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# The East Villager



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## Hello Sunshine

Coming to RCE This Month



**Gaslight Theater presents**

### Back to the Past

April 9 • 6:00 p.m. • Shuttle • \$20 pp

The Gaslight Theater presents their Spring show, Back to the Past! The Gaslight Theater is a Tucson must! Come to the Activity Office to get your tickets.



### “Hello Summer” Dance

**With Spur of the Moment**

April 13 • 7:00 p.m. • Aud • \$10.00

Dig out those floral shirts and flip flops and join us for our “Hello Summer” dance. Come along and enjoy the tunes from local band, Spur of the Moment. The season is ending but the good times keep on happening at RCE!

Tickets available in the Activity Office.



# Rincon Country RV Resorts®

## Through the Decades

### 1979 - 2019

### O'Leary Was His Name!

By Gary Fisher – Former RCW Park Manager

### *To be sung to the tune: "Wild Colonial Boy"*

There was a man from Ireland, O'Leary was his name!

He had a vision for the land he saw; it would never be the same!

Day by day, he built his dream; his plans were in his head!

The lack of money couldn't stop him now; his dream would keep him fed!

He built a place for people to enjoy, and they came from far and wide!

They thanked O'Leary for what he had done; their hearts were full of pride.

What O'Leary built will never end; he showed people how to be bold!

O'Leary came from Ireland and his story will always be told!

## Irish gent parks his dream here

By DANNY MADDUX  
The Arizona Daily Star

It's a long way from Tipperary to Tucson, but George O'Leary has found his American dream — building a trailer park on the southeast side.

O'Leary, 47, grew up on a small farm near Tipperary and came to the United States in 1957 with "no regrets." He still looks over his shoulder and keeps a corner of his heart open for the Emerald Isle, however.

After building the Rincon Country Mobile Home Park from scratch in the nine years he's been in Tucson, he has moved next door to 8989 E. Escalante Road, where he's putting in a \$2 million park for travel trailers. When it opens in October, it will be the culmination of a lot of hard work.

"I got an opportunity, and I passed the test," he says. "That's the important thing, not the worth of something." He says he loves construction work, which he started doing in Ireland.

"I like to do things," he says. "I don't take two-hour lunches."

O'Leary has become so American that, like many snowbirds who move to Tucson, he still calls someplace else "home." In his case it's Minnesota, where "I spent most of my adult life." But he also still talks as if he'd just stepped off the boat.

"It hasn't done me one bit of harm," he says of his accent.

"When I was growing up, I had a vision of the U.S. as a land of wonderment and enchantment," he says. "I was intrigued."

As a young man about to be married, he had a chance to come to the United States.

"I thought 'If I don't go before I get married, I'll never be able to,'" he says. After he arrived, the Latin saying "Veni, vidi, vici" — "I came, I saw, I conquered" — didn't apply to him for a while. "It was a



Star photo by Art Grasberger

### George O'Leary at his planned travel-trailer park

case of "Veni, vidi," but no "vici" for a long time," he said.

He brought his fiancée, Bridie, over from Ireland and eventually set up a construction business in St. Paul. He later built a trailer park there.

O'Leary says it was just a coincidence he took the oath to become an American citizen on St. Patrick's Day 1965. But there were a few jokes about the 16 inches of snow that fell on him and everybody else when he gave up his allegiance to Ireland that day.

"The good saint was having his share of revenge," he says.

He came to Tucson in 1970 to start Rincon Village. He enjoyed running the park, with its residents coming in from all over the country, but it became more than a full-time job. He sold out last year and looks forward to the seasonal nature of the park he's building.

"When the snowbirds leave, I can go with them, if I feel like it," he says.

It's not just blarney when he talks about the merits of his project, which will have 450 spaces on 27½ acres, and include a recreation center with craft shops, a swimming pool and tennis courts. He's already received reservations from people all over the country and Canada.

O'Leary goes back to Ireland about every year, flies the Irish tricolor on Irish holidays and says he still speaks Gaelic "fairly fluently."

"Any Irishman I meet, I speak first to him in Gaelic," he says. He says he's still proud of his heritage and language, but that doesn't make him any less of an American.

"This country gave me the opportunity to put my God-given talents to work," he says. "We should say a lot more positive things than negative."



# A Word From George



## Maintenance of Your Space:

Please make arrangements for your site maintenance during periods you are unable to do so yourself. This applies to maintaining shrubs and trees from getting overgrown as well as keeping weeds to a minimum. You must make arrangements to keep your lot weed free year-round.

