



# AIRE TIME



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## **DESERT AIRE ACTIVITIES**

### **DONUTS**

Saturday, February 1, 15, 22, 29, 2020

7:30 a.m. - Auditorium

Please bring your own cup and small change  
for donuts and coffee.

### **QUILTER'S SPAGHETTI DINNER**

Saturday, February 1, 2020

Auditorium

4:30 Happy Hour

5:30 Dinner

6:45 Live Auction

Cost \$10.00 each (sold out)

Come and enjoy a great dinner and auction!  
Don't forget to bring your checkbooks and a  
loud voice so they can hear you bid!

### **OPEN BOARD MEETING**

Tuesday, February 4, 2020

10:00 a.m. - Auditorium

Be sure to come to listen to the Board  
Candidates speeches!

### **ARTS & CRAFTS FAIR**

Friday, February 7, 2020

9:00 a.m. - Auditorium & Patio

Tell your friends outside the park to come to  
this great event!

### **PANCAKES**

Saturday, February 8, 2020

7:30 a.m. - Auditorium

Cost \$4.00 each

Please sign up in advance on the Bulletin  
Board. Bring money, cup and silverware.

### **SATURDAY NIGHT ALIVE**

Saturday, February 8, 2020

7:00 p.m. - Auditorium

Beer Tasting and Karaoke

### **AND**

Saturday, February 29, 2020

Saturday Night Alive Leap Year Event

7:00 p.m. Auditorium

### **PATIO PARTY**

Monday, February 10, 2020

3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Free beer, wine & soda!

Bring heavy hors d'oeuvres to share with  
everyone

### **VALENTINES DINNER/DANCE**

Friday, February 14, 2020

Happy Hour - 4:30 p.m.

Dinner - 5:30 p.m.

Cost: \$20 each



### **HAROLD SHER CONCERT**

Sunday, February 16, 2020

7:00 p.m. - Auditorium

Tribute to Michael Buble!

### **HAMBURGER LUNCHEON**

Thursday, February 20, 2020

11:45 a.m. - Auditorium/Patio

Cost: \$4.00 each

Please sign up on the Bulletin Board.

### **FASHION SHOW**

Friday, February 21, 2020

11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. - Auditorium

Cost \$5.00 each

Fashions by Chicos and Soma

Sign up to bring a salad or dessert enough to  
feed 10 people. Coffee and water provided.

**SPORTS DAY**

Saturday, February 22, 2020

9:00 a.m. - Everywhere in the Park

Please watch the Bulletin Board for sign up sheet and details!

There are many activities to participate in and a "horse race" at the final of the putting competition!

**JACK & JILL GOLF TOURNAMENT**

Sunday, February 23, 2020

8:30 a.m. - Palm Royale Country Club

Cost: \$32.00 each

Dinner Guests \$9.00 each

Happy Hour - 4:30 p.m.

Dinner - 5:30 p.m.

Sign Up Sheets posted on the bulletin board.  
Watch the bulletin board for details.

**KENNY & VALERIE CONCERT**

Thursday, February 27, 2020

7:00 p.m. - Auditorium

Cost \$10.00 each

Come & Listen to a fun evening of music!

**DESERT AIRE NEWS****MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT**

By June Cavendish, President Desert Aire Board

Where has January gone. I hope all our renters and owners have enjoyed the activities so far. The next two months are packed also. So be sure and sign up for everything and get your tickets early because the events are selling out.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Grant Hilliard and his team and Vicki Bussey and her team for the wonderful job that was done on the bathrooms. They look fabulous.

I hate to keep bringing this subject up but it was presented several times at the general meeting. We are in need of volunteers. We need people to take over a committee like Donuts and team members to join security, various chairs needed

for dinners and parties. Remember if people don't step up the events will be canceled. We don't want to see that happen. Please look at the list in your directory and see where you would like to volunteer and get involved. This is what makes our park such a special place. Everyone pitches in and does their part. Hope you have a good February.

**MESSAGE FROM CAROLYN**

By Carolyn Quintana, Community Association Manager

Christina's Bragging Rights!!

