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“The Arizona Trio” and “Brad Zinn”

This Double Act is part of the NPA Series. Join us on February 24th at 7:00 pm in the Auditorium.

The Arizona Trio

THE ARIZONA TRIO's fun, family-style entertainment will have audiences of all ages clapping and singing along. Their energetic stage show covers a wide variety of genres including tunes from the early 50's and 60's, The Kingston Trio and The Everly Brothers plus great western Roy Roger's classics! More than exceptional musicians, THE ARIZONA TRIO's charisma and unique combination of music and humor set them apart from other groups. You won't find better entertainment anywhere!

Brad Zinn

Brad Zinn is one of the most sought after entertainers in his field. Brad's background in acting and comedy make his performances a cut above the average entertainer. Brad adds elements of storytelling, magic, impressions and music to make his act absolutely unique. Recent engagements have taken him to England to appear at the world famous London Palladium, around the world on Holland America, Norwegian and Radisson Cruise Lines, and to headline the historic theaters from coast to coast and Canada, too!

“Barnaby” and “Rhythm & Rhyme”

This show is part of the *NPA series*. Join us Friday, February 10th at 7:00 pm in the Auditorium for this fabulous double act!

Barnaby

Barnaby is a one-of-a-kind, original, physical comedian. Combining the arts of juggling, balance, musical ability, and comedy, BARNABY delivers his laughs with a truly unique physicality. With his amazing skills and quirky sense of the ridiculous, he keeps as many laughs bouncing around as objects. His performance is as unusual and entertaining as his appearance and will have the crowd laughing and awestruck for over an hour.

Rhythm & Rhyme with Ray & Rob

What happens when these two seasoned performers join forces on stage is nothing short of magical. Ray Templin's career has covered many areas of show business. Nationally recognized for his propulsive stride piano style, Ray is also an accomplished actor and voice artist. If Vaudeville is dead, don't tell these guys. They captivate audiences with their long-forgotten songs, easy humor and impeccable musicianship. Everyone needs some R & R and these two are just what the doctor ordered.

Wednesday, Feb. 1

9:00 am **George Smith Book Talk & Signing**
Place: Rec. Hall
Tickets: Complimentary from A.O.

9:00 am **Olan Mills (Jan 31-Feb 4)**
Place: Rally Room
Picture directory photos are by appt.

Thursday, Feb. 2

7:00 pm **William Florian**
Place: Auditorium
Tickets: Complimentary through the Activity Office.

Friday, Feb. 3

9:00 am **Coffee & Donuts by Lazy Days**
Place: Auditorium
50/50: 4 Courts Sports Complex
Doors open at 8:30 am: BYOM (mug)

7:00 pm **Keith Longbotham**
Place: Auditorium
Tickets: \$6.00

Saturday, Feb. 4

5:00 pm **Chili Dinner**
Place: Auditorium
Tickets: \$7.00

Sunday, Feb. 5

1:00 pm **Superbowl Tailgate (by Golfers) & Bake Sale (by Crafts & Sewing)**
Place: RCW Parking Lot
Tickets: \$7.00

5:00 pm **Solos' Social**
Place: Rec. Hall
Bring: beverages and snacks
Sign up in the Coffee Room on the Solos' bulletin board

Monday, Feb. 6

5:00 pm **Ohio Potluck**
Place: Rally Room
Bring: service & a dish to share

Tuesday, Feb. 7

4:30 pm **KS, MO & OK Potluck**
Place: Rally Room

7:00 pm **Bingo**
Place: Auditorium
Doors open at 6:15 pm

Wednesday, Feb. 8

9:00 am **Neropathy Seminar on Balance**
Place: Rec. Hall
Tickets: Complimentary from A.O.

Thursday, Feb. 9

4:30 pm **SD, ND, IA & NE Potluck**
Place: Rec. Hall
Bring: service & a dish to share

7:00 pm **That Kool Band Concert**
Place: Auditorium
Tickets: \$6.50

Friday, Feb. 10

9:00 am **Coffee & Donuts by Freedom RV**
Place: Auditorium
50/50: Woodshop
Doors open at 8:30 am: BYOM (mug)

11:30 am **Tennis Potluck**
Place: Rally Room
Bring: service & a dish to share

7:00 pm **"Barnaby" & "Rhythm and Rhyme"**
Place: Auditorium
Tickets: \$12.00

Saturday, Feb. 11

7:00-9:00 am Pancake Breakfast
Place: Auditorium
Tickets: \$3.00 (\$4.00 at the door)
Bring: Your own service

7:00-9:00 am Woodcarvers Show & Tell
Place: Rec. Hall

1:00 pm Tucson Garden Railroad Meeting
Place: Rec. Hall

Sunday, Feb. 12

3:00 pm Round Dance Party
Place: Auditorium

4:00 pm Wine Tasting
Place: Rec. Hall
Tickets: \$4.00
Bring: 2 glasses and snacks

Monday, Feb. 13

4:00 pm Oregon Potluck
Place: Rally Room
Bring: service & a dish to share

Tuesday, Feb. 14

Arizona Centennial & Valentine's Day!

4:00 pm Michigan Potluck
Place: Rally Room
Bring: service & a dish to share

7:00 pm Valentines Day Dance w/ Two's Company
Place: Auditorium (reserved seating)
Tickets:
Doors open at 6:30 pm - NO BINGO

Wednesday, Feb. 15

9:15 am Fibromyalgia Arthritis Centers of America Seminar
Place: Rec. Hall
Tickets: Complimentary in the A.O.

4:00 pm WI. Potluck
Place: Rally Room
Bring: service & a dish to share

Thursday, Feb. 16

4:00 pm WA & AK Potluck
Place: Rec. Hall
Bring: service & a dish to share

4:00 pm MN. Potluck
Place: Rally Room
Bring: service & a dish to share

6:00 pm Ice Cream Social
Place: Rec. Hall
Ticket: \$3.00
Bring your own bowl & spoon

7:00 pm Free Movie "The Dolphin Tale"
Place: Auditorium

Friday, Feb. 17

9:00 am Coffee & Donuts by Lazy Days
Place: Auditorium
50/50: Shuffleboard
Doors open at 8:30 am: BYOM (mug)

11:30 am Ladies Luncheon
Place: Vivaci Restaurant
Ticket: \$15.00



Saturday, Feb. 18

- 12:00 pm **Quilt Show**
Place: Auditorium & Rec. Hall
- 4:00 pm **"G" Street Potluck**
Place: Rally Room
Bring: service & a dish to share
- 5:00 pm **Senior Financial Seminar and Pizza**
Dinner with Mike Hulse
Place: Auditorium
Tickets: Free in the Activity Office
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Sunday, Feb. 19

- 5:00 pm **Solos' Potluck**
Place: Rec. Hall
Bring: a dish to share
- 1:30 pm **Line Dance Party**
Place: Auditorium
- 4:00 pm **Colorado Potluck**
Place: Rally Room
Bring: service & a dish to share
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Monday, Feb. 20

- 5:00 pm **ID, MT & WY Potluck**
Place: Rally Room
Bring: service & a dish to share
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Tuesday, Feb. 21

- 4:30 pm **"R" Street Potluck**
Place: Rally Room
Bring: service & a dish to share
- 7:00 pm **Bingo**
Place: Auditorium
Doors open at 6:15 pm

Wednesday, Feb. 22

- 11:00 am **Chase Bank Seminar**
Place: Rec. Hall
Tickets: Complimentary from A.O.
- 3:00 pm **Gaslight Theatre - 2 Amigos**
Place: Gaslight Theatre
Tickets: \$16.00
- 5:00 pm **"I" & "J" Street Potluck**
Place: Rally Room
Bring: service & a dish to share
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Thursday, Feb. 23

- 9:00 am **Broadway Palms: Me & My Girl**
Place: Broadway Palms
Tickets: \$69.00
- 5:30 pm **Habitat for Humanity Potluck**
Place: Rec. Hall
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Friday, Feb. 24

- 9:00 am **Coffee & Donuts by LaMesa**
Place: Auditorium
50/50: Computer Club
Doors open at 8:30 am: BYOM (mug)
- 7:00 pm **"Arizona Trio" & "Brad Zinn"**
Place: Auditorium
Tickets: \$12.00
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Saturday, Feb. 25

- 7:00-9:00 am **Pancake Breakfast**
Place: Auditorium
Ticket: \$3.00 (\$4.00 at the door)
Bring: Your own service
- 1:00 pm **Tucson Rodeo** (see insert on page 10)
- 3:00 pm **Canadian Potluck**
Place: Rally Room
Bring: service & a dish to share

Saturday, Feb. 25

5:00 pm Photo Viewing
Place: Rec. Hall

6:00 pm Strawberry Shortcake
Place: Auditorium

6:30 pm Photo Winners Announced
Place: Auditorium

Sunday, Feb. 26

1:00 pm Western BBQ
Place: Parking Lot
Tickets: \$7.00

4:00 pm Wine Tasting
Place: Rec. Hall
Tickets: \$4.00
Bring: 2 glasses and snacks

7:00 pm Special Square Dance
Place: Auditorium
Special Caller: Dan Preedy from
Spokane, WA.

Monday, Feb. 27

4:30 pm Hiker Potluck
Place: Rally Room
Bring: service & a dish to share

Tuesday, Feb. 28

4:00 pm Villageaires Social
Place: Rally Room

7:00 pm Bingo
Place: Auditorium
Doors open at 6:15 pm

Wednesday, Feb. 29

7:30 am Red Cross Blood Drive
Place: Rally Room

4:00 pm IL. Potluck
Place: Rally Room
Bring: service & a dish to share



William Florian 'Those Were The Days'

An upbeat, energetic, musical journey of Americas greatest folk and pop songs of the 60's. Including songs he performed as a lead singer of the famous 60's group The New Christy Minstrels. The music of Peter Paul & Mary, Pete Seeger, Mamas & The Papas and others, uplifting originals, presented with comedy and amusing stories in a wonderful intimate show. Special tribute to *John Denver!*

This event is *free with a complimentary ticket from the Activity Office.* Join us **Thursday, February 2nd at 7:00 pm** in the Auditorium.



Keith Longbotham, will be here to perform for you on **Friday, February 3rd at 7:00 pm.**

Keith does a wonderful variety show where he sings country western and gospel songs and tells some fun jokes. The program will be held in the Auditorium and will have a variety of music. Tickets for this event are \$6.00 and are available in the Activity Office.

This is usually a sellout show so buy your tickets early. This is a not to be missed event.



Chili Dinner

Sponsored by Lapidary and Silversmith Club

Serving 5:00-5:30 pm Saturday, February 4th

Tickets \$7:00 Available in Activity Office

Serving Chili, Salad, Cornbread, Dessert, and Beverage

Door Prizes made by Club Members

Raffle Tickets for beautiful 14K Gold Pendant with Pearl Necklace

Raffle Tickets: @ \$2.00 ea or 3 for \$5.00 Available from Club Members or in the Lapidary/Silversmith Shop

Super Bowl Tailgate Party Men's Golf Club

Sunday, February 5, 2012 our Rincon Country West Men's Golf Club is hosting their annual Super Bowl Tailgate Party. Meet us in the RCW Parking Lot at 1:00 pm. Tickets are \$7.00 per person.

Enjoy the best ¼ lb. Hotdog or Hamburger fresh off the grill, cooked especially for you. Included will be down home country chili, chip's and your choice of 2 beverages (water, soda, or beer). Condiments will be provided.

