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DESERT SHADOWS

The Desert Sun

Activities Office

HAPPY HOLIDAYS! WISHING YOU ALL MUCH CHEER! May Love and Happiness be yours this Holiday Season! The best part of this time of year is the memories we make. So let's make some memories!

Congratulations to Dean Jewett for guessing the exact amount of 85 pickles in the pickle jar. I had 58 residents guess with a range from 29 pickles to 389 pickles. Thank you all for participating!

CHRISTMAS PARTY AND SHOW:

Please join us on Wednesday, December 20th at 5:30pm for our Christmas Party and Show.

Our Christmas Show this year is "The Arizona Wildflowers", they are a family bluegrass band who are each state and national fiddle champions. They have opened for country legend Michael Martin Murphey and have played at Silver Dollar City and on the main stage of Pickin' in the Pines. They are best known for their beautiful three-part sister harmonies and their fancy fiddle licks. Tickets are \$8.00 each.

Please bring your own beverages and snacks. If you would like to bring appetizer type foods to share please do so. Thank you!

CHRISTMAS DAY DINNER:

Please join us on Monday, December 25th for Christmas Dinner at 1:00pm in the Front Auditorium. Sign-up sheet will be on the white board in the lobby. Ham will be provided by the resort and you will bring a dish to share. We will also need some volunteers to bake and carve the hams, decorate the tables and to stay after dinner to assist in clean up of the auditorium. Remember to bring your own beverage and table setting.

CHRISTMAS DECORATING CONTEST:

Decorate your lot, home, RV by December 12th. I will be going around to see who has decorated and your lot number will be entered into a drawing. I will draw "6 winners" at our Christmas Party and Show. Must attend the Christmas Party/Show to win.

CHRISTMAS PARADE:

Our annual Christmas Parade will be on Friday, December 15th at 5:30pm. So Decorate your Golf Carts, Bicycles, etc.

NEW YEARS EVE KARAOKE PARTY:

Come celebrate New Year's Eve with us from 7pm to 10:00PM on Sunday, December 31st in the Front Auditorium! Bring your own beverages, snacks, etc.

ACTIVITIES OFFICE HOURS

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

SATURDAY: 9:00- 12:00

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WEEKLY ACTIVITIES:

Quilters – Tuesdays 8:30am *Front Auditorium*

Water Aerobics – Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays
9am *Swimming Pool*

Bingo – Thursdays 6pm *Front Auditorium*

Church – Sundays 9am *Front Auditorium*

Ladies Group – Mondays 10:30am *Card Room*

Poker – Wednesdays 6pm *Craft Room*

Baseball Darts – Mondays 6:30pm *Back Aud.*

Pinochle – Sundays, Mondays and Wednesdays
1pm *Card Room*

Cribbage – Tuesdays, Saturdays 9am, Thursdays
9am and 1pm *Card Room* (bring .50 cents)

Bunco – Tuesdays 3pm *Back Aud.* (bring \$1)

Aggravation, Golf or Tripoly – Tuesdays 6:30pm
Card Room

Arizona Rummy – Saturdays 9am *Card Room*

Diamond Dotz – Thursdays 9am-noon *Back Aud.*

Beginners Line Dance – Wednesdays 9am *Front Auditorium*

Advanced Line Dance – Fridays 9am in *Front Auditorium* (except on Vendors Day)

TRIVIA NIGHT:

Test your knowledge at our Trivia Night on Wednesday, December 6th at 7PM 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. Just come and have some fun with your fellow residents. Here is a question from last month: Aubergine is another word for what vegetable? Is it, Bok Choy, Squash, Eggplant or Kale? Correct Answer is Eggplant.

Which German Dog was bred for digging out badgers? Was it **A.** Pomeranian **B.** Standard Schnauzer **C.** Dachshund **D.** German Shepherd Stop by the Activities Office and guess, you might win a prize!

POKER WALK:

The POKER WALK this month is on Wednesday, December 13th from 10am – noon. All Poker Walks start and end at the Activities Office. You may walk, wheel, bike, 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.

SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE MUSIC:

2nd—COME BACK BUDDY (50'S SOCK HOP) 7pm – 10pm.

9th—CLASSIC JUKEBOX 7pm – 10pm.

16th—BUCKGUYZ (CRAZY CHRISTMAS) 7pm – 10pm.

23rd—SIGNATURE BLEND (CHRISTMAS DANCE) 7pm – 10pm.

