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DESERT SHADOWS

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Activities Office

HAPPY HOLIDAYS DESERT SHADOWS! I hope the magic of Christmas fills every corner of your heart and home with joy, now and always! We have had two months of activities to get us warmed up for all the activities offered at our resort. December proves to be even busier. FYI: I don't have room for all of the regular scheduled weekly activities to be listed on the calendar. Please check out the updated Weekly Activities Schedule that is included in this newsletter and add the ones you want to attend to your monthly calendar. As always check the white board in the lobby and the posters for updates. If you have suggestions for new activities please stop in and talk to me, we can try and add it! And along that same note, if you want an activity at a different time please let me know. I can't change or fix anything if I don't know. Thanks! Donna


DECORATORS NEEDED:

Please help on Monday, December 2nd at 1:00pm decorating the Christmas Tree in the lobby and the auditorium. The more the merrier. Many hands make it easier to complete, plus you all do a great job and make it look and feel festive.

CHRISTMAS DINNER:

Join us on Wednesday, December 25th at 1:00pm in the Front Auditorium for our Christmas Potluck Dinner. Ham will be provided by the resort. Dig out all those delicious family recipes to share with your Desert Shadows friends and family. Please be sure to sign up, one name per line on the sign-up sheet so I can get an accurate count so we have enough Ham. If you know of any NEW RESIDENTS in the resort, please invite them to sign up and join you at your table and introduce them to others. Sign-up sheet will be on the white board in the Lobby. Please remember besides your dish to share you also need to bring your beverage and your table setting (plates and silverware). If you have any questions please ask in the Activities Office we will be happy to help you.

SATURDAY SOCIALS:

 JOIN US at 7:30am on Saturday, December 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th for DONUTS and COFFEE in the Front Auditorium. If we have any leftover donuts they will be for sale in the Activities Office 9 - noon. Donuts are \$1.50 each now and coffee is complimentary. It's a great time to catch up on all the latest news with your fellow residents.

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

WEEKENDS 8:30 am - 4:00 pm

Closed for Lunch 12pm -- 1 pm

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Activities

SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE MUSIC:

December 7th – STILL CRUISING BAND

December 14th – 3 SPEED BAND

December 21st – HOOTERS BLUES
(CHRISTMAS DANCE)

December 28th – NO DANCE TONIGHT

Please make note of the new time for Live Music on Saturday Nights. It is now from 6:30pm to 9:30pm. 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. Tickets are available for purchase for the entire season in the Activities Office.


NEW YEARS EVE DANCE

Tuesday, December 31st from 8:15pm to 12:15am : SUREFIRE BAND. Cost of the dance is \$15.00 for each resident and \$20.00 for each non-resident guest.

GAME NIGHT:

Tuesday evenings at 6:30pm in the Card Room join us. We alternate playing either Aggravation, Play Nine (GOLF) or Tripoley (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! There will not be game night on Tuesday, December 24th and Tuesday, December 31st.

POKER WALK:

The POKER WALKS this month  are on Saturday, December 7th and Wednesday, December 18th 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.

CARD MAKING GROUP:

The Sunshine Group is in need of some greeting cards. I thought it would be nice to make some cards. I will have all the supplies to make the cards including some instruction. We will have it on Wednesday, December 4th from 1pm to 3pm in the craft room. If we have a lot of interest in it I will move it to the front auditorium. Also if you would like to donate greeting cards you may bring them to the activities office and I will see they get to Char Simpson. Were primarily looking for Sympathy, Get Well, Thinking of You cards. Thank you!

BOWLING LEAGUE:

This season the Bowling League will be on Sundays at 1:00pm. Please contact Barb Stepper at 406-491-3335 to sign up or ask for more details. Need to contact her each week to let her know if you are attending so she may reserve enough lanes. She was able to get a good price with the bowling alley. Each game is \$2.99 and you bowl two games, and the shoe rentals are \$5.99. Bowling will be at the Bowlero located at 17210 N 59th Ave., Glendale. If you're not able to bowl, cheerleaders are welcome to come watch.

GUYS & GALS GOLF MEETING:

There will be a meeting on Monday, December 2nd at 4pm in the Front Auditorium to discuss the future of the Guys & Gals Golf Scrambles. All interested golfers should attend.

TRIVIA NIGHT:

Test your knowledge at our Trivia Night on Wednesday, December 4th and December 11th 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. Two people came in to guess question from last month: MISTER ED WAS A SITCOM ABOUT A TALKING HORSE. WHAT DID THEY USE TO GET THE HORSE TO MOVE HIS LIPS TO "TALK"?

The correct answer was Peanut Butter.

Activities Continued

BINGO:

Thursday Evenings we enjoy BINGO in the Front Auditorium. We start selling Game sheets by 6PM and stop selling at 6:45pm. Bingo starts after the money is counted and divided between the games which is usually by 7PM. We play 10 regular games and 2 Jackpot Coverall's. Currently it costs \$5.00 to play one single 3 on 1 game sheet for each game. 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! We have Bingo every Thursday this month.