The Sewing and Crafts Room will be having a Bake Sale during the Tailgate Party! See the Bake Sale article for more information.



Bake Sale

The Sewing and Craft Room will again be sponsoring a Bake Sale in conjunction with the Super Bowl Party on Sunday, February 5th. Don't forget to bring lots of pocket change to buy dessert!!

Crafters and Sewers need to have your baked goods in the Sewing and Craft Room by 9:00 am on Sunday, February 5th.

We will also need help selling, setting up, etc. The sign up sheets are posted in the Sewing and Craft Room. Your help is much appreciated as this is our big fund-raiser for the season. The Bake Sale will be held at 1:00 pm during the Super Bowl Party. See you at this SWEET EVENT!



That Kool Band



That Kool Band does it all! Please join us Thursday, February 9th at 7:00 pm in the Auditorium.

You will hear hits by Bill Haley, The Big Bopper, The Beach Boys, The Beatles, Del Shannon, The Box Tops, Neil Diamond, Frankie Valli & The Four Seasons, The Drifters, Ritchie Valens, Gerry & The Pacemakers, The Turtles, Elvis, The Monkeys, The Kingsmen, Johnny Cash, Ricky Nelson, Paul Anka, Frank Sinatra, Roy Orbison, Buddy Holly, and many more.

A comment they hear quite often is that the music is absolutely contagious. Many people have reported a euphoria that lasts for days after the show! Tickets are just \$6.50.



Wine Tasting



We will have two tastings in February, on Sunday the 12th and the 26th. We meet in the Rec. Hall at 4:00 pm to taste, talk, nibble and laugh. Bring a ticket (\$4.00) from the Activity Office, 2 glasses and some snacks to share. Sorry no door sales. The wine will be waiting for you.

Judy Fried



Valentine's Day Dance

Come celebrate this romantic holiday with RCW and Two's Company. As always, our wonderful decorators will make the Auditorium look gorgeous and this night is an extremely beautiful example of their hard work.

Tables will be reserved for this event so come into the Activity Office early to sign up at a table and purchase tickets for \$7.00.

The dance is on Tuesday so there will be NO BINGO. Doors will open at 6:30 pm, and Two's Company will begin at 7:00 pm. Bring your own beverage and snacks.

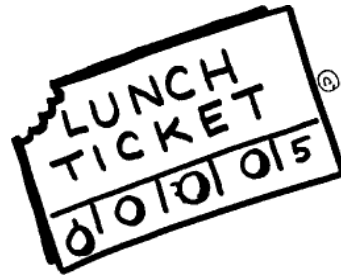
Ice Cream Social

Thursday, Feb. 16th

6:00 pm in the Rec. Hall

Tickets: \$3.00

Bring your own bowl & spoon



Ladies Luncheon

Vivaci Restaurant in St. Phillips Plaza

You won't want to miss this lunch, it is very special. Fine dining by Chef Daniel Scordato serving Northern Italian Cuisine.

Date: Friday, February 17

Arrive by: 11:30 am

Ticket price: \$15.00 (all inclusive)

Place: Vivaci Tucson

Address: 4310 N Campbell in St. Phillips Plaza

NOTE: We will be at Vivaci Restaurant (NOT Pizzeria Vivaci which is also in St. Phillips Plaza). Our choices will be Caesar Salad, Pear and Walnut Salad, Grilled Ham and Fontina Cheese Sandwich, Ricotta Manicotti, or Spinach and Cheese Souffle. With RCW filling up for the season, we hope to have another "sell out" - so get your tickets early. Tickets can be purchased in the Activity Office.

If you need a ride, or have room for others in your car, contact Pam Anderson (Home: 520-889-1310, Cell: 218-348-4777).

Strawberry Shortcake

Sat., Feb. 25th

6:00 pm in the Auditorium

(after the Photo Display in the Rec. Hall)

Tickets: \$3.00

The Two Amigos

The Gaslight Theatre

Reynaldo and Paco, circus performers who bill themselves as "The Two Amigos" have agreed to appear at a fiesta in the sleepy village of Santa Feliz. While performing their routines, they accidentally become involved in the affairs of the townspeople.

The helpless citizens of Santa Feliz are at the mercy of the evil Commandante Maximo and there is no one who can thwart his plans to secure his grip on the local government !

Or IS there?!?! Join the escapades of the bumbling Two Amigos as they laugh, love, and fight their way into the hearts of the people of Santa Feliz!

Join RCW residents on **Wednesday, February 22nd at 3:00 pm** for this fabulous show! Doors open at 2:15 pm. Tickets are just **\$16.00**.

Senior Financial Services

Seminar & Pizza

The financial markets still rock and reel like an old drunk. The uncertainty of the stock market and unusually low cd and money market rates make us question where to put our hard earned retirement money. Will I out live my money? How can I keep up with inflation and the necessary cost of daily living?

Join me to find out the answers, in a one hour information packed workshop on **Saturday, February 18th at 5:00 pm**. We will serve pizza and beverages. Find out what financial strategies are available to you. Many of your RCW neighbors are already taking advantage of these opportunities. Thanks and we look forward to seeing you in the **Auditorium**. Don't forget to sign up in the Activity Office.

Mike Hulse, President and Founder
Seniors Financial Services



POT LUCKS

In the Rally Room

- Feb. 5 Solos' Social *(Rec. Hall)*
- Feb. 6 Ohio Pot Luck
- Feb. 7 Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma
- Feb. 9 Iowa, NE, N D & S D *(Rec. Hall)*
- Feb. 10 Tennis Pot Luck
- Feb. 13 Oregon Pot Luck
- Feb. 14 Michigan Pot Luck
- Feb. 15 Wisconsin Pot Luck
- Feb. 16 Washington, Alaska Pot Luck
(Rec. Hall)
- Feb. 16 Minnesota Pot Luck
- Feb. 18 "G" Street Pot Luck
- Feb. 19 Colorado Pot Luck
- Feb. 19 Solos's Pot Luck *(Rec. Hall)*
- Feb. 20 MT, ID, WY Pot Luck
- Feb. 21 "R" Street Pot Luck
- Feb. 22 "I & J" Street Pot Luck
- Feb. 23 Habitat for Humanity Pot Luck
(Rec. Hall)
- Feb. 25 Canadian Pot Luck
- Feb. 27 Hikers Pot Luck
- Feb. 28 Villageaires Social
- Feb. 29 Illinois Pot Luck
- Mar. 1 "I & J" Street Pot Luck
- Mar. 3 Monday Golf Group
- Mar. 4 Solo's Social *(Rec. Hall)*
- Mar. 4 Villageaires Pot Luck
- Mar. 5 Genealogy Pot Luck
- Mar. 7 "F" Street Pot Luck-Both sides
- Mar. 8 Shuffleboard Pot Luck
- Mar. 10 Men's Golf Recognition Event
- Mar. 12 "S" Street Pot Luck
- Mar. 13 "Q" Street Pot Luck
- Mar. 14 Bowling Banquet
- Mar. 14 Computer Club Pot Luck
- Mar. 15 Garden Railroad Pot Luck
- Mar. 16 Tennis Pot Luck
- Mar. 18 Solos's Pot Luck *(Rec. Hall)*
- Mar. 18 Split "P" St. Pot Luck
- Mar. 21 "O" Street Pot Luck
- Mar. 22 Playcrafters Pot Luck



Broadway Palm Theatre

Residents who have tickets to Broadway Palms Theatre will join us **Thursday, February 23rd** for the Broadway Palm show "Me and My Girl." Meet in the RCW parking lot at 8:45 am. We will load the bus from 8:45-8:59 am. The bus will leave from RCW at 9:00 am. We will arrive in time for the 11:45 am lunch at the theatre before the show at 1:15 pm. Pre-paid tickets can be picked up from the Activity Office on Monday, February, 20th.

It's 1937 and the Earl of Hareford has died leaving no apparent heir. The family has gathered, eagerly awaiting to hear how the estate will be split. The unlikely heir is commoner Bill Snibson, a pugnacious Cockney ne'er-do-well from Lambeth. Hilarity ensues as the Duchess tries to turn Bill into a proper gentleman. The British blue-bloods eventually warm to his charm and so will you as you dance in the aisles to Lambeth Walk.

Western Barbeque

Presented By: The Garden Railroad Club

Menu of Beef B-B-Q Sandwich, Potato Salad Pie and two drinks (Beer or Soda).

Sunday, February 26thth
Serving time: 1:00 - 1:30 pm
Auditorium and Parking Lot
\$7.00

Purchase Tickets by Noon
Thursday, February 23rd

George E. Smith

George E. Smith has enjoyed a diverse career as a businessman, consultant and teacher in the U.S. and overseas. After receiving an M.S. degree from the University of Arizona, he joined Union Carbide's Mining and Metals Division where he spent the next twenty-five years in the production and marketing of alloy materials used in the iron and steel industries.

Retiring when Carbide sold the business he was running, George joined a small gold mining company just as the price of the precious metal skyrocketed to \$ 850 per ounce. He then moved to Arizona to begin a new career in small business operations and consulting. After working for two prominent management consulting companies in the Phoenix area, he established Change Management Systems, specializing in business strategy and family business succession issues. Working with over one hundred small business owners, and as president of Hickson-Kerley, he wrote "The CEO Handbook" in 2002 and the pamphlet, "50 Ways to Improve Profits"

George Smith has been a part-time instructor at the University of Arizona and Northern Arizona University and is a veteran of the United States Marine Corps, retiring as a captain. "Gold, Silver and Guns" and "Red Treasure" tell the story of Arizona as a territory and its challenges to reach statehood on February 14, 1912.

It is a saga of sometimes ruthless competition for land, water and minerals in a setting dominated by hostile Indians, homesteaders, miners, ranchers and Mexicans. It is also an exciting period of political change, frontier violence, romance and the completion of America's "Manifest Destiny" completing the linkage, state by state from New York to California. Readers of western historical fiction will enjoy these two books. And, congratulations to Arizona's celebration of one hundred years as a state!

Join George on **Wednesday, Feb. 1st at 9:00 am** in the **Rec. Hall** for a book talk and signing.



Event Photos

Have you been taking digital photos at different events? If so Nicole would love a copy of your digital photos! If you feel like sharing just bring in your memory stick, flash drive or disk.

We are trying to keep facebook and twitter as up-to-date as possible but also want to make sure we show the full range of events put on at RCW. So even if the photos are a couple months old that is okay! Bring 'em on in!



Chase Bank Presents: Preventing and Combating Identity Theft.

The number of identity theft victims is increasing every year. Join us to discuss ways to help prevent becoming a victim of identity theft. Also learn steps to take to reclaim your identity should you or someone you know be a victim of identity theft.

This seminar will be held in the RCW Rec. Hall at 11:00 am on Wednesday, February 22. Please pick up a complimentary ticket at the morning coffee or in the Activity Office.



CPR Class

Tucson Fire Department will be conducting CPR classes here at RCW in the Rec. Hall on Wednesday, February 22. The time is 9:00 am to 10:30 am. This class will be on continuous chest compressions and will cost \$10.00. They will also demonstrate how to do compressions on children and infants.

Great strides have come about in the ability to respond to a cardiac arrest. A new method of CPR increases the number of compressions a responder should administer to a victims chest and is highly effective in saving lives. Sign up and pay in the Activity Office.




