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5:30 pm
Read Hall

Singles Club Meetings
Wednesday, December
14th and 28th
9:30 am
Read Hall

Annual Meeting
Saturday, January 10th
Farnsworth Hall
9:30 am

**Read Hall Pool
Maintenance**
Wednesday, January
14th
All Day

**Farnsworth Hall Pool
Maintenance**
Wednesday, January
21st
All day

Holiday Craft Fair 2025

By *Lana Koenig and Lu Wald*

Well, another successful craft fair is behind us. And what a festive event it was! The Craft Fair Committee would like to say a special thank you to all those folks who made it happen. Thank you to Reverend Mader with the Gracepoint Global Methodist Church for allowing us to hold our craft Fair at Farnsworth Hall. Unfortunately, for the first time in five years of this event, the threat of rain hung over us, but it held out until around 1:00 pm. So many volunteers from our community stepped up to help with table set-up and tear-down, signage, marking outdoor spaces, and providing wonderful baked goods. To all of you, a very big Thank You! And a very special thank you to the Maintenance staff for all of their hard work! All of our efforts brought in over \$2,500 to help Dreamland Villa Community with upcoming expenses. We also wish to thank Julie Ricklie for donating water and for all who shared the ads on Facebook, etc.

As this truly is a big undertaking, we will be holding our first meeting on January 9th to assess what worked and what did not, and then off we go to plan our next Holiday Craft Fair (2026). More information will be found in the upcoming Citizen publications, so stay tuned.

Dreamland Villa Tee Shirts

By *Kathie Chismar*



The Dreamland Villa Tee shirt committee has been busy over the summer, selling tee shirts and lanyards at all the Dreamland events. We used the profit from the sales to purchase wireless mics for Read Hall.

We have a limited number of shirts available in teal or black in medium, large, extra-large, and 2x large. The price is \$20 for one shirt or 2 for \$35. If you would like to make a purchase, contact Debra at 480-547-5116. Lanyards are \$3.



Dreamland Villa Retirement Community 2026 Membership Drive

By *The Membership Committee*

The annual Membership and 55+ Age Affidavit drive is in process for 2026. You should have received this year's mailing, including an Age Affidavit, a Membership form, and a brochure that highlights the benefits of membership. If you have not received yours, please call the office at 480-832-3461, and a member will be happy to drop it off for you. Forms are also available on the email Blast and on the Facebook page. You are welcome to visit the office 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 Retire-

ment Community. Along with your financial support, your time, talents, and energy are needed: please attend the monthly 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 will continue 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. and read the Citizen to stay informed and explore what membership can offer you.

President's Message

By *Pat Clark*

Greetings everyone. Happy New Year! I hope you all had a nice holiday. The start of the new year for DVRC means it is the last month to renew your yearly dues before your Kee card automatically expires on February 1st.

The dues were increased this year by only \$10.00, to \$270.00 per year per person, which may be paid in multiple ways. You can pay monthly at \$22.50 per month. To pay quarterly is \$67.50. Or you can choose the one-time fee of \$270.00 per person. There is no card usage fee if you use a Debit card. There is a usage fee of 3% if you use a Credit card, which is what the bank charges us for the transaction.

Our yearly dues are the lowest in the area. If there are two members at one address, they would pay \$540.00 per year. Our closest sister community, Sunland Village, which

is an HOA, has a yearly fee of \$707.00 per home. All in all, Dreamland Villa is one heck of a bargain. It is disheartening that we cannot grow the membership to numbers that would make us much more secure in our future.

There are approximately 2800 homes and 425 apartments that make up Dreamland Villa. 3200 homes with an average of one and a half persons per home is close to 5000 potential members. Yet membership this year is just under 1200. We barely made it through the end of this year without dipping into reserved funds, as we had to last year. We have to grow our membership in order for the corporation to operate. Without the corporation's doors open and the paperwork needed to verify our compliance with the 55+ senior overlay available to be audited by both HUD and Maricopa County, we will lose our 55+ status. So, please, we need many more of you to become members.

On that note, our 55+ compliance committee is going to be knocking on doors soon in order to get a senior af-

fidavit from you. They are needed from every residence as required by HUD and Maricopa County. Please cooperate by filling one out.

The annual meeting this year is Saturday, January 10th, at 9:30 am, at Farnsworth Hall.

There are no bylaw changes this year, but we will be taking a survey on a few issues. This is your club, and I want the members input on what will be presented.