LIBRARY:

Thank you all that had interest in being our volunteer librarian. We have two new Librarians. Carol Paprocki and Judy Erno. They both have been busy keeping the Library looking good along with their volunteer helpers.

GENEALOGY GROUP:

Our Genealogy group will meet every other Monday at 1:00pm in the Back Auditorium. This month's group will meet on December 9th and 23rd.

KARAOKE:

Join Gloria and myself from 6:30pm – 9:00pm on every Friday in December for KARAOKE! Feel free to bring your own snacks and beverages. Singing isn't a requirement to attend but it sure is a lot of fun. Come and socialize with your neighbors, make some new friends, dance.

On Friday, December 20th we will have Christmas Karaoke and Potluck. It will start at 5:30pm and go until 9:00pm. Please bring an appetizer, hotdish, salad, chips, dessert or something to share with others.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING:

Last year was successful and so much fun the choir is doing it again! On Friday, December 20th around 2:15pm the choir will go around the resort singing Christmas carols. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to join in.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL:

Make your own Sundae will be on Wednesday, December 11th at 1:30pm in the Front Auditorium. One of our long-time residents Elaine Stauffer is moving out of our resort and starting a new adventure. She will be at the Ice Cream social so you may stop in and wish her well.

CRAFT & VENDORS MARKET:

Friday, December 13th 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 NACHOS will also be available by 10:30am.

If you are interested in becoming one of our vendors or volunteering at our concession area in the back, please stop by the Activities Office for details.

COOKIE EXCHANGE:

I've been wanting to have a cookie exchange at the resort for many years and decided this is the year. Please come sign-up in my office by Saturday, December 7th if you are interested in participating. Depending on how many of us are interested will decide how many dozens of cookies we make. If we have a lot I can have more than one group so we don't have to make 30 dozen cookies. I will keep the group sizes to no more than 8. Cookies will be exchanged on Wednesday, December 18th at 1:00pm in the Front Auditorium. Cookies may be made from scratch or purchased from the grocery store. Mmmm Cookies!!!

Church News



DESERT SHADOWS CHURCH

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Sunday services begin at 9:00 am in the Front Auditorium.

Desert Shadows Interdenominational Church (DSIC) is a Christ-centered church that serves the entire DS Resort community. All are welcome- Long-time residents, new residents and certainly our “Winter Visitors.”

If you like to sing praises to our Lord, please consider joining our choir. Jim Bontrager is an accomplished musician and director. His musical interpretations will make your heart sing.

I remember reading a story about a man who said to a Christian, church-going friend that “attending church is a waste of my time and I’m not going any more. Over more than forty years, since I was 5 years old I’ve set through thousands of sermons and yet I can only remember the gist of a very few.”

His friend replied: “Over the course of my lifetime I have eaten thousands of meals. I can only remember a few of the very special ones. And yet I know that my body was nourished by every one of them. I also know that my friends and family surely would have missed me, and I them.”

Christmas is only a few short weeks away. So please be sure to join us as we celebrate Advent. Whether you are looking for a church home for the winter season or just for one Sunday, PLEASE COME CHECK US OUT! We would love to say “Howdy, and Welcome!”

Spinach Artichoke Dip

Total Time: 30 min

Ingredients

- 1 package (8 ounces) cream cheese, softened
- 1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- 1/4 cup mayonnaise
- 1 garlic clove, minced
- 1 teaspoon dried basil
- 1/4 teaspoon garlic salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 1 can (14 ounces) water-packed artichoke hearts, rinsed, drained and chopped
- 1/2 cup frozen chopped spinach, thawed and squeezed dry
- 1/4 cup shredded mozzarella cheese
- Assorted crackers

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 350°. In a large bowl, combine the first 7 ingredients; mix well. Stir in the artichokes and spinach. Transfer to a greased 9-in. pie plate. Sprinkle with mozzarella cheese. Bake, uncovered, for 20-25 minutes or until the dip is bubbly and edge is lightly browned. Serve with crackers.

Nutrition Facts

2 tablespoons: 68 calories, 6g fat (3g saturated fat), 13mg cholesterol, 139mg sodium, 2g carbohydrate (0 sugars, 0 fiber), 2g protein.

