.00
2411 Lapidary (Restricted Funds)	1,168.00	1,168.00	0.00
Total 2403 Restricted Funds	4,960.20	5,010.20	-50.00
2408 Kitchen (Restricted)	301.60	326.60	-25.00
2408.3 Restricted Donations - Citizen	3,500.00	4,000.00	-500.00
Total Other Current Liabilities	\$17,561.66	\$17,456.66	\$105.00
Total Current Liabilities	\$17,561.66	\$17,456.66	\$105.00
Equity			
3030 Retained Earnings	529,166.44	529,166.44	0.00
Net Revenue	65,839.49	75,179.28	-9,339.79
Total Equity	\$595,004.93	\$604,344.72	\$-9,339.79
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$612,566.59	\$621,801.38	\$-9,234.79

Dreamland Villa Retirement Community		
Profit and Loss		
October 2025		
	TOTAL OCT 2025	JAN - OCT, 2025 (YTD)
Revenue		
4000 Annual Fee Revenue	1,723.73	317,129.55
4001 55+ Donation Income		1,874.54
4003 Donations - Unrestricted		30.62
4101 Read Hall Event/Kitchen Income	155.00	823.20
4102 Special Events Revenue	725.00	2,802.77
4200 Farnsworth Hall Income		628.80
4210 Gracepoint Global Methodist Church	4,884.63	17,604.46
4300 Administrative Related Income	7,126.00	60,178.53
4400 Restricted Accounts Income	350.00	3,904.00
4500 Misc. Income	763.00	785.00
4502 Interest Earned		3,009.20
4503 Crown Castle Lease Income	2,400.00	13,200.00
4510 Restricted Income	625.00	3,615.00
Total Revenue	\$18,752.36	\$425,584.67
GROSS PROFIT	\$18,752.36	\$425,584.67
Expenditures		
5001 55+ Compliance Expense	1,233.58	17,525.53
5300 Admin & Office Expenses	3,894.71	32,589.94
5400 Restricted Accounts Expense	293.63	3,729.63
5500 Misc Expense		20.00
5900 Insurance		49,496.50
5950 Read Hall Expenses	57.43	236.51
6200 Farnsworth Hall Expenses	761.57	1,850.00
6201 Bldg & Grounds Maintenance	2,301.50	22,205.70
6300 Swimming Pools Expenses	5,043.35	57,394.52
6400 Utilities	14,506.38	50,958.48
7000 Payroll & Related Expenses	\$28,092.15	123,739.37
Total Expenditures	\$65,839.49	\$359,746.18
NET OPERATING REVENUE	\$-9,339.79	\$65,838.49
NET REVENUE	\$-9,339.79	\$65,838.49

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# CLUBS

## Dreamland Villa Quilting Club

By Becky Lamson



This month’s quilt photo shows some of the quilts made this year by the Quilt Club members that will be donated to one of our charities: Helen’s Hope Chest, St Vincent De Paul, The Veterans, and St Thomas.

We are on our winter schedule, meeting each week on Thursdays, 1:00 to 4:00 pm, at Read Hall, excluding the last two Thursdays in December. We continue to work on special projects, piecing quilt tops, stitching borders onto the quilts, and do a lot of socializing. You are always welcome to bring one of your projects to finish or something for Show and Tell.

New members are always welcome. If you have questions, please give me a call at 480-202-7003 or email me at beckyNeslie@gmail.com.

On December 18th, we will have our Holiday Potluck and White Elephant gift exchange. It is always a good feast, fun time, and great conversations.

Quilters quote: “Quilting is the art of finding harmony in pieces.” - Angela Walters

## Bridge Club

By Donna Espey

The Bridge Club is looking for new players. We play on Tuesdays at 1:00 pm. We play social bridge and are friendly. If you are interested in playing bridge but haven’t played for a while, or think you would like to learn how to play, please contact Donna Espey at 480-218-7330. You can text or leave a message. I’m looking forward to hearing from you!



## Sr. Techies Computer Club

By Megan Tackett

Rural Metro offers lock box programs, which provide emergency responders quick access to a home in a crisis by storing a spare key in a secure lockbox installed on the property. Residents provide a key to be placed in a box with a unique code, and this information is securely stored in the dispatch system to be used only when an emergency occurs. This prevents property damage from forced entry and is especially helpful for seniors, those with disabilities, or people who live alone.

As technology becomes more integrated into daily life, older adults are embracing smartphones, tablets, and smart home devices with growing enthusiasm. But with this digital shift comes a new set of challenges—especially for seniors navigating an increasingly complex and sometimes risky online world.