Pancake Breakfast

Saturday, Feb. 11th & 25th
7:00-9:00 am
Auditorium
Tickets: \$3.00 (\$4.00 at the door)

Branson Fest Out West 2012

Feb. 5-10

Branson, Missouri is the Live Music Capital of the World. It is a destination which offers a great variety of entertainment and talent. The Mesquite Resort Association and Free Spirit Vacations and Events are pleased to be bringing a little bit of Branson to Mesquite, Nevada. As part of this four-day festival, Mesquite's "BransonFest Out West," Branson entertainers will delight audiences at the Casa Blanca Resort.

February 5:

Depart Tucson and travel to Laughlin. Check into the Edgewater. A box lunch is included.

February 6:

A buffet breakfast is included this morning at the hotel. Depart Edgewater and travel to Mesquite. Check into the Eureka. Then the BransonFest activities begin!

Welcome Show and Meet & Greet with Entertainers

Evening Show - Branson is Country - . Jimmie Ray and Black Train pay tribute to the life and legend of Johnny Cash.

February 7:

Make New Friends / Line Dance Class / Fashion Show

Matinee - Variety Show by Senior Entertainers
Evening Show - Branson is Variety - Elvis and Friends

February 8:

Fun and Fitness Class / Country Dancing Lessons
Matinee - Variety Show by Senior Entertainers
Evening Show - Branson is Patriotic - A musical tribute to America featuring Igor's Jazz Cowboys.

February 9:

Depart Mesquite and travel to Laughlin. Check into the Colorado Belle.

February 10:

A buffet breakfast is included this morning at the hotel. Depart Laughlin and return to Tucson.

This package includes:

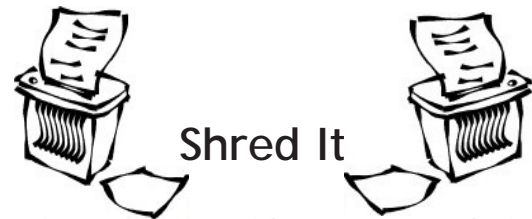
Transportation, two nights accommodations in Laughlin, three night's accommodations in Mesquite, three evening shows and two matinees by Senior Entertainers, Dance Lessons, Meet and Greet with Entertainers, Fitness Activities and MUCH MORE!

Optional Day Tour Activities:

February 7: St. George - \$20/person

February 8: Zion 7:00 am - 3:00 pm - \$49/person

Sign up in the Activity Office. A flyer with complete details has been put in your mailbox or stop in the A.O. and get a flyer.



Do you have lots of old papers, used checks, medical papers and other types of papers that need to be shredded?

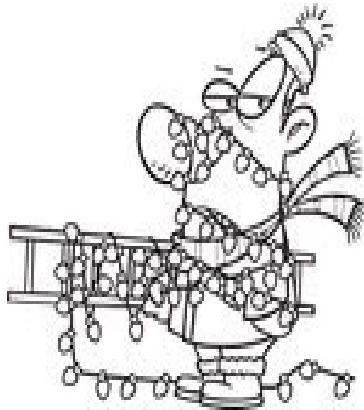
On Friday, February 24 we will have a company who specializes in shredding personal papers come to the park. They will be located in the parking lot at 10:00 am following coffee. The charge for their services is \$5.00 per box. (A file box size) This is a very reasonable price so don't miss this chance to protect yourself from Identity theft.

Start getting your papers together now so that you will be prepared when they get here.



I'm OK

Here at RCW we want to make sure you are A-OK! The "I'm Okay Club" is a program for people living alone. This is just a daily check-in by phone that allows us to make sure you are OK. Please stop by the Activity Office to sign up!



Christmas Decorating Winners

The Christmas lights in Rincon Country this year were wonderful. Everyone did a fantastic job. The votes were counted and re-counted with the results ending quite close. The winners are:

For Best Street:

"G" Street

For Best Park homes:

1st Place

Pam Anderson Lot 978

2nd Place

Jack & Sally McFarlin Lot 654

3rd Place

Lavern & Marilyn Cass Lot 1080

For Best RV, Motorhome or Pull Trailer:

1st Place

Mel & Barb Logan Lot 143

2nd Place

Johnny & Linda Goodman Lot 90

3rd Place

an 18-way TIE!

Congratulations to all of you for a fine job! These names will be engraved on the Christmas plaque located in the Coffee Room.

Laughlin

Bus Trip March 6, 7 and 8

Ready for a short gambling retreat? Have we got a deal for you! We will have a bus leaving the RCW Parking Lot at 6:45 am. The bus will begin loading at 6:15 am so there is no need to arrive earlier.

This is a three day and two night trip. We will be staying at the Edgewater Hotel and the cost is \$130.00 per person double occupancy and \$150.00 single. The room, bus driver gratuity and one meal is included in the price. You will get a coupon for a free meal either breakfast, lunch or a dinner.

There will be a quick stop in Sacton and then lunch on your own in Wickenburg. You may also bring water and snacks for the time you are on the bus.

You may bring one bag and a carry on. If you need a smoking room or a handicap room, please be sure to tell us when you pay in the Activity Office.



50th Wedding Anniversary

A reception honoring those celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary sometime in 2012 will be held **Sunday, March 4th at 1:00 pm**. Admission is free for those who are celebrating. Feel free to bring wedding pictures along to share with us.

For friends and family members tickets are just \$4.00 and include cake, punch and coffee. Tickets are available in the Activity Office.



Doreen Fuller
By Norm Miller

Doreen Fuller is currently the Activity Director for RCW. Doreen was born in Syracuse, NY, and raised in the small town of Phoenix, NY. Phoenix, NY, is a cold place in the winter, averaging over 200 inches of snow per year.

Doreen met her late husband while working at a K-mart in Syracuse. He was the store manager and she was the Human Resource Director. In 1974 he was transferred to Tucson and they both went to work for local K-marts.

In 1976 Doreen went to work for George O'Leary at the mobile home park he owned before starting Rincon County East RV Resort in 1979. The mobile home park was sold and Rincon Country West was opened in 1983. Doreen then served as the bookkeeper for both the East and West parks.

Over the years, Doreen has held almost every job at RCW. In the early days, she would even go with George's sons to collect the garbage from residents' lots. While working at RCW, Doreen attended Pima Community College taking accounting, marketing and other business related courses. She also took courses during the RV Park Conferences each year where she received a Certified Park Owners Certificate, and she has since completed the requirements for life membership.

Doreen has traveled extensively through the U.S., British Isles, Europe, Alaska, Mexico and Hawaii. Her hobbies include reading, travel, crocheting and "crafty things."

When asked what she liked about her job, she responded that she "likes the people". The problem solving part of her job is both rewarding and frustrating because people sometimes believe their own problem is the only problem that needs fixing, and they don't consider the competing needs of others.

In April, Doreen will have worked for George for 36 years. The current plan is for her to retire from RCW after 2012.



RODEO TICKETS

Saturday, February 25, 2012

11 am Gates Open

12:30 pm Dodge Mutton Bustin
& Justin Junior Rodeo

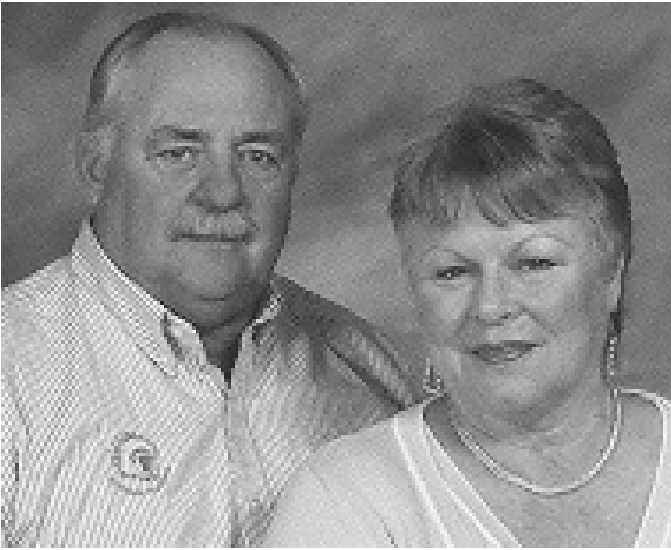
2:00 pm Pro-Rodeo Competition

Always go EARLY because the above times
are approximate via the Internet

Tickets are available in the Activity Office
Cost: \$25.00

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Norm and Carol Miller

The Millers are both native Californians. Norm was born in Eureka, CA, and raised in the Redding, CA, area. Carol was born in Merced and raised in Sacramento, CA. After graduating from Trinity County High in Weaverville, CA, Norm enlisted in the U.S. Navy. Following his discharge he attended Sacramento City College (Sac City), where he was on the student council and served as Student Body President in 1968. Norm received his AA degree in 1968 and later received his BA degree from Sacramento State University. He attended Lincoln Law School and the Golden Gate University Masters Program. In 1968, Norm was a delegate to the Democratic National Convention in Chicago, IL, which was quite an experience. Norm started his career as a lobbyist while attending Sac City. He represented the Community College Student Presidents' Association, and later the State College Student Presidents' Association. In 1976, Norm became a partner in School Services of California (SSC), a consulting firm specializing in school financial, personnel and labor management. Norm served as the lead lobbyist for SSC clients San Francisco, Fresno, Bakersfield and several other Unified School Districts. In addition, he was a frequent speaker at conferences and a labor negotiator representing school management (although, interestingly, the teachers' union at one school district asked that he come in and do a fact finding – but, that is a whole different story).

Carol and Norm met in 1976 when she showed his Sacramento home to potential buyers (she was a real estate agent at the time). The house eventually sold, and they were married five months later, at which time they moved to the City of Davis, CA. Interestingly, while Norm served on Robert Kennedy's campaign staff, Carol served as public speaker and writer for Richard Nixon's campaign. Carol was talked into being a "housewife" for four years, but volunteered so much that she might as well have been employed, at least she would have received a paycheck. In 1980, Carol went to work at SSC part time and later became SSC's Director of Mandated Cost Services.

The Millers retired in 1994 and started looking for a winter home. They first discovered RCW in 1997, bought a park model in 1999, and have been here each winter since then.

Over the past 12 years, Norm has served as President of the RCW Golf Club (3 years), Lapidary and Silversmith Club (5 of 6 years), and last year and this, writer for the RCW Villager. During 2009-10 and 2010-11, Carol served simultaneously as President of two women's golf associations: Graeagle Meadows Women's Golf Club in Graeagle, CA, and the Tucson City Women's Golf Association. 2011-12 is the first year in many years that neither Norm nor Carol is serving as president of any club. They point out that, if one spouse volunteers for something, both spouses are volunteered. Carol helps with Norm's projects (usually editing) and Norm helps with Carol's (he is the family computer "expert").

Norm's hobbies are golf, jewelry making, and shotgun sports (trap, skeet and sporting clays). Carol's hobbies are golf, reading, walking and, until she developed an allergy to chlorine, water aerobics. Norm and Carol have four "his and hers" children, who, they say, are all "ours", plus thirteen grandchildren and five great-grands in four states.

Although their official residence is in Clio, CA, the Millers consider RCW "Home" because they feel closer to their RCW friends – there is something especially friendly about RVers.