## Extend Your Stay

Each year we offer our monthly and seasonal guests the opportunity to add a few days or weeks to the end of their last-month stay. If you have stayed for one month or more, and you would like to extend your stay, please stop in the Main Office for details about extending your time in the beautiful Tucson area.

Thank you for staying with us this season! We enjoy having you and appreciate your loyalty and continued business! Please tell your friends to come see us.

George O'Leary



## AED Devices & 911 Phones

We have one Automated External Defibrillator (AED) device and 911 Emergency phone located in our Breezeway near the Office. Stay tuned to "The Villager" for upcoming CPR and AED classes. You could save a life!



## Safety from Wildlife

The weather is cooling and this is a time when rattlesnakes might seek the warmth of a cozy asphalt street after sundown. For maximum safety, carry a flashlight when you are walking at night, keep pets on a leash, and remain alert to an unlikely, but possible encounter.



## Speed Limit

Also please observe the 10-mph speed limit inside the park.

# For Club Leaders

## *The East Villager* Submissions

Club leaders may now submit articles for “*The Villager*” online:

[eastnewsletter@rinconcountry.com](mailto:eastnewsletter@rinconcountry.com)

Please observe the following guidelines for submitting articles for *The Villager*. **The deadline for the monthly Villager is the 5th day of the month prior to issue date.** For example, the deadline for the October Villager is September 5.

Include times, dates, room locations, and contact names and numbers. Please do not **bold**, underline or use ALL CAPITALS. Please keep articles to 150 words or less.



I'm OK

Here at RCE we want to make sure you are A-OK! The “I’m Okay Club” is a program for guests and residents who are living alone.

Once you sign up with the Activity Office, you must call in daily before 10:00 am. This is just a daily check-in by phone that allows us to make sure you are OK. If you don’t call in by 10:00 am, we will try and reach you. If we are unsuccessful, we will come to your house and check on you.

Please stop by the Activity Office to sign up.



# GUESS THE ACTOR

## Wednesday Morning Coffee & Donuts

To go along with our movie theme this season, each month in our newsletter, we will put a picture of a famous actor or actress drinking a cup of joe! If you know who this mystery man is, come into the Activity Office and put his name on a piece of paper and put it in our “Guess The Actor” box for your chance to win a free ticket to one of our events next season! We will pick the winner at the last coffee this season! You need to be present to win.

Make sure to join us for a free donut and cup of coffee in the Auditorium on Wednesday mornings. Bring your own mug and fill it up with hot coffee (regular or decaf) or hot water for tea. As you pass through the hall between the Rec. Hall and Auditorium, select a donut.

We’ll give you important park news hot off the press, and there will usually be a brief message from our coffee sponsor. Doors open at 8:30 am. Coffee and donuts will be served at 9:00 as our program begins. See you there!

April Coffee Sponsors:

April 3: Able Refrigeration

April 10: Activity Office







# WELCOME APRIL



The sun is coming out more and more around RCE and the pool is getting busier and busier by the day! It is so nice to see people walking around in shorts and enjoying the sunshine!

Although the Activity Office will be closing on April 15, we are still keeping busy in those first few weeks for sure! We have some exciting shuttles in April to include:

- ♦ Tucson Botanical Gardens and the Out of the Woods Exhibition; Old Tucson tribute night to John Wayne with the showing of Rio Bravo under the stars; Gaslight Theater presents Back to the Past; DeGrazia's Gallery in the Sun with lunch at El Charro.

We are also holding our last dance for the season with the Spur of the Moment band. This is our "Hello Summer" party so get out those flip flops and get ready to dance the night away!

We have enjoyed bringing you a season with new events, shuttles and seminars. We will be working on creating new events for next season and really appreciate everyone who turned in their surveys from last month's newsletter. Your opinion really does matter and we love providing new entertainment for everyone.

Our theme for next season will be all about traveling back through the decades! We will have great parties, dances and performers spanning from the 1920's up to the grooving 1970s! Make sure to check our online calendar at [www.rinconcountry.com](http://www.rinconcountry.com) starting in September to see what fun we will be getting up to in 2019 - 2020!

We would like to thank all of you so much for supporting the Activity Office this season. We especially would like to thank all of the volunteers who have given their time and energy to help make RCE such an amazing place to be!

If you are leaving us this summer, safe travels home and we hope to see you next season!

If you are braving the hot summers in Tucson, then make sure to come out for Wednesday coffees held by the Summer Buddies to find out what activities will be taking place during the summer months.

Till next season!

