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DESERT SUN CONDOMINIUMS APACHE JUNCTION, AZ

# DESERT SUN NEWSLETTER

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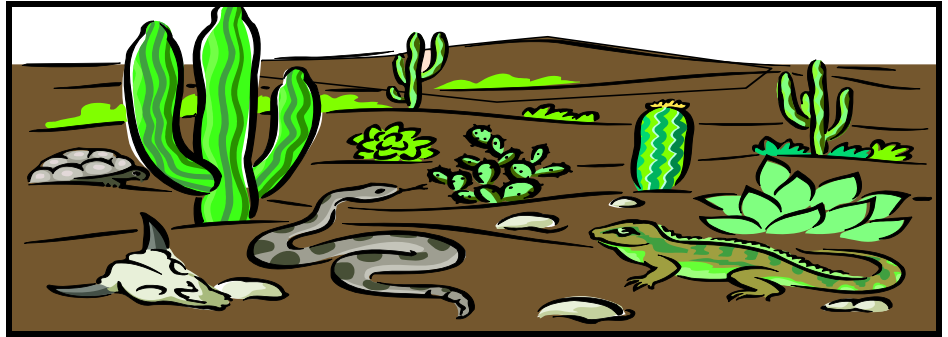
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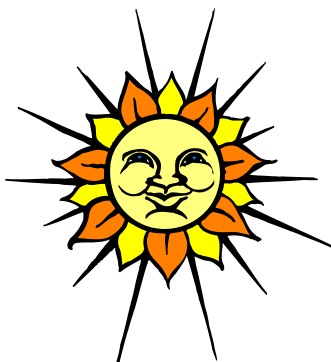
## *BOARD OF DIRECTORS PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE...*

First and foremost I would like to welcome everyone back to the valley of the sun. As usual, I was very impressed with how Desert Sun our "home away from home" looked. Rob and Jill worked extremely hard to get many projects completed or underway to improve the overall appearance of Desert Sun. This is a list of what was done to the best of my knowledge.

1. Four of eight building have their metal second floor railing painted
2. Removed, replaced and relocated the irrigation line on south side of building #2.
3. Drained and cleaned both water features.
4. Added small retaining wall on the east side of mini golf and stuccoed by building #7.
5. Repaired crumbling stem wall on building #1.
6. Lighted gated areas of dog run, west end is completed and east end is to be completed soon.
7. Drained and cleaned the pool, spa and repaired tile as needed.
8. Painted and spruced up men's and women's restrooms

Some other additional item's done during the summer was extension of the handicap ramp by west pool sidewalk. Also four new bench type seat/tables were purchased for use by the pickle ball court. We have some additional agenda item's that must be worked on, but with the help of First Service and very strong membership on the board, I'm sure all will be worked out. Last by not least I would like to mention that if you have a concern because of any issue at Desert Sun, please go to the office and put it in writing, sign it, and turn it in to Jill. She will turn the concerns over to First Service and they will be handled in an appropriate manner. A special thanks to all volunteers who help make this a better place to live. The next two board meetings are December 8th and January 12th @ 9:00 am in the clubhouse. I look forward to seeing everyone.

Max T. von Dahlen





Thanks for the Donuts  
From the Birthday Celebrations and Anniversaries!

**First Service Residential**

**Call 480-551-4300**

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**First Service Customer Care Center**

**24/7**

**Community Manager**

**PAUL SCHWARTZ**

COMING EVENTS  
TO REMEMBER!