The Arizona Centennial
 Happy 100th Birthday Arizona
 Feb. 14, 1912 - Feb. 14, 2012

Arizona Facts



Capital: Phoenix

State abbreviation/Postal code: Ariz./AZ

Governor: Jan Brewer, R (to Jan. 2015)

Senators: Jon Kyl, R (to Jan. 2013);
 John McCain, R (to Jan. 2017)

U.S. Representatives: 8

Secy. of State: Ken Bennett, R (to Jan. 2015)

Atty. General: Tom Horne, R (to Jan. 2015)

Treasurer: Doug Ducey, R (to Jan. 2015)

Organized as territory: Feb. 24, 1863

Entered Union (rank): Feb. 14, 1912 (48th)

Present constitution adopted: 1911

Motto: *Ditat Deus* (God enriches)

State symbols:

flower: flower of saguaro cactus (1931)

bird: cactus wren (1931)

colors: blue and old gold (1915)

Song: "Arizona" (1919)

tree: palo verde (1954)

neckwear: bola tie (1971)

fossil: petrified wood (1988)

gemstone: turquoise (1974)

mammal: ringtail (1986)

reptile: Arizona ridgenose rattlesnake (1986)

fish: Arizona trout (1986)

amphibian: Arizona tree frog (1986)

butterfly: two-tailed swallowtail (2001)

Nickname: Grand Canyon State

Origin of name: Uncertain. Perhaps from the O'odham Indian word for "little spring"

10 largest cities (2010):

Phoenix	1,445,632
Tucson	520,116
Mesa	439,041
Chandler	236,123
Glendale	226,721
Scottsdale	217,385
Gilbert	208,453
Tempe	161,719
Peoria	154,065
Yuma	90,041

Land area: 113,595 sq mi. (294,315 sq km)

Geographic center: In Yavapai Co., 55 mi. ESE of Prescott

Number of counties: 15

Largest county by population and area:

Maricopa,	3,635,528 (2005)
Coconino,	18,562 sq mi.

State parks: 28

Residents: Arizonan, Arizonian

2010 resident population: 6,392,0017

2010 resident census population (rank): 6,392,017 (16). Male: 3,175,823 (49.9%); Female: 3,216,194 (50.1%). White: 4,667,121 (57.8%); Black: 259,008 (4.1%); American Indian: 296,529 (4.6%); Asian: 176,695 (2.8%); Other race: 761,716 (11.9%); Two or more races: 218,300 (3.4%); Hispanic/Latino: 1,895,149 (29.6%). 2010 population 18 and over: 4,763,003; 65 and over: 881,831; median age: 35.0.

Dancing



Square Dancing

The square dance schedule is in full swing and we continue to welcome dancers from all over the park and also from throughout the Tucson area. We have a special Sunday night PLUS dance planned for February 19 with Dan Preedy calling the squares and Ronnie and Bonnie on the Rounds. Pre-Rounds will begin at 7:00 pm and Squares at 7:30 pm. Flyers are available in the office or at any of the dances.

The rest of the schedule is as follows:

Sunday:

7:00 pm Mainstream with Review in Aud.

Monday:

10:00 am PLUS Donut Dance in Aud.

7:00 pm Beginner Lessons in Rec. Hall

Tuesday:

9:30 am A-1 and A-2 workshop in Aud.

1:00 pm PLUS Review in Aud.

Wednesday:

9:30 am Beginner Lessons in Aud.

7:00 pm Pre-Rounds in Aud.

7:30 PLUS Square Dance with Rounds in Aud.

Thursday:

9:30 am PLUS DBD (Dancing by Definition) in Rec. Hall

Schedules are available in the RCW Activity Office or at any of the dances. All dances and classes are casual except the Wednesday night PLUS Dance with Rounds when square dance attire is requested.

Marshall Flippo, Lot 129, 520-294-6490

Dance A Round With Ronnie & Bonnie

We are off to a great start to "2012". We have a lot of fun things planned for all round dancers. Please plan to join us if you are just arriving for the season.

Sunday, February 12 at 3:00 pm in the Auditorium we will be having a Hawaiian All Level Fruit Bowl Party/Dance. Bring fruit for the bowl and dress colorful & casual. We have a class for everyone at any level. Please contact us by stopping by the Auditorium during our sessions or by calling our cell phone at 928 -525-6388.

Round Dance Schedule

Monday

12:00pm (noon): Ph 2-3 class

2:00pm: Ph 4 class

6:30pm: Ph 4-6 dance

Tuesday

3:00pm: Beginner Round Dance

Wednesday

10:45am: Ph 5 class

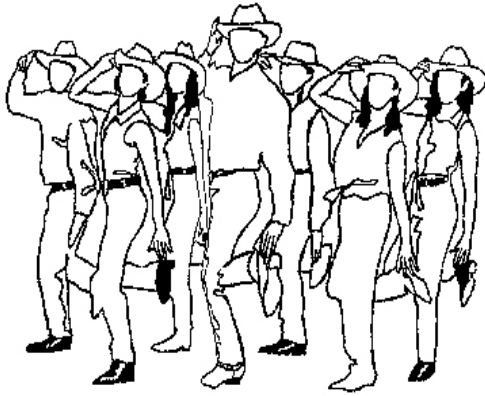
1:00pm: Social (Ballroom) class

7:00pm: Pre rounds @ square dance

Second Sunday of each month

3:00pm: All level dance party

All dances & classes are held in the Auditorium
See you a-round, Ronnie & Bonnie



Line Dancing

Come one, come all to Carol Bandy's Thursday morning Line Dance Class held in the Auditorium from 8:30-11:00 am. It's a great way to meet new friends and get in some good exercise all at the same time. The class features the best of contemporary dance music, using many genres such as country, pop, Latin, jazz, R&B and rock. The class fee is \$5.00 and the schedule is as follows:

- 8:30-9:00 am: Line dance basics are offered for first-time line dancers.
- 9:00-10:00 am: Beginner Dances are taught.
- 10:00-11:00 am: Advanced Beginner, Easy Intermediate dances are taught.

Our free Saturday line dance practice and review sessions are being held in the Rec. Hall on February 4th, 11th, and 25th from 10:00-12:00 noon. However, please note there WILL NOT be any Practice and review session on February 18th due to the Quilt Show.

Mark your calendar for Sunday, February 19th for our monthly line dance party from 1:30-4:00 pm. Feel free to bring your drink of choice and a snack to pass. The cost is \$5.00 and you pay at the door.



Thank You Friends

Dear friends,

Thank you, everyone. I am forever grateful for the love, kindness, and support you have shown to me and my family in the days before and after my wife Karen's passing. All the hugs, condolences, cards, and flowers are very much appreciated. I feel blessed to be among such wonderful people and you have made a difficult time much easier.

I would like to extend a special thank you to the shuffleboard club for their quick aid. Thanks also to the garden railroad club for running the trains after the service for our guests to marvel, and more thanks to Nicole in the RCW office for her kindness and accommodation with the service.

Lastly, thank you to those who I have leaned on most closely. You know who you are. Words cannot express my gratitude.

Sincerely, Martin Rathbun



Thank You

A big thank you goes out to our RCW Decorating Committee! Many of you have helped Pat Smith and Alice Price set up and decorate for a number of events and holidays! We appreciate these ladies, as well as, all the volunteers who have given their time and creativity!

If you, or someone you know, is interested in helping with these types of events, stop in the Activity Office and let us know! We are making a new and updated volunteer list so we have a core group of people to help with activities! Thanks so much for all that you do!

-Nicole

MEDICAL NEWS YOU CAN USE

By Betty Blackstock

3 Key Surgical Procedures to Repair Retinal Detachment

Retinal detachment is a vision-threatening condition in which the retina becomes separated from the underlying layers of the eye. The greatest risk of retinal detachment occurs after cataract surgery among people who are also very nearsighted. Even in the absence of cataract surgery, being very nearsighted is the principal risk factor for retinal detachment.

What are the treatment options for retinal detachment? If the retina has detached, surgery will be necessary. Treatment is usually more successful at restoring vision when it occurs before the central part of the retina (called the macula) detaches. That's why it is so important to contact your ophthalmologist immediately if you experience symptoms—floaters, flashers or a dark shadow covering part of your field of vision.

There are three main surgical procedures used to treat a retinal detachment:

Scleral buckle for retinal detachment. This small band, which is made of plastic, silicone sponge or rubber and wraps around the outer layer of the eye, holds the retina in place by reducing tension and pulling on the retina. The band, which cannot be seen after it's implanted, is usually left in place permanently.

Vitrectomy for retinal detachment. The vitreous humor is removed and replaced with a gas or a silicone oil, which pushes the detached retina back toward the retinal pigment epithelium (RPE). A scleral buckle is often installed at the same time a vitrectomy is performed.

Pneumatic retinopexy for retinal detachment. During this procedure, the doctor will inject a small bubble of gas into the vitreous humor. The

gas bubble then pushes against the retina and moves it back into place against the RPE. Following all of these procedures, laser surgery or cryopexy (a treatment that uses a freezing metal probe) is used to prevent further tearing and to fuse the retina in place.

Contact your eye doctor immediately if you have any symptoms or concerns. There are many very good retinal specialists in Tucson. Everyone our age should have an ophthalmologist (eye doctor) to check at least annually for age related conditions - cataracts, glaucoma, and macular degeneration.

GOOD NEWS - For those of us interested in going to a gym, or trying one out, there is a program that is free to Medicare recipients that have certain Medicare Supplement programs. It is called Silver Sneakers. The gym or exercise facility will apply in your behalf and there is no cost. Then the program can be used anywhere in the country, & in any facility that subscribes to the program, and most do. Close to us are Curves and the Desert Sports & Fitness on Ajo and on Valencia. Call your Supplemental Insurance and ask if they offer Silver Sneakers.



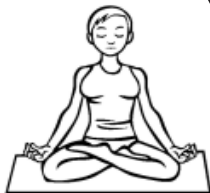
January Knife Sharpening

Thanks RCW residents, on January 6th I sharpened 99 knives which resulted in donations totaling \$185.60 for the Community Food Bank. Your generosity is always appreciated.

Jim Haack
Shear Magic



Clubs



Yoga

Yoga meets every Tuesday morning at 8:45 am in the Rec. Hall. Bring your mats and join us for an hour of stretching and relaxation. If anyone is qualified and would be willing to volunteer as an instructor please call Shirley Crites at 807-9773. We use various DVDs and would welcome a greater variety with emphasis on yoga for seniors or beginners.

Karen Huddleston, Lot # 218

Stretching/Flexibility Group

Welcome to your winter home for all or part of the winter. We are pleased you have chosen to enjoy our oasis. It is our hope that you will use many of the opportunities available to keep active and healthy.

The exercises used by the Stretching/Flexibility Group are intended to promote physical fitness and to reclaim the variety of movement and strength that permits life to be more pleasurable. The aim of these exercises is to be sensibly challenging while promoting flexibility that helps in balance and many sports activities.

The group meets each morning, Monday through Friday, at 7:15 am in the Auditorium. The exercise lasts 25 minutes and requires standing and floor activity. You will need a mat or a towel. Please come by and see what we are doing and consider making this activity a part of your time here.

For more information contact
Al Kent at R1034 , 295-1798 or
Gary Johnson at 741, 294-0091

Low-Impact Aerobics

With the New Year we began to see more people returning or beginning to attend our aerobics sessions. These are a fun (did I really say fun?), and an easy way to begin your morning. So come join us. The time goes quickly when you exercise with friends and you will have more energy for the rest of the days' activities.

Our aerobics are geared for seniors but if you have a physical limitation you can adapt the exercise to adjust to what you can do. There are different DVD's each day. Some will emphasize aerobics while others have weight and/or balance training. There is something for everyone!