30th—BACK NINE BANDITS (NEW YEARS EVE EVE BASH) 8:15pm – 12:15am

Tickets for our regular 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. Tickets are available for purchase for the entire season. Tickets for our New Years Eve Eve Bash are \$15.00 for residents and \$20.00 for non-residents.

DECORATORS NEEDED:

Calling all Volunteers! We will be decorating for Christmas on Friday, December 1st at 10:10am. Hope you are available to help out!!! I had to change it from Saturday to Friday due to Play Practice, so hope you can come on the 1st instead!

SATURDAY MORNING SOCIALS:

JOIN US at 7:30am on Saturday mornings, December 2nd, December 9th, December 16th, December 23rd and December 30th for DONUTS and COFFEE in the Front Auditorium. If we have any left over donuts they will be for sale in the Activities Office 9 - noon Donuts are \$1.25 each and coffee is complimentary. It's a great time to catch up on all the latest news with your fellow residents, and Frank and Doris give out great hugs!

KARAOKE:

Join Gloria and myself from 6:30pm – 9:00pm on Friday, December 1st and 15th for KARAOKE! (and New Years Eve at 7pm) Feel free to bring your own snacks and beverages. Singing isn't a requirement to attend. Come and socialize with your neighbors, make some new friends, dance. Its ok to let your inner "Rock or Country Music Star" in you to come out, Sing! Sing! Sing!

Activities Continued

DIAMOND DOTZ:

Thursdays from 9am – noon the back auditorium is reserved for Diamond Dotz. However, if you have other craft projects you would like to bring and work on during this time please feel free to do so. It's a great time to socialize and you can share what your working on with others.

BINGO:

Thursday Evenings we enjoy BINGO in the Front Auditorium. We start selling Game sheets by 6pm and stop at 6:45pm. Bingo starts after the money is counted and divided between the games. We play 10 regular games and 2 Jackpot Coverall's. Currently it costs \$4 to play one single game sheet for each game. However, you may purchase as many game sheets as you would like to play. Must be 18 years old or older to attend. So grab your bingo daubers (we sell them too) and try your luck, you may be a WINNER! Our highest jackpot has been \$173. Let's see how high we can get it this season!

CRAFT & VENDORS MARKET:

Friday, December 8th is our Craft and Vendor Market! Vendors are in the Front and Back Auditoriums from 10am – 1pm. I try to 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 NA-CHOS will also be available by 10:30am.

If you are interested in becoming one of our vendors please stop by the Activities Office for details. Sadly, Will's Sharpening won't be able to attend our events, I'm currently trying to secure a new knife sharpening vendor. If you are in need of sharpening services please contact me and I will give you Will's information.

GAME NIGHT:

Tuesday evenings at 6:30pm in the Card Room join us. We alternate playing either Aggravation, Play Nine (GOLF) or Tripoly (bring pennies). Check the monthly calendar for what is being played, I'm going to try and keep track. Newcomers are welcome, and if you've never played our veteran residents will help you out. No sign-up is required. HOPE YOU COME AND PLAY!



DESERT SHADOWS CHURCH December 2023

Services begin at 9:00 am in the Front Auditorium.

Guest Pastors:

December 3 — Pastor Kim Johnson

December 10 — Pastor Roger Withee

December 17 — Pastor Nova Forrest

December 24 — Pastor Ed Jarvis

December 31 — Pastor Dennis Gleason

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

December brings the close of 2023 with new aspirations for 2024. As we prepare for the holidays, we shop, put up decorations, bake lots of cookies and make time for family and friends. A "Merry Christmas", a smile, or a simple thank you might make a happier day for someone. Let's not forget the reason for the season and take time to celebrate Jesus. Join us every Sunday as we worship our Lord through prayer, singing and sharing the Word.

We will be Christmas caroling on December 22 starting at 4:30. Then return to the back auditorium for refreshments. Everyone is welcome to join us for a great time of fun, fellowship and celebrating the season.

Bible study will start January 3 at 1 p.m. in the back auditorium. Pastor Ed Jarvis will be teaching on Daniel & Esther

Church committee meets every Wednesday at 2 p.m. and we encourage anyone to join us. Choir practice is every Friday at 2:30 p.m. If you sing, come be a part of the choir.

