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DESERT SHADOWS

The Desert Sun

Resort Activities

MERRY CHRISTMAS DESERT SHADOWS!!! I hope everyone is enjoying the season so far. It's a wonderful feeling to be surrounded by so many friendly and caring people. **WELCOME HOME** if you are arriving this month and **WELCOME TO THE RESORT** if you are **NEW** to our **RESORT!!!**

November 14th was **NATIONAL PICKLE DAY!** I had (3) jars of Pickles in my office for you to guess how many pickles were in each jar. The winners are: **PAT BAKER – JAR 1** – she guessed 28 and there were 27 pickles in the jar. **JAR 2** had 47 pickles in it (the sliced ones) and **Polly Ryan** won with a guess of 50. **JAR 3** was won by **Margaret Aman** with a guess of 30, there were 29 pickles in the big jar. **Congrats Winners, Enjoy those pickles!** Thank you to all that participated.

Please remember that I make posters of all the month's activities and post them near the mailboxes on the backside of the shuffleboard score boards, on the bulletin boards outside of the Activities Office, on the bulletin boards in the lobby and on the bulletin boards in the card room. I list everything in the Newsletter and on the Calendar. I know it can be hard to remember everything that's going on, so I would like to

start doing email or text message blasts. Currently I try and post reminders on the Desert Shadows Facebook Page however I know not everyone is on Facebook. I have survey sheets in my office and will make available at the Dances etc. to fill out. Social Media isn't going to go away so I might as well join in.

My Christmas Wish for everyone is to have a **BLESSED SEASON** and **HAPPY NEW YEAR!** Hugs!!! Donna, your Activities Director.

CHRISTMAS PARTY/SHOW:

Join us for our annual Christmas Party and Show on Wednesday, December 11th at 5:30pm in the Front Auditorium. Tickets are required and available in the Activities Office for \$5.00 each. Please bring your favorite beverages and Christmas treats. We will have coffee, hot apple cider, and tables for goodies if you want to share with everyone. At 6:00pm **WILLOW STRING QUARTET** will be performing for us, they are a group of 4 young ladies singing and playing Violins for us. They performed at a Showcase I attended a few years ago and I was finally able to book them this year. After their performance we will do the drawings for the many door prizes I have.

ACTIVITIES OFFICE HOURS

TUESDAY– FRIDAY

9:00 - 12:00 ; 1:00 - 3:00

SATURDAY: 9:00– 12:00

ACTIVITIES OFFICE PHONE

623-869-9224

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FRONT OFFICE HOURS

WEEKDAYS 8:30 am – 4:00 pm

SATURDAY 8:30 am – 4:00 pm

SUNDAY 8:30 am —4:00 pm

OFFICE PHONE 623-869-8178

Website: www.PhoenixRVresorts.com

More Activities

DECEMBER DANCES:

7th – Come Back Buddy (50's Sock Hop)

14th – Saguaro Sunset (Ugly Christmas Sweater/T-shirt)

21st – Cactus Wine (Christmas Dance)

31st – Classic Example (New Years' Eve)

Our dances are on Saturday Nights from 7:00pm – 10:00pm in the Front Auditorium. With the Exception of our New Years' Eve Dance which is on Tuesday Night from 8:15pm – 12:15am.

Tickets are \$7.00 each for our Regular Saturday Night Dances if purchased in advance in the Activities Office, Tickets are available at the door for \$8.00. New Year's Eve tickets are available now. Residents cost is \$15.00 each and Non-Residents are \$20.00 each. Cost for New Years' Eve tickets at the door are \$20.00 each, no guarantee to have any seats available, so please get your tickets as soon as possible. You may bring your own snacks and beverages to the dances.

Thank you to VALLE LUNA MEXICAN Restaurant on 33RD and Bell, for their gracious donation of (4) \$25 gift certificates. Please remembered to thank them when redeemed. They have a wonderful atmosphere, great food and awesome margaritas. If you haven't been there check them out.

LIBRARY NEWS:

We invite you to check out our fully stocked library with hard and paperback books. We also have some videos. You only need to find what you want and take it with you. Please place your returns in the baskets under the shelves. Our Library Shelves are full. We really appreciate all the donations of books, puzzles, dvd's that you have so graciously donated to share with others. If you have other books to donate, we request you bring them to Savers at 35th Avenue and Bell or to a Goodwill. Thank you for your cooperation.

KARAOKE & DANCING:

Friday, December 27th at 6:00pm in the Front Auditorium is our Karaoke and Dancing Night. Even if you don't sing well (like me) it's a lot of fun. Bring your own beverages and snacks and join in!

DECORATE FOR CHRISTMAS PARTY:

Monday, December 2nd at 10:30am you are invited to join us in the Front Auditorium to help Decorate the Auditorium for Christmas and Trim the Tree in the Lobby. Cookies, Hot Apple Cider and Coffee will be available for all the decorators. PLEASE JOIN US!

