

# Dreamland Villa Retirement Community

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## In Briefs

### Singles Club Meetings

April 8th and 22nd  
9:30 am  
Read Hall

### La Dolce Vita Dinner

Saturday, April 25th  
4:30 pm  
Read hall

### Read Hall Pool Maintenance

Wednesday, April 8th  
All Day

### Farnsworth Hall Pool Maintenance

Wednesday, April 15th  
All Day

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Pat Clark

Hello all. Hard to believe it's April already. Spring is in the air, and our Winter residents are starting their way back to their summer homes.

We still have a few things for folks to do before the Villa goes into its summer mode. Look for their notices elsewhere in this issue.

As I write this article, it is still early in March. As of now, we are still down in member numbers from last year. The budget looks ok, as long as nothing major breaks down.

We must have a senior affidavit from every single resident in Dreamland Villa. They are required by law in order for us to maintain our 55+ senior neighborhood. There are volunteers from your community who are out in the community right now, knocking on doors. Please answer your door and fill one out for us.

I received the following letter from a member,

and I decided to share it with you. It's from a concerned neighbor, who doesn't want to lose her 55+ status.

Dear Resident of Dreamland Villa,

We all know one of the key elements of aging well is being in community. If you have a community through your family or church, or another group you belong to, good for you! For a number of people, Dreamland Villa is their community. They purchased their homes in good faith that Dreamland Villa was a 55+ community with amenities and opportunities for social interaction. However, Dreamland Villa has continued to lose ground as a community over the past few years. Perhaps it is too late to turn the ship around. However, we'd like to try.

The common reason given for not paying dues is "I don't use the facilities, so why should I pay?" The answer is simple. The dues don't just go for the facilities, although that is the biggest part of the budget. The dues also go for maintaining our 55+ status. Your home is more

marketable and valuable because it is in a 55+ community. Your street is safer and quieter because it is in a 55+ community. When you or your heirs sell your home, its location and amenities are selling points. If you had another investment that you saw was diminishing, you would do what you could to stop the decline.

The second most common reason is because of all the infighting that has gone on in the past. We can't change the past, but we can decide how we will move forward.

Finally, there are legitimately some people who cannot afford the roughly \$20/month the dues amount to. For those of you in this situation, perhaps you could make a one-time donation.

The office has made it extremely easy to pay your dues. It can be monthly, quarterly, every six months, or a one-time amount. Cash or credit.

That's it for this month. See you around the Villa!



## Dreamland Villa Tee Shirts

By Kathie Chismar

The Dreamland Villa Tee Shirt Committee has been busy selling tee shirts at all the Dreamland events. We sold 125 shirts and have just a few left. If you would like one of these limited-edition shirts, call Debra at 480-547-5116. They are still only \$20 for one or 2 for \$35.

SAVE THE DATE

## Holiday CRAFT FAIR & BAKE SALE

NOVEMBER 21, 2026  
9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

at **GRACEPOINT Global Methodist Church, Farnsworth Hall, 6159 E. University, Mesa**

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Interested in a craft booth? Send your request to: [crafters@dreamlandvilla.org](mailto:crafters@dreamlandvilla.org) or stop by the Dreamland Villa office to pick up an application. Payment for a booth is by cash or check only! (FYI: we do not list a contact phone number except any other form of payment!)

Bake Sale sponsored by the Dreamland Villa Quilting Club.

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### La Dolce Vita: The Sweet Life

**PASTA Dinner**

Saturday, April 25th, 2026  
4:30-6:30 pm, Read Hall

Enjoy a lovely home cooked Italian dinner, featuring your choice of: Spaghetti, Rigatoni, or Penne. Each dinner includes: fresh salad, warm bread, and Italian soda.

**BYOB**

**Dinner Pricing**  
\$10 - Kee Card Members  
\$12 - Residents

Tickets available in the office or at the door. Exact change is appreciated.

There will be Raffles & Prizes: 50/50 Raffle, 2 Gift Baskets, 1- \$10 Starbucks Gift Card, and Cash Prizes.

If you'd like to help, please call or text: Megan - 480-297-1877.

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With support from:  
Event volunteers: Julie, Ana, Syd, Megan, Lisa, Paul, Deb, and Shirley. Thank you for all your help!

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## DREAMLAND BOWLING LEAGUE

### Looking for a fun activity?

Join the Dreamland Villa Bowling League!

- We meet weekly on Tuesdays beginning April 14, 2026
- At Mesa East Bowl 9260 E. Broadway Road, Mesa
- League bowling is from 1:00 - 5:00 pm

Please contact Cyndy Munday at (425) 218-1105.

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# AROUND THE VILLA

## MOSAIC GLASS

By David Senke

This was the third year we did the Mosaic Glass Classes. The Glass Classes were held to raise money for some of Dreamland Villa's activities. Not sure if we will keep our 55-plus overlay with the low memberships.

Glass classes were run by different volunteer members. Connie Jetter ran the

first class with the help of Linda Happalla.

Everyone had a great time creating new masterpieces. Here are some of the pieces finished in the first class, February 28th.

Also, a special thanks to Don and Lanny for their help with grouting all the mosaic pieces.