- 8:00 AM (Every Monday Morning Coffee and Rolls)
- Tuesday Texas Hold'em Poker 7 PM in the Clubhouse
- Misc. Card Games in Clubhouse Tues. 7 PM
- Tues. & Thurs. Bridge in Library 6:45 PM
- Wednesday Bingo 7 PM
- Tuesday Line Dancing at 1:00 PM in the Clubhouse
- Shuffleboard M-W-F at 10:00 AM
- Movie Night in the Clubhouse on Sat. Nights at 7:00 PM
- Golf Card Game Sun. 7 PM

*Get Well, Birthdays, Anniversaries and Sympathy...*

- Happy Birthday to Cinda Tanner, John O'Daniel 80th (Sept.13) Pat Kraimer, Judy Johnson, Bruce Barkosky, Marlene Wold, Verdon Sorensen and Marv Masching
- Our Sympathy to the families of John Greskowiak, Dale Keyes, Ruth Brown, Nancy Koss, Bill Lindsay, Inga Meuser and Georgia Von Bockel in their passing away. Also sympathy to Pat Kraimer in the passing of her sister in Mesa.
- Get Well to Jim Lial who fell breaking his "good" knee!
- Get Well to Lewis Roderick who has had treatments during the summer and is back at DS!
- Get Well to Vonnie Anderson who is recovering following a pacemaker procedure.
- Get Well to David Larson in Idaho who has had heart surgery.
- Get well to Shirley Weatherly who has had a stroke following pacemaker procedures.
- Get Well to Joyce Jenkins having had shoulder surgery
- Get Well to Ron Luecke 402 who had 4 by-pass surgeries.
- Get Well to Don Gasser who fell down stairs and broke several bones in his back.
- Get Well to Eileen Barnwell who has returned home after a lengthy recovery from her car accident.



*WEEKLY Events...*

- Golf sign up sheets are on the Bulletin Board.
- Blood Pressure checks byweekly Jan Rath & Linda von Dahlen in the Clubhouse starting Wed. Dec.2 8:00-9:00 AM
- Contact Max or Steve K. concerning Exercise Equipment needs
- A Hiking Coordinator is wanted.
- Water Volleyball every afternoon starting at 3:00 PM except Sunday
- Line Dancing is on Tuesdays in the Clubhouse. 1:00 for Beginners and Advanced at 1:30.
- Quilting is Wednesday from 10-12 in the Clubhouse.
- Flagpole Activities are on Tues. & Fri. at 1:00 PM.
- Bunco is once a month on Friday Nights in the Library at 7:00 PM.



All of the listed events will be starting and posted on the calendar of events posted by the Activity Committee. Check the Bulletin Board in the Clubhouse for signing up for events and seeing when activities start.

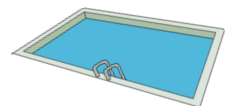
## ***FIRST SERVICE MANAGER....***

Paul Schwartz has been assigned as the new Community Manager through FirstService Residential. Paul has been with FirstService for almost one year as he is new to Arizona. Paul moved to Arizona from Ohio in July of 2014 with his wife (a native Phoenician) and their 3 children, ages 13, 11 and 6. They currently reside in Chandler, near family, who also moved back to Phoenix. Paul has 17 years of experience in the HOA management industry and is looking forward to working with the Board, Rob and Jill and all the residents. If you see Paul walking in the community be sure to stop and introduce yourself as he is eager to get to know us.



## ***APPRECIATION...***

- Thanks to the Volunteers working with Rob since returning to Desert Sun.
- Thanks to the Volunteers Elly McCarn and Lavonne McCormick for once again putting on their shade bonnets and picking up fallen fruit under the trees.
- Thanks to Bryan Hogg for  deciphering the Chinese directions for putting the new spectator benches in the Pickle Ball Stadium!!! These are available for the cheering spectator crowd!
- Thanks to Dick Devney for  painting and sprucing up Golf Cart #3! Guess the color!
- Thanks to Our Desert Sun Staff of Rob and Jill who have worked hard trimming, cleaning and making improvements throughout Desert Sun!!
- Thanks to the Pancake Breakfast Leadership for getting the first Pancake Breakfast off to a good start. Thanks to all the staff assisting with this event. Due to increased costs the Breakfast is \$5.00. Support this activity by attending and working if possible.
- Thank you to Cinda and Bill Tanner for starting the Volunteer Cover the Pool Project. A sign up sheet is on the bulletin board for those wanting to assist with covering the pool.



