

The East Villager

The Pulse of Our Residents



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Christmas Dinner

New Year's Eve Gala

Our annual Christmas Dinner will be held in the Auditorium on, December 25 at 1:00 pm. Our RCE volunteers cooks will be busy in the kitchen to bring you the ham, potatoes, and rolls. The remainder of the meal to be furnished by you for your own table of 8. Remember, you will have 8 people at your table so be sure to bring large portions for everyone. If you are a new resident or just want to meet new people, please join us.

It's time for resolutions, ringing in the new year and saying good-bye to the old year.

Please remember, you must purchase your ticket at the time of sign up. Tickets are \$5.00. You are welcome to invite family, including children, but you will need to sign up for one food item (enough for 8 people) for each two guests.

Share this evening with old friends and make the extra effort to introduce yourself to some new folks. It is an easy New Years' resolution to keep and what fun it will be to make new friends.

Table sign up sheets will be in the Activity Office.

The decorations will be glitzy and glamorous. Let's all join together and celebrate the new year. Meet in the Auditorium at 8:15 pm on December 31, 2007 to bring in the year 2008.

If you are planning to have a Social Hour before dinner, please plan on going home 10 minutes before dinner to get your food, as we do not have facilities to reheat dishes or keep them warm.

The dress code will be everything from casual wear to your normal New Year's Eve shimmer and everything in between. Whatever you choose to wear, the important thing is to have a wonderful evening.

Join your "Rincon Country Family" for Christmas Dinner. We will have a great time.

You don't dance? Well you can always come to the party and socialize with your friends and neighbors.

Come and listen to "CJ" play all your favorite requests. It will be music as you like it. Beer, soda, champagne and a light breakfast will be provided. There will also be hats and noise makers.

Tickets are \$15.00 per person. Be sure to purchase your tickets early.



Saturday, Dec. 1

9:00 am **Pay coffee sponsored by
Bocce Ball**
Place: Auditorium

Sunday, Dec. 2

6:00 pm **Vespers Hymn Sing
with Linda Lazzaroni**
Place: Auditorium

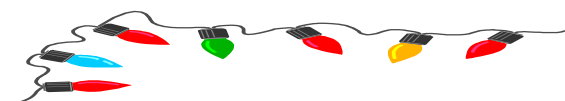
Monday, Dec. 3

9:00 am **Line Dance Lessons**
In the Auditorium

4:30 pm **Singles Potluck**
In the Rec. Hall

Tuesday, Dec. 4

9:00 am **Kokonuts Practice**
Place: Auditorium



Wednesday, Dec. 5

9:00 am **Coffee by Dedicated Dental
50/50 Shuffleboard**
Bring your own Cup
Place: Auditorium

7:00 pm **Bingo**

Thursday, Dec. 6

10:00 am **Ballroom Dance Lessons**
Place: Auditorium

3:00-9:30 pm **Photo Directory Pictures
by appointment**
In the Rec. Hall

Friday, Dec. 7

3:00 pm **Gaslight Theatre
"Scrooged"**
Doors open: 2:15 pm
Ticket \$16.75



Saturday, Dec. 8

9:00 am **Pay coffee sponsored by
Kokonuts**
Place: Auditorium

Sunday, Dec. 9

6:00 pm **Vespers Presents:
"Heavenly Harmonies"**
Place: Auditorium

Monday, Dec. 10

9:00 am **Line Dance Lessons**
In the Auditorium

5:00 pm **All you can eat Pizza and Seminar by
Seniors Financial**
In the Rec. Hall

Tuesday, Dec. 11

9:00 am **Kokonuts Practice**
Place: Auditorium



10:00 am **Desert Breakfast**
Saguaro National Park
Bring your own tables & chairs
Bring your own service
Tickets \$5.00

Wednesday, Dec. 12

9:00 am **Coffee by Q & A Financial**
50/50 Horseshoe Club
Bring your own Cup
Place: Auditorium

7:00 pm **Bingo**

Thursday, Dec. 13

10:00 am **Ballroom Dance Lessons**
Place: Auditorium

1:00 pm **Cookie Exchange**
In the Auditorium
See article for details.