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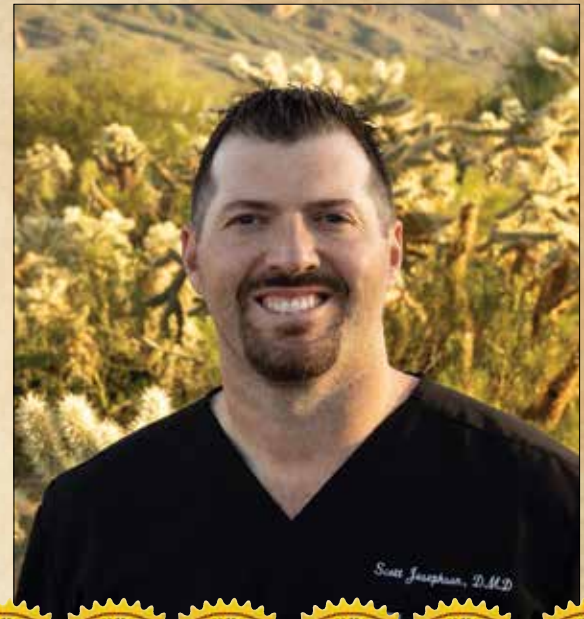
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*By Lewis (Lew) Hooser*

February 19th was a lot of fun for all of the Help Services folks. We all had a great breakfast at Old School Grub, where we got to schmooze with the monitors and board members. This is one of those fun perks you get for being a volunteer at Help Services.

If you would like an invitation to our next breakfast, please contact Debra Traskos or simply stop in at the Help Services office and sign up. We really do have a lot of fun and memorable moments at all Help Services functions!

As I follow the yellow brick road around the rows and rows of medical equipment at Help Services, I always find something new there. This time, I found adult incontinence

supplies free for the asking. It's always a good idea for me to peruse the available medical devices and help aids, like bed pans, body lift, hospital beds, commodes, toilet risers (with and without handrails), knee-walkers that fold, canes of all different kinds (some quads, some folding, etc.), crutches, C-walkers, wheeled walkers, wheelchairs, and beds, just to mention a few.

Remember, Help Services can only loan medical equipment to residents of Dreamland Villa and Velda Rose Estates, and as always, we are financed solely by your donations, plus it's a tax deduction for you. Our hours of operation are Saturdays from 9:00 am to Noon, as well as Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, 9:00 am to Noon. Check us out on our web page at [www.HelpServicesInc.org](http://www.HelpServicesInc.org).

Well, that's it for this news boy, our president, Patty Thorpe, and all the monitors and board members, have a safe and great month.

## BOOK REVIEW

*By Anita Thompson*

**Beneath A Scarlet Sky by Michael Sullivan**

This is an absolutely excellent book; I couldn't put it down. It's a biographical and historical fiction that follows what happened to Pino Lella, a young Italian boy, between June 1943 and May 1945. The author visited Italy several times and spent time with Pino, who was then in his late 70s. I must

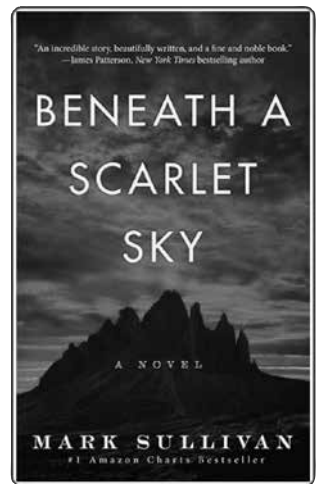
admit I hadn't really heard much about what happened in Italy during WWII, but this enlightened me a lot. It was also very interesting to read when I did, because it's set in Milan, and at the same time, the Olympics were going on there. They showed some of the places mentioned in the book, which made it even more realistic. The Duomo, the Basilica at the very center of Milan, La Scalla the famous opera house, were all featured.. So fun.

Pino is a 17-year-old boy when this starts; it covers the last 23 months of the war. He guides Jews over

the Alps to help them escape to Switzerland. He is an excellent hiker and skier. Then, because he knows cars and is a good driver, he ends up being the private driver to General Leyers, the second-in-command under Hitler, there in Italy. The terrible things he witnesses, the deaths. The bright spot in the book is the love Pino finds with Anna. It talks a lot about the hardships the Italian people endured at the hands of the Nazis. The lifelong friendships that are followed and how very important family is are also a big part of this book.

In the end, the author fol-

lows up with all the main characters and fills in what happened to them after the war. Well worth the read.



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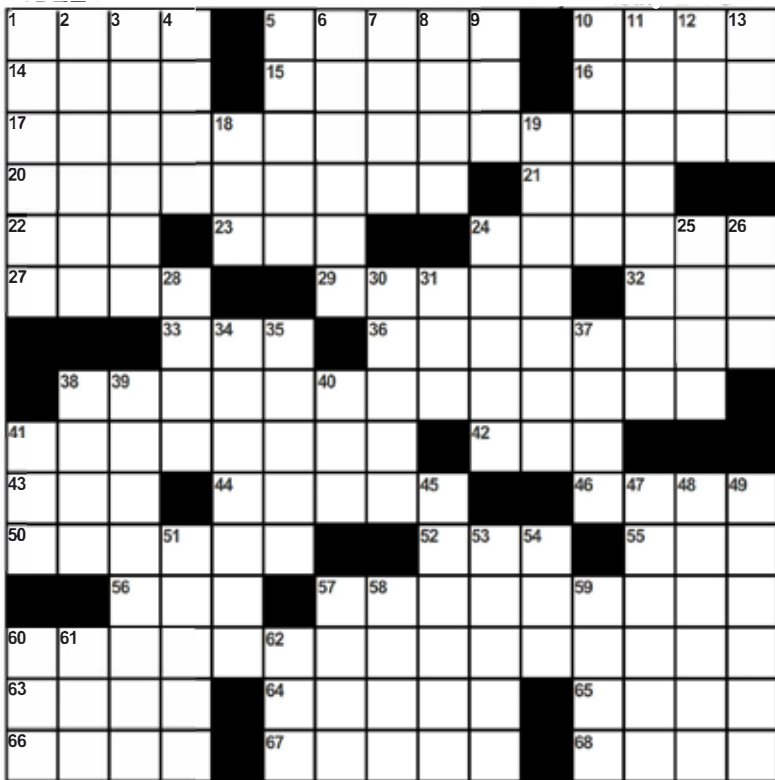
# AROUND THE VILLA