For events this month, we have the 4th annual Dreamland Villa Community Garage Sale. It will be on Friday and Saturday, January 16th and 17th. If you wish to participate, please contact Julie Rickli at 602-620-4263 or email her at JulieRickliRealtor@gmail.com. She is providing signs and other items to assist you.

The other event is the annual Activities Fair and Open House. It will be Saturday, January 24th, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.

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

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AROUND THE VILLA

Desert Walkers

By Pat Dinsmore

Happy New Year! The days of the winter of 2025-2026 are flitting by. The last couple of months of 2025 were busy with celebrating Veterans' Day, Thanksgiving Day, and the Christmas season. There were many opportunities to enjoy different types of musical celebrations, concerts, and driving through decorated neighborhoods in preparation for Christmas. We are so thankful for these many opportunities and forever grateful for all that we are blessed with.

We had a great walk out at Coon Bluff on December 4th, led by Andrea Hill. We had a beautiful day with eight "walkers" and enjoyed seeing a wild horse leisurely grazing and an osprey diving for fish in the Salt River. We walked the trails of the Veterans Oasis Park in Chandler on December 18th. It's very interesting to visit with some of the people fishing the ponds to learn

what kind of fish they are catching and to observe the variety of waterfowl on the lake. If you're lucky, you might see a jackrabbit on the trails. If you've never been to the Veterans Oasis, you need to put it on your bucket list. You won't be disappointed.

In January, we will walk on the second and fourth Thursdays. As the first Thursday falls on January 1st, we will make our first walk on January 8th to Chaparral Park in Scottsdale. We will walk the Tempe Town Lake area on January 22nd.

We welcome new members. We meet at 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. Wear comfortable clothes and shoes, bring a water bottle, a snack, and a walking stick if you desire. I will email a few days before each walk with any details for the upcoming walk. Hope to see you on January 8th.

Wishing you a most prosperous and healthy New Year!



Please don't Feed the Pigeons

By Victoria Paul



We are receiving complaints about the increase in size of pigeon flocks. A bird expert has been contacted regarding our pigeon problems. We learned that for every pigeon you can count, multiply it by three. Pigeons mate at three months old. The flocks in Dreamland have increased in size, and the birds themselves have increased in size, due to people feeding them.

Feeding pigeons can cause issues for both you AND your neighbors, including but not limited to:

Disease: Pigeons can carry diseases that are transferable to humans!

Dried pigeon poop can cause serious respiratory problems by releasing airborne particles that, when inhaled, can trigger allergic reactions or lead to infections. Inhaling these particles can cause conditions like hypersensitivity pneumonitis (also known as pigeon breeder's lung) from allergic reactions, or fungal infections such as histoplasmosis and cryptococcosis. In severe cases, these can lead to irreversible lung damage like fibrosis, which can be life-threatening.

Property damage: Flocks are growing and have become a huge nuisance, causing property damage to vehicles and home roofs. Droppings from large flocks can cause costly damage to roofs, cars, and other structures. Pigeon defecation is ACIDIC.

Pest attraction: Food left out for pigeons can attract other pests, such as rodents. And recently, there

has been an uptick in flies. Pigeons are not clean, and their poop attracts flies and nuisance bugs.

We understand that feeding wild birds can be a pastime for some. However, if you feed these birds, your neighbors can suffer.

We understand that people who feed wild birds might miss feeding the pigeons; however, please consider purchasing indoor caged birds instead, or perhaps visiting the Phoenix Zoo, or The Riparian Preserve in Gilbert, which is only a 10-minute drive away.

PLEASE STOP FEEDING PIGEONS. If your bird feeder is breached by pigeons, **PLEASE STOP FEEDING WILD BIRDS.**

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Book Club

By Anita Thompson

The next book club meeting will be on January 8 at 3:00 pm, at 6634 E El Paso St, Mesa. We meet outside, so bring a jacket if necessary and whatever you want to drink. We will be discussing 2 books, Plain Truth by Jodi Picoult and The Secret Between Us by B Delinsky. We always have interesting discussions with some of us liking a book and some not so much. Everyone is welcome.

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BOOK REVIEW

By Anita Thompson

Some of this is True by Michelle McDonagh

I bought this book at the gift shop by the Blarney Castle in Ireland. The author is a local woman, and the sales clerk said it was a really good book and they were very proud of her.

Well, it is a good book, I really enjoyed it, and am glad I bought it.