CHRISTMAS PARADE:

Our Annual Christmas Parade is on Tuesday, December 17th at 6:30pm. Decorate your golf carts, bicycles, motor cycles, your dogs, yourselves and be lined up outside my office by 6:30pm and we will drive around the entire resort. We always have a great time. Those of you not in the Parade, please pop outside and see us.

CHRISTMAS DINNER:

JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER ON DECEMBER 25TH at 1:00pm in the Front Auditorium. Sign-Up sheet is on the white board in the lobby. One person per Line. Each person will bring a dish to share with their table. The resort will provide HAM. Please bring your own table settings and beverages. If you have friends or family that you want to invite, they are welcome, they just need to bring a dish to share as well.

MOVIE MATINEE:

Sunday, December 1st at 3:00pm in the Back Auditorium there will be a showing of "THE ART OF RACING IN THE RAIN" rated PG. Admission is free, fresh popped popcorn, soda and water is available for purchase.

GAME NIGHT:

This month's GAME NIGHT is Friday, December 6th at 6:00pm in the Front Auditorium. We're going to play "Family Feud". No sign-up required and no cost to come and play or watch. I will have prizes!

SEWING GROUP:

Chris will be doing a Sew & Take on Monday, December 2nd at 10:00am in the Back Auditorium. Bring your sewing machine and notions. We will also discuss what you want to sew this season! If you have questions call Chris at 623-440-9200.

QUILTING GROUP:

The quilters are going to do more community works this season. December they are going to prepare gift boxes for the homeless. They are asking our community for donations to help out. They are looking for donations of socks, granola bars, drinks, toothbrushes, toothpaste, samples of shampoo and conditioner, body wash, etc. They will be making a lunch for them as well for the box. So contributions of mayo, mustard, lunch meat, cheese, chips, lunch bags, saran wrap, Hawaiian Rolls, string cheese. Cash donations would also be appreciated and your donation will be put towards purchasing these items. Please drop off your donations at Lot # 587 (Karen Seat) or you can drop off at the Activities Office. All donations will be needed by December 17th, as the next day they will be assembled and packaged and Delivered. If you want to assist in assembling it will be on Dec. 18th at 9am at Lot #587. Thank you!

SATURDAY MORNING SOCIALS:

Join us at 7:30am for Donuts (.75 each) and Muffins (\$1.25 each) in the Front Auditorium on December 7th, 21st and 28th. We have FREE COFFEE for you as well. It's a great time to visit with your neighbors. If there are any donuts and muffins left over, they will be available in the Activities Office for you to purchase 9am –noon.

BINGO:

Thursday Evenings we enjoy BINGO in the Front Auditorium. Game sheets are sold from 6pm thru 6:45pm. Bingo starts after the money is counted and divided between the games. We play 10 regular games and 2 Jackpot Coverall's, to play one game sheet of every game it costs \$4.00. However, you may purchase as many game sheets as you would like to play. Must be 18 years of age or older to attend. So grab your bingo daubers (we sell them too) and try your luck, you may be a WINNER! In celebration of Christmas, there will be no Bingo on December 26th.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL:

Join us Wednesday, December 18th at 1:30pm to make your own Sundae in the Front Auditorium. Tickets are \$2 when purchased in advance in the social office or \$3 at the time of the event.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST:

Our All The Pancakes You Can Eat Breakfast is on Saturday, December 14th from 8-9am in the Front Auditorium. Tickets will be on sale in the lobby that morning for \$4.00 each. We provide everything you need except if you want sugar free syrup, please bring that from home. So bring your hungry self in for breakfast. If you are interested in VOLUNTEERING to help with Pancake Breakfast, please stop by Activities Office.

CRAFT AND VENDORS DAY:

Friday, December 13th is our craft and vendor fair! Vendors are in the Front and Back Auditoriums from 10am – 1pm. Our traveling KNIFE AND SCISSOR sharpening guy "WILL", will be here this month parked in the Activities Director parking space. I try and have some NEW VENDORS at each of our events so please come check it out! Donuts go on sale by 9am in the back auditorium and our Hot Dogs and Nachos start by 11:15am.

POTLUCK DINNER/KARAOKE/DANCING:

SIGN-UP AND JOIN US on Friday, December 13th at 5:30pm in the Front Auditorium for POTLUCK DINNER, KARAOKE AND DANCING. Sign-up sheet is on the white board in the Lobby for the Potluck Dinner. If you just want to join us for Karaoke and Dancing just show up. The Potluck Dinner you will bring a dish to share with everyone and hopefully stick around for Karaoke and Dancing. Bring your own tableware and beverages for the Dinner. We've been having a great time so hope you join us!