Our housekeeper Christina and her husband, Jessie's son, Steven Lopez, has graduated from Advanced Individual Training at Fort Leonard Wood in Missouri. In August 2019 Steven reported to Boot Camp to start his Army Training. Those of you who have experienced boot camp know how difficult this transition can be for a young man.

From Boot Camp, Steven went forward to Advanced Individual Training specializing in the department of Military Police. On January 16, 2020, Steven graduated with a diploma majoring in Military Police. His instructor saw great potential and determination in Steven and he was chosen for a special assignment. In two weeks Steven will be going to Japan to carry out his education further in the Military Police. He will be on an assignment for two years.

At the end of his five year enlistment with the Army, Steven hopes to return to Indio and work as an officer with the Indio Police.

**MINUTES DESERT AIRE OPEN BOARD MEETING -** By Judy Bailey, Secretary DA Board**Highlights of the Open Board Meetings**

Board Members were introduced, June Cavendish, President; Judy Bailey, Secretary; Directors, Barry Rutz and Dave Haines. Absent were Brian Dolsen, Vice president; Marilyn Kopernick, Treasurer; and Cheryl Boyer,

Director.

June Cavendish wished everyone a Happy New Year.

#### **SECRETARY'S REPORT - Judy Bailey**

Motion was made for approval of minutes of the December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019 Open Board Meeting. Approved and seconded by Barry Rutz.

Motion was made for approval to accept Bill 323 (election rules). Approved and seconded by Barry Rutz.

#### **TREASURER'S REPORT - Judy Bailey for Marilyn Kopernick**

Thank you to the finance committee, Bob Langin, Steve Such, Hope Hilliard and Anne King. Operating fund: Operating expenses for the ten months are \$47K better than budget. The positive variance in payroll (\$28K). This is due to the replacement of one full time housekeeping position with a part time position. The pool management is now "in house", a saving of \$8K. Utilities are the only category unfavorable due to DRM including an extra month. Gas costs and refuse costs are higher.

A motion to accept the November 2019 financial reports received from DRM, as corrected by the finance committee and approved by the Financial Review Subcommittee was approved and seconded by Dave Haines.

Reserve Fund: The balance if \$461K, a decrease of \$41K during the year. \$216K has been paid in Reserve Fund expenses so far this year. Bathroom renovations make up the bulk of the expenditures at \$159K to date. Pool filters and salt cell expenditures are \$10K and \$8K for the Billiard Room renovations.

#### **MANAGEMENT REPORT - Carolyn Quintana**

EDITOR. .... KAREN SUCH, LOT 182

Carolyn gave a reminder that all renters must pay the Administration/Resort fee and that owners should tell the renters. Also to bring the correct change (\$25).

Election packages will be distributed and mailed in February.

Traps for gophers have been put out. If you have a problem with gophers, please contact Tony.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**ARCHITECTURE** - Judy Bailey reminded homeowners to keep up the landscaping and watch for weeds because of the wet weather.

#### **BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS - Dave Haines**

- ER's - Fitness bike \$1,787.92
- Replace salt cell system and spa pump \$755.00
- Ceiling repairs in Gym and Party Room \$2,825.00
- Emergency pump repair \$1,659.00
- Dead bolt for Maintenance shop and Transformer room \$542.80

Motion made by Dave to accept these ER's seconded by Judy Bailey. Motion passed.

#### **EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS - Barry Rutz**

Mark Wilson reported that Cheryl Boyer will do CPR Classes on January 14<sup>th</sup> and February 11<sup>th</sup>. Be sure to be prepared for emergencies with food and water available in your unit.

#### **SECURITY - Barry Rutz**

Gordy Klein reported that there have been lower than normal security issues. The committee will need more volunteers.

#### **REAL ESTATE - Barry Rutz**

A motion was made by Barry "I move that Desert

Aire will charge the \$25 Administration/Resort Fee to the owners account if it is not paid by the renter". Seconded by Judy Bailey and passed.

Carolyn Quintana reported for realtor, Mark Monaco. Sales this year - 14 are for sale and 5 have sold. Open houses will be held in January. Since 2019 there have been 83 requests for rentals.