Jessie is a young woman from America who comes to Ireland looking for her biological father. Her mother has never told her much about him, but she knows his name is Michael Murphy and that he lives in Ireland near a castle. Jessie is staying at a B&B owned by Noelle. Only a few days after arriving, Jessie is found dead at the bottom of some steps at Blarney Castle. It is declared an accident, the steps were slippery, and she had alcohol in her blood. However, her mother, Dani, arrives from America and is convinced she was murdered. Noelle's best friend is Marie, and she is married to Tadhg Murphy, whose middle name happens to be Michael. Twenty-some years ago, before he married Marie, he was in America and was a teacher in Boston, which is where Dani grew up. Is he Jessie's father? Did he kill her to keep her quiet? Dani does all kinds of accusing with little or no proof and really causes a stir in this normally quiet small town. There are lots of twists and turns, and no real answers until the very end of the book. In a village of secrets, is anyone truly innocent?

Sudoku

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Posse Corner

By Joseph Favazzo

Staying Healthy is the first step in staying safe

When it comes to nutrition, it's hard to know what's truly healthy. Advertisers promise "low-fat," "low-sugar," and "all-natural" options, but labels don't always tell the full story. Real nutrition starts with fresh, whole foods—and a little skepticism.

One easy test? If food naturally spoils after a few days, it's probably good for you. Real food ripens, ages, and eventually goes bad. Highly processed foods, on the other hand, are designed to last. That shelf life often comes with preservatives, additives, and lost nutrients.

Take produce, for example. Store-bought fruits and vegetables may look fresh, but many have traveled long distances and lost nutritional value along the way. Some are even treated with chemicals to keep them looking "healthy." Homegrown or locally farmed produce—like what you'll find at farmers' markets—offers fresher options with fewer chemicals and more flavor. Plus, gardening itself is rewarding for both body and mind.

Seeds also matter. Natural, heirloom varieties can be replanted season after season, promoting biodiversity and stronger crops. Genetically modified seeds (GMOs), however, are often designed for single use and raise concerns about long-term health and environmental impacts.

But what about the grocery store? A good rule of thumb is to shop the outer walls—where fresh produce, dairy, meats, and baked goods are found. Still, don't assume everything there is healthy. Lunch meats, for example, are highly processed and loaded with sodium and preservatives. Even bakery breads often contain additives and hidden sugars.

So, how do you make better choices?

Read labels carefully. If you can't pronounce an ingredient, think twice.

Do the math: fat should make up 20–35% of daily calories, with less than 10% from saturated fats.

Stick to whole foods: fruits, vegetables, lean meats, legumes, and nuts.

Prep meals at home when possible.

Try natural sweeteners like honey instead of processed sugars.

In the end, eating well doesn't mean perfection—it means awareness. By questioning food labels, shopping local, and cooking more at home, you can take real steps toward better health.

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By Lewis (Lew) Hooser

Well, here we are looking at another new year. How time flies. Here's a curious comment. It's always amazing to me every time my wife and I work at Help Services to see folks drop a dollar or two in the donation box for one small item, when at the same time, some folks that bring back several medical devices pass right by the donation box on their way out the door.

Here's a note to all our friends in Velda Rose Estates and Dreamland Villa from the board of directors. It reads as follows: Help Services mails out an inventory letter every February to each client who has a piece of medical equipment in their possession that's been out for over a year. This letter is our way of keeping track of our inventory. If you receive this letter, please indicate to us if you are still using the device. Should it be broken or still in use, please return the letter ASAP, and explain the reason that you are keeping it. There's a self-addressed stamped envelope for your convenience. We are still in need of great people at Help Services. Please consider if you can step up.

By the way, we are still in need of adult incontinence supplies. If you have some items that you don't need, please stop by and drop them off. Thank you!

As mentioned, we exist totally on your donations, and as always, your donation is tax-deductible. Our normal winter hours are 9:00 am to noon, Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday. Check us out on our web page www.HelpServicesInc.org.

Well, that's it for this newsboy, and our president, Patty Thorpe. Have a happy and healthy year!

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Year-Round Worker's Corner

By Megan Tackett

As the calendar turns to 2026, seniors are embracing a new year filled with opportunities for growth, joy, and connection. The start of a year is more than just a date—it's a reminder that every season of life holds promise.

Reflecting on the Past Year

- Celebrating resilience: Seniors have navigated challenges with wisdom and strength, proving that experience is a powerful guide.
- Cherishing memories: Family gatherings, Dreamland community events, and quiet moments of reflection have added richness to 2025 and 2026.
- Recognizing achievements: Whether learning new skills, volunteering, or simply savoring daily joys, Dreamland seniors continue to make meaningful contributions.