TRIVIA NIGHT:

The 3rd Friday of each month is TRIVIA NIGHT in the Front Auditorium at 6:00pm. This month it's on Friday, December 20th. Prizes will be given to the team with the most points. We will play 5 rounds of 10 questions each, and a tie breaker question if necessary. Questions will range from easy to hard, so bring your thinking cap and a beverage from home and come have some fun!

Computer Group

COMPUTER GROUP NEWS:
Happy Holidays everyone! We have good news and bad news. The good news is that the Computer Group will re-convene on Tuesday, January 14th! We switched to

Tuesdays last year and had such a great response from attendees so we're gonna stick with that day of the week. We'll be in the room behind the auditorium, and will start at 10:30am for at least 2 hours. Bring your electronic gizmos and your questions. If questions occur to you during the week, write them down and bring them to class, 'cause you might forget.... Your question just might be the hit of the day! We can do one-on-one help during class or come to your unit to help if that works better for you.

The bad news is that we're losing Jeff Michael – Our Apple Guy. Jeff and Sandy have moved from their house to new digs back in Illinois. Their place in Desert Shadows has been put on the market as it has become difficult to keep making the trip back and forth. Jeff will continue to help folks with Apple gizmo problems, but will have to do it by phone on an individual basis.

Needless to say, we're looking for someone who would be willing to help out others with Apple gizmo issues. We'd welcome you to our group – if you're not already with us – with open arms, trumpets and fanfare!

We're always looking for ideas to present to our fellow computer users, and we'll try to make it entertaining and informative. If you have a topic you'd like to hear about, let us know by either contacting Doug at fuzzydoug@hotmail.com or Jo Ann (traderjo@gmail.com).

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Church News

Desert Shadows Interdenominational Church Welcomes You to join them on Sunday mornings at 9:00am in the Front Auditorium.

- Dec. 1 – Pastor Nova Forest – Communion/1st Advent Lay Leader Ed Jarvis
- Dec. 8 – Rev. Roger Withee – 2nd Advent Lay Leader Marge Jarvis
- Dec. 15 – Pastor Jim Bull – 3rd Advent Lay Leader Brian Lilyquist
- Dec. 22 – Pastor Nova Forest – 4th Advent Lay Leader David Genskay
- Dec. 29 – Rev. Roger Withee Lay Leader Barb Cramer

Choir Practice is held on Fridays at 2:30pm in the Front Auditorium. On Vendor Day Fridays it will be at 3:00pm in the Back Auditorium.

If you are interested in singing in the choir please show up for practice. If you are instrumentally talented, Jim is looking for YOU!!! Guitar players, drummers, etc.

The Church has been accepting donations for St. Vincent de Paul food bank. Please continue to donate through the holiday season non-perishable food items in the St. Vincent de Paul box located in the lobby near the fireplace. Thank you for your donations!

Reminders

- The speed limit in the resort is 15 mph.
- Pet Owners, Please remember to pick up your dog's waste. The resort has 4 pet run locations for your pets exercise and elimination.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 CHURCH (FA) 9AM MOVIE MATINEE 3PM (BA) "THE ART OF RACING IN THE RAIN" PG	2 DECORATE FOR CHRISTMAS PARTY! 10:30AM (FA)	3	4 GUYS AND GALS GOLF TOURNA- MENT AND DIN- NER (FA) PRIOR SIGN-UP RE- QUIRED	5 BINGO (FA) 6PM	6 GAME NIGHT (FA) 6PM FAMILY FEUD	7 DONUTS (FA) 7:30AM DANCE (FA) 7-10PM COME BACK BUD- DY (50'S SOCK HOP)
8 CHURCH (FA) 9AM	9	10	11 CHRISTMAS PARTY & SHOW (FA) 5:30PM TICKETS \$5.00 EACH	12 BINGO (FA) 6PM	13 CRAFT & VEN- DORS DAY 10AM- 1PM POTLUCK DINNER & KARAO- KE 5:30PM (FA) CHOIR 3:00PM	14 PANCAKE BREAKFAST (FA) 8-9AM DANCE (FA) 7-10PM SAGUARO SUN- SET (UGLY CHRIST- MAS SWEAT- ERTSHIRT)
15 CHURCH (FA) 9AM	16	17 CHRISTMAS PARADE 6:30PM	18 ICE CREAM SO- CIAL (FA) 1:30PM	19 BINGO (FA) 6PM	20 TRIVIA NIGHT (FA) 6PM	21 DONUTS (FA) 7:30AM DANCE (FA) 7-10PM CACTUS WINE (CHRISTMAS)
22 CHURCH (FA) 9AM	23	24 CHRISTMAS EVE!	25 MERRY CHRIST- MAS!!! DAY DIN- NER (FA) 1PM SIGN-UP SHEET IN LOBBY	26 NO BINGO	27 KARAOKE & DANCING 6PM (FA)	28 DONUTS (FA) 7:30AM NO DANCE
29 CHURCH (FA) 9AM	30	31 NEW YEARS EVE DANCE! 8:15PM – 12:15AM CLASSIC EX- AMPLE				**LEGEND** FA = FRONT AUDITORIUM BA = BACK AUDITORIUM CD = CARD ROOM CF= CRAFT ROOM
	MONDAYS *WATER AEROBICS 8:00AM *LINE DANC- ING 9:00AM *SEWING GROUP 10:00AM *PINOCHLE 1:00PM *DARTS 6:15PM *MEXICAN TRAIN DOMI- NOS 6:00PM	TUESDAYS *WATER AERO- BICS 8:00AM *QUILTERS 8:30AM *CRIBBAGE 9:30AM *CHURCH COM- MITTEE 3:00PM *BUNCO 3:00PM *500 6:00PM *AGGRAVATIO N 6:00PM *HAND & FOOT 1:00PM *BRIDGE 1:00PM	WEDNESDAYS *WATER AERO- BICS 8:00AM *LADIES GOLF 8:30AM *BEGINNERS LINE DANCING 9:00AM *PINOCHLE 1:00PM *PONYTAIL 1:00PM *WII BOWLING 3:00PM *TEXAS HOLDEM 6:00PM	THURSDAYS *WATER AEROBICS 8:00AM *SWEDISH WEAVING 10:15AM *CRIBBAGE 1:00PM *MEN'S BIL- LIARDS 1:00PM *BINGO 6:00PM	FRIDAYS *WATER AER- OBICS 8:00AM *LINE DANC- ING 9:00AM *BRIDGE 9:30AM *CHOIR PRACTICE 2:30AM	SATURDAYS *AZ RUMMY 9:30AM *MENS GOLF 9:00AM *DANCES 7-10PM