## *Salute our Veterans.....*

- Alton Hegvik recently participated in the Honor Flight to Washington, DC Oct. 18-19, 2015. Alton is a Wounded WWII veteran and attended the event with Dorothy. He loves to tell others about this experience, so talk with him about it.
- Charles W. Lindberg of Richfield, MN was in the original raising of the first flag on Iwo Jima. Six of those originals were killed in duty. Charles has spoken to schools in Richfield for years. He passed away recently. Charles is originally from Grand Forks, ND. The Iwo Jima special was on TV last week and can be bought in Video Stores. Google Charles W. Lindberg.
- At Desert Sun we have several members of the Armed Forces who were acknowledged at coffee. We appreciate all of you serving our country. Job Well Done!!!



## *THIS AND THAT...*

- Tool Shed - If you are a homeowner and in need of a tool in the evening or on weekends you may get the combination for the tool shed.
- Emcees Needed for Coffee Meetings - Please contact Activity Committee members if you are interested. A meeting outline is provided for this duty.
- Please fold boxes and flatten cardboard to be put in the Recycle Container. Put only beverage cans in the baskets by the Water Station. No other garbage. Other garbage goes in the big blue container.
- If you see anyone taking cans from the area stop them and report them. Our can thief may strike again!
- The fruit on the trees belongs to everyone. Please take only what you can enjoy eating for the day!
- DOG ISSUES
  1. Be sure to keep your dog away from the grass areas, plants, bushes, and trees.
  2. Use the Dog Run behind the Mini Golf Course. Gate key available from Jill in the office.
  3. Take your dog outside the Condo property for walks and to do their business.
  4. Be sure to scoop, bag, and dispose of poop.
  5. Grass areas are for Resident activities only.
- A big Thank You to Rob for clearing and raking an area for pets behind the gated wall; also for adding lights to this area too.



### ATTENTION RESIDENTS

- Do not throw garbage, rotting fruit, meat bones or your used renovation supplies over the wall into the dog run. Use the garbage bins please!
- Clubhouse Fridges just a reminder to store any extra personal items in the SILVER stainless steel fridge or freezer only! The WHITE fridge is only for confectionary items such as ice cream, pop, and candy bars. Leave your payment in the money jar in the fridge.

## ***DECEMBER EVENTS....***

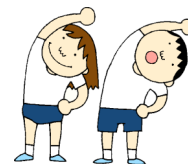
### **ACTIVITIES**

#### **MORNING STRETCH EXERCISES**

Tuesdays & Thursdays 8:00 am – 8:30 am in the Clubhouse

Join us for a safe, controlled exercise session in the Clubhouse. We have a series of Miranda Esmonde-White exercise videos focusing on reducing pain, increasing joint mobility and giving you a fresh start to the day. A no impact, low key chance to achieve greater range of motion, strengthen spine and improve your posture. Sessions can be done standing or sitting. Bring your desire for living well and pain free.

**MOTION IS THE LOTION**



#### **PICKLEBALL**



#### **FASTEST GROWING SPORT IN NORTH AMERICA**

**PICKLEBALL** is a fun game for all ages. Pickleball is a racquet sport that combines elements of badminton, tennis and ping pong. It is the fastest growing sport for 55+ population in North America. Come on out and give it a try.

Paddles and balls are available in the box on the court by the swimming pool. This is a court game, please wear appropriate footwear and don't forget to bring some water.

WHEN: Play anytime during the day

Monday – Friday 9 am – 10 am

Need lessons? Work on strategy? Contact Glenda Sharpe Condo #420

#### **HIKING**

The Desert Sun Hiking Group will be meeting on Wednesday mornings at 8 am in front of the Clubhouse to hike various trails in the Apache Junction area. Hikes will be lead by different leaders each week and will typically be 2-3 hours long and fairly easy hikes. Please wear a hat, sunscreen, proper hiking shoes, and clothes. Bring lots of water, snack, camera and hiking poles/stick.