Sessions are Monday through Thursday at 7:45 am sharp and last about one hour. Stop by, wearing comfortable clothes and bring hand weights if you have them. You can borrow some that we have to loan until you know which weight works best for you. On Wednesdays, we also add stretchable bands for additional training. If you do the 7:15 am morning stretching this leads nicely into our aerobics.

Need additional information:
Call Sue Charlot: 509-952-5645



Billiards



A pool tournament is held every Thursday at 1:00 pm. The entry fee is only \$1.00. Everyone is welcome! Come and have fun!

The results of our first tournament which was held on January 12th was: 1st-Jack, 2nd-Eric, 3rd-Paul.

Bicycle Club

The RCW Bicycle Club rides Mondays at 9:30 am, and Fridays at 1:00 pm from the parking lot behind the Woodshop, weather permitting.

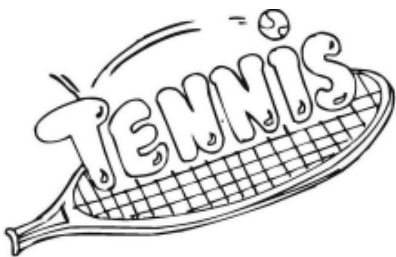
Monday rides are on bike trails, or roads with little traffic, and are 8-14 miles (round trip) at an easy 10 mph pace - no-one is left behind. Transportation of bikes to the starting location is often needed. Vehicles that can carry several bikes ensure no-one is left behind.

Friday rides are for experienced riders who are OK with biking on busy streets such as South Mission, and start from the park. Rides are 25-40 miles at a 14+ mph pace.

A coffee stop is mandatory for all rides! For ride and schedule info join google group <http://groups.google.com/group/rcwbikers>, or check the bulletin board outside the office.

Helmets and signing a waver release form are required.

Contacts: Dave & Marilyn Fitzjohn:
H543, (520)440-7689



Tennis Players Welcome Back

Now that the new season is starting come and join us for a fun game. We are dedicated to offering all members opportunities to participate in this healthy sport. We still meet every morning around 9:00 am and play until we drop. We play doubles for the most part but every once in while we have some brave players that would like to play singles. Please come and join us you will have some fun in a relaxed and friendly environment.

Desert Explorers

Desert Explorers are enjoying desert hikes every Wednesday morning. Meet in Classroom 1 at 7:15 am and leave at 7:30 am. Wear your hiking boots, bring a snack, plenty of water and money for the driver. Join a fun group for a variety of Tucson hikes.



Pickleball

Pickleball is a relatively new net court game using lightweight wood or graphite paddles and a plastic, perforated polyball to play a "slowed-down" version of doubles tennis. The emphasis is on reflexes, coordination and strategy rather than strength and foot speed.

The net is three feet high and court dimensions are identical to a doubles badminton court. Underhand serves, lobbing, overhead slams, fast volley exchanges at the net, passing shots from the baseline and "dinks" (shots that just drop over) continually alter the pace of the game. Therefore it keeps players alert and on their toes and having to work as a team.

Strategy plays more of a role than sensational serves and foot-speed - that's why anyone active from eight to eighty can enjoy it.

At Rincon Country West we play for the enjoyment, exercise and friendship. We rotate in with regularity so everyone gets to play with neighbors of various skill levels. Sitting out a round also provides times to recuperate and chat.

Come join us any morning - all you need is an eagerness to participate, non-scuffing runners or court shoes, leisure garb and appropriate sunblock/hat or sunglasses and something to rehydrate you on those bright sunny days.

SPECIAL THANKS to the Rincon Country West crew for the great court improvements!!

Table Tennis

We are looking for new people to join our Table Tennis group. Come in to the Rec Hall for fun and exercise on Sundays, Tuesdays, and Fridays from 1:00-3:00 pm. No equipment necessary, we have it all.

Ned Bell
294-1180

Shuffleboard

Park play continues on Mondays and Thursdays at 8:45 am and 6:30 pm. We will be glad to provide lessons during park play. If you would like individual lessons, covering every aspect of the game, call Ron Petry at 807-6416.

Shuffleboard events coming up in February:

- Feb. 6-8: District 2 any doubles - Tucson Estates
- Feb. 13-15: Valentine Cash Tournament
- Feb. 18: District 2 Board Meeting and Elections, Trails West
- Feb. 22-23: District 2 League Team Playoffs, Site TBD
- Feb. 27-28: State League Team Playoffs - District 4, Apache Junction

See the bulletin board for further information or our Park Rep, John Pretty.

We will be having our Hot Fudge Ice Cream Sundaes on February 16th, at 6:00 pm. Tickets can be purchased in the Activity Office, at Friday Coffee or at the door. Please bring your own bowl and spoon.

Some shuffleboard trivia:

- You're yellow (not an insult) and have the last hammer
- Get legs (not a pantyhose ad)
- Help is on the way (not an sos)
- You are in the kitchen (and don't have a recipe)

If you do not know the answers to the above, come down to the courts and find the answers.

Marian Eising, Secretary
H-550, 741-8412

Thursday Golf

Well, here it is February, and it feels like we just arrived. The Thursday golfing group is now growing by leaps and bounds. February starts off with us playing at Tubac followed by Quarry Pines, Vistoso, and San Ignacio. It should be a fun and interesting month. In addition, we will be hosting our annual hot dog and hamburger cookout on February 5th, Super Bowl Sunday. It is not too early for all of us to plan to attend. I notice by the sign-up sheet, that the Tuesday group is also attracting more players. Come one, come all!

Have a good month and hit em straight.
Pat Mulvaney



Bird Club



Welcome all interested birders. Bring binoculars, water, food and good footwear to each bird outing this month. Outings begin each Friday from Class Room 1 at times mentioned below. Rendezvous in Class Room 1 for sign-up, rides, and directions.

Friday, February 3rd: 7:00 am
Place of outing to be announced.

Friday, February 10th: 7:00 am
Whitewater Draw and Grasslands to Wilcox. Minimal walking, long day.

Friday, February 17th: 7:00 am
To be announced.

Friday, February 24th: 7:00 am
Gilbert Riparian Preserve Water Ranch in Gilbert, AZ. Level walking, driving to southern Phoenix area.

Charles Kvoool, B-1
President, RCW Bird Club
charlie@kvoool.com



Quilt Show coming Feb. 18

The RCW Cactus Quilters is offering our 16th annual Quilt Show Saturday, Feb. 18, noon to 4:00 pm, in the Auditorium and Rec. Hall. Here are a few things to know:

Entries: If you live or are staying at RCW, you are eligible to enter a quilt that you have recently made. Pick up entry forms in the Sewing and Crafts Room. Entry deadline is Friday, Feb. 10, 5:00 pm. Turn in your completed forms in the box in the Crafts & Sewing Room. No late entries accepted.

Raffle: We are raffling off three beautiful quilts made by members of Cactus Quilters. Tickets will be on sale at the Super Bowl Party Feb. 5; Pancake Breakfast Feb. 11, and Friday Coffee Feb. 10 and 17, as well as at the show. Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00.

Speaker: Sue Hausmann, host of the PBS TV series "America Sews" and "America Quilts Creatively," will be our guest speaker. Come hear her presentation at 1:30 pm.

Shopping: Our boutique will be stocked with a variety of quilted and handmade items for your selection. New this year is our Fat Quarter Corner where you can find 18x22 pieces of quilting fabric to add to your fabric stash. Perfect for quilts, doll clothes, home decor projects, and more.

Please come see the beautiful quilts, wearable art, and home décor items and vote for your favorites.

Sue Mattson, co-chairwoman, #458, 425-442-8320

Brazilian Embroidery

The Brazilian Embroidery group meets every Thursday morning, from 9:00-11:00 am in Classroom 1. Brazilian Embroidery is hand stitching beautiful dimensional stitches using colorful rayon threads. If you are already familiar with this lovely craft, come join our camaraderie. If you would like to know more about it, visit any Thursday morning and see our work. We can get you started on your first project.

Pam Maddox



Comfort Quilts

The goal of the Comfort Quilt Group, as typified in our name, is to give comfort to those who are sick or facing health challenges. Many of our recipients need the added love and comfort these quilts bring.

We recently completed deliveries to Veterans at the VA Hospital, Heartland Hospice and Mothers and Children at EMERGE Center Against Domestic Abuse. In addition, many of our RCW residents have received Comfort Quilts due to health issues.

We invite you to see a display of finished Comfort Quilts at the Cactus Quilters Quilt Show, Feb. 18th from 12:00-4:00 pm in the Rec. Hall and Auditorium.

The Quilters meet on Thursdays from 9:00-3:00 pm. Come see our QIPs, "Quilts in Progress" and please keep us informed of any RCW resident that needs the Comfort of our Quilts.

We also welcome monetary donations or donations of cotton fabric to help defray the cost of these Comfort Quilts.

Co- Chairman: Charlotte Baker:

807, 402-490-7929

Jan Anders, # 711, 520-573-0850

Cactus Quilters

Only 18 Days left until the Quilt Show... The members of Cactus Quilters are busy getting ready for our annual Quilt Show. It will be held on Saturday, February 18th right here at RCW in the Auditorium. This year's show promises to be exceptional. Come out to see the work of our very talented quilters. Three beautiful quilts will be raffled off. Be sure to get your raffle tickets for a chance to win. You can get your raffle tickets at many Rincon Country events being held prior to February 18th. We are very excited to have Sue Hausmann as our guest speaker this year. She is an inspiration to all who love to sew.

This season our quilters are working on a fun project that is known as a "Row Quilt." The skills of many combine to make rows that end up as beautiful quilts. Many become Comfort Quilts.

On the last Monday of each month, instead of a meeting, we have an outing to a Quilt Shop followed by lunch at a local restaurant. The quilt shops often give our group a mini-demonstration and a discount on purchases made from their inventory. What a great way to get ideas and see new fabrics! Join us on Monday mornings in the Recreation Hall from 9:30 am to 11:30 am.

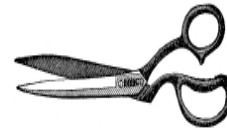
Becky Andrews #609
541-517-6990

Needlework

**KNITTING, CROCHETING, COUNTED
CROSS-STITCH, ETC.**

If you have a needlework project you'd like to complete, or want to start a new one, bring the project and come to the Sewing Room any Wednesday afternoon. We'll be there from 1:00-3:00 pm and would love to have you join us.

Any questions,
call Adeline Bailey 284-2728



Hardanger Group

Hardanger group is going strong and has been since 1996 here in the park.

We continue to meet on Wednesday mornings 9:00 am to 11:00 am in Class Room 1. There is a sign on the window, and sample of what hardanger is all about in the Sewing Room.

If you are interested, please just come in and we will get you started. Materials will be furnished in part. Numerous beginner patterns of your choosing are available.

Contact Eleanor Blue, your instructor (889-4646 if you have any questions.



Nana's Needles

Bring your knitting and/or crocheting to Classroom 1 on Friday morning after coffee. Work on your own project or join us in donation knitting/crocheting for "Newborns in Need." Beginners and experts alike are welcome. There is usually some one available if you want to learn to knit or crochet or if you are having difficulties.

We accept any materials you wish to donate- especially yarn-that would be suitable for making baby clothes and blankets. Check your cupboards and closets. Needles and crochet hooks are also welcomed.

Since last April, the group has donated 49 blankets, 195 hats, 15 pairs of booties and 9 sweaters to the Arizona Chapter of "Newborns in Need".