Embracing New Beginnings

- Health and wellness: Gentle exercise, balanced nutrition, and mindful practices can help maintain vitality in 2026.
- Technology and learning: From video calls with loved ones to exploring online classes, seniors are increasingly embracing digital tools to stay connected and curious.
- Creative pursuits: Writing, painting, gardening, or baking—creative outlets bring fulfillment and spark joy.

Building Community

- Friendship and connection: Staying engaged with your neighbors, our clubs, or faith groups helps combat isolation and foster belonging.
- Mentorship: Seniors' wisdom is invaluable—sharing life lessons or enjoying social activities.
- Celebrations: Dreamland's community and events offer opportunities to meet new friends.

Looking Ahead

2026 is a chance to embrace the motto: "Every day is a gift." Seniors can set gentle intentions rather than strict resolutions—like calling a friend weekly, trying a new recipe, or taking a short daily walk. Small steps create lasting impact.

Closing Thought

The new year is not about age—it's about attitude. Seniors entering 2026 carry decades of wisdom, resilience, and love. This year, may every sunrise bring hope, every challenge spark courage, and every moment remind us that life is still full of wonder.



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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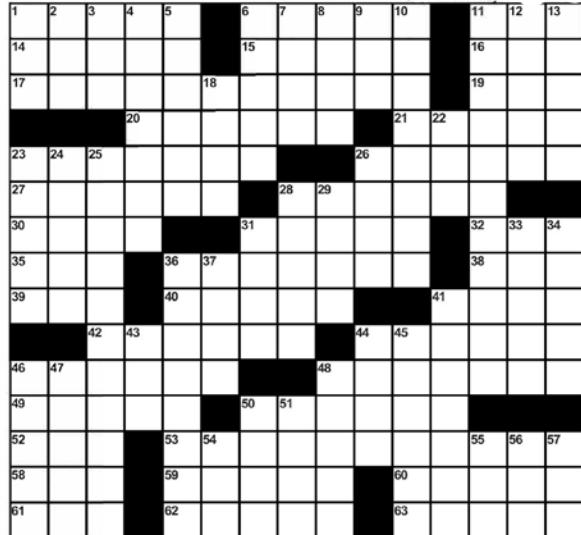
1) It's good if you don't strike
6) In spite of the fact that, briefly
11) Fox rival
14) Brown, Yale, etc.
15) Cylindrical fastener
16) Statute
17) Quick winnings provider, sometimes
19) Cinnabar, for one
20) Exuberant-sounding mackerels?
21) Small sample
23) What hiring your son is
26) NYPD descriptor
27) React to an effective alarm
28) Barnard College grad, for one
30) Monopoly requirement
31) Whimsical garden figurine
32) One-customer link
35) Squid's weapon
36) Smaller and rounder, as eyes

38) Infamous horde member
39) Title of respect, abroad
40) Air freshener targets
41) Breathe rapidly
42) Fountain sound
44) Quick look
46) Not sympathetic
48) Hopped on, as a train
49) Battlefield healer
50) Forty winks, in Mexico
52) "We ___ not amused"
53) Heeds "heads up!"
58) William McKinley's wife
59) Blue eyes or baldness, e.g.
60) ___ date (makes wedding plans)
61) Zero, in soccer
62) Have a funny feeling
63) Halloween trick alternative

DOWN

1) Bro's sib
2) Plumber's pipe material (Abbr.)
3) Expose to public view
4) Did 27-Across again?
5) Landed property
6) Committee type
7) Plumb crazy
8) "Jabberwocky" beginning
9) Female pronoun
10) Veteran
11) Nearby
12) Conner and Starr
13) Sugary
18) Face part
22) Landers who offers advice
23) Comaneci of Olympics fame
24) "Dallas" family name
25) Flight, hotel and rental car together, e.g.
26) Act incensed
28) "The Giant" of wrestling fame
29) Superman's Lane
31) London hosesowg
33) 1/16 of a pound
34) Helped a pot, in a way
36) Russian soups
37) Borderline
41) St. Patrick's Day celebrant
43) William Tell's canton
44) "Gee whillikers!"
45) Most recent
46) With masts fully extended
47) "Rigoletto" composer
48) Midler or Davis
50) Laurel or Musial
51) Wife of Osiris
54) Great fury
55) Summer on the Riviera
56) Jefferson Davis' gov.
57) Kit ___ (candy bar brand)

SHUFFLE OFF



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Activities Fair & Open House

Saturday, January 24, 2026

9:00 am - 1:00 pm
Read Hall, 320 N 55th Pl, Mesa

Every resident of Dreamland Villa is invited to the Activities Fair & Open House to discover all the facilities, activities, and committee organizations available to you through your annual fee as a member of the Dreamland Villa Retirement Community. There will be a representative and information at each activity as you proceed through Read Hall's walkway and rooms. Demonstrations will be available as well as advice on the various activities.