Friday, Dec. 14

7:00 pm **Holiday Dance with "Two's Company"**
In the Auditorium
Beer & Soda will be provided
BYOB and snacks
Tickets \$5.50



Saturday, Dec. 15

9:00 am **Pay coffee sponsored by**
Sawmill Club
Place: Auditorium

Sunday, Dec. 16

6:00 pm **Vespers**
Place: Rec. Hall

Monday, Dec. 17

9:00 am **Line Dance Lessons**
In the Auditorium

7:00-9:00 pm **FREE Social Hour with**
"Tom Chesnut"
In the Auditorium
BYOB and snacks

Tuesday, Dec. 18

9:00 am **Kokonuts Practice**
Place: Auditorium

Wednesday, Dec. 19

9:00 am **Coffee and Donuts**
50/50 Photo Club
Bring your own Cup
Place: Auditorium

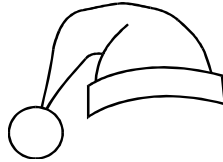
7:00 pm **Bingo**

Thursday, Dec. 20

10:00 am **Ballroom Dance Lessons**
Place: Auditorium

Friday, Dec. 21

11:00am **Omelette Brunch**
Made by the same great cook who made our Pizza at the pizza party
Menu: Omelettes, rolls, coffee
In the Rec Hall
Tickets \$ 6.00



5:30 pm **Christmas Caroling In the Park**
Meet in the patio in front of the office.

Saturday, Dec. 22

9:00 am **Pay coffee sponsored by Library**
Place: Auditorium

Sunday, Dec. 23

6:00 pm **Vespers**
Place: Rec. Hall



Monday, Dec. 24

4:00 pm **Christmas Eve Party**
Sandy will be at the Keyboard for your listening pleasure
In the Auditorium
BYOB and snacks
Tickets \$ 3.00



Tuesday, Dec. 25 Christmas Day

1:00 pm **Christmas Dinner with Friends**
Place: Auditorium
Tickets \$ 5.00

Wednesday, Dec. 26

9:00 am **Coffee and Donuts 50/50**
Bring your own Cup
Place: Auditorium

NO Bingo Tonight

Friday, Dec. 28

6:00 pm **FREE Movie: Wild Hogs**
In the Rec. Hall
See article in newsletter

Saturday, Dec. 29

9:00 am **Pay coffee sponsored by Shuffleboard Club**
Place: Auditorium

Sunday, Dec. 30

6:00 pm **Vespers**
Place: Rec. Hall

Monday, Dec. 31

8:00 pm **New Years Eve Gala with CJ**
In the Auditorium
Tickets \$15.00



Movers & Shakers

Meet Dick Bernius

You will see him moving tables as one of the Burly Boys, singing with the Kokonuts and the Country Gentlemen, working as a Cook's helper in the kitchen and serving as the Rincon Country East "Keg Meister." He is, perhaps, best known as a guitar playing, country singing favorite son.

A native of Tacoma, Washington, you could almost say Dick Bernius was born with a song in his heart. He's been singing since he was "a tiny kid." During his teen years, he sang in his high school choir and in a rock and roll band. Later he sang background music for a recording studio in Seattle. At age 25 he taught himself to play guitar so he could accompany himself. Though rock and roll was still his first love, now he does mostly country. He says it's easier and more popular with his current audience.

Dick's mother died when he was 18 months old so his grandparents raised him. They saw that he had piano and voice lessons. He did okay with the voice part, but hated piano. The reason? While practicing, he could look through the window and see the neighborhood kids outside playing. Now THAT was the kind of playing he wanted to do!

There were other things besides music that occupied Dick's time during high school, like football, girls, hockey, girls, wrestling, girls and working on cars. The last day of school his junior year, Dick went to a party and got shot. A feud between a neighbor and another man resulted in the first drive-by shooting they had ever heard of. The bullet went through the neighbor's arm, into the house and through Dick, back to front. They gave him a 10% chance of living. "Every day I now have is a gift," is his response to that experience.



Married young, Dick has a son from that marriage who married a Tucson girl. His dad and stepmom had also moved to Tucson and lived in the Rincon country Mobile Home Park. When Dick and Catherine came to Tucson to visit, his dad rented them a spot at Rincon Country East RV Resort. They stayed three or four days and they hated it.

No one introduced themselves, and they didn't know about any activities.

Before the elder Mr. Bernius passed away, he asked Dick to take care of his stepmom. That meant returning to Tucson. So, in the fall of 1999 they returned to Rincon Country East and stayed three months. This time turned out much different. They heard about a happy hour and decided to go. Almost immediately Ernie Kettel, (also from Washington), introduced himself. Then the Activity Director found out that Dick played guitar and sang. "Would you sing and play for a Coffee Hour?" she asked. Dick agreed, and then this guy, who had only performed in front of very small groups, found himself in front of 200 people. He didn't pass out and we are oh, so glad. They thought they would hate it here, but came to love it because of the people.