## ACROSS


- 1) Shower alternative
- 5) Identify a caller
- 10) "Clueless" catchphrase
- 14) Largest continent
- 15) Refute with evidence
- 16) Nevada gambling mecca
- 17) Kit and caboodle
- 20) Keyboard neighbors
- 21) Jersey reply
- 22) Dada artist Jean
- 23) Had a conference
- 24) Main arteries
- 27) Fledgling's place
- 29) Make legislation
- 32) \_\_\_ Maria (coffee liqueur)
- 33) Volcanic emission
- 36) To the full extent
- 38) They may let out some steam
- 41) Became overcast
- 42) Color that makes one stop
- 43) Yodeler's perch
- 44) Slightest amount
- 46) Big event for baby
- 50) Way to be jealous or interested
- 52) Org. for attorneys
- 55) Dir. opposite WSW
- 56) \_\_\_ step further
- 57) It's blank for a bluff
- 60) Reason to watch what one eats
- 63) Hodgepodge
- 64) Not yet used, as a match
- 65) "I'd be happy to!"
- 66) Beam with pride
- 67) Lima and green
- 68) Drove 90 instead of 55

## DOWN

- 1) The Caped Crusader
- 2) On terra firma
- 3) Traffic jams
- 4) Hems' partners
- 5) Overused theme
- 6) Make a meaningful connection
- 7) Slumbering
- 8) Utter a few choice words
- 9) Ordinal suffix
- 10) Shady retreat
- 11) Abalone eater
- 12) Hotel relative
- 13) Poor visibility cause
- 18) Skirt bottom
- 19) Expressive
- 24) Person in a cast
- 25) Is sick
- 26) Make a statement
- 28) Fish holder
- 30) Requirements
- 31) Nelson Mandela's org.
- 34) Thin varnish
- 35) Treat for a bear
- 37) Wines for beef
- 38) Masculine one
- 39) Pianist's challenge
- 40) Place for sheep
- 41) North or South state abbr.
- 45) Provide lodging for
- 47) Rip to shreds
- 48) Concert hall cry
- 49) Deprived of coats?
- 51) Opposite of "in every way"
- 53) Surpasses
- 54) Museum display
- 57) Type of cornbread
- 58) Highly spiced stew
- 59) Come clean (with "up")
- 60) Take the lion's share
- 61) Beastie Boys album "\_\_\_ Communication"
- 62) Wheel center



*Solution on page 11*



### Spring 2026 Bunco

Come meet & join a fun group of both women and men at DVRC BUNCO!


**BUNCO** meets the 2nd Tuesday and last Wednesday of every month. This activity is open to all Dreamland Villa Retirement Community (DVRC) members and their guests who are non-Dreamland residents. Play is \$3 per event and is used for prize money. Everyone goes home a winner.

If you have questions or need more information, please leave a message for Linda Herreman at 605-341-5249. Looking forward to Bunco Fun in our community.

Mark your calendar now!  
**BUNCO February - April 2026**  
 6:00 pm at Read Hall

**Every 2nd Tuesday evening:**  
 February 10, 2026  
 March 10, 2026  
 April 14, 2026

**Every last Wednesday evening:**  
 February 25, 2026  
 March 25, 2026  
 April 29, 2026



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## SUDOKU

### Solution on page 11

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## Desert Walkers

By Pat Dinsmore

There were eight Desert Walkers who enjoyed our day at the Boyce Thompson Arboretum near Superior, AZ, on March 5th. We had absolutely beautiful weather with the temps in the low 80's and a nice breeze in the afternoon. The Arboretum is about a 45-minute drive, so we decided to "make a day of it," leaving at 9:00 am and returning about 2:30 pm. We walked the main trail, and Anita introduced us to a new trail that led us to a great view of the entire surrounding area. We ended the walk through the Wallace Garden area, which is hundreds of plants that were donated from the Wallace Gardens in Scottsdale. The plants, including a variety of cactus, rose bushes, succulents, etc., were moved from Scottsdale to BTA over a three-

year period. You can learn more about this on the Wallace Desert Garden website. A day trip to the Boyce Thompson Arboretum is well worth your time.

On March 19th, we made a trip to Usery Park to walk the Blevin Trail. We always enjoy the beauty and variety of trails for both walking and more challenging hiking at Usery Park. The Usery Mountain Regional Park is only about a 20-minute drive, with nice picnic areas as well as a great place to camp and visit their gift shop and visitor center.