So come and join the fun! The Singles Club will provide refreshments.

Hope to see you there!


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Organ Stop Pizza 2026

By Lynda Leix

We have reserved Organ Stop Pizza for a private Dreamland party again this year. The date will be February 19 (third Thursday so as not to conflict with Card Bingo). As usual, we will meet in the Organ Stop parking lot at about 10:30 am. Doors will open at 10:45 am, and the program starts at 11:00 am. The cost is \$10.75, and we will pay at the door. We will be treated to a pizza buffet, prepared salad, and a special musical program. The musical program includes a "virtual" tour of the organ, which is always fascinating. There will be a sign-up sheet in the office starting after the first of the year. As always, we will need at least 100 to have this special program. If you have never been to Organ Stop, this is a good introduction to a great venue. If you have been there, you know you need to go back!

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FROM THE BOARD

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

Please silence your phones.

Welcome: Pat Clark, President

General Announcements: Little Mesa 20% off through winter season, Cornhole Sundays 1:00, Mingle Jingle Dec. 19, 5:30 (12/12 last day for tickets), Community Garage Sale Jan. 16-17, 7-1, Activity Fair & Open House Jan. 24, 9-1, SRP solar \$3.00/mo non-profit.

Pledge of Allegiance

Call to Order: Pat Clark, President

Roll Call: Karolyn Grafton (substitute Secretary). Directors: Pat Clark, Dave Warren, Beth White, Bob Westall, John Pawloski All Present. Joyce Canino (unexcused absent).

Ratification of Minutes: Bob made a motion to ratify the November 13, 2025, Board of Director's meeting minutes, Dave seconded; approved. John made a motion to ratify the Board of Director's December 2, 2025, Study Session minutes, Beth seconded; approved.

Treasurer's Report: Bob reported that we are better off than he expected. We are only \$11,000 down from the beginning of the year. The deficit was from the error of the past year. We paid the IRS \$9,000. Last year we cashed in two CDs to get by.

Office Manager Report: In November, 14 homes were listed. 1 cancelled. 7 were sold. 5 paid the \$400.00 transfer fees, 7 paid the \$150.00 disclosure fees. The total income from sales was \$3,050.00.

Craft Show Report:

At the Craft Fair, \$3014.00 was collected from the bake sale and hot dog sales. Advertising expenses were \$323.00. Profits were \$2891.00. Lu & Jereyn have an article in the January Citizen to thank the committee members and volunteers who have put in their time and hours to make this year's craft fair a huge success. We also thank Reverend Menard and church members with Grace Point Church for helping us with getting Farnsworth ready to set up Friday and cleaned up on Saturday. The next meeting will be held 1-9-2026.

Maintenance Report: Rick reported that there is nothing to report. It is just normal maintenance now. Solar lights are now going up at Farnsworth Hall.

OLD BUSINESS:

Bids are being requested for part of a roof and for work to make the ramada one level.

NEW BUSINESS:

Working on getting bids for the gate to the ramada. P&P and the Nominating Committees need chairpersons. Pat may have to do the Nominating Committee himself.

Adjourned: 10:32 AM

Submitted by: Karolyn Grafton, Substitute Secretary

Open Forum: No one signed up to speak.

Catch up on all the News!
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Dreamland Villa Retirement Community Balance Sheet As of November 30, 2025

	Total As of Oct 31, 2025		
	As of Nov 30, 2025	(PP)	Change
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Bank Accounts			
1010 Checking Account	77,195.05	84,718.59	-7,523.54
1011 Petty Cash	300.00	920.00	-620.00
Total 1200 Capital Reserve Account	\$ 200,385.83	\$ 203,332.91	-\$ 2,947.08
Total Bank Accounts	\$ 277,880.88	\$ 288,971.50	-\$ 11,090.62
Total Current Assets	\$ 277,880.88	\$ 288,971.50	-\$ 11,090.62
Fixed Assets			
Total Fixed Assets	\$ 323,595.09	\$ 323,595.09	\$ 0.00
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 601,475.97	\$ 612,566.59	-\$ 11,090.62
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY			
Liabilities			
Total Current Liabilities	\$ 48,847.91	\$ 17,561.66	\$ 31,286.25
Total Liabilities	\$ 48,847.91	\$ 17,561.66	\$ 31,286.25
Equity			
3030 Retained Earnings	529,166.44	529,166.44	0.00
Net Revenue	23,461.62	65,838.49	-42,376.87
Total Equity	\$ 552,628.06	\$ 595,004.93	-\$ 42,376.87
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$ 601,475.97	\$ 612,566.59	-\$ 11,090.62