DESERT SHADOWS RV RESORT SALES

For more information, or to schedule an appointment, call (623) 734-3133.

DESERT SHADOWS IS A 55+SENIOR ADULT COMMUNITY

22	1985, On the wall, covered/paved parking, deck, add-on, wood floors, dishwasher, furnished, shed, W/D	\$30,000
43	1985 Excalibur- On the wall, deck, covered/paved parking, large back yard, W/D, add-on, Shed, New floors, New heat pump, roof recently sealed	\$45,000
86	Cavco-2 bed/1 ½ bath, covered/paved parking, front deck, upgraded heat pump, storage with W/D	\$48,000 Pending
158	1992 Nice single unit, furnished, covered parking, shed, deck with storage underneath, W/D in shed	\$32,500
164	1988, partially furnished house with covered/paved drive, W/D, wood floors and shed	\$35,000
182	1984, Newly remodeled, 2 bedroom, w/d, new wiring, new windows, new appliances, covered parking	\$65,000 Pending
322	1989, Covered/paved parking, deck, add-on, W/D, shed, newer heat pump	\$30,000
329	1984, Completely remodeled, 2 bed/1 ½ bath, deck, new Lo E windows, New doors, W/D, Attached shop, furnished, Wood floors, new room, new heat pump	\$75,000
434	1985, Remodeled, redwood deck, Paved/covered parking, W/D, New appliances, shed	\$40,000
517	1990, Completely remodeled, all new custom cabinets, floors, bathroom, 2 car Covered/paved parking, new wiring, new drywall/installation. Beautiful a must see!	\$49,500
536	1986, Covered/Paved parking, add-on, shed with W/D, new deck, new floors, new paint, new heat pump, new tile shower	\$35,000
549	1995, corner lot, 3 car covered/paved parking, new roof, new sky light, new W/D, 2 bed/1 ½ bath, new appliances	\$65,000

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING:

We had a Neighborhood watch meeting on Nov. 12th. The highlights from the meeting are: To please call 911 for a police emergency, this would include a fire or medical emergency, a crime that is in progress, if someone is violent or drunk. Please call the crime stop number which is 602-262-6151 for non-emergency assistance. This would be to report a crime that has already happened or if you see something or someone suspicious in our resort. When in doubt call 911. The same people that answer 911 also answer the non-emergency number. He says to BE A GOOD WITNESS. Remember as much about the person or the vehicle as you can. For Crime Prevention he said to purchase Quality Stuff and have it professionally installed. For bikes he suggested putting chains through both wheels and the around the frame. For your doors, he said to screw 3 inch screws in the face plate to make it harder to kick the door in. Golf Cart batteries should be stored inside instead of left in your golf cart. He highlighted to "Always Remember where you are, so you can describe where you're at for any given situation".

The have training available for Block Watch Training and to be in the Phoenix Neighborhood Patrol. If you are interested please contact Donna in the Activities Office..