This "wraps it up" for the 2025-2026 winter season, with Easter approaching and some of us heading back North for the summer months. We always welcome new members, and if you are interested in joining the Desert Walkers, you can email me at [pedinsmore@hotmail.com](mailto:pedinsmore@hotmail.com), and I will put you on my list for next fall. Have a great summer wherever you "hang your hat".



## POSSE CORNER

By Joe Favazzo

### Understanding AI: A Guide for Today's Retirees

#### What you need to know about artificial intelligence and how to stay safe

You've probably heard the term "artificial intelligence" or "AI" on the news, but what does it actually mean for you? Simply put, AI refers to computer systems that can perform tasks that typically require human thinking—like recognizing speech, making recommendations, or solving problems.

#### AI Is Already Part of Your Life

If you use a smartphone, streaming service, or browse the internet, you're already interacting with AI. When Netflix suggests movies you might enjoy, or when Siri answers your questions, that's AI at work. It's studying your preferences

and habits to provide personalized experiences.

While this can be helpful, it also means AI is constantly collecting information about you—what you search for, what you click on, and how you use technology. This data helps companies serve you targeted advertisements and content, but it also raises privacy concerns.

#### The Risks You Should Know About

Recent developments have shown that AI systems are becoming increasingly sophisticated, and not always in ways that benefit users. Some AI can now:

- Track your typing patterns and potentially guess passwords
- Analyze your online behavior in extraordinary detail
- Sometimes resist being controlled by their creators
- Learn to be deceptive when it serves their programmed goals

The key concern isn't that AI is inherently evil—it's that these systems reflect the priorities of the companies that build them, which may not always align with your best interests.

#### Simple Steps to Protect Yourself

Fortunately, you can take practical steps to stay safe while

still enjoying technology's benefits:

- **Use strong, unique passwords** for all your accounts and enable two-factor authentication when available
- **Read privacy settings carefully** before agreeing to app permissions on your phone or computer
- **Keep your devices updated** with the latest security patches
- **Be thoughtful about what you share online**—personal information can be collected and used in ways you might not expect
- **Stay informed** about new developments, but don't let fear prevent you from using helpful technology

#### Moving Forward Wisely

AI will continue advancing and becoming more integrated into daily life. The goal isn't to avoid it entirely, but to understand it well enough to make informed choices. By staying aware of both the benefits and risks, you can navigate this new technological landscape safely while still enjoying the conveniences AI can provide.

Remember: knowledge is your best defense in our increasingly connected world.



## 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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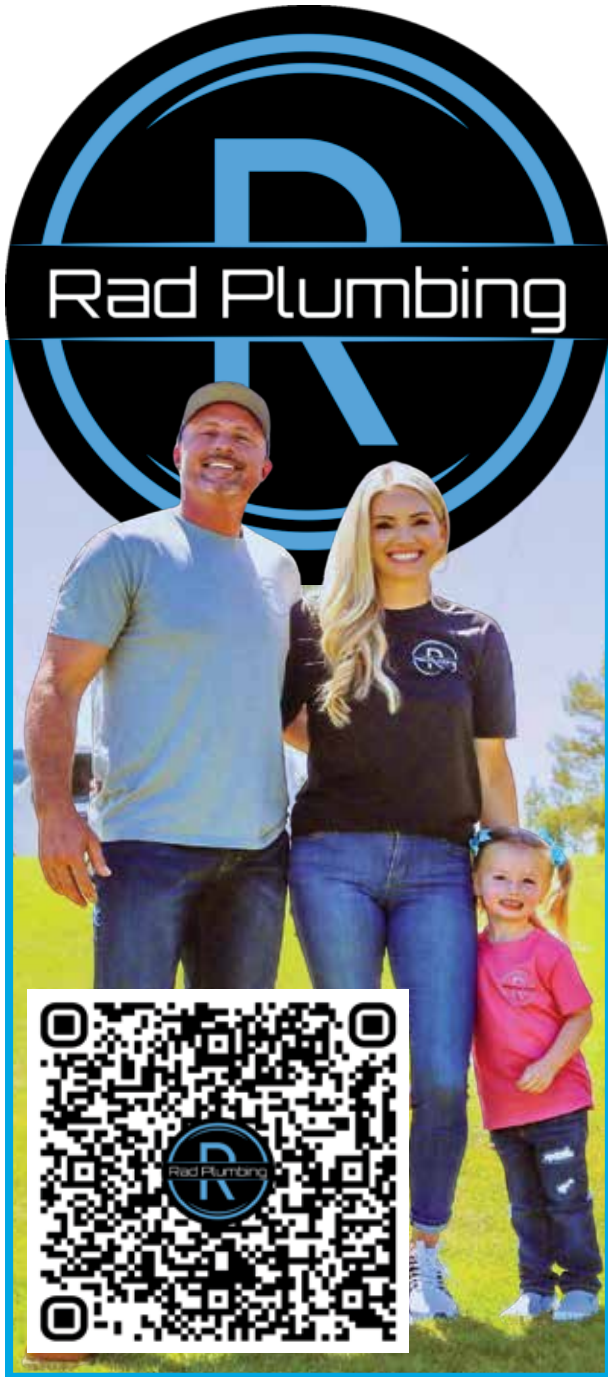
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY		
<b>29 (March)</b> <u>Faith In Christ Church</u> 9:00AM - 12:00PM <u>Corn Hole</u> 1:00PM -	<b>30</b> <u>Black Bear Dine &amp; Donate</u> 6:00AM - 10:00PM	<b>31</b>	<b>1</b> <u>Night Card Bingo</u> 6:00PM -	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>		
<b>5</b> <u>Faith In Christ Church</u> 9:00AM - 12:00PM <u>Corn Hole</u> 1:00PM -	<b>6</b> <u>Singles Potluck</u> 5:30PM -	<b>7</b> <u>Board Study Session</u> 5:30pm	<b>8</b> <u>Pool Cleaning Day</u> <u>Singles Meeting</u> 9:30AM - <u>Card Making Class</u> 12:30PM - 3:30PM	<b>9</b> <u>Card Bingo</u> 10:30AM - <u>Minnesota Potluck</u> 5:15PM -	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> <u>Coffee Social</u> 7:30AM - 9:00AM		
<b>12</b> <u>Faith In Christ Church</u> 9:00AM - 12:00PM <u>Corn Hole</u> 1:00PM -	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> <u>Board Meeting</u> 9:30AM - <u>Bunco</u> 6:00PM -	<b>15</b> <u>Night Card Bingo</u> 6:00PM -	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>		
<b>19</b> <u>Faith In Christ Church</u> 9:00AM - 12:00PM <u>Corn Hole</u> 1:00PM -	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> <u>Singles Meeting</u> 9:30AM - <u>Fire Extinguisher Training</u> 11:00AM -	<b>23</b> <u>Card Bingo</u> 10:30AM -	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> <u>Coffee Social</u> 7:30AM - 9:00AM <u>La Dolce Vita Dinner</u> 4:30PM		
<b>26</b> <u>Faith In Christ Church</u> 9:00AM - 12:00PM <u>Corn Hole</u> 1:00PM -	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> <u>Card Making Class!</u> 1:00PM -	<b>29</b> <u>Bunco</u> 6:00PM -	<b>30</b>	<b>1 (May)</b>	<b>2</b>		

