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DESERT SHADOWS

The Desert Sun

Resort Activities

HAPPY SPRING EVERYONE!!!

I hope you are feeling good and enjoying your time at Desert Shadows and Phoenix. I know I'm enjoying spending time with you at various activities and events and getting to meet new people. That's one of the "perks" of my job!

I'm already planning next season's activities and hiring bands and entertainment. If you have suggestions I'm happy to hear them. If you can recommend a band or a show or food truck, please do, I appreciate it. One of our residents recommended someone for a show and I was able to secure them to come next March.

Please remember my season has been extended thru April. We will have more activities going on in April than we have had for a long time, watch for the calendar!

I also want to thank all of my Volunteers! Thank you so much for volunteering to help with Saturday donuts, decorating, hosting dances, bingo, being responsible for other weekly activities, teaching classes and everything else in between.

**YOU GUYS ROCK!!!
HUGS!!! DONNA**

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES:

Desert Shadows has a variety of regularly scheduled activities for you to participate in. Please check out the weekly list on the back of the monthly calendar. If you have any questions please stop in the Activities Office we are happy to answer your questions.

SATURDAY SOCIALS:

JOIN US at 7:30am on Saturdays, March 4th, 11th and 25th for Donuts and Coffee in the Front Auditorium. Donuts are \$1 each and coffee is complimentary. It's a great time to catch up on all the latest news with your fellow residents and if you are new in the resort you can meet some awesome people. We stop selling as soon as we're sold out, but if I have any left over I bring them to the Activities Office and they will be available when I open.

March 18th is our Mobile Donut Day due to the Rummage Sale in our resort. I will have two sets of volunteers driving around in their golf cart selling donuts and have hot free coffee to keep you energized for shopping.

If you don't know where to start remember that you have to start somewhere to get somewhere and doing NOTHING will get you nowhere.

ACTIVITIES OFFICE HOURS

TUESDAY- FRIDAY

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

SATURDAY: 9:00- 12:00

ACTIVITY 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

Activities

SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE MUSIC:

March 4th – BACKSEAT ROMANCE *7pm – 10pm (Classic Rock & Country Music 60's – 80's)
March 11th - KOOLTRAXX * 7pm-10pm
March 18th – SIGNATURE BLEND (St. Patrick's Day Dance) * 7pm – 10pm
March 25th – BUCKGUYZ *7pm -10pm

All four of these Bands have been here and are back because you enjoy listening and dancing to their music.

Tickets for Saturday Night Live Music events are \$8.00 each for residents and \$10.00 each for non-residents. You are considered a resident as long as you've paid rent, so if you've paid for one night or 365 nights you are a resident. Prices will be the same if you purchase your ticket at the door the night of the dance. Please bring your own snacks and refreshments.

CHARITY SEW GROUP:

Our talented sewing group made 50 cross body purses for the Zambia Christian Ministry this season. These purses will hold sanitary products, soap, panties, etc. for girls so they can stay in school during their time of the month. A factory over there makes non-disposable products for them. If you would like to help out in future charity projects or have suggestions please contact Karen Seat or Donna in Activities and I will get the message to Karen. All donations and assistance is appreciated.

BINGO:

Every Thursday Evening 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, however, you may purchase as many game sheets as you would like to play. Must be 18 years of age or older to attend. Grab your bingo daubers (we sell them too) and try your luck, you may be a winner! Our Jackpot coveralls have been over \$200 at times, depending on attendance. Let's make a new record high and get them over \$250. So come and try YOUR LUCK, you could be the next winner!!!

WHEEL OF FORTUNE:

Join me on Wednesday, March 29th at 3PM in the Front Auditorium for Desert Shadows Wheel of Fortune! It's a fun time of puzzle guessing!

TRIVIA NIGHT:

Test your knowledge at our Trivia on Wednesday, March 15th at 3:00pm in the Front Auditorium. This is a team event and prizes will be given out to the team with the highest score after 5 rounds. Questions range from all levels of knowledge, but I do try and keep them fairly easy. One of the questions from our last trivia "EUREKA" is the state motto of which state? Is it Alabama, Arizona, California or South Dakota? If you answered "California" you are correct. It comes from the gold rush days.

CRAFT & VENDORS FAIR:

Friday, March 10th check out our Craft and Vendor Fair! Vendors are in the Front and Back Auditoriums from 10am – 1pm. I try to have NEW VENDORS at each of our events so please come check it out! Our Knife and Scissor Sharpener guy will be parked in my parking space next to my office. Donuts go on sale by 9am in the back auditorium and our HOT DOGS AND NACHOS will be on sale by 10:30am. If you are interested in becoming one of our vendors please stop by the Activities Office for details.