Catherine came into the picture in 1990. Having attended school together, they re-met at their 30th high school reunion. Three weeks later they got married.

When asked what advice he'd give to people, Dick responded, "Reach out to new people in the park and get them involved. It's the most important thing you can do."

By Frenchy Dennis

Christmas Eve with Sandy

Please join us in the Auditorium for some holiday merriment at our annual Christmas Eve Bash. Sandy Sanford will be tickling the ivories for your dancing and listening pleasure.

Take some time out from all the hustle and bustle to enjoy your friends and family at RCE.

Bring your own beverages and snacks. Tickets can be purchased in the Activity Office for \$ 3.00.

The party starts at 4:00 pm.

Christmas Decorating Contest

Are you planning to enter the annual RCE Christmas Decorating Contest? Again this year, the winners will be determined by park residents and announced at the Christmas Eve Party.

There are 3 categories:

- 1- The Best decorated RV (motorhomes or pull trailers).
- 2- The Best decorated park model.
- 3- The Best decorated Street.

Ballots will be distributed to each mail box and can be dropped in the ballot box until Thursday, December 20th at 5:00 pm.

The Ballot Box will be in the Activity Office.

Pull out all your Christmas lights and decorate your home so Santa can find you.

Speed Limit

Please remember that the speed limit is 9.5 mph throughout the park. Please think safety first, drive the speed limit. Thank you.

Christmas Caroling

On Friday, December 21st at 5:30 pm, we will have our traditional evening of Christmas caroling in the park. We will have the wagon all spruced up and ready to go. There will be room for some on the wagon, people in golf carts and people walking.

Cocoa and refreshments will be served afterward in the Rec Hall. There will be a sign up sheet in the office for you to reserve your place.

Please join us, this is always a fun time.

Christmas Cookie Exchange

Let's exchange Christmas cookies!

Get out your favorite Christmas cookie recipe and whip up a batch for our Christmas Cookie Exchange.

This is what we'll do. Everyone brings 4 dozen **HOMEMADE** cookies of one variety . Three dozen cookies will be exchanged with the cookies brought by others. This way you take home almost as many cookies as you brought.

The last dozen everyone gets to munch on with fresh coffee that we will supply. Be sure to bring your recipe to share with others. (We will even make copies for you if you want them.)

Remember, Dec.13 at 1:00 pm for a fun time and holiday atmosphere. Everyone is welcome.

Sign up in the Activity Office.

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| BYOB | Bring your own Beverage |
| BYOC | Bring your own Cup |
| BYOS | Bring your own Service |

Toys for Tots

Each year the outpouring of generosity from our family here at RCE makes so many children happy by donating to the Toys for Tots program.

This year our annual toy drive began in November with a kick off by the firefighters from Station #17.

We are collecting new toys that will make Christmas a bit brighter for children less fortunate than our own children and grandchildren.

If you wish to donate a new toy, please place it under the Christmas tree in the main office or the Christmas tree in the Activity Office. The toys will be turned over to station # 17 and the Firefighters will then distribute the toys.

The deadline for the toy collection is Dec. 14, 2007. Thank you for your generous donations. Your Christmas gift will put beautiful smiles on all many children's happy faces on Christmas morning.

Visiting Grandchildren During Christmas

Grandchildren over the age of 3 years are welcome to use the pool facilities between the hours of 12 noon and 4:00 pm from Sunday, December 23, 2007 to Wednesday, January 2, 2008. They may also use the other facilities during these days.

As always, children must be accompanied and supervised at all times by the resident. All guests should be registered in the Office.

Tickets

Please be sure to purchase your tickets early. Functions involving food usually will have a cut off date either to give the caterers a count or for us to do the shopping. We appreciate your cooperation.

Picture Directory

Olan Mills (of Phoenix) will be doing a new picture directory for us. **BUT** they expect some of us to purchase some pictures. So, if you have your pictures taken at church, please consider not buying them there for this one summer and do buy them here this winter.

Olan Mills will give you a free 8 x 10 photo and a free park directory just for having your picture taken.

There will be two ways to make your appointment, on-line from a direct link from our website: www.rinconcountry.com and through the Activity Office.

We still have a few openings for the December 6 schedule in the Activity Office and are currently making appointments.

The schedule we have set up is as follows:

December 6, 2007

January 22, 23, 24, and 25, 2008

Practice smiling and save some of your digital pictures of park activities because we may need them in our directory.