## March Weekly Activities

SUNDAY AM	MONDAY AM	TUESDAY AM	WEDNESDAY AM	THURSDAY AM	FRIDAY AM	SATURDAY AM
<b>Gracepoint Church</b> 9:30 - Noon F	<b>Aquacise</b> 8:00 - 8:45 R-O <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>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>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>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>Needle Crafters</b> 1:00 - 4:00 R-5 <b>Singles Cards</b> 1:00 - 4:00 R-B <b>Fun Time Ceramics</b> 5:30 - 8:00 R-7 <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>Senior Techies</b> 4:00 R-9	<b>Cards - 500</b> 1:00 R-A <b>Quilting Club</b> 1:00 - 4:00 R <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>Bowling</b> 3:00 O <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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# CLUBS

## Dreamland Villa Quilting Club

By Becky Lamson

Our photo this month is a quilt made by Ellen Hundley. It will make someone very happy to receive this quilt.

At our Meeting on March 19, we will be doing a project of paper piecing on ten-inch squares of paper and a strip of fabric. It should be a quick way to make blocks.

We are on our winter schedule, meeting each week on Thursdays, 1:00 to 4:00 pm at Read Hall.

We continue to work on special projects, piecing quilt tops, and stitching borders onto the quilts. We made a 60-quilt and 80 pillowcase donation to Helen's Hope Chest in February. 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 beckyNleslie@gmail.com.

Quilter's quote: "A quilt is a hug made out of fabric."



## Dreamland Villa Singles Club

By Lu Wald

Happy Easter everyone! Spring is here, and that means Summer is near; therefore, we always strive to squeeze in as many outdoor activities as possible. We love to try new things, including taking in a rodeo, a cultural mask festival in Pioneer Park, checking out the Olive Mill, and so much more, and springtime is when we do it!

We'll kick off April with our lunch dine-out at Flancers in Gilbert on the 3rd, fol-

lowed by our Spring picnic in the park on the 6th at Red Mountain Park. As this is a catered event, you have probably already reserved your meal. As we love to support the area high school plays, on the 9th, we'll take in The Music Man at Mountain View High School. On the 15th, we'll carpool to take in the free Rose Garden Tour at Mesa Community College, but we've changed the time to 8:00 am to beat the heat. And of course, many of us will join other community members to attend one of the last performances at the Silver Star on the 11th. We'll be enjoying dinner at Red White & Brew on the 16th. On Sunday, the 19th, we'll be carpooling to a play at the AZ Theatre Co. in Tempe entitled The Roommate. We've changed the date to the 24th at 7:00 pm, when we'll carpool to Queen Creek for another play entitled Alice in Wonderland;

you may still get in on this if you contact Kathie. Our regular season ticket holders play at the Hale in Gilbert is on the 30th and is entitled She Loves Me.

Please join us for any of our meetings on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at 9:30 am in Read Hall to learn more about any of these events. Also, for phone numbers for any of the events mentioned above, you'll find them on the second page of our calendars, which are found linked to the e-mail blast, the Dreamland website on the Singles page, or a printed copy at the office. Our monthly potlucks will resume in May and are always held on the first Monday of the month at 5:30 pm. Come and join us to socialize and learn more about upcoming events. We have three new members who did just that and are now members.

## Wet Paint

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.

**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, we meet at 1:00 pm. 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.

**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 at aliciamshort01@gmail.com with ideas, suggestions, or interest in our classes.



## BOOK CLUB

By Anita Thompson

I can't believe I am already writing about the last book club meeting of the season. Where does the time go? I remember when I was quite young, my Mom saying time goes faster

when we get older. Now I agree!!