Shannon Kemlo, Activity Director

Mary Kaehr, Assistant Activity Director



# NEWS FROM THE MAIN OFFICE



Happy April...and don't get fooled! Well, it looks like spring has finally arrived at Rincon Country. The long awaited warmer temps are finally here. It has been a news worthy winter but we are grateful to have our sunny days back. The lawn and flowers have never looked better. Hope everyone has enjoyed meeting neighbors both new and familiar. The office would like to thank the Activity Office for providing endless lists of activities and outings. We have especially enjoyed the many talented vendors at our very own farmers markets/craft fairs. As this season wraps up, we have started booking for next season and look forward to seeing everyone again soon. Wishing everyone a fun summer whichever direction the summer breeze takes you!

Joanne and Jasmine



## **New to Tucson or Rincon Country East?**

New to Tucson or Rincon Country East? Rincon Country East has a wonderful group of resident volunteers who dedicate their time to welcoming and helping newcomers just like you. As an RCE newcomer, you are invited to attend a free program run by our Orientation Ambassador, Marion Burns. Learn where you can find the best places to shop, eat out and sightsee in Tucson and surrounding area. Learn where to find the nearest grocery store, post office, RV supply store and other places you may wish to visit during your stay. This is a great resource if you want to get an insider's scoop about RCE facilities, clubs and activities. Attend an orientation and you'll make new friends and feel at home at Rincon Country East in no time. Orientations follow Club Coffee on Saturdays at 10:00 am in the Card Room. Walk-ins are welcome.

# Announcements



## How You Can Help

We are always looking for volunteers around RCE. Here are some of the ways that you can lend a helping hand:

- ◆ Proofreading
- ◆ Set Up and Clean Up at Events
- ◆ Ticket Taking at Events
- ◆ Burly Boys/GAG Crew
- ◆ RCE Decorators

Please come to the Activity Office for more information on how you can help.



## About the RCE Shuttle

Unless otherwise noted, admission fees and meals are not included in the trip prices shown. The driver is in charge of actual departure times.

The shuttle can accommodate 12 passengers on a first-come, first-served basis.

Sign up for all trips in the Activity Office. All trips under 100 miles are free. The charge varies for trips over 100 miles.

**On all trips a 24-hour notice of cancellation must be given to avoid a \$15 charge.**



## About RCE Food Events: BYOS “Green” Initiative

Please be advised that unless otherwise noted, ALL breakfasts, lunches, dinners and other food events sponsored by RCE are “BYOS.” This means “bring your own service” - plate, fork, etc. Together, we will reduce the volume of disposable waste that ends up in landfills.



# RCE 2018-2019

## October 2018

We started off the season with the Pass the Torch party where the Summer Buddies officially passed the activity torch to the Activity Office to take over for the season! What a party it was! We had shuttles to the Arizona State Museum, Mini Time Machine Museum and Biosphere 2. We made sure to keep you well fed on those trips as well, stopping at restaurants like Pelio Greek Traverna and the Oracle Patio Café! We also had a ghostly time at our Ghostbusters themed Halloween dance.





# SEASON IN REVIEW

## November 2018

What a busy November we had with shuttles to the All Soul's Procession, Davis Monthan AFB Boneyard Tour, Roadrunner's Hockey games, the Gaslight Theater and history tours of the University of AZ campus just to name a few. We also started off our season with some great seminars from Saguaro National Park, Understanding Medicare, the International Wildlife Museum and Border Patrol. We honored all of our RCE Veterans with a great celebration day and a dance with the Rainy Daze Band. We celebrated Thanksgiving together as friends over turkey and gravy and had our Wizard of Oz themed Welcome Home dance with Two's Company!





# RCE 2018-2019

## December 2018

December was full of Christmas cheer and we still kept busy with shuttles to the Botanical Gardens Luminaria Lights, Tucson Symphony Orchestra's Cirque Holiday, the Titan Missile Museum, 4th Ave Fall Street Fair, the holiday show at Gaslight Theater in Oro Valley and the Lights of the World demonstration. We had performers such as the Catalina Community Choir, and Kids Unlimited to entertain us. We also enjoyed the 60s Garage Band for our Christmas Dance. We started our Sip N Paint nights and enjoyed our Breakfast at Tiffany's themed Ladies Luncheon. We also started our Desert Breakfast at Saguaro National Park East! We sang Christmas carols and enjoyed homemade cookies with friends. We shared our Christmas together with friends, family and yummy food to share!