Shirely Crites Lot #146 807-9773

Sewing and Crafts Room

The glass cases in the Sewing and Craft Room are full of samples of items you can make and techniques you can learn at classes our talented RCW residents are offering. Check them out then sign up on the clipboards below. You will also find info on all the groups that meet in the room. Each group welcomes newcomers.

We are always looking for new classes. If you want to teach one, contact Sally McFarlin in space 654-L. She will help you with scheduling and paperwork. You can also work on your own projects in the room as long as another activity is not scheduled. Check the large calendar by the south door to find free times.

If you need a button, zipper or a bit of lace, we have those for your use in the plastic drawers on the east wall. You may also use the sewing machines when the room is free. Please note that all tools and equipment must remain in the room. We are missing several large plastic rulers. If you have those at home, we would appreciate their return.

The Sewing and Craft Room is governed by its own board, which usually meets on the first Wednesday evening of each month (check the calendar for specifics). All room users are welcome, and encouraged, to attend. Officers this year are President Ruby Burrows (604); Vice President Sue Mattson (458); Secretary Sally McFarlin (654); and Treasurer Sonja Bridges (726).

Bake Sale on Super Bowl Sunday

The Sewing and Crafts Room will offer baked goods for sale during the Tailgate Party on Super Bowl Sunday. We'll be outside the Auditorium with our goodies. Just the place to get some munchies for half-time or goodies for your post-game pleasure.

Sewers and Crafters: We need your baked goods! Please bring them to the Sewing and Crafts Room that morning. It will help a lot if you package them up for sale and suggest a price. Thank-you!

Swedish Weaving

Beginners: Enjoy learning a new needlework art. No experience is necessary. Intermediates: An exciting new pattern is offered for a lovely throw pillow. Classes will be in the Sewing Room as follows:

Friday, February 10: 10:00-12:00
Wednesday, February 22: 10:00-12:00

Sign up under the display for either the Beginner or Intermediate pattern for a pillow top. Materials will be supplied for both levels, including a supply of yarn to choose from. Should you desire a specific color, feel free to bring your own washable, 4-ply yarn. Class fee will be \$8.00.

Please call me should you have any questions.
Judy Simmel
807-1053

Lapidary and Silversmith Shop

The Lapidary and Silversmith Shop is open to all who are interested. No experience is necessary. We have classes for various techniques of jewelry making, and the monitors are always available for an explanation and tour. Feel free to walk around and see what our members are making. They do some beautiful work.

Class sign-up sheets are posted for the various classes. These include Chain Making, Soldering, Silversmithing, Wire Wrapping, Lapidary, Casting and Wax Carving, and Precious Metal Clay. We also hope to be working with glass fusion in the near future. Descriptions of the classes are posted in the shop.

The Chili Dinner will be on Saturday, Feb 4th this year. Tickets always sell out early so get yours soon. The display case in the shop window shows the raffle prizes and door prizes that will be offered. Raffle tickets are available in the Lapidary and Silversmith Shop.

Roger Parish



Garden Railroad Club

Garden Railroad Club meetings take place on the first and third Wednesdays of each month in Classroom 1 at 3:00 pm. All park residents are welcome. Anyone seeking information about the club can speak to club members at the train layout located at the end of the boulevard. During February, trains will be running, weather permitting, Monday through Friday. Please check the schedule posted at the layout.

On Saturday, February 18th from 10:00-1:00 pm the club will conduct its "Train Meet Extravaganza" where over thirty different locomotives will run that day. The "Grand Finale" will take place around 12:45 when members will attempt to establish a new club record for number of trains running simultaneously. We have run as many as thirteen at the same time in previous years. Park residents are encouraged to stop by and see this special event. Trains will also be running on Saturday, February 11th from noon-1:00 pm.

Our annual B-B-Q Beef lunch will take place on Sunday, February 26th at 1:00 pm in the parking lot and Auditorium. Your support of this event will allow us to continue to improve the RCW Garden Railroad layout.

For the first time during February, the club will conduct a night run of trains on Monday, February 27th from just before sunset until darkness. Don't miss this unique experience to see our lighted trains as they run throughout the layout and the lighted villages.

The club would also like to thank park residents for their support of our January "Spud Out" event and for their generous donations of items for the January RCW parking lot sale.



Wood Shop



The Wood Shop has been busy replacing the old Jet lathe and 6" jointer with a new Delta midi lathe and a new Jet jointer. These smaller replacements will add needed floor space to the shop. Also replaced were 6 hand sanders. A used equipment and tool auction is scheduled for February 24th in the Wood Shop following the morning coffee. A listing of all items to be auctioned will be posted on the bulletin board outside the Wood Shop. Sealed bids will be accepted on any of the items. These bids will establish the opening, and possibly final, bid on those items.

The Wood Shop is also building 21 outside storage units that can be rented on a monthly basis on a first come basis. These will benefit those with projects that don't want to tote items back and forth between their RV or Park Model and the Wood Shop.

The Wood Shop Voted to donate 6 breakfast tickets to the Garden Railroad Club for door prizes.

We want to thank all those who have supported the Wood Shop by attending the pancake breakfasts and those who have donated prizes. A big thank you to all the residents who donate aluminum cans at our collection sites. These activities are the main revenue that allows the Wood Shop to buy supplies and maintain good equipment. All park residents, permanent or temporary, are welcome to use the Wood Shop.

Ambassador Club

The Ambassadors welcome newcomers every Tuesday morning at 9:00 am in Classroom 1. Come in to get acquainted with RCW, the Tucson area, how to find a hospital or urgent care clinic, grocery stores, malls, restaurants, and the interesting sights of the area. Also, we will try to answer any questions you may have.

Pottery and Ceramics

Join in the fun

Mondays at 9:00 am learn how to make beads. Instruction provided by Judy Fried. You are also welcome to come and string beads.

Tuesdays at 9:00 am is ceramics time. Items are made by pouring slip into molds. There are many molds to choose from. Jan Mulvaney is available for instruction and assistance.

Wednesdays at 9:00 am is part two of ceramics, removing items from the molds. Work on cleaning your pieces and preparing them for the first firing. Fired items can be glazed.

Thursdays at 9:00 am is reserved for pottery creation with Judy Fried. Judy provides advice on how to use a variety of clay. Work on your pieces and prepare them for firing in the kiln. Thursdays at 1:15 pm is pottery for beginners, instruction provided by Judy Fried. This is the time for beginners to attend classes and learn a variety of ways to make your clay pieces.

Monthly dues for ceramics are \$3.00 and \$6.00 for pottery. See Jan Mulvaney or Judy Fried for more details.

TOPS

Welcome back all you TOPS traveling snowbirds. We look forward to your return and we would love to have those of you who are not TOPS come to visit us. You will be welcomed and perhaps will join us.

Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) group meets every Monday morning in the new Card Room 2. Our program starts at 7:30 am with weigh-in for members at 7:00 am and officers weigh-in at 6:45 am.

TOPS is a nonprofit organization designed to help *men and women* take off pounds sensibly and to keep off pounds sensibly. Come look us over and possibly join us for weekly learning, support and fun concerning nutrition, portion control, food choices, etc.

Amateur Radio Club

The Rincon Country West Amateur Radio Club has a very active club and welcomes anyone who would like to join us to come to a meeting in Class Room 1 on Wednesdays at 11:00 am. If you don't have a license, we'll be happy to get you one. You don't have to invest in expensive equipment or learn Morse Code to get started with a fun hobby.

Thanks for everyone's support of the Hot Dog Luncheon and the Pie and Coffee socials.



Do You Want to Paint Pictures?

Come on Down!

Instructor, Vern Dronen, has been busy this winter season teaching two oil painting classes each week. On Monday evenings in the Pottery/Ceramics studio he has a beginning painting class. This class begins at 6:00 pm and is usually about two hours long.

On Wednesdays in the Recreation Hall, Vern instructs a class of intermediate to advanced students. These students usually take two sessions to complete their paintings and they are very talented. Their paintings are beautiful! These classes are at 12:30-4:30 pm. If you paint with oil, acrylics or watercolor, and just need a place to set up, the Wednesday afternoon sessions usually have room in the back so you can spend the afternoon painting on your own. We sometimes have several artists working independently on their own paintings.

If you would like to learn to paint beautiful pictures, here are two opportunities to attend classes and one to just set up and paint your own pictures. Stop by and check them out.

For more information call
Vern Dronen, 509-531-4215,
Arlene Johnson, 520-746-4953, or
Pat McFarlin, Art Club Coordinator,
520-434-9565

Creative Scribes Group

Tell it like it was, or at least how you remember it. Share the "firsts" in your life; your first car, job, vacation, RV trip, or your first attempts (successful or otherwise) at driving, skiing, sky diving, cooking, or painting. Instead of a "bucket list," try making a list of the times "once is enough."

It's amazing the insight you can gain into yourself by writing your story. Don't be just a name on your family tree. Your grandchildren or great grandchildren can learn a great deal about you, not only from what you remember, but how you tell the story.

Come join us every Wednesday from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm in Classroom 2. It's not only fun, it's enlightening and worthwhile. Hear other peoples' stories and share yours. Help is available, as little or as much as you want. No class fees are involved. After all, the best things in life ARE FREE.

If you have questions, call:
Marilyn Cass at (520) 573-7180
Lot 1080 Nov-April or
Terry O'Brien at (703) 508-7672
Lot 1029 Jan-March.

Tuesday Writers' Group

The Tuesday Writers Group meets 10:00 am-12:00 noon in Classroom 2 every Tuesday.

Are you a budding novelist? Are you interested in publishing in a magazine or periodical? Or are you simply interested in recording your story for the next generation(s) in your family?

Write about whatever subjects are meaningful to you and share them with classmates. Hear their heartwarming, serious and hilarious stories. Need help getting started? Just come in and listen, you will be amazed at how alike we all are.

If you have questions, contact:
Terry O'Brien: 703-508-7672
Lot 1029 (January through March)

Genealogy Club

Welcome back to all who are just arriving for the season or returning from holiday visits. The Genealogy Club is off to a great start. Please plan to join us each week for interactive, interesting and informative sessions focused on discovering new and exciting ways to explore and expand on your family tree and document your roots.

Our regular meetings are on Mondays in Classroom 2 from 7:00-8:00 pm. If you are interested in continuing your ancestral search, wish to learn how to begin or are just plain curious about a particular topic we would like to see you at our meetings.

We continue to have on our agenda a wide variety of presentations from experts inside and outside of the park as well as a few field trips. The first Monday of each month is set aside for a short business meeting followed by a class covering a beginning genealogy subject.

The following topics are planned for the February meetings:

- Feb 6: Business meeting and beginners class focusing on using the various genealogy software packages available. Bring your laptop.
- Feb 13: What's new on Family Search with Len and Pam Ingermanson of the Langley Family History Center.
- Feb 20: Alternative Death Records: Funeral Homes and Cemetery Research with Betty Cook of the Arizona Historical Society.
- Feb 27: Immigration / Emigration also with Betty Cook.

Also members and guests should be sure to mark their calendars for Monday March 5th to attend the Genealogy Club Potluck in the Rally Room from 4:00-6:00 pm. Look for the sign-up sheet in the Coffee Room as the date gets nearer.

For additional club information, contact Lee Foxworthy at 520-889-0966

Macintosh User Group

The RCW Macintosh User Group [Apple Computer Club] meets on Tuesday afternoons from 1 to 3 in Classroom 2. If you have a Mac laptop, bring it to class. All Mac users (new and longtime users) are invited to come to learn and share information. If you have a question, someone at the class will be able to help or direct you to where you can get help.