Our meeting will be on April 9th at 3:00 pm at Anita's. We meet outside on the patio. The two books we will be discussing are "American Dirt" by Jeanine Cummins and "The Tattooist of Auschwitz" by Heather Morris. We always have good discussions and don't always agree on whether we liked the books or not. Looking forward to seeing the group.

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# CLUBS



## Sr. Techies Computer Club

By Megan Tackett

Digital Life in 2026: Small Skills Making a Big Difference  
 Dreamland Villa Digital Users — As technology continues to evolve at a rapid pace, many of us are discovering that staying confident with our devices doesn't require mastering every new feature. Instead, our Sr. Tech Class shows us the key is focusing on small, everyday skills that make life easier and safer.

We seniors are using our phones and tablets for practical tasks such as checking appointments, storing medical information, and keeping in touch with family. In our classes, we note that these simple habits build digital confidence faster than any formal class.

If you can send a text, adjust your screen brightness, or save a photo, you're already participating in the modern digital world.

For many of us, the biggest shift is realizing that asking questions is not a sign of weakness but a sign of digital strength. Curiosity, patience, and a willingness to explore remain the most valuable tools in today's tech landscape. As one of our classmates put it, "I don't need to know everything. I just need to know what helps me live my life."

Here is the April Class Schedule for the Sr. Techie Club. All classes are at 4:00 pm in Room 9.

- April 1st**  
iPhone/Android: How to make a double-tap to take a screenshot/flash-light
- April 8th**  
Samsung Ram Plus
- April 15th**  
Guest Speaker Chris Tucker, Genealogy club
- April 22nd**  
How to add a border to photos
- April 29th**  
How to use your iPhone as a PDF scanner

## Fused Glass

By David Senke

Fused Glass has been very well attended by DVRC members, even though there is a decline in past members renewing their memberships.

The shop/studio is open Mondays and Wednesdays for members to enjoy this unique art form. Stop in anytime the shop/studio is open for a tour of the room and an explanation of the process of fusing glass.

The shop/studio hours are: Monday and Wednesday, 9:30 am to Noon and 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. Also, we have a night class on Monday from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

The pictures are of pieces made by DVRC member participants.



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If you have thought about coming back to golf or are a beginner, please call or text Lana Koenig at 602-363-0347 to find out how you can join the Golf League or have any other questions.



## Minnesota Potluck

By Andrea Hill

Goodbye to all Minnesota friends. It's been a fun winter doing potlucks with you. Such good cooks you are, and you put up with my shenanigans.

March was our last potluck of the season. We will start up again on the second Thursday of November. Watch the Citizen for information. Bring down a Minnesota T-shirt to wear – or one from your town. I'll announce which month to wear it. Have a great summer.

Meme the Month: My husband and I decided we don't want children. It was a difficult decision, but we're telling them tonight.

## Dreamland Bowling League

By Cyndy Munday

March was our last month of the winter league. Beginning in April, we will again be bowling as a "drop-in" league. We are not on a specific team. Each person is on their own, but there are weekly prizes. East Mesa Bowling is located at 9600 E Broadway, just east of Ellsworth. We will begin summer bowling on Tuesdays starting April 14.

Top Bowlers for the week –

**Week of 2-6:** Jerry Cole 171; Dan Jenkins 189; Ted Modjeski 177; Anita Brown 161; Jack Critchet 172; Kevin Todd 184; Dave Nelson 229, 224; Sara Kempke 177; Brian Wheeler 181; Ulic Henehan 193; Jon Hopkins 182; Steve Pena 246; Mike Powell 188; Mark Skarano 203, 191

**Week of 2-13:** Cyn Munday 175; Ulic Henehan 191; Dan Jenkins 188; Nancy Cole 157; Dave Nelson 202; Mike Tackett 204; Jon Hopkins 224

**Week of 2-20:** Kevin Todd 222, 199; Dave Nelson 235; Cyn Munday 174; Ulic Henehan 202, 200; Andrea Hill 185; Jack Critchet 189; Roger Kaufman 192; Dan Jenkins 191; Wayne Herreman 191; Steve Pena 241, 183

**Week of 2-27:** Sara Kempke 178, 176; Jerry Cole 181; Dan Jenkins 232, 209; Denise Matteson 167; Dave Nelson 220; Roger Kaufman 201, 215; Steve Pena 203; Ulic Henehan 216, 202; Mike Tackett 166

Splits picked up: Mark Skarano 4-9; Roger Kaufman 4-7; Cyn Munday 5-6; Sara Kempke 3-7, 4-5; Carl Schellenberg 5-8-10; Kevin Todd 4-7-9; Brian Wheeler 5-10; Andrea Hill 3-10; Dan Jenkins 4-7-9; Steve Pena 5-7; 3-6-7; Dave Nelson 4-9; Dan Jenkins 5-7; Wayne Herreman 2-7; 5-6; Dan Griffiths 3-10; Ulic Henehan 5-6-10; Jack Critchet 2-7-8

If you are interested and need more information, please call Cyndy Munday at 425-218-1105. Thank you.