# SEASON IN REVIEW

January 2019

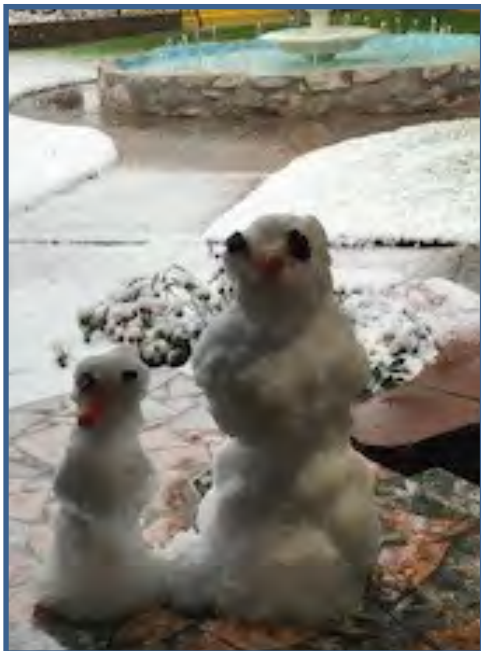
We welcomed in the New Year in proper RCE style with the best party ever with music from the Cornerstone Band. We themed the night after the Academy Awards and even had our own Joan Rivers to greet guests when they arrived. We enjoyed music from Brian Kabala and danced the night away with the Retro 7 Swing Band. We started our Brown Bag Forums this month as well where we hear all kinds of interesting adventures from local residents. We enjoyed shuttles taking us to Tombstone, the University of Arizona Public Arts tour and the Queen Mine Tour in Bisbee. We started a conversational Spanish class and also took part in some great classes/seminars such as CPR from Save a Life Foundation and AARP Smart Driver's Course. We also hosted the Meet the Clubs event and our RCE annual health fair!



# RCE 2018-2019

## February 2019

This was the month of love with Valentines Day and boy were we loving February! We shuttled to the Gaslight Theater, Mesa Swapmeet, Tucson Rodeo Parade, Tucson Quilt Festival, St. Anthony's Greek Monastery, and the Gem Show to name a few. We had some amazing entertainment with Let's Go to the Movies, Saturday Night Fever themed disco, the 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration, the Jukebox Junqies entertained us on Valentine's Day and of course, who could forget Elvis? We celebrated our residents and guests with our annual Appreciation Lunch which was soon followed by our burst of snow in the desert!





# SEASON IN REVIEW

## March 2019

With the warmer weather, we made sure to still keep busy and what a great March we had! We took the shuttle to a variety of places to include the Cultural and Culinary Taste of Tucson tour, the Tucson Symphony Orchestra Grand Canyon Suite, the Spring Artisans Market, the Davis Monthan AFB Air Show, and the W:ak Pow Wow. The Tucson Wildlife Center, American Cancer Society, City of Tucson Recycling and SkyMed also joined us in March to hold informational seminars. We rocked around the clock with Mr. Boogie Woogie, the 60s Garage Band, Two's Company and we welcomed back Kids Unlimited. We also enjoyed our Farmer's Markets and Craft Fairs for January, February and March!



# CLUB FUN 2018-2019

RCE Clubs are the best! Not only do we offer a huge variety of clubs to choose from, but our clubs also put on some great events during the season for sure! Here are some pictures from the various clubs and events throughout the season.



Astronomy Club Horse Races



Dog Agility presents Monroe Crossing



Lapidary presents Johnny Bencomo



Annual Photo Show by Photo Club



Smoothie Bar by Rincon Country Singers



# FRIENDS & FUN

We have had a great season for sure. One thing that makes RCE so special is the friendships that are built in the desert. Here are some of the pictures from this season of gathering of friends.





# SATURDAY CLUB COFFEES

We want to say a very big thank you to Kathy Payne and Judy Sinkular for entertaining our residents every Saturday morning. Here are some of the crazy outfits that they wore throughout the season. How fun are these two?!







## RCE SHUTTLE EXCURSIONS

Save gas and save the parking hassle; ride the RCE Shuttle to many exciting local events and area attractions. The RCE Shuttle will drop you off and pick you up at easy-access locations.

**Sign up for these trips early! Space is limited to 12 passengers!**

**RIDE FREE on ALL trips under 100 miles round trip!**



### Tucson Botanical Gardens: Out of the Woods –Celebrating Trees in Public Gardens

**April 2 • 10:00 a.m. • Breezeway**

Enjoy the beauty of the Tucson Botanical Gardens while viewing Out of the Woods - Celebrating Trees in Public Gardens Exhibition by the American Society of Botanical Artists and the New York Botanical Gardens. This Exhibition features forty-four artworks, from artists from all over the country, and depicts one of the planets most important and beautiful resources.