### HOMEOWNER OPEN FORUM

Carolyn Stastny, Lot 51 - The choir desperately needs a pianist to accompany them. Also reminded that the want ads on the Bulletin Board will be removed at the end of the month and placed in a container. Re-date them if the product is still available.

Dale Irvine, Lot 176, Inquired about Alfonso. June answered that he will start Chemo (by pill) soon and then has radiation once a month. Larry will return to work in March or April.

Susan Langin, Lot 46 - If you are not getting the E-News bulletins, please sign up on the Desert Aire website ([www.desertairerv.com](http://www.desertairerv.com)).

Tom Stewart, Lot 71 - The exercise room is being well used. A new bike has arrived. Hiking starts on Thursday. He also inquired about housekeeping staff. Vanessa works part time from 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. daily.

**ANNOUNCEMENT:** Sign up sheets by Lot number and the number of people for both hamburgers and pancakes are on the bulletin board.

**Next Open Board Meeting - February 4, 2020.**

**ADJOURNMENT 10:40 a.m.**



## DESERT AIRE BOARD CANDIDATE BIO'S

### JUNE CAVENDISH

Our impression of Desert Aire was "wow" when we first came for a visit. The beautiful landscape, a uniform look to the park, the activities and the friendly community. These things are what make our home away from home a special place. We purchased lot 126 in March 2014.

We reside in Norman Oklahoma where we have 2 daughters, 5 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren. We are very fortunate to have them all residing within 8 miles of us. We spend our summers attending their various sporting activities and when possible do some traveling.

In my 6 years at Desert Aire I have served on the Activities Committee as secretary and as chairman. I have also been a member of the This & That committee and the Space Allocation Committee. I am a member of the quilt group and the needles group and I help in the mail room on Fridays. Two years ago I was elected to the Board where I served as secretary the first year and president the second year.

I have a master's degree from the University of Central Oklahoma in Political Science and my 37 years of work experience have been in the public sector. I have worked at the county, federal and state level where I retired from the Oklahoma Tax Commission as assistant director of the Taxpayer Assistance Division. I supervised 250 employees as we dealt with the tax problems of businesses and individual taxpayers. I feel I can contribute to the Board in many ways using my problem solving and communication skills acquired in my working career.

Being on the Board is a large responsibility and I feel my two years on the Board have been a great learning experience in finding out the workings of the park. I look forward to protecting

our investments, working on the infrastructure problems and keeping our park beautiful and updated for years to come. Thank you for your consideration for this position.

### STEVE HARVEY

I was born in Toronto, and moved west at age 8 yrs, grew up in Vancouver BC Education – University of BC, BA in Economics & English, MBA in finance at Berkley.

**Work Experience:** Mostly in planning and analysis functions for corporations. I also was involved with a small investment/business development firm in San Francisco, and worked for the Chamber of Commerce in Honolulu in its small business center advising business owners and participating in classes that we gave for business startups and for people who wanted to start their own business.

I worked for Ford of Canada, Hexcel Corp in California, Guardian Management Group in San Francisco, Alexander & Baldwin, Dillingham Corp, and The Chamber of Commerce in Honolulu. Moving back to Vancouver, I felt comfortable in going semi-retired, did the accounting for two windsurfing businesses: Pacific Boarder, a retailer, and Roberts High Performance Sailboards, a two person operation making premium windsurf and kite boards and custom designed carbon products.

Needless to say, I got wholesale deals in windsurf equipment from these associations. I still do the books for Roberts, time and age has made it just too much work going out on the waters, though.

**Desert Aire Volunteer Experience:** I started out moving chairs – before that I thought they stayed in one place permanently Then was nominated to coordinate Sports Day – was handed the binder and told “have a good time”.

Then a chance to cook donuts for Saturday mornings – can have danger of sucrose/cafeine overdose.

Handled management of Pickle Ball and helped in the sales efforts for building Court 3.

Continue to arrange the sign waving enterprise for the Craft Fair –neighbor asked me to do it.

**My Attitudes:** I think that Desert Aire is the best democracy I’ve ever been involved in. Our Boards have had very good members who have contributed their time and skills to beneficial effect. Our members are a talented group of capable people.