ELVIS SHOW:

Our Desert Shadow Resident "JOE SIR" will be performing his "ELVIS" show for us on Wednesday, March 8th at 7pm, doors open at 6:30pm. Tickets are \$8.00 each and available in the Activities Office as well as in the lobby before the night's performance.

COMMUNITY RUMMAGE SALE:

It's time to do that spring cleaning and put out those unused treasures to sell. Our "Patio Sale" (Community Rummage Sale) is on Saturday, March 18th from 8am to noon. Sign-up sheet will be on the white board in the lobby.

Remember that \$1 donuts and free coffee will be mobile on this morning. Two teams will be driving around in their golf carts so be on the lookout.

Activities Continued

VOLUNTEER BANQUET:

As many of you know without our many volunteers, Desert Shadows would not be the awesome community that it is. The Roles Family (Gavin, June, Todd and Janette) want to show their appreciation for all that you do in our community with a Volunteer Lunch. It will be on Friday, March 24th at 11:30am in the Front Auditorium. If you have volunteered please stop by the Activities Office and Sign-up no later than Tuesday, March 21st. (sign up is required to attend).

ST. PATRICKS DAY PARADE:

Put on your Green and your Shamrocks and decorate yourself and your golf carts, bicycles, etc. for our annual St. Patrick's Day Parade. It's on Friday, March 17th at 3:17pm. We will line up outside of the Activities Office and mailboxes. Frank will lead everyone around the whole resort.

QUILTERS & CRAFT SHOW:

Come check out the BEAUTIFUL QUILTS the Quilters have been working on this season and all the awesome crafts we've been doing! The show is on Tuesday, March 7th from 10am – 2pm in the Front Auditorium. If you have been to any of the craft classes and been quilting please bring your items to display and show off between 8:30am and 9:30 to get set up. I also need some volunteers please to help hang up the rope for the quilts. Thank you!

GOLF OUTING:

BEST BALL (OPEN TO ALL) GOLF OUTING!

Wednesday, March 15th at Peoria Pines. Final Sign-up day is Saturday, March 4th in the card room. The committee members all have early sign up sheets so just see them any time before the 4th. The cost to give each player a \$20 prize is \$10 at sign up. If you have any questions you may contact a committee member Barry 623-734-3192, Nancy 612-751-5937, Richard 480-225-2119, Carol 734-621-3432. Each player pays \$50 +Tax, or Reg. Price w/Pass at the sign in Desk. 1st Tee Time will be 11:15 & approximately 6 ½ Minutes between times.

POKER WALK:

Our Poker Walk is on Saturday, March 11th from 10am – Noon. The poker walk starts at the activities office and ends at the activities office. You may walk, wheel, bike, or drive your golf cart to the designated stops. There will be a prize for the person with the best Poker Hand and a prize for the worst poker hand! The 2/4 poker walk had 35 participants. We had a tie for best hand with four 4's, CONGRATS to Mike H. and Don B, and Gloria L won for the worst hand with an ace high. 2/18 We had 37 participants, Congratulations to Sue S for winning with 4 Queens and we had a tie for worst hand, Barb C and Jeff both had Ace high. If you would like to volunteer to be one of the stops please contact me. Thank you again to my volunteers, we couldn't do this without you!

KARAOKE:

Attention Singers!!! Karaoke will be on Friday, March 3rd and Friday, March 17th from 6:30pm – 9:00pm. The last two months attendance has been around 60 people so keep on coming! Bring your own beverages and snacks. Singing talent not required just the desire to have fun!

ICE CREAM SOCIAL:

Friday, March 31st at 1:31pm in the Back Auditorium join us for a Make Your Own Sundae event. Cost is \$3.00 per sundae; tickets are available in the Activities Office. I always recommend you purchase your sundae ticket in advance because it helps with making sure I have enough ice cream. I know it's no fun to wait for ice cream when I run out. I should have enough this time, so please give me another chance.

THEATRE GROUP:

The Theatre Group will be meeting on Thursday, March 16th at 1pm in the Front Auditorium. If you are interested in joining the group as an actor or behind the curtains please attend. We will be discussing what to perform next season!

SINGSPIRATION:

Please join the CHURCH CHOIR and attend the sing-along on Sunday, March 5th at 7pm in the Front Auditorium. There is no charge for Singspiration, just show up for fellowship.