**WATCH THE CLUBHOUSE BULLETIN BOARD FOR EACH WEEKS**

**HIKE DESTINATION**

#### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

1. **Coffee- individuals to make coffee and buy donuts for Monday morning Coffee.**
2. **Pool Coverage – we need two people Monday to Friday night at 10 pm as well as Saturday & Sunday at 8 pm to cover pool for the night.**
3. **Plant Coverage – we need interested people to cover plants when temperatures might frost our plants**



# MORE FROM ACTIVITIES .....

## BUNCO

*Need 16 people who like to have fun, laugh and meet others in this fast pace dice rolling game. Bunco is a popular social dice game, traditionally played with 16 players who are divided into 4 tables with 4 players at each table.*

**When:** Friday, December 4th  
**Time:** 7- 9 pm  
**Where:** Library Card Room  
**Cost:** Bring \$5 to play

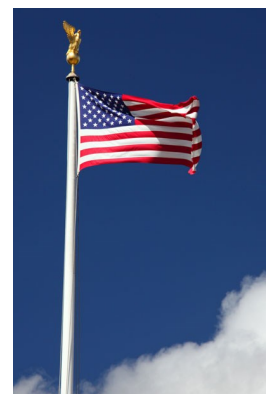
**Sign up NOW!**  
**What kind of a LUCKY SHAKER are YOU?**

## FLAGPOLE FUN ACTIVITIES

**Come on out and PLAY!**

Experience one of our many fun activities each Friday afternoon with fellow residents. Learn the game, play a mini tourney, have fun while getting a bit of exercise. Meet in front of the Flag Pole.

- Friday December 4<sup>th</sup> Bocce
- Friday December 11<sup>th</sup> Ladder Golf
- Friday December 18 Croquet



## MINI GOLF

**Fridays 4:30 pm**

The mini golf course has been painted and has new carpeting. There are some new challenges on each of the holes so come on down to the west end of the complex, bring some friends and let's shoot for a hole-in-one.

## LINE DANCING

**Tuesdays 1 pm – Beginners 1:30 pm – Advanced**

Come on out and learn how to line dance and hee haw. This is a fun group and you will learn how to do the Electric Slide, Boot Scootin Boogie or the Canadian Stomp. No partners needed and you will learn the repeated sequence of steps and in no time you will be dancing with the stars of Desert Sun.



## PANCAKE BREAKFAST

**Saturday December 12<sup>th</sup> – 8 AM**

Here's your chance to eat breakfast OUT in the Clubhouse. Scrumptious eggs, pancakes and sausages, orange juice annnnnnd of course COFFEEEEEE! \$5.

## ***DECEMBER ACTIVITIES CONT.....***

### **CHRISTMAS CAROLLING**

Sunday December 20th at 6:30 pm will be the time to bring out your voices for Christmas Carolling around the Complex. We know you have that "Fa, La, La, La" in you so bring your voices, a flashlight, some bells for some evening fun. Treats to follow in the Clubhouse...maybe Santa will even show up?

### **CHRISTMAS DINNER**

Friday, December 25<sup>th</sup>

Social Hour – 4 pm          Dinner 5 pm

Turkey, Dressing and Gravy will be furnished. Look for the sign up sheet for bringing your special dish to compliment the best dinner ever!

### **NEW YEARS PARTY**

Dance the night away with DJ Art Comstock December 31<sup>st</sup> at our New Year's Dance in the Clubhouse at 8 pm. Bring a snack to share and your dancing shoes. Prize for person who can stay awake till Midnight and shut down the music!

### **POLAR BEAR PLUNGE**

Welcome the New Year by taking a "chilly" pool dip at 9 am on New Year's Day. Wear your favourite bathing suit and hat. Seven brave partiers made the dip this past January first...let's see if we can get more people out to cleanse their souls.