Debbie



Volunteer Cooks and Clean-up Crew Needed

We are in serious need of a core group of volunteers to give up a few hours of their time to help prepare the dinners and a crew to clean up after the meals.

If you would like to volunteer to help cook or clean up, please come in and sign up in the Activity Office.

Food Bank

Each year the residents of Rincon Country East have been most generous with their donations to our local Food Bank.

The bins for the food donations for the food bank have been overflowing. Thank you to all who have donated. We will leave the bins outside the Auditorium and continue to collect non-perishable food items throughout the holidays.

Lets all enjoy this season of giving.

Lyons School

Once again we are collecting school supplies. We need pencils, paper, etc. for children that come to school without these things. The children can also use art supplies such as toilet paper rolls, oatmeal boxes, buttons, paint, plastic canvas, colored paper and more.

Please contact

Charlene Mitchell
342, 290-4342

Grace Children's Home

Again this year, we are collecting for the children's home. Items go first to those that need them and then to their thrift shop to raise money to pay for utilities, food, clothes and shoes. They also need household items and furniture.

For information please call
Charlene Mitchell
290-4342, site # 342

Thank You Decorators

Thank you once again to Karen & Leroy Weinzetl and their crew for doing such a great job on the decorations in the Auditorium. It is really appreciated.

Rincon Country Smoking Policy

Effective December 1, 2007, Rincon Country RV Resorts will be **Smoke free in all building complexes, including the pool and spa areas and within twenty feet of building entrances.** This is in compliance with the new Arizona law that was passed in May of 2007.

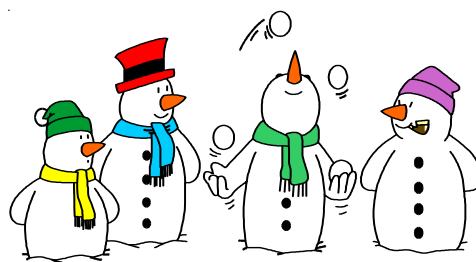
We appreciate your cooperation in this policy.

George O'Leary, Owner

Computer Club

A Computer Club at Rincon East? Why not? If you are interested, please sign up in the Activities Office before February 1.

Jay Kirkbride, Lot # 299



Singles Potluck

The December Singles Potluck will be here before you know it. Mark your calendar for Monday, December 3 at 4:30 pm in the Rec Hall. Bring a dish to pass, your own service, and nickels for a game. There will also be a 50/50 raffle.

Hostesses will be:

Ruthe Fox 886-3651
Liz Kochvar 296-4375

Scarlet O'Hatter Red Hat Members

Please check the glass case outside the Activities Office for up coming events. Sign up sheets for each event will be in the Activity Office.

Please contact me if you are new or want to continue as a member.

Queen Mother
Jean Braun, 722-5048

Dream Study Group Now Forming

If you are interested in learning about your dreams and what they mean, if you don't remember your dreams and you want to, or if you would just enjoy sharing your dreams with others, please come to the Fireside Room on Tuesday, December 4 and Tuesday, December 18 from 1:00 - 3:00 pm.

We will firm up the future meeting schedule for the New Year at these meetings.

Bring a pen, paper and your curiosity.

If you have any questions please contact Su Keister at space # 397.

Senior Olympic Festival

The Tucson 2008 Senior Olympic Festival will be held from January 18 to January 27, 2008. Entry forms are available in the Activity Office. Entry forms must be turned in to the Olympic Committee by December 30, 2007. They make NO exceptions.

Line Dance Lessons

Beginners, easy level and intermediate classes are being held in the Auditorium on Mondays. 9:00 - 11:00 am, starting with the beginners class at 9:00, followed by the other two levels. There is a \$1.00 charge per week for the classes.

Line Dancing started on November 19 with quite a few new beginners coming out and doing well with our new instructor, Ila Forester.

Instruction books and music cassettes for all levels are available to buy at the class.

New dancers are always welcome at any time.

For information call Mary Morcom at 296-9654.



Ballroom Dance Lessons

Starting Thursday, December 6 at 10:30 AM we will be teaching Waltz Basics. So put on your dancing shoes (leather is easier to dance on) and come join the fun. Cost is \$4.50 per person per session.

Please stop by the Activity Office and leave your name and phone number with Debbie if you are interested in this class.

Our last class in December will be on the 20th and we will resume on January 3. Watch your January newsletter for the rhythm we'll be teaching.

We wish everyone a great holiday.