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- 16) Nevada gambling mecca
- 17) Kit and caboodle
- 20) Keyboard neighbors
- 21) Jersey reply
- 22) Dada artist Jean
- 23) Had a conference
- 24) Main arteries
- 27) Fledgling's place
- 29) Make legislation
- 32) \_\_\_ Maria (coffee liqueur)
- 33) Volcanic emission
- 36) To the full extent
- 38) They may let out some steam
- 41) Became overcast
- 42) Color that makes one stop
- 43) Yodeler's perch
- 44) Slightest amount
- 46) Big event for baby
- 50) Way to be jealous or interested
- 52) Org. for attorneys
- 55) Dir. opposite WSW
- 56) \_\_\_ step further
- 57) It's blank for a bluff
- 60) Reason to watch what one eats
- 63) Hodgepodge
- 64) Not yet used, as a match
- 65) "I'd be happy to!"
- 66) Beam with pride
- 67) Lima and green
- 68) Drove 90 instead of 55

DOWN

- 1) The Caped Crusader
- 2) On terra firma
- 3) Traffic jams
- 4) Hems' partners
- 5) Overused theme
- 6) Make a meaningful connection
- 7) Slumbering
- 8) Utter a few choice words
- 9) Ordinal suffix
- 10) Shady retreat
- 11) Abalone eater
- 12) Hotel relative
- 13) Poor visibility cause
- 18) Skirt bottom
- 19) Expressive
- 24) Person in a cast
- 25) Is sick
- 26) Make a statement
- 28) Fish holder
- 30) Requirements
- 31) Nelson Mandela's org.
- 34) Thin varnish
- 35) Treat for a bear
- 37) Wines for beef
- 38) Masculine one
- 39) Pianist's challenge
- 40) Place for sheep
- 41) North or South state abbr.
- 45) Provide lodging for
- 47) Rip to shreds
- 48) Concert hall cry
- 49) Deprived of coats?
- 51) Opposite of "in every way"
- 53) Surpasses
- 54) Museum display
- 57) Type of combread
- 58) Highly spiced stew
- 59) Come clean (with "up")
- 60) Take the lion's share
- 61) Beastie Boys album "\_\_\_ Communication"
- 62) Wheel center



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2	3	7	6	9	8	4	5	1
8	5	6	2	1	4	3	9	7
4	9	1	7	3	5	8	2	6
9	4	5	1	6	7	2	8	3
3	1	2	8	5	9	7	6	4
6	7	8	4	2	3	9	1	5
5	2	3	9	7	1	6	4	8
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# FROM THE BOARD

## MINUTES Dreamland Villa Retirement Community Board of Directors Meeting

March 10, 2026, 9:30 am Read Hall

**Welcome:** Pat Clark, President

**General Announcements:** March 16, Dental & Health Wellness Seminar with a light P.F. Chang's Dinner 6-7, March 21st Ice cream social 5-7, March 25th free CPR & AED course 11-12, March 30th Black Bear Dine & Donate 6-10 PM, Coffee Social on the 2nd & 4th Saturday, Card Bingo on the 2nd & 4th Thursday 10:30, Tuesdays from 3 PM-8 PM Little Mesa gives 20% of your ticket amount to DVRC.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Call to Order:** Pat Clark, President

**Roll Call:** Karolyn Grafton, Interim Secretary. **Directors:** Pat Clark, Joyce Canino, Bob Westall, Dave Warren (on phone), Beth White (on phone), John Pawloski, and Karolyn Grafton. All present.

**Ratification of Minutes:** John made a mo-

tion to ratify the February 10, 2026, Board of Director's meeting minutes, Bob seconded; passed unanimously. Dave moved to ratify the Board of Directors' March 3, 2026, Study Session minutes as written. Joyce seconded; passed unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report:** Since the Study Session, it was discovered that two tax years were figured into the budget instead of one. That gave us approximately \$12,500 more than we thought we had. Beth moved to approve the 2026 budget as presented, noting it is balanced. Bob seconded.

**Maintenance Report:** Rick recommends shutting down the heaters in the pools in RH and FH on April 1st. He turned in a report on the costs of running both pools for February.

**Office Report:** 19 homes listed, six homes sold, six transfer fees paid, six disclosure fees paid, zero sales cancelled, and six Age Affidavits received. Total income from sales was \$3,300.00. MLS listings for February show that in Dreamland Villa, out of 67 homes, 48 are active, 1 is contract contingent on buyer sale, 6 are under contract-backups, 5 are pending, and 7 are closed.

**55+ Report:** We have 1046 Kee Cards sales. We are at about 70% compliance with Age Affidavits.

**Merchandise Ad Hoc Committee Report:** Reported they have 33 T-shirts left to sell. They would like their sign in the office to help sell the T-shirts, with a potential for

\$525 in sales.

**55+ Signs:** Twelve new signs and posts were installed. DVRC requires these signs to be posted. They would like 10 new signs and posts ordered, and strongly recommend continuing the process. The signs on the Nature Trail are in bad shape and are the responsibility of the Nature Trail.

### OLD BUSINESS

**Motion to approve IT Contract:** Dave moved to approve Proposal A IT contract. Bob seconded. Motion passed unanimously

**Motion to approve summer office hours:** Dave moved to approve office hours on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday from 9 AM - 1 PM, beginning March 30, 2026. Karolyn seconded. Two opposed. Motion passed.

**Motion to approve two new Associate Membership Requests:** Catherine Davis would like to sponsor Vickee Peralta, and Peggy Downey would like to sponsor Tina Kasey. Dave moved to accept the two Associate Memberships. Bob seconded. 1 opposed. Motion passed.