Craft Classes

There will be a Card Making Class on Wednesday, March 15th and Sunday, March 19th. Cost is \$5.00 to make two cards. Class will be at two different time slots. You can be in the 4:30pm – 5:30pm slot or you can be in the 6:00pm – 7pm slot. Class size is limited, so please stop by Activities Office for class location and to sign up.

Paint and Sip classes: Classes are in the Back Auditorium and cost is \$25.00 per person per class. All supplies are included in the cost. The dates and times for this month's classes are as follows:

Monday, March 13th 1pm -4pm and Wednesday, March 22nd 3-6pm. The painting have not been chosen yet so if you have suggestions of what to paint please let Donna know and she will relay the message to Shellie. Remember to sign up in the Activities Office. Thank you!

If you are curious about the classes, please drop in and check it out. Shellie doesn't mind.

Earring Class: This is a follow up class to the bracelet class we had with Ruthie in February. Now we get to learn how to make Earrings! Class is on Thursday, March 9th at 11am in the Craft Room. Attendance is limited and you need to sign up in the Activities Office. Cost is \$10.00 per person.

****If anyone wants to teach a class or a suggestion for a class please let Donna know in the Activities Office****

Desert Shadows Sales

If you are tired of traveling the road in your RV and want a more permanent place in sunny Phoenix, AZ take a look at the homes for sale at Desert Shadows. Our full time professional sales team will help you with all the details and paperwork. Call for more details 623-734-3133 or see our website for a list of available homes at www.phoenixRVresorts.com

Church News



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Join us at 9AM in the front auditorium every Sunday for our Interdenominational Worship Service.

Services will go through Easter, April 9th. The doors open at 8:30 for chatting and visiting. Our choir is one of the best in the valley and so are our dedicated Ministers. Hope to see you there!

A thought as we prepare for Easter: **Love God & Love your neighbor as yourself.**

Did you ever wonder if there's a formula/guide for how to do this? Actually, there is.

1st Corinthians 13 is called the "Love Chapter" by many. Henry Drummond, a 19th Century Scottish Evangelist preached, and later published, a sermon about the "summum bonum -- the supreme good -- LOVE" entitled "The Greatest Thing in the World." Near the end of the sermon he invites the listeners/readers to read 1st Corinthians 13 once a week for 3 months -- maybe even start by reading it every day at first. Then he adds, "A man did this once and it changed his whole life."

All of March is within the 40 days of Lent. This repetitive reading of the "Love Chapter" seems like a perfect Lenten endeavor, and it may change your whole life...and your neighbors too! Add a one-time read of "The Greatest Thing in the World" and it's a win-win. A Google Search will lead you to several places where "The Greatest Thing in the World" is free.

Following is the list of pastors for March.

Mar 5	Rev. Kim Johnson
Mar 12	Rev. Roger Withee
Mar 19	Dr. Edward Jarvis
Mar 26	Rev. Dennis Gleason