Dreamland Villa Retirement Community Profit and Loss

November 2025

	Total	
	Jan - Nov, 2025	
	Nov 2025	(YTD)
Revenue		
4000 Annual Fee Revenue	811.26	317,940.81
4001 55+ Donation Income	60.00	1,933.54
4003 Donations - Unrestricted	165.00	195.62
4101 Read Hall Event/Kitchen Income	223.82	1,047.02
4102 Special Events Revenue		2,802.77
4200 Farnsworth Hall Income		628.80
4210 Gracepoint Global Methodist Church	6,400.00	24,004.46
4300 Administrative Related Income	5,558.00	65,736.53
4400 Restricted Accounts Income		3,904.00
4500 Misc. Income	-540.00	245.00
4502 Interest Earned		3,009.20
4503 Crown Castle Lease Income		13,200.00
4510 Restricted Income	550.00	4,165.00
Total Revenue	\$ 13,228.08	\$ 438,812.75
Gross Profit	\$ 13,228.08	\$ 438,812.75
Expenditures		
5001 55+ Compliance Expense	4,939.63	22,465.16
5300 Admin & Office Expenses	6,510.24	39,100.18
5400 Restricted Accounts Expense	-90.00	3,639.63
5500 Misc Expense	3,315.42	3,335.42
5501.5 Income Tax Expense	4,837.00	4,837.00
5900 Insurance	12,880.00	62,376.50
5950 Read Hall Expenses		236.51
6200 Farnsworth Hall Expenses		1,850.00
6201 Bldg & Grounds Maintenance	658.10	22,863.80
6300 Swimming Pools Expenses	4,939.15	62,333.67
6400 Utilities	4,119.19	55,077.67
7000 Payroll & Related Expenses	13,496.22	137,235.59
Total Expenditures	\$ 55,604.95	\$ 415,351.13
Net Operating Revenue	-\$ 42,376.87	\$ 23,461.62
Net Revenue	-\$ 42,376.87	\$ 23,461.62



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Fused Glass

By David Senke

Happy New Year! Well, another holiday season has gone by, and we're all a year older. This is going to be my transition year in the Fused Glass shop/studio. Many volunteers over the years have put their heart and soul into keeping Dreamland Villa a great place to retire. I'm hoping maybe I will be one of those members to be remembered.

Fused Glass is a great art form and is not too complicated for seniors to learn. The shop/studio is open 2 days a week, and you are welcome to stop in and check it out. There is usually a monitor there to show you around and explain the process.

Shop/studio hours are: Monday and Wednesday 9:30 am to Noon and 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm, and Monday nights from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

Pictures are pieces made in the Fused Glass shop/studio by member participants.



Join the Fun!



Dreamland Villa Singles Club

By Lu Wald

Happy New Year, everyone! We hope you had a very blessed Christmas. December was a busy month for everyone, and because of how the Wednesdays worked out, we did not have meetings on both November and December's fourth Wednesday. We installed our new officers, who are Anita Brown, Debra Bunten, Audrey

Hayes, and Karolyn Grafton. Good luck, ladies, in 2026! Our Membership Chair has begun collecting dues for 2026 and is asking everyone to fill out a new member information card. If you are not receiving updates from Kathie Chismar via email, please let her know so we can get that information to you.

January is starting up with our first dine-out at Wild Ginger for lunch on the 2nd, and then our first monthly potluck of the year on Monday, the 5th, at 5:30 in Read Hall. We'll be carpooling to the Hale Theatre for Beau Jest on the 10th. On the 12th, we'll carpool out to Queen Creek to tour the Olive Mill and have lunch. On the 17th, we'll be enjoying the Bee Gees

tribute at the Hale. Our second dine-out will be dinner at Nandos. There is a wonderful Chandler Symphony performance featuring Sinatra, Bennett, and more music. We're looking at traveling to Fountain Hills to tour the Milestone Sculpture Art on the 31st if we have enough interest from members in joining us. Our members will also support community activities, which include the Dreamland Yard sales on the 16th & 17th, the monthly card bingo games, the coffee socials each 2nd and 4th Saturdays, and the Board Study sessions and monthly meetings. Please get a calendar to learn more about all of these activities by picking one up at the office or downloading a copy from either the e-mail

blast or the Dreamland Villa webpage. Come to our monthly meetings on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday mornings at 9:30 to see what we have to offer.