Weekly Activities Schedule

MONDAY

AM

Water Aerobics w/Leader (POOL)	9:00
Ladies Chat Group (Card)	10:30

PM

Pinochle * (Card) .50	1:00
Genealogy (BA) every other week	1:00
Baseball Darts (BA)	6:30
Men's Billiards (B)	1:00

TUESDAY

AM

Quilters (BA)	8:30
Cribbage * .50 (CARD)	9:00
65 (CFT)	9:00

PM

Bridge * (CARD)	1:00
Bunco (BA) bring \$1.00	3:00
Game Night (CARD)	6:30
(Alternate between Aggravation,	

Play Nine/Golf and Tripoly:
bring Pennies for Tripoly)

WEDNESDAY

AM

Water Aerobics w/Leader (POOL)	9:00
Beginners Line Dancing (FA)	9:00

PM

Pinochle * (Card) .50	1:00
Poker (CFT)	6:00
Thirty one (31) card game (CD)	6:30

THURSDAY

AM

Cribbage * .50 (CARD)	9:00
Diamond Dotz (BA) or Other Craft	9-Noon

PM

Cribbage * .50 (CARD)	1:00
Bingo (FA)	6:00

FRIDAY

AM

Water Aerobics w/Leader (POOL)	9:00
Advanced Line Dancing (FA)	9:00
*Bridge (CARD)	8:30

PM

Euchre (CARD)	12 NOON
Choir Practice (FA)	2:00
Men's Billiards (B)	1:00

SATURDAY

AM

Donuts (\$1.50 each)	7:30
*AZ Rummy (CARD)	9:00
Cribbage (CARD)	9:00

PM

LIVE MUSIC (FA) 6:30PM to 9:30PM

tickets available in Activities Office and at door

SUNDAY

AM

Church (FA) Non-Denominational	9:00
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PM

Pinochle * (Card) .50	1:00
Bowling	1:00

LEGEND

(FA) = FRONT AUDITORIUM

(BA) = BACK AUDITORIUM

(CARD) = CARD ROOM

(CFT) = CRAFT ROOM

(POOL) = SWIMMING POOL

(B) = BILLIARD ROOM

(BC) = BOCCE COURT

(SBC) = SHUFFLEBOARD COURT

* = NEED TO SIGN UP IN (CARD)

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 CHURCH 9AM (FA) PINOCCHLE 1:00PM (CD) BOWLING 1PM	2 DECORATE FOR CHRISTMAS! 1:00PM GUYS & GALS GOLF MEETING 4PM (FA) DARTS 6:30PM(BA)	3 AGGRAVATION 6:30PM(CD)	4 CARD MAKING 1-3PM (CF) TRIVIA 7PM (FA)	5 BINGO 6PM (FA)	6 KARAOKE(FA) 6:30PM-9PM	7 SATURDAY MORNING SOCIAL (FA) 7:30AM - 9:00AM POKER WALK 10AM - NOON LIVE MUSIC 6:30-9:30pm STILL CRUISING BAND
8 CHURCH 9AM (FA) PINOCCHLE 1:00PM (CD) BOWLING 1PM	9 <i>GENEALOGY 1PM (BA)</i> DARTS 6:30PM(BA)	10 PLAY NINE/GOLF 6:30PM (CD)	11 ICE CREAM SOCIAL 1:30PM (FA) TRIVIA 7PM (FA)	12 BINGO 6PM (FA)	13 <i>CRAFT & VENDOR MARKET 10AM-1PM</i> <i>DONUTS 9AM</i> <i>HOT DOGS 10:30AM</i> KARAOKE(FA) 6:30PM-9PM	14 SATURDAY MORNING SOCIAL (FA) 7:30AM - 9:00AM LIVE MUSIC 6:30-9:30pm 3 SPEED BAND
15 CHURCH 9AM (FA) PINOCCHLE 1:00PM (CD) BOWLING 1PM	16 DARTS 6:30PM(BA)	17 TRIPOLY 6:30PM (CD)	18 NO LINE DANCE COOKIE EXCHANGE 1PM (FA) POKER WALK 10AM - NOON	19 BINGO 6PM (FA)	20 NO LINE DANCE CAROLING 2:15PM CHRISTMAS KARAOKE & POTLUCK 5:30PM-9PM (FA)	21 SATURDAY MORNING SOCIAL (FA) 7:30AM - 9:00AM LIVE MUSIC 6:30-9:30pm HOOTERS BLUES (CHRISTMAS DANCE)
22 CHURCH 9AM (FA) PINOCCHLE 1:00PM (CD) BOWLING 1PM	23 <i>GENEALOGY 1PM (BA)</i> DARTS 6:30PM(BA)	24 CRIBBAGE 9AM (CD) NO BUNCO NO GAME NIGHT	25 MERRY CHRISTMAS! HAM & POTLUCK DINNER AT 1:00PM (SIGN-UP REQUIRED) NO LINE DANCE	26 BINGO 6PM (FA)	27 NO LINE DANCE KARAOKE(FA) 6:30PM-9PM	28 SATURDAY MORNING SOCIAL (FA) 7:30AM - 9:00AM NO DANCE
29 CHURCH 9AM (FA) PINOCCHLE 1:00PM (CD) BOWLING 1PM	30 DARTS 6:30PM(BA)	31 CRIBBAGE 9AM (CD) NO BUNCO NO GAME NIGHT NEW YEARS EVE DANCE 8:15PM - 12:15AM SUREFIRE BAND				**LEGEND** FA = FRONT AUDITORIUM BA = BACK AUDITORIUM CD = CARD ROOM CF = CRAFT ROOM