Here are essential tips to help you stay safe, confident, and connected:

1. Beware AI Voice Scams  
Scammers are now using artificial intelligence to mimic the voices of loved ones, making phone calls or messages sound eerily real. If someone claiming to be a grandchild or relative asks for money or gift cards, pause and verify.
2. Secure Your Smart Devices  
Phones, tablets, and computers hold valuable personal information. Keeping them secure is key.
3. Manage Tech Fatigue  
Constant notifications and confusing apps can lead to stress and frustration. Simplifying your digital environment can make a big difference.
4. Think Before You Click  
Pop-ups, links, and unfamiliar apps can be gateways to scams or viruses. Stay cautious.

Here is the December Class Schedule for the Sr. Techie Club. We meet at 4:00 pm in the computer room.

- December 3rd- Why not to leave phones connected to chargers
- December 10th- Guest Speaker Chris Tucker Genealogy class
- December 17th- How to save emails to your hard drive
- December 26- It’s Christmas, no class this week



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# Dreamland Villa Ladies Golf League – Season 2025-2026

By Lu Wald

Location: Sunland Springs Golf Course  
11061 E Medina Ave, Mesa  
When: November through March  
T-Time 12:15 PM- Please arrive 30 minutes prior.  
You may join at any time throughout the season, but please contact us one week prior to planning to join. For more information or to register as a member of the league, please send an email to [koeniglana@yahoo.com](mailto:koeniglana@yahoo.com) or text 602-363-0347.



# POKER RETURNS

By Jeff Clapham

The Poker Players of Dreamland Villa have resumed play. We play Texas Hold ‘em on Tuesday evenings starting at 6:00 pm sharp (even better to be 5 or 10 minutes early). We play Nickel poker on Fridays at 10:00 am and like to play up until 2:00 pm.  
We’re not high stakes, we’re just out to have fun. Stop by the poker room (B-8) at Read Hall and check it out.

# WET PAINT

ART ROOM SCHEDULE –DECEMBER  
Welcome home, winter visitors.  
The art room is a great place to hold a craft program, an art class, or a special project event. I would like to welcome ideas for using this room more often. All mornings are open and some afternoons. Saturday is available for something fun too.  
WEDNESDAY AFTERNOONS – OPEN PAINTING- NO COST. 1:00 pm – 3:30 pm Continuing Wednesdays. No instructions, just paint or work on a craft project, and join the fellowship of others who like to be creative. You will need all your own supplies. Please let me know in advance if you plan to attend. Alicia at [aliciamshort01@gmail.com](mailto:aliciamshort01@gmail.com).  
TUESDAY AFTERNOONS – NEEDLE WORKERS- NO COST. 1:00 pm – 3:30 pm For those who enjoy knitting, crocheting, and embroidery work, and would like to “play” together. No instructions will be given, but it is a time to get inspired, meet new people, and enjoy your projects. Contact Cathy Kane with questions and to indicate your interest. [Cathykane57@gmail.com](mailto:Cathykane57@gmail.com)  
POTENTIAL SATURDAY MORNING CRAFT WORKSHOPS - 10:00 am – noon I would be interested to see if anyone would like to meet on Saturday mornings for a craft project using papers, air-dry clay, or doing a collage painting with papers, perhaps other things. Please contact me at the email address below with your interest and possible ideas. The cost of materials would be needed.  
We are looking for leaders for more crafts and art classes or get-togethers in the art room. For open days and times, contact Alicia. Contact Alicia at [aliciamshort01@gmail.com](mailto:aliciamshort01@gmail.com) with ideas, suggestions, or interest in our classes.

# Desert Walkers

By Pat Dinsmore

The 2025-2026 winter season is underway for the Desert Walkers. We had our first walk of the season on Thursday, November 6th, with a small group of just five ladies. We visited the very familiar and also very enjoyable park at the Riparian Preserve at Water Ranch off of Guadalupe and Greenfield. We saw many different birds, with the most impressive being the large white Pelicans. They really put on a show for us with their synchronized swimming with a flock of more than 20 birds. It was so fun to watch them. We did not meet on the third Thursday as there were various conflicts in schedules.  
In December, our first walk will be on Thursday, the 4th, and our tentative plan is to go to Coon Bluff. We will meet again on December 18th and visit the Veterans Oasis Park at 4050 E. Chandler Heights Road, Chandler. It is such a beautiful park with many paved trails, ponds, and a variety of birds and wildlife. They also have a small, interesting museum.  
Our tentative plan for January 8th is to visit Chaparral Park at 5401 Hayden Rd. Scottsdale, and on January 22nd, we will walk the Tempe Town Lake area.  
Per usual, we will meet at 9:00 am on the west end of the Farnsworth Hall parking lot to carpool to our destination. Be prepared to pay your driver \$2-\$4, depending on the distance to the site. Please wear comfortable clothes and shoes, bring water or some beverage and snack, and a walking stick if you desire. We welcome new members. I will send an email reminder a few days before our walks.