Our biggest event this month will be co-ordinating the Activities Fair/Open House at Read Hall on Saturday, the 24th, from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. This event is for ALL Dreamland residents to come and learn about all of the different activities provided or coordinated by volunteers in this wonderful community. Please come and learn about the different clubs, the activity rooms, and the fun-loving people who make it happen.

DREAMLAND VILLA QUILTING CLUB

By Becky Lamson

This month's photo is a sample of the Christmas Tree Door decorations we made as our November group project. It was a quick project that most of us finished during our meeting.

In December, we devoted a long day from 9:00 to 4:00 to making pillowcases that will be donated to Helen's Hope Chest. They give them to foster children on their first visit to take home as a special item they receive.

We are on our winter schedule, meeting each week on Thursdays from 1:00 to 4:00 pm, at Read Hall. At our first meeting in January, we will have a business

meeting to elect our officers for the year. We continue to work on special projects, piecing quilt tops, stitching borders onto the quilts, and doing 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 beckyNLeslie@gmail.com.

On December 18th, we had our Holiday Potluck and White Elephant gift exchange.

Quilter's quote: "There are no rules in quilting, and if there are, it's time we broke a few."



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Mosaic Glass Classes



By David Senke

Back by popular demand, this year's Mosaic Classes will be held on February 28th and March 7th. Classes will be held in the Art Room. This class is open to all members of Dreamland Villa, and no experience is necessary to try this unique art form.

The cost for the class is \$20.00 and includes all materials needed to complete one masterpiece.

Classes will run from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. Signing up in advance is preferred as classes are limited to 15 participants each.

You can sign up in the Fused Glass room.

**HAPPY
New Year!**

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!

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.

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 or text 602-363-0347.

Sr. Techies Computer Club

By Megan Tackett

Key Areas of New Digital Tech for Seniors

Smart Home & Voice Assistants Devices like Amazon Echo, Google Nest, and Apple HomePod allow seniors to control lights, thermostats, and appliances with simple voice commands. This reduces physical strain and increases convenience.

Health Monitoring & Safety Tools - Wearables and medical alert systems now track heart rate, sleep, and fall detection in real time. Many connect directly to caregivers or emergency services, offering peace of mind.

AI-Powered Companions & Apps - Seniors can use AI assistants for reminders, medication schedules, or even companionship. These tools are becoming more intuitive, adapting to speech patterns and accessibility needs.

Transportation & Mobility - Tech Apps for ride-sharing, autonomous shuttles, and GPS-enabled mobility aids are making it easier for seniors to maintain independence without relying on family or friends.

Financial & Security Tools - New apps simplify bill payments, budgeting, and fraud detection, giving seniors more control over their finances while protecting against scams.

Challenges & Considerations

Accessibility gaps: Some devices still aren't designed with vision or hearing limitations in mind.

Internet dependence: Most tools require reliable broadband, which can be a barrier in rural areas.

Overwhelming choices: With so many gadgets, seniors may need guidance to select what truly adds value, so come to our classes.

In short, Dreamland seniors in 2026 can learn and benefit from technologies that make daily life safer, easier, and more connected — from smart speakers to health wearables and digital literacy programs.

Here is the December Class Schedule for the Sr. Techie Club. We meet at 4:00 pm in Room 9, the Computer Room.

January 7 - How to add a legacy contact on your phones

January 14th- Guest Speaker Chris Tucker Genealogy class

January 21st- How to increase sound on your laptops or computers

January 26th - How to remove background on photos

RETURNING IN NOVEMBER 2025

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

BUNCO meets the 2nd Tuesday and last Friday 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.

Our Returning Leaders are Sharon and Florence with backup persons Linda Fittante and Linda Herreman. If you have questions or need more information, please leave a message for Linda Herreman at 605-341-5249. Thank you leaders and participants. Looking forward to Bunco Fun in our community.

Mark your calendar now!
BUNCO November 2025 - April 2026
6:00 pm at Read Hall



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November 11, 2025
December 9, 2025
January 13, 2026
February 10, 2026
March 10, 2026
April 14, 2026

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Art Room Schedule –January 2026

By Alicia Short

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.