Happy Dancing,

Ray & Virginia Walz
520-648-7381
walzdancer@cox.net

Euchre

We play Euchre every Tuesday evening at 7:00 pm in the Card Room. New players are always welcome. If you want to learn how to play Euchre, please contact George Golibersuch at Lot # 12 or call 885-6666.

There were two tables at the first game of the season on October 23. The results of play are as follows:

Most Loners: George Golibersuch - 4
High Score: Vern Sorenson - 65
Second High: Clyde Stadel - 55
Low Score: Pat Dufficy

October 30 results:

Most Loners: Ruth Large - 3
High Score: Dick Shaver - 78
Second High: Eileen Rowlands - 70
Low Score: Jack Rowlands

November 6 results:

Most Loners: Ruth Large - 2
High Score: George Golibersuch - 73
Low Score: Eileen Rowlands

Rincon Ringers Horseshoes

We are ready for the 2008 season. The pits are in good shape and if we don't get too much rain they will remain that way. We have been playing "Cut-throat" as folks gather and will continue until league action starts January 4.

Shoes are always available and everyone is welcome to pitch. Use the sand pits if you like to "slide-em-in". The shoes will stay where they land on the clay pits. If you want help or have questions, contact —

Hank Greenwaldt #154 218-821-4852
Jim Dennis #391 520-834-3485

Pinochle

October 24 was our first night of Pinochle with two tables. High for the night was Pat Dufficy, followed by Bonnie Schafer, George Golibersuch and Dick Schafer. We need more players !

November 1, fourteen people showed up, three tables and two extras. Doris Bartels and Eileen Rowlands each had a double pinochle. High for the night was Pat Dufficy, second was Jack Rowlands, third was Ruth Large and low went to Harvey Staples.

November 8 we had three tables. Barbra Golibersuch had our only double pinochle. Charlene Mitchell had high for the night followed by Buzz Bartels and George Golibersuch. Jack Rowlands was low for the night.

We play every Thursday night in the small card room and would love to have any and all pinochle players come and join us.

Jack and Eileen Rowlands
195, 751-9957

Bocce Ball

Welcome back to everyone! We will have a practice league for the month of December. So contact us if you want to play. If you are new to the Park, we would love to have you join us.

Regular league will begin the first week of January. We look forward to seeing you!

Bob & Pat Schultz
lot #187, 520-777-7029

Bible Study

Beginning Tuesday, December 4, there will be a Bible study in the Fireside Room at 11:00 a.m.

For more information contact Rob Sutphen at site # 424 or at 886-1505.

Computer Class

Here's your opportunity to plan ahead. We will be starting Beginning Computer Classes on Wednesday, February 6. This will be a 6 week course running through March 12. Class time is 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon.

It's a good opportunity to learn simple basic knowledge of computers. Sign up in the Activity Office before January 31.

See you in February!

Jay Kirkbride, Lot # 299

Texas Hold-em

The Texas Hold-em tournament held on November 12 was an exciting event. There were 18 players with the fifth place winner being Laura Rench. Fourth place was taken by Marilyn Prus and third by Carol Kania. Terry driver and Eric Redig split first place winnings.

Tournaments will be held every second and fourth Monday of each month, except holidays, beginning at 5:45 pm in the Card Room. Come join in the fun. Everyone is welcome.

Rincon Country and The Internet

Our web address is:
rinconcountry.com

Email

If you want to send email to the
Business Office use

eastinfo@rinconcountry.com
or
the Activity Office

debbie@rinconcountry.com

Desert Breakfast

The first Desert Breakfast of the season will be held on Tuesday, December 11th.

We will meet at the Saguaro National Park East and dine at the Tanque Verde Trail Head as always in the past. Breakfast will be served at 10:00 am. We will feast on John Wayne Casserole, ham, rolls, fruit and coffee.

This is always a favorite of our RCE family. Space is limited so sign ups will be on a first come, first serve basis.

Please bring your own tables, chairs and service. Tickets are \$ 5.00 and must be purchased in the Activity Office when you sign up.



Newsletter Articles

We encourage club officers to submit articles to the Villager to keep our park residents informed of what you have going on. Please observe the following rules for submitting articles for the Villager.

1. The deadline for the monthly Villager is the 10th day of the month prior to issue date. For example, the deadline for the January Villager would be December 10.
2. Our preference is that your articles be e-mailed to: **debbie@rinconcountry.com**
3. Written or typed articles must be on an 8 1/2" x 11" paper or larger. There is a form in the Activity Office for your convenience. Typed articles are preferred but legible handwriting is perfectly fine.
4. Please try to include correct times, dates and room locations in your articles.

Thank you for your cooperation.

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