MARCH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
LEGEND FA = FRONT AUDITORIUM BA = BACK AUDITORIUM CD = CARD ROOM CF= CRAFT ROOM			1 <i>BIBLE STUDY</i> 1PM (BA)	2 DIAMOND DOTZ CRAFT (BA) 9-noon BINGO 6PM (FA)	3 KARAOKE 6:30-9PM (FA)	4 SATURDAY SOCIAL (FA) 7:30AM - 9AM LIVE MUSIC 7-10PM BACKSEAT ROMANCE
5 CHURCH 9AM (FA) SINGSPIRATION 7PM (FA)	6 LADIES CHAT GROUP 10:30AM(CD) DARTS 6:30PM(BA)	7 QUILTERS & CRAFT SHOW- N- TELL 10AM-2PM (FA) BUNCO 3PM(BA) AGGRAVATION 6:30PM(CD)	8 TOTEBAG CLASS PART 2 11AM(CF) <i>BIBLE STUDY</i> 1PM (BA) JOE SIR AS "ELVIS" SHOW 7PM	9 EARRINGS CLASS 11AM (SIGN-UP) DIAMOND DOTZ (BA) 9AM-noon BINGO 6PM (FA)	10 CRAFT & VENDOR FAIR 10AM-1PM	11 SATURDAY SOCIAL (FA) 7:30AM - 9AM POKER WALK 10AM-NOON LIVE MUSIC 7-10PM KOOLTRAXX
12 CHURCH 9AM (FA)	13 LADIES CHAT GROUP 10:30AM(CD) <i>*PAINT N* SIP 1-4 (SIGN-UP)</i> DARTS 6:30PM(BA)	14 <i>QUILTERS 8:30AM (FA)</i> BUNCO 3PM(BA) AGGRAVATION 6:30PM(CD)	15 TRIVIA 3PM (FA) GREETING CARD CLASS 4:30-5:30 OR 6PM-7PM (SIGN-UP) <i>BIBLE STUDY</i> 1PM (BA) BEST BALL GOLF OUT-ING!	16 DIAMOND DOTZ CRAFT (BA) 9AM-noon THEATRE GROUP MEETING 1PM(FA) BINGO 6PM (FA)	17 ST. PATRICKS DAY PARADE 3:17 PM KARAOKE 6:30-9PM (FA)	18 PATIO SALE 8AM -NOON <i>MOBILE SATURDAY SOCIAL 7:30AM - TILL SOLD OUT</i> LIVE MUSIC 7-10PM SIGNATURE BLEND (ST. PATRICKS DANCE)
19 CHURCH 9AM (FA) GREETING CARD CLASS 4:30-5:30 OR 6PM-7PM (SIGN-UP)	20 LADIES CHAT GROUP 10:30AM(CD) DARTS 6:30PM(BA)	21 <i>QUILTERS 8:30AM (FA)</i> BUNCO 3PM(BA) AGGRAVATION 6:30PM(CD)	22 <i>BIBLE STUDY</i> 1PM (BA) <i>*PAINT N* SIP 3-6 (SIGN-UP)</i>	23 DIAMOND DOTZ CRAFT (BA) 9AM-noon BINGO 6PM (FA)	24 VOLUNTEER BANQUET 11:30AM (SIGN-UP)	25 SATURDAY MORNING SOCIAL (FA) 7:30AM - 9:00AM LIVE MUSIC 7-10PM BUCKGUYZ
26 CHURCH 9AM (FA)	27 LADIES CHAT GROUP 10:30AM(CD) DARTS 6:30PM(BA)	28 <i>QUILTERS 8:30AM (FA)</i> BUNCO 3PM(BA) AGGRAVATION 6:30PM(CD)	29 <i>BIBLE STUDY</i> 1PM (BA) WHEEL OF FORTUNE 3PM(FA)	30 DIAMOND DOTZ CRAFT (BA) 9AM-noon BINGO 6PM (FA)	31 ICE CREAM SOCIAL 1:31PM	

Weekly Activities

Activities with an (*) require you to sign-up in card room.

MONDAY		FRIDAY	
<u>AM</u>			
Water Aerobics w/Leader (POOL)	9:00	<u>AM</u>	
Ladies Chat Group (Card)	10:30	Water Aerobics (POOL)	9:00
		Advanced Line Dancing (FA)	9:00
<u>PM</u>		*Bridge (CARD)	9:00
Pinochle * (Card) .50	1:00		
Baseball Darts (BA)	6:30		
		<u>PM</u>	
		Choir Practice (FA)	2:30
TUESDAY		SATURDAY	
<u>AM</u>			
Quilters (FA)	8:30		
Cribbage * .50 (CARD)	9:00		
65 (CFT)	9:00	<u>AM</u>	
<u>PM</u>		Donuts (\$1.00 each)	7:30
Bridge * (CARD)	1:00	*AZ Rummy (CARD)	9:00
Bunco (BA)	3:00	Cribbage (CARD)	9:00
Hand N' Foot (CARD)	6:00		
Aggravation(CARD) Alternate	6:30	<u>PM</u>	
Play Nine/Golf (CARD) Alternate	6:30	LIVE MUSIC (FA)	7PM-10PM
		tickets available in Activities Office and at door	
WEDNESDAY		SUNDAY	
<u>AM</u>		<u>AM</u>	
Water Aerobics (POOL)	9:00	Church (FA) Non-Denominational	9:00
Beginners Line Dancing (FA)	9:00		
<u>PM</u>		<u>PM</u>	
*Pinochle (CARD)	1:00	Pinochle (CARD)	1:00
Poker (CFT)	6:00		
Thirty one (31) card game (CD)	6:30		
THURSDAY		LEGEND	
		(FA) = FRONT AUDITORIUM	
		(BA) = BACK AUDITORIUM	
		(CARD) = CARD ROOM	
		(CFT) = CRAFT ROOM	
<u>AM</u>		(POOL) = SWIMMING POOL	
Cribbage * .50 (CARD)	9:00	(B) = BILLIARD ROOM	
<u>PM</u>		(BC) = BOCCE COURT	
*Cribbage (CARD)	1:00	(SBC) = SHUFFLEBOARD COURT	
Bingo (FA)	6:00	* = NEED TO SIGN UP IN (CARD)	