Topics covered in February include: purchasing items online (Ebay, Amazon, PayPal, Newegg etc.), using Mac applications (Keynote, Pages, Numbers), exploring new Apple technology (e.g. iPhones and iPads), debunking Internet scams (using snopes.com etc.). You will also be using Apple technology to custom print your own photo/design on a T-shirt before the end of the month.

Please contact Allan Schreiber if you have a topic or problem that you would like him to cover this winter: allanschreiber@gmail.com or [520-889-0998](tel:520-889-0998).

Playcrafters

Playcrafters spring play "Too Soon for Daisies" is being cast and practiced. This is one you certainly won't want to miss. Production needs a lot of behind the scene help and we have a spot for you. Joy Fehrenz is directing and Barb Norwick is the producer. Progress of the play is reported weekly at our meetings in the Auditorium on Thursday afternoons at 1:00 pm.

Also in progress is Readers Theater for those who don't mind acting if they don't have to memorize lines. Skits are put on in nursing homes and senior living places. They are done in costume and have been very well received. Each weekly meeting includes a minimum of business (except for our monthly business meeting) and some kind of entertainment. We are a friendly, busy group who love to welcome newcomers. We'll save you a seat.

Barb Norwick, 806-4088

Digital Imaging Raffle

The RCW Digital Imaging Club is having a raffle! Prizes will be two VISA gift cards at \$100.00 each and one Olive Garden Restaurant gift card at \$50.00. The Raffle is Saturday, February 25th in the Auditorium at the Photo Contest Presentation. Raffle tickets are \$1.00 per ticket, 6 per \$5.00, or an arm's length of tickets for \$10.00 (shoulder to finger tip). You can purchase tickets in Classroom 2 on Mondays 3:00-5:00 pm, or any club member until time of drawing.

Questions:

Joan Cleveland:

Lot 886, (605) 360-2330



Villageaires

Our spring concerts are early this year on Friday and Saturday evenings, March 2 and 3 at 7:00 pm in the Auditorium. Our wonderful director, Dr. Al Wortman, has chosen "One Hundred Years of Broadway" as our theme for this spring. So if you enjoy the show tunes of old Broadway come listen and watch this group sing; "Theres No Business Like Show Business, Button Up Your Overcoat, Anything You Can Do I Can Do Better, They Call the Wind Maria, If Ever I Would Leave You, The Joint Is Jumpin" and so many more old and a few new favorites.

As usual the second half of our program will be patriotic "An American Celebration." Yes there will be solos, duets, and an audience sing-a-long. Tickets are \$6.00 and available at Friday morning coffee and in the Activity Office. Don't miss this one!

For more information call or see:

Leah Murphy (President): 360-831-3614

Mary E. Hallesy (Publicity): 889-3926 #39

Better Than Therapy!

The Desert Tones not only sing in close harmony, we also have formed close relationships with each other, we talk, laugh, and sometimes cry.

We are a small group of women that sing 4-part familiar music, we work on 4 or 5 numbers so we have time to go over individual parts.

Give us a try, your friends are waiting for you on Wednesdays 1:00-3:00 pm in Classroom 1.

Information: Jane Schurr 295-3786



Class of 1951

High School Reunion Save the Date

When: March 19, 2012

Where: Kennedy Park

Last spring a few of us who had our 60th high school class reunions elsewhere decided to meet here in Tucson. We had a picnic brunch at nearby Kennedy Lake near our Mission Library. We had such a good time we decided to invite others for a fall reunion. Due to many reasons it never happened last fall, but it will happen this March 2012. Yes the class of 1952 is also invited. Some of us have yearbooks, pictures, stories, and although we come from all over the country, very large and very small high schools, we have so many memories in common. It will be around 10:30 am on a Monday or Friday after RCW spring concerts and plays; so save the date!

Lois Beckenbaugh: 423D, 294-5283

Joy Fehrenz :722P, 206-369-5591

Mary E. Hallesy: #39B, 889-3926

Jan White: 685N, 807-4990

Bible Study

Bible study is in full swing! We are studying "The New Testament book of Ephesians", study guide by John MacArthur.

Come join us on Thursdays from 9:30 - 11:00 am in Class Room 2..

Everyone is welcome, couples and solos! Come for a time of blessing and sharing.

Contact Walt Scott, 528-308-8873 or
Heidi Schmidt, 562-618-7112

Jokers

We play Jokers on Saturdays at 6:30 pm in Classroom 1. Jokers is a board game using marbles or pegs to work your way around the board. We use cards to tell us the amount of spaces to move on the board. Jokers and some other cards have different ways they can be used. We have our own set of rules that we go by, if you have played before you are probably aware of this. It is a fun game and we don't take anything too serious. If you don't have any other plans, stop in and join us!

Bridge

Duplicate Bridge

Every Tuesday evening at 6:30 pm. Bring your partner and arrive a few minutes early for table assignments. We play in the Recreation Hall next to the Auditorium.

Need a partner?

Call Clubby at 605-440-1585

Fun Bridge

We play on Mondays and Fridays at 12:30 pm. Plan to arrive around noon to pick a partner and play a few "warm-up" hands. Sundays and Thursdays we play at 6:00 pm in Class Room 1.

Questions?

Call Sarah Ruegg at 360-472-1107

Red Hat Society

This year's January Red Hat event was a Potluck PJ Brunch. Betty Irons demonstrated some new ideas on scarf tying. In 2013 we will have a Salad Luncheon.

MIDVALE MANOR RED HATTERS TEA

Feb. 16, 2012 - 2:00 pm

Fashion Show by Bon Worth

Door Prize & Raffle

Bring your own tea cup

Sign-up in Coffee Room

We have not had any response on chairing the Octobfest event the first Friday in October. If we don't have volunteers by Feb. 7th, we will cancel the band reservation.

Jan Hedgpeth, GQM, RCW Red Hatters
741-9565 Space 1082

Solos

We welcome all single newcomers to our park. If you are single and would like to meet other singles with the same desire for friendship, join us on the First and Third Sundays of the month in the Recreation Hall.

February events are as follows:

Sunday, February 5th will be a Social in the Rec. Hall at 5:00 pm. Bring snacks to share, Coffee and Tea will be available B.Y.O.S.

Monday, February 13th we will have a luncheon at P.F.Chang's at 11:30 am.
1805 River Rd. (North West corner of Campbell and River.)

Sunday, February 19th will be our Pot Luck at 5:00 pm in the Rec. Hall. Bring a beverage of your choice. Coffee and Tea will be available B.Y.O.S.

Carl Stubbington
889- 3509



LIBRARY NEWS

Every year we seem to get more donations, most of which we are able to add to our collection. We are so grateful because the Library is operated only on gifts, generous help of RCW Clubs, and volunteer efforts. A big thank you to all who contribute.

We must mention a real helpful item for those of you who bring in mail, like magazines and catalogs. If you would please just strike through the name with a black pen, or leave it to us to do that, the magazines would not tear and not become mangled, as they do when the names are 'torn' off.

For the month of February, and the AZ Centennial, we have selected books from our collection which relate to this wonderful Western area of North America. Also another group of books, regarding our 'Winged' and 'Four' Legged creatures will be on display. These are in addition to the 'Newly Processed' books that are on display on the shelf at the East window.

A year or so ago, we discontinued collecting 'Books on Tape', mainly because they were not circulating. We took them to a few of the Assisted Living homes in the area. Well, currently, we have more than 18 sets of books of this type. If this interests you, check out the bottom shelf, all the way to the back, near the health, medical, and cooking books.

Remember on March 10-11th the Tucson Festival of Books is on the U of A campus. Until next month, enjoy yourselves in our great park.

Marti Fox



Potlucks!!



Canada Potluck

The Canadian Potluck will be held on Saturday, Feb 25th, 2012 in the Rally Room. Social hour at 4:30 pm, dinner at 5:30 pm. Sign-up sheets are posted in the Coffee Room. To ensure the last table has as much food to eat as the first one, please bring enough food to feed approximately 10-12 people. Bring your own refreshments and service. An admission fee of \$1.00 per person will be collected to offset the cost of tea and coffee, door prizes and supplies.

Join your fellow Canadians for good food, good times and good memories. We hope to see you there.

For more information contact
Cheryl Wells: 480-236-5284, Lot 573,
wells2go@gmail.com
Paula Whitby: 361-290-7527, Lot 971

Kansas, Missouri & Oklahoma Potluck

Date: Tuesday, February 9th
Place: Rally Room
Time: 4:30-6:30 pm

A sign-up sheet is in the Coffee Room.

Come join us for social hour at 4:30 pm and potluck dinner at 5:00 pm. Bring a covered dish to serve 12 people and your table service. A donation of \$1.00 is requested for expenses. Coffee and tea will be furnished. A planning meeting will be held in the Card Room 1 immediately after coffee on Friday, February 3rd.

We hope to see you at the potluck.
If you have any questions, please call Gary & Eileen Johnson, Lot: 958, (520) 573-5914

Colorado Potluck

This years Colorado Potluck will be held on Sunday, February, 19th at 4:00 pm in the Rally Room. Please bring a dish to share that serves "12" or more to ensure that we have enough for all. Also, bring your own table service and beverage. Coffee, iced tea and water will be provided.

The cost is \$1 per person with the sign-up sheet in the Coffee Room.

Volunteers for setup and take down are very much appreciated.

For more information please contact:
Karen Webster (D-201) at 303-250-8371

Iowa, Nebraska, North Dakota & South Dakota Potluck

When & Where: Thursday, February 9. Social: 4:30 pm and dinner: 5:00 pm. Please note it is being held in the Recreation Hall not in the Rally Room.

Sign Up: Please sign up in the Coffee Room before Tuesday, February 7.

Bring: A dish to share that serves 12 and your own place settings.
\$1.00 per person to cover coffee, lemonade, ice tea and incidentals.

Questions:
Contact Joy Fehrenz (206) 369-5591 or
Joan Cleveland (605) 360-2330

Michigan Potluck

Our potluck will be Tuesday, February 14th in the Rally Room. The Social Hour is at 4:30 pm and dinner is at 5:00 pm. Sign up in the Coffee Room and bring a dish to share, as well as your own service and beverage. Coffee and tea will be provided. We will have door prizes and 50/50.

John and Judy Baldwin 807-1695
Bob and Bobbie Albright 807-1801

Minnesota Potluck

The Minnesota Potluck will be on Feb. 16th at 4:00 pm in the Rally Room. Please sign up in the Coffee Room by Feb. 12th.

Bring a dish to share that serves 12; as well as your own service. Coffee, soda & water will be provided. Cost is \$2.00.

Questions contact:

Gary & Jan Johnson #741 520-294-0091 or
Norm & Lorna Hahn #584 828-329-1454



"Beautiful Ohio"
in Sunny Arizona



All current, past and wanna-be residents of Ohio are invited to sign up in the Coffee Room for our annual potluck dinner.

Join us Monday, February 6th in the Rally Room at 5:00 pm for social time and dinner at 5:30 pm. Please bring a passing dish to serve 12, your own table service, beverage and \$2:00.

Information: John & Jane Schurr
295-3786 #636K

Thanks

The Card Rooms are thankful for all those who donated, bought and supported them in the the bake sale! Thank you!

Wisconsin Potluck

The Wisconsin Potluck is on February 15, 2012 at 4:00 pm in the Rally Room. Bring a dish to pass that serves 12 as well as your own service. Cost: \$1.50 per person. Please remember to wear your name tag. The sign up sheet is in the Coffee Room.