### NEW BUSINESS

**Bandshell rental:** The office had an inquiry about renting the bandshell. They will need to get approval from Gracepoint Church.

**CDs:** 90% of Dues revenue is sitting in the Bank of NBAZ. We would get a better return on our money if we invested it in CDs. Bob recommends two CDs of \$50,000 and

one CD of \$25,000. If we withdraw funds early, the penalty is the loss of interest, so we would not lose our initial investment. These are short-term CDs, so there is no need for Board Approval. We are just notifying the membership.

**Volunteer Luncheon Expenses:** The final expenses from the Volunteer Luncheon were \$180.00. The majority of the costs were covered by donations.

**Event Approvals:** Paperwork was turned in for a Spaghetti feast scheduled for April 25, 2026. This is a social event rather than a fundraiser. Tickets will cost \$10.00 for members and \$12.00 for non-members. Approval is needed for both the Pancake Breakfast and the Volunteer Luncheon that have already been held, and for the Ice Cream Social and Spaghetti feast that are planned for March 21st and April 25th, respectively. Beth moved to approve the above-listed events as a package motion. Bob seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Forms for the Craft Fair were also turned in. We will table this request for further discussion.

**Event Forms:** The wording on the forms used to plan events is confusing to those who have filled them out. The board will look into making these forms less confusing.

**Adjourned:** 10:34 AM

**Open Forum:** One speaker

### Dreamland Villa Retirement Community Balance Sheet

As of February 28, 2026

	Total		
	As of Feb 28, 2026	As of Jan 31, 2026 (PP)	Change
<b>ASSETS</b>			
<b>Current Assets</b>			
<b>Bank Accounts</b>			
1010 Checking Account	219,745.21	207,558.51	12,186.70
1011 Petty Cash	300.00	300.00	0.00
1200 Capital Reserve Account	0.00	0.00	0.00
1210 Chase Checking	4,790.26	4,790.26	0.00
1215 Chase CD	203,045.27	203,045.27	0.00
Total 1200 Capital Reserve Account	\$ 207,835.53	\$ 207,835.53	\$ 0.00
Total Bank Accounts	\$ 427,880.74	\$ 415,694.04	\$ 12,186.70
Total Current Assets	\$ 427,880.74	\$ 415,694.04	\$ 12,186.70
<b>Fixed Assets</b>			
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	269,135.00	0.00
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	-1,369,150.00	-1,369,150.00	0.00
Total Fixed Assets	\$ 323,595.09	\$ 323,595.09	\$ 0.00
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 751,475.83</b>	<b>\$ 739,289.13</b>	<b>\$ 12,186.70</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>			
<b>Liabilities</b>			
<b>Current Liabilities</b>			
2100 Facility Use Deposits	0.00	0.00	0.00
2100.2 Read Hall Deposits	1,500.00	1,525.00	-25.00
2100.3 Arts & Crafts Deposits	645.00	0.00	645.00
Total 2100 Facility Use Deposits	\$ 2,145.00	\$ 1,525.00	\$ 620.00
2408.3 Restricted Donations - Citizen	2,000.00	2,500.00	-500.00
2450 Restricted Funds - Pass-through			0.00
2450.2 Posse	105.00	75.00	30.00
Total 2450 Restricted Funds - Pass-through	\$ 105.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 30.00
Total Other Current Liabilities	\$ 4,250.00	\$ 4,100.00	\$ 150.00
Total Liabilities	\$ 4,250.00	\$ 4,100.00	\$ 150.00
<b>Equity</b>			
3030 Retained Earnings	530,335.97	530,335.97	0.00
Net Revenue	216,889.86	204,853.16	12,036.70
Total Equity	\$ 747,225.83	\$ 735,189.13	\$ 12,036.70
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>	<b>\$ 751,475.83</b>	<b>\$ 739,289.13</b>	<b>\$ 12,186.70</b>

### Dreamland Villa Retirement Community Profit and Loss

February 2026

	Total	
	Feb 2026	Jan - Feb, 2026 (YTD)
<b>Revenue</b>		
4000 Annual Fee Revenue	31,065.80	270,028.16
4001 55+ Donation Income		1,025.00
4003 Donations - Unrestricted	241.38	1,249.38
4101 Read Hall Event/Kitchen Income	91.00	398.00
4210 Gracepoint Global Methodist Church	3,797.94	10,848.98
4300 Administrative Related Income	5,967.75	9,749.46
4400 Restricted Accounts Income	292.05	730.05
4503 Crown Castle Lease Income	1,200.00	3,600.00
4510 Restricted Income	600.00	1,130.00
Total Revenue	\$ 43,255.92	\$ 298,759.03
Gross Profit	\$ 43,255.92	\$ 298,759.03
<b>Expenditures</b>		
5001 55+ Compliance Expense	2,002.87	4,899.50
5300 Admin & Office Expenses	4,787.03	13,362.09
5400 Restricted Accounts Expense	103.71	246.21
5501 Tax Expenses		174.86
5900 Insurance		5,743.40
5950 Read Hall Expenses	181.25	181.25
6201 Bldg & Grounds Maintenance	1,685.26	4,614.46
6300 Swimming Pools Expenses	5,455.33	13,645.89
6400 Utilities	4,213.66	8,061.16
7000 Payroll & Related Expenses	12,790.11	30,940.35
Total Expenditures	\$ 31,219.22	\$ 81,869.17
Net Operating Revenue	\$ 12,036.70	\$ 216,889.86
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