# Dreamland Singles Club

By Lu Wald

We hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving with family and friends. Now the hustle and bustle starts; it’s time to get ready for the Christmas season. In the Thanksgiving mindset, we wish to thank all of our members who helped with the Thanksgiving dinner held at Read Hall and the annual Holiday Craft Fair. Your help is ALWAYS appreciated! We held the election of new officers, and they are as follows: Anita Brown, President; Debra

Bunten, Vice-President; Audrey Hayes, Treasurer; and Karolyn Grafton, Secretary. All will be sworn in to serve effective January 1st.  
Despite all that busyness, we still enjoyed some fun activities in November and are moving on to December. We will not have our usual Monday night potluck because we are celebrating Christmas a little early with our Singles’ Christmas party on the 6th. You may still be able to get in on the Christmas Lights tour on the 2nd, but be sure to let Kathie know right away. We’re going to squeeze in our monthly dine-out lunch on the 5th when we head to Knuckles at 11:30 am. We’ve scheduled two Christmas concerts: the Chan-

dler Symphony at 23620 S Alma School Rd, and then the Spirit of Christmas at the Chandler Center. Please call Kathie if you haven’t already signed up and you’re interested in going. On the 16th, we’ll carpool to the McCormick Stillman Railroad Lights, but advanced tickets are required, so call now. On the 22nd, our Dinner will be at Gus’s World-Famous Fried Chicken, followed by the Mormon Temple light tour, which will really give us the Spirit of Christmas.  
In addition to these Singles activities, let’s not forget the lunch and show at Barleen’s on the 13th and the Mingle Jingle on the 19th in Read Hall. There will still be Card Bingo on the 3rd and 17th in the eve-

nings and daytime Card Bingo on the 11th.  
Come and join us at one of our meetings, which are always held on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays each month. In addition, you are welcome to come to one of our potlucks held on the first Monday of the month. Our calendars can be downloaded from the Dreamland Villa web page and the weekly e-mail blast. In addition, we will have some in the office and in Read Hall, on our bulletin board. We wish a Merry Christmas to all Dreamland Residents, and we hope you have a Happy and Healthy New Year!

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2025                      DECEMBER MONTHLY EVENTS                      2025						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>30</b> (November) <u>Faith In Christ Church</u> <u>9:00AM - 12:00PM</u> <u>Corn Hole</u> <u>1:00PM -</u>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> <u>Board Study Session</u> <u>5:30pm</u>	<b>3</b> <u>Night Card Bingo</u> <u>6:00PM -</u>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> <u>Card Making Class</u> <u>11:00AM - 3:00PM</u> <u>Singles Christmas Party</u> <u>3:30PM - 6:30PM</u>
<b>7</b> <u>Faith In Christ Church</u> <u>9:00AM - 12:00PM</u> <u>Corn Hole</u> <u>1:00PM -</u>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> <u>Board Meeting</u> <u>9:30AM - Bunco</u> <u>6:00PM -</u>	<b>10</b> <u>Pool Cleaning Day</u> <u>Singles Meeting</u> <u>9:30AM -</u>	<b>11</b> <u>Card Bingo</u> <u>10:30AM - Minnesota Potluck</u> <u>5:15PM -</u>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> <u>Coffee Social</u> <u>7:30AM - 9:00AM</u> <u>Barleens Matinee</u> <u>Christmas Show- Dreamland Villa Luncheon</u> <u>11:00AM -</u>
<b>14</b> <u>Faith In Christ Church</u> <u>9:00AM - 12:00PM</u> <u>Corn Hole</u> <u>1:00PM -</u>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> <u>Night Card Bingo</u> <u>6:00PM -</u>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> <u>Mingle Jingle</u> <u>5:30PM -</u>	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> <u>Faith In Christ Church</u> <u>9:00AM - 12:00PM</u> <u>Corn Hole</u> <u>1:00PM -</u>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> <u>Bunco</u> <u>6:00PM -</u>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> <u>Faith In Christ Church</u> <u>9:00AM - 12:00PM</u> <u>Corn Hole</u> <u>1:00PM -</u>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>1</b> (January)	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>