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PLEASE CHECK WHITE BOARD IN LOBBY FOR WEEKLY ACTIVITY UPDATES!!!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
LEGEND FA = FRONT AUDITORIUM BA = BACK AUDITORIUM CD = CARD ROOM CF= CRAFT ROOM					1 ADVANCED LINE DANCE 9AM(FA) DECORATE CHRISTMAS TREE & AUD. 10:45AM CHOIR(FA) 2:30PM KARAOKE 6:30-9PM (FA)	2 SATURDAY MORNING SOCIAL (FA) 7:30AM - 9:00AM LIVE MUSIC 7-10PM COME BACK BUDDY (50'S SOCK HOP)
3 CHURCH 9AM (FA) PINOCHE 1:00PM (CD)	4 LADIES CHAT GROUP 10:30AM(CD) PINOCHE 1:00PM (CD) DARTS 6:30PM(BA)	5 CRIBBAGE 9AM (CD) BUNCO 3PM(BA) TRIPOLY 6:30PM (CD)	6 BEGINNERS LINE DANCE 9AM(FA) PINOCHE 1:00PM (CD) TRIVIA 7PM (FA)	7 CRIBBAGE 9AM & 1PM(CD) DIAMOND DOTZ 9AM-NOON(BA) BINGO 6PM (FA)	8 CRAFT & VENDOR MARKET 10AM-1PM DONUTS 9AM HOT DOGS 10:30AM CHOIR(FA) 2:30PM	9 SATURDAY MORNING SOCIAL (FA) 7:30AM - 9:00AM LIVE MUSIC 7-10PM CLASSIC JUKEBOX
10 CHURCH 9AM (FA) PINOCHE 1:00PM (CD)	11 LADIES CHAT GROUP 10:30AM(CD) PINOCHE 1:00PM (CD) PAINT & SIP CLASS 1-3:30(BA) DARTS 6:30PM(BA)	12 CRIBBAGE 9AM (CD) BUNCO 3PM(BA) AGGRAVATION 6:30PM(CD)	13 BEGINNERS LINE DANCE 9AM(FA) POKER WALK 10AM - NOON PINOCHE 1:00PM (CD)	14 CRIBBAGE 9AM & 1PM(CD) DIAMOND DOTZ 9AM-NOON(BA) BINGO 6PM (FA)	15 ADVANCED LINE DANCE 9AM(FA) CHOIR(FA) 2:30PM KARAOKE 6:30-9PM (FA)	16 SATURDAY MORNING SOCIAL (FA) 7:30AM - 9:00AM LIVE MUSIC 7-10PM BUCKGUYZ (CRAZY CHRIST-MAS)
17 CHURCH 9AM (FA) PINOCHE 1:00PM (CD)	18 LADIES CHAT GROUP 10:30AM(CD) PINOCHE 1:00PM (CD) DARTS 6:30PM(BA)	19 CRIBBAGE 9AM (CD) BUNCO 3PM(BA) PLAY NINE/GOLF 6:30PM (CD)	20 BEGINNERS LINE DANCE 9AM(FA) PINOCHE 1:00PM (CD) CHRISTMAS PARTY & ARIZONA WILDFLOWERS SHOW 5:30PM	21 CRIBBAGE 9AM & 1PM(CD) DIAMOND DOTZ 9AM-NOON(BA) BINGO 6PM (FA)	22 ADVANCED LINE DANCE 9AM(FA) CHOIR(FA) 2:30PM CHRISTMAS CAROLING AROUND THE PARK 4:30PM	23 SATURDAY MORNING SOCIAL (FA) 7:30AM - 9:00AM LIVE MUSIC 7-10PM SIGNATURE BLEND (CHRISTMAS DANCE)
24 CHURCH 9AM (FA) PINOCHE 1:00PM (CD)	25 MERRY CHRISTMAS!!! DINNER 1PM FRONT AUD. SIGN-UP	26 CRIBBAGE 9AM (CD) BUNCO 3PM(BA) TRIPOLY 6:30PM (CD)	27 BEGINNERS LINE DANCE 9AM(FA) PINOCHE 1:00PM (CD)	28 CRIBBAGE 9AM & 1PM(CD) DIAMOND DOTZ 9AM-NOON(BA) BINGO 6PM (FA)	29 ADVANCED LINE DANCE 9AM(FA) CHOIR(FA) 2:30PM	30 SATURDAY MORNING SOCIAL (FA) 7:30AM - 9:00AM NEW YEARS EVE EVE BASH 8:15PM - 12:15AM BACK NINE BANDITS
31 CHURCH 9AM (FA) PINOCHE 1:00PM (CD)						