Enjoy the Botanical Gardens grounds after you look around the Out of the Woods exhibit, marvel at the Butterfly Magic exhibit or head over to the Café Botanica for lunch.

Admission to the Botanical Gardens: Seniors \$13.00 pp.



### Degrazia Gallery in the Sun

**April 4 • 9:30 a.m. • Breezeway • Ride Free**

“The gallery was designed by me. I wanted to have the feeling of the Southwest. I wanted to build it so that my paintings would feel good inside.” – Ettore “Ted” DeGrazia

What started as a small construction project in the early 1950s developed into a 10-acre National Historic District designed and built by acclaimed Arizona artist Ettore “Ted” DeGrazia. A true Renaissance man, DeGrazia experimented with all forms of artistic expression, from oils and watercolors, sketches to ceramics and bronze sculptures though his main focus was oil painting. Today, the Gallery in the Sun’s permanent collection holds more than 15,000 of DeGrazia’s original works of art.

After working up an appetite gazing at beautiful artwork, dine in one of the best restaurants in Tucson - El Charro Cafe Ventana!

Admission to the Gallery in the Sun: \$8.00 pp.

Price for lunch to be paid for separately.

## RCE SHUTTLE EXCURSIONS



### Old Tucson Outdoor screening of Rio Bravo

April 6 • 5:00 p.m. • Breezeway

See how the west was won at this special 60th anniversary outdoor screening of the 1959 Shot at Old Tucson classic, Rio Bravo, shown on The Loft Cinema's giant inflatable screen near the adobe ruins used in the film! See the sets of the four John Wayne films shot at Old Tucson, plus enjoy John Wayne trivia before the show. Delicious food and drinks will be available for sale, including a full bar, theater snacks and Big Jake's BBQ sandwiches. And tell 'em John Wayne sent ya!

Filmed on location at legendary Old Tucson Studios, the thrilling 1959 Western Rio Bravo stands tall as one of the all-time greats of the genre.

This screening will take place outdoors at Old Tucson. Please bring your own seating. Bleacher seating is also available.

Purchase your tickets in the Activity Office for \$6.00 pp.



### Bocce News

The Bocce Regular season will begin January 6, 2020! If you already have a team or know that you would like to participate next season, please contact Jean Pionke, Lot #127, (608)697-3482 or email [jeanpionke@gmail.com](mailto:jeanpionke@gmail.com).



### End of Season Walk About Sale

April 6 • 7:30 a.m.

One person's junk is another person's treasure! If you have some items that you would like to sell, this is the time to do it! Make sure to come to the Activity Office before hand to fill out an index card for display telling people your lot number and some idea of what you are selling.

### ACTIVITY OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Friday  
9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Closed Saturday & Sunday

Tel: 520-296-4651



# ***RCE/RCW Charter Trip***

## ***San Carlos, Mexico***

**February 12 - 15, 2020**

**Valentine's Day**

**\$599.99 double occupancy**

**\$200.00 deposit**

**\$399.00 due December 31, 2019**

**Valid passport with expiration six months after departure will be required by 12/31/2019.**



***Includes 3 nights hotel accommodations, motor coach transportation, immigration permits, daily breakfast, four lunches, three dinners, all sightseeing per itinerary, taxes, entrance fee, gratuities for bag handlers, English speaking tour manager one single tour complementary.***

### **DAY 1 – San Carlos**

Today we will have an early morning departure. We will be crossing the Border into Mexico at Nogales and lunch will be at Santa Ana. A stop in route in the capital city of Hermosillo at the Plaza Zaragoza visiting the Cathedral and the Government Palace with the opportunity to view the interesting murals depicting the history of Sonora. Our arrival to San Carlos will be before sunset. The Marina Terra hotel will be our home for the next three nights. (L D)

### **DAY 2 – San Carlos**

After breakfast, we will depart for a morning cruise on the Sea of Cortes and a visit to San Carlos resort. Return for lunch at the hotel, and the evening is leisure time for you to enjoy the pool or visit the Marina shops. (B L D)

### **DAY 3 – San Carlos.**

Breakfast at the hotel and depart for a visit to the Port of Guaymas, with time for shopping. We will also visit the Pearl Farm and lunch in a local restaurant. Plenty of time during the afternoon for a round of optional golf or just relaxing. This evening our farewell dinner will be at the Bonifacio's Club. (B L D)

### **DAY 4 - Departure from San Carlos.**

After breakfast we depart San Carlos. Lunch will be in route and we will arrive home during the afternoon (B L)



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