December Weekly Activities						
DAILY EVENTS	MONDAY AM	TUESDAY AM	WEDNESDAY AM	THURSDAY AM	FRIDAY AM	SATURDAY AM
	<b>Lapidary</b> 8:00 - 11:30                      R-6 <b>Pickleball</b> 8:00                                      O <b>Help Services</b> 9:00 - Noon                      HS <b>Wood Shop</b> 9:00 - 11:30                      R-10 <b>Fused Glass</b> 9:30 - Noon                      R-7	<b>Aquacise</b> 8:00 - 8:45                      R-O <b>Lapidary</b> 8:00 - 11:30                      R-6 <b>Bocce Ball</b> 9:00 - 11:00                      F-O <b>Fun Time Ceramics</b> 9:00 - 1:00                      R-7 <b>Wood Shop</b> 9:00 - 11:30                      R-10 <b>Dreamsteppers</b> 10:00 - 11:00                      R-8	<b>Aquacise</b> 8:00 - 8:45                      R-O <b>Lapidary</b> 8:00 - 11:30                      R-6 <b>Pickleball</b> 8:00                                      R-O <b>Help Services</b> 9:00 - Noon                      HS <b>Wood Shop</b> 9:00 -11:30                      R-10 <b>Fused Glass</b> 9:30 - Noon                      R-7	<b>Aquacise</b> 8:00 - 8:45                      R-O <b>Lapidary</b> 8:00 - 11:30                      R-6 <b>Bocce Ball</b> 9:00                                      F-O <b>Fun Time Ceramics</b> 9:00 - Noon                      R-7 <b>Wood Shop</b> 9:00 - 11:30                      R-10 <b>Card Bingo</b> 10:30 - Noon                      R	<b>Aquacise</b> 8:00 - 8:45                      R-O <b>Lapidary</b> 8:00 - 11:30                      R-6 <b>Pickleball</b> 8:00                                      R-O <b>Help Services</b> 9:00 - Noon                      HS <b>Wood Shop</b> 9:00 - 11:30                      R-10 <b>Nickel Poker</b> 10:00 - 2:00                      R-8	<b>Bocce Ball</b> 9:00                                      F-O <b>Wood Shop</b> 9:00 - 11:30                      R-10
	MONDAY PM	TUESDAY PM	WEDNESDAY PM	THURSDAY PM	FRIDAY PM	SATURDAY PM
	<b>Cards-Hand, Foot and Toe</b> 1:00 - 4:00                      R-A <b>Fused Glass</b> 1:00 - 3:00                      R-7 <b>Wood Shop</b> 1:00 - 3:30                      R-10 <b>Fused Glass</b> 5:00 - 8:00                      R-7 <b>Pinochle</b> 6:00                                      R-A	<b>Cards - Bridge</b> 12:30                                      R-B <b>Cards-Hand, Foot and Toe</b> 1:00 - 4:00                      R-B <b>Singles Cards</b> 1:00 - 4:00                      R-B <b>Wood Shop</b> 1:30 - 3:30                      R-10 <b>Men's Pickleball</b> 6:00 - 8:00                      R-O <b>Texas Hold 'Em</b> 6:00                                      R-8	<b>Cards - Euchre</b> 1:00 - 4:00                      R-A <b>Cards - Whist</b> 1:00 - 4:00                      R-B <b>Fused Glass</b> 1:00 - 3:00                      R-7 <b>Open Painting</b> 1:00                                      R-5 <b>Wood Shop</b> 1:00 - 3:30                      R-10 <b>Senior Techies</b> 4:00                                      R-9	<b>Cards - 500</b> 1:00                                      R-A <b>Fiber Arts</b> 1:00 - 3:00                      R-5 <b>Quilting Club</b> 1:00 - 4:00                      R <b>Wood Shop</b> 1:00 - 3:30                      R-10 <b>Ladies Golf</b> 2:00                                      O <b>Cards - Hand, Foot and Toe</b> 6:00 - 8:00                      R-A	<b>Cards - Cribbage</b> 1:00                                      R-B <b>Wood Shop</b> 1:00 - 3:30                      R-10 <b>Cards - Hand, Foot and Toe</b> 6:00 - 8:00                      R-A	<b>Cards - Pinochle</b> 1:00                                      R-B



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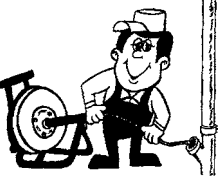
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