Bob & Judy Benning
Lot#845, Phone: 520-573-7211

Around Town February 2012

Researched by Rachel Margolis

Tucson Gem, Mineral and Fossil Showcase:
The world's largest marketplace of its kind, with many locations around town featuring international dealers of gems, minerals, fossils, beads, jewelry, and jewelry-making items. For show list and transportation information go to www.visitTucson.org.

Show listings, accommodations, transportation information, showcase history and the answers to frequently asked questions can be found at www.JewelryShowguide.com.

The Tucson Symphony Orchestra:
February 10th & 12th, 2012
Tucson Music Hall - 206 S. Church Ave.

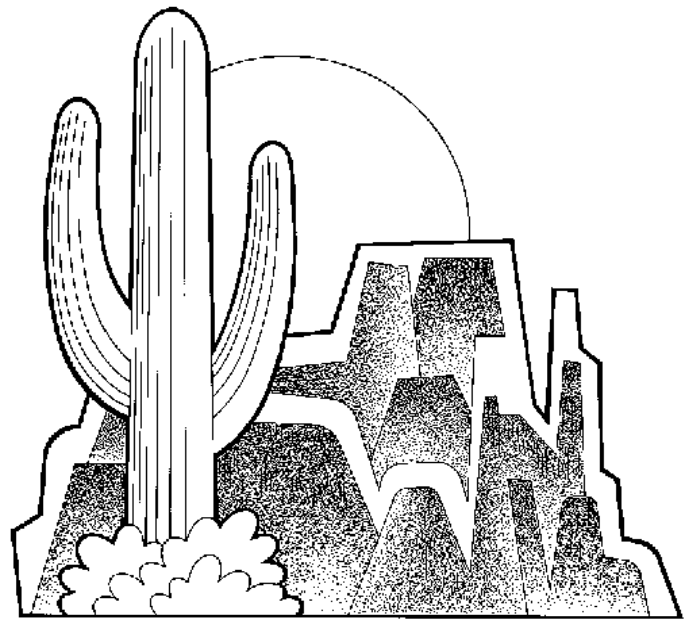
The TSO celebrates the 100th anniversary of Arizona statehood with a program of music, dance, spoken word and a performance by the world's premier performer of the Native American flute, R. Carlos Nakai at Tucson Music Hall. Take a musical tour of our most renowned Arizona feature Grofe's exceptionally popular Grand Canyon Suite. For more information you can call 520.882.8585 or go online to www.visitTucson.org.

Ansel Adams: The View from Here
This exhibit will show until February 5, 2012:
Times: Mon-Fri 9am-5pm, Sat-Sun : 1pm-4pm
Free Admission but donations are suggested
Place: The Center for Creative Photography -
1030 N Olive Rd, 85721.

Perhaps no photographer's work has enjoyed such popularity as Ansel Adams's awe-inspiring views of the natural world. With forty photographs and supporting documents from the Ansel Adams Archive, *Ansel Adams: "The View from Here"* explores the relationship between Adams' magical photographs of the American landscape and how he came to understand the importance of his natural environment. For more information, call 520.621.7968 or visit the web at www.creativephotography.org/exhibitions.

La Fiesta do los Vaqueros (Tucson Rodeo)
February 18th- February 26th Recurring Daily
Tucson Rodeo Grounds - 4823 S. Sixth Ave, 85714
The Tucson Rodeo, or La Fiesta de los Vaqueros (Celebration of the Cowboy), is one of the top 25 professional rodeos in North America, featuring championship roping and riding events, a horse-drawn parade, and Western entertainment. Located at the Tucson Rodeo Grounds. For ticket information call, 800.964.5662 or on the web at www.tucsonrodeo.com. *RCW Residents: The Activity Office has Rodeo Tickets for sale! Available for Saturday, Feb. 25th for \$25.00. They are great seats!*

Tucson Rodeo Parade
Thursday, February 23rd - 9:00am
Free Admission
705 E. Ajo Way, 85713
Tucson's mostly horse-drawn parade has been presented since 1925, and is considered the country's largest non-motorized parade. For more information call 520.294.1280 or visit their website: www.tucsonrodeoparade.org.



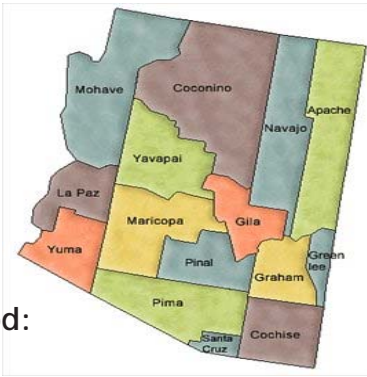
Arizona Centennial

The following article will give you some interesting facts and information on the history of how Arizona grew through the years and became the 48th state on February 14, 1912.

The **History of Arizona** as recorded by Europeans began when Marcos de Niza, a Franciscan, explored the area in 1539. Coronado's expedition entered the area in 1540-1542 during its search for Cíbola. Padre Eusebio Francisco Kino developed a chain of missions and taught the Indians Christianity in Pimería Alta (now southern Arizona and northern Sonora) in the 1690s and early 18th century. Spain founded fortified towns (*presidios*) at Tubac in 1752 and Tucson in 1775.

All of present-day Arizona became part of the Mexican State of Vieja California upon the Mexican assertion of independence from Spain in 1822. The United States took possession of most of Arizona at the end of the Mexican-American War in 1848. In 1853, the land below the Gila River was acquired from Mexico in the Gadsden Purchase. Arizona was administered as part of the Territory of New Mexico until it was organized into a separate territory on February 24, 1863.

Arizona was admitted into the Union—officially becoming a U.S. State—on February 14, 1912.



Statehood:

In the 20th century, Arizona almost entered the Union as part of New Mexico in a Republican plan to keep control of the U.S. Senate. The plan, while accepted by most in New Mexico, was rejected by most Arizonans. Progressives in Arizona favored inclusion in the state constitution of initiative, referendum, recall, direct election of senators, woman suffrage, and other reforms. Most of these proposals were included in the constitution that was submitted to Congress in 1912. President William Howard Taft insisted on removing the recall provision (because it would allow recall of judges) before he would approve it. It was removed, Taft signed the statehood bill on **February 14, 1912**, and state residents promptly put the provision back in.

In 1912 women gained suffrage (the vote) in the state, eight years before the country as a whole.

The Great Depression and the World Wars in Arizona:

In 1917, the United States entered World War I, thus beginning a boom in the economy of Arizona. After the Great Depression, World War II revitalized the Arizona economy.

During this time frame, industries such as cotton, copper, farming, and mining began to flourish in the state. The military began using Phoenix and Tucson for military bases and academies, with the army becoming the community's largest source of revenue. For a time, the Charter Government Committee swept the elections. Barry Goldwater and Sandra Day O'Connor would later have successful judicial and political careers.

During the war, people also began to move to Arizona from other regions of the country because of its inland position and protection from aerial attacks. In 1946, Arizona began to enforce right-to-work laws, which allowed workers to decide whether or not to join or financially support a union. The dual-wage system, in which Mexicans made \$1.15 less per shift, was abandoned. In 1948, the high tech industry began in Arizona, with Motorola building one of the first plants in Phoenix. 1948 also saw American Indians gaining the right to vote, after having been disqualified for twenty years for being "wards of the state".

In recent times, Arizona has become a major warm-weather tourist and retirement destination, much like Florida. A major part of the tourism industry is based on the presence of the Grand Canyon.

In 1963, the Supreme Court ruled in favor of Arizona over California in a dispute over Arizona's share of the Colorado River. Five years after the decision, authorization was given for the construction of the Central Arizona Project, which was not completed until 1991.

Republican Senator Barry Goldwater, a native of Arizona, ran for the presidency in 1964, with William Edward Miller as his running mate. Due to the assassination of John F. Kennedy, Goldwater found himself in the difficult position of running against the successor to a slain president, and was soundly defeated by Lyndon B. Johnson. Goldwater received only 38.4% of the popular vote and the electoral votes of just five states, including five from Arizona.

In 1988, Evan Mecham, the Governor of Arizona, was impeached. Mecham faced allegations of money laundering, including trying to conceal a \$350,000 campaign loan, borrowing \$60,000 of state money to prop up his struggling auto dealership, as well as allegations of attempting to block the investigation of a death threat made by a state official.

Rose Mofford succeeded him as the Governor

of Arizona, becoming the first woman ever to hold the office. Mecham had already been unpopular for his cancellation of a paid Martin Luther King, Jr. Day holiday for state employees. The holiday had been first proposed in 1972 by former state senators Cloves Campbell. For the first of several times, the legislation had failed to pass the legislature, causing Arizona to lose its chance to host the Super Bowl, as well as costing the state tourism and other benefits that naturally come from these events. Governor Bruce Babbitt gave state employees the day off by executive order, but Mecham later voided the order just a week before the holiday was to be celebrated, based on a legal opinion by the state's Attorney General that the holiday had been created illegally. When the legislation passed in 1989, Rose Mofford signed into law a paid state holiday honoring Martin Luther King, Jr., making it possible for the state to host a Super Bowl.

The chair of the Americans for Traditional American Values filed a petition against it, accusing Dr. King of being a socialist and philanderer. The two 1990 ballot initiatives were, respectively, for celebrating both Martin Luther King Day and Columbus Day holidays, and for swapping the Columbus holiday for the King one. Both failed. In 1992, in the face of a tourist boycott and losing the chance to host Super Bowl XXVII, 61% of Arizonan voters publicly approved the payment of state workers on a Martin Luther King Day/Civil Rights Day holiday. It was the 49th state in the United States to approve the holiday, and the first state to have voter approval of allowing state workers to have paid absence on Martin Luther King Day. Super Bowl XXX was later played in Tempe in 1996 and Super Bowl XLII was held in Glendale in 2008.

Mofford's successor as governor, Fife Symington, resigned in 1997 after conviction of bank fraud. His conviction was later overturned, and he was subsequently pardoned by President Clinton. On August 17, 2005, the governors of both Arizona and New Mexico declared an emergency in the Mexico-bordering counties of their states. Both governors cited violence, illegal immigration, drug smuggling, and the inaction of both the

U.S. and Mexican governments as reasons for the state of emergency. Governor Janet Napolitano of Arizona freed \$1.5 million in disaster funds to help the border counties, and Governor Bill Richardson of New Mexico freed \$1.75 million. Illegal immigration continued to be a prime concern within the state, and in April 2010, Arizona SB1070 was passed and signed into law by Governor Jan Brewer. The measure attracted national attention as the broadest and strictest anti-illegal immigration measure in decades within the United States.

If Arizona's economy were a hospital patient, she would be out of intensive care, but still in the hospital. In other words, the economy is doing better and certainly on the road to recovery, but it isn't recovered yet. And the patient is not likely to feel healthy again for another couple of years: the economy most likely won't be back to normal until at least 2015 or so according to several financial institutions.

Mean while in more recent years, the controversial Arizona law targeting immigrants for police scrutiny has been blocked again in an appeals court ruling. In July of 2010, President, Barack Obama sent 1,200 National Guardsmen to seal the Mexican border and critics warn that Arizona law will lead to racial profiling.

January of 2011 was a sad day in Tucson when Congresswoman Gifford and 18 people were gunned down outside a supermarket.

Arizona has survived the good and the bad in the last 100 years. Our future can only get brighter as we celebrate the next 100 years.

Happy 100th Birthday Arizona!

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