PAINTED PAPER WORKSHOP SATURDAY, JANUARY 24 – 9:00 am-3:00 pm Cost \$35 for materials and supplies. Limited to 10 people. Payment is needed to guarantee your spot. Deadline January 20th. Create a fun piece of artwork using paints and paper... no artistic talent needed. If you can color a coloring book page, you can do this. You will cut or tear paper to apply to a canvas to create a fun piece. A desert scene using your choice of papers and colors similar to the example will be completed. Bring a lunch or go out for lunch. The photo is not the exact art we will create, but something similar.

POTENTIAL SATURDAY MORNING CRAFT WORKSHOPS - 10:00 am – 12 noon I would be interested to see if anyone would like to meet on Saturday mornings, 10:00 am to noon, 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. Alicia

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 with ideas, suggestions, or interest in our classes.



Minnesota Potluck

By Andrea Hill

Happy New Year to all Minnesnowtans. We've had two potlucks so far, and there are only three more chances to come and join the fun. January 8 is the next one, then February 12 and March 12. Mark your calendars.

We meet at Read Hall on the second Thursday of each month. 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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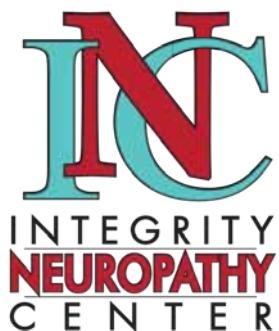
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JANUARY MONTHLY EVENTS

2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
28 <u>December</u> <u>Faith In Christ</u> <u>Church</u> <u>9:00AM -</u> <u>12:00PM</u> <u>Corn Hole</u> <u>1:00PM -</u>	29	30	31	1	2	3
4 <u>Faith In Christ</u> <u>Church</u> <u>9:00AM -</u> <u>12:00PM</u> <u>Corn Hole</u> <u>1:00PM -</u>	5 <u>Singles</u> <u>Potluck</u> <u>5:30PM -</u>	6 <u>Board Study</u> <u>Session</u> <u>5:30pm</u>	7 <u>Night Card</u> <u>Bingo</u> <u>6:00PM -</u>	8 <u>Card Bingo</u> <u>10:30AM -</u> <u>Minnesota</u> <u>Potluck</u> <u>5:15PM -</u>	9	10 <u>Coffee Social</u> <u>7:30AM -</u> <u>9:00AM</u> <u>Annual</u> <u>Meeting</u> <u>Farnsworth</u> <u>Hall</u> <u>9:30AM -</u>
11 <u>Faith In Christ</u> <u>Church</u> <u>9:00AM -</u> <u>12:00PM</u> <u>Corn Hole</u> <u>1:00PM -</u>	12 <u>Card Making</u> <u>Class</u> <u>9:30AM -</u> <u>12:30PM</u>	13 <u>Board</u> <u>Meeting</u> <u>9:30AM -</u> <u>Bunco</u> <u>6:00PM -</u>	14 <u>Read Hall Pool</u> <u>Cleaning Day</u> <u>Singles</u> <u>Meeting</u> <u>9:30AM -</u>	15	16 <u>Dreamland</u> <u>Villa</u> <u>Community</u> <u>Garage Sale</u> <u>7:00AM -</u> <u>1:00PM</u>	17 <u>Dreamland</u> <u>Villa</u> <u>Community</u> <u>Garage Sale</u> <u>7:00AM -</u> <u>1:00PM</u>
18 <u>Faith In Christ</u> <u>Church</u> <u>9:00AM -</u> <u>12:00PM</u> <u>Corn Hole</u> <u>1:00PM -</u>	19	20	21 <u>Farnsworth</u> <u>Hall Pool</u> <u>Cleaning Day</u> <u>Night Card</u> <u>Bingo</u> <u>6:00PM -</u>	22 <u>Card Bingo</u> <u>10:30AM -</u>	23	24 <u>Coffee Social</u> <u>7:30AM -</u> <u>9:00AM</u> <u>Activities Fair</u> <u>and Open</u> <u>House</u> <u>9:00AM -</u> <u>1:00PM</u>
25 <u>Faith In Christ</u> <u>Church</u> <u>9:00AM -</u> <u>12:00PM</u> <u>Corn Hole</u> <u>1:00PM -</u>	26	27	28 <u>Singles</u> <u>Meeting</u> <u>9:30AM -</u>	29	30 <u>Bunco</u> <u>6:00PM -</u>	31 <u>Senior Techie</u> <u>Pizza Party</u> <u>4:00PM -</u> <u>6:00PM</u> <u>Card Making</u> <u>Class</u> <u>9:30AM -</u> <u>12:30PM</u>

January Weekly Activities

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

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