We have made many new friends here. Volunteers have more fun and get to meet more people.

**Personal agenda?:** We should all take the CPR class, you may get the “call” someday, good to be ready.

How about a gazebo along the sidewalk in the bocce area.

### BARRY RUTZ

It is Deja Vu all over again. I am again putting my name forward for a Board position in 2020. I feel that, after 2 years on the Board, there are still things I am learning and more projects to which I can add value. In the last 2 years the Board has updated and Improved our infrastructure and identified areas where we can keep our operating cost low by streamlining various operations.

If elected, I will continue to look for opportunities to keep Desert Aire at the top of the list of RV resorts in the Coachella Valley. My background in Purchasing and Materials Management is transferable to Desert Aire’s ongoing projects.

On a more personal note, my wife Gerri and I are in our ninth season. I served on the Architectural Committee for four years. During that time DA addressed the water shortage and introduced new rules for desert landscaping and larger shed designs to meet the need for more storage. I feel the park and owners have risen to the occasion and made the park even more beautiful with the

current water restrictions.

Going forward, projects might include upgrading street lighting, renovations to the shuffleboard building, standardizing mechanical systems for our pools and addressing the future care of our ponds, to name a few. All projects will be reviewed for financial feasibility and input solicited from owners. The park is seeing increased sales and rentals which is a reflection of how the park looks and how we manage the park.

If elected, I will continue to foster an atmosphere of getting the job done right; while at the same time focusing on the long-term benefit to Desert Aire.

## ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

By Jan Larson, Chair

It's February already. Time goes so quickly as we enjoy the beautiful weather in the Coachella Valley. At the last general meeting, people were very happy when Don Hammond reported that Buildings and Grounds had saved the park significant money by fixing things themselves. This saves all of us from larger monthly fees. Well in January, we had 24 people sign up for pancakes and then not show up. This cost us. Please remember if you sign up, you need to show up. It may be cold at 7:30 in the morning but when you get in the auditorium you will be greeted by the warmth of friends and neighbors.

February begins with the Quilters Spaghetti dinner on the first. Bring you ticket, your utensils, and your money. This is a fun event with lots of items to bid on as well as a good dinner. Happy hour at 4:30 and dinner at 5:30.

On the 4<sup>th</sup> we will have an open board meeting. Since the last one coincided with our ticket sales we hope to have a better attendance. Meeting starts at 10:00 a.m., and try to remember to wear your name tag.

On Friday the 7<sup>th</sup>, the craft fair will be happening. This is another way the the activities committee makes money. We use this money to give to all

the different activities when they request money for supplies or projects such as the bocce ball courts. So please attend and see all the wonderful items for sale from vendors around the valley and beyond. Also don't forget to sign up to help. Everything runs more smoothly with lots of help.

On the 8<sup>th</sup>, Saturday Night Alive will be having their famous beer tasting event. This means you come up with about two bottles of different beer. Find one that you like or have never tasted before but it has a cute label. Maybe not the cute label, but one you think others might want to taste. These are shared with all in small little glasses. It's a good way to try some new tastes.

On the 10<sup>th</sup> is our second patio party. Come up between 3-5 for free beer, wine or soda. This is put on by the activities committee. We hope for nice warm but not hot weather. Bring a heavy hors d'oeuvres to share with all. That does not mean the weight of the food, but that it is a little more substantial since it is close to dinner time.

Valentines, of course on the 14<sup>th</sup>. Don't forget your ticket and utensils. Happy hour 4:30 p.m. and dinner at 5:30 p.m.

Harold Sher will be singing some Michael Bubbe on Sunday the 16<sup>th</sup>. 7:00 p.m. in the auditorium.

The Fashion Show will be the 21<sup>st</sup> at 11:30. Please come and enjoy the fashions from Chico's. It is fun to get some new ideas about fashion. Then when you head to the store, you have an idea of what you might want to buy. Its only a \$5 ticket plus a salad or dessert. Come join the fun.

The very next day is Sports Day at 9:00 a.m., here at DA. So put away your dancing shoes and get out your tennis shoes. It's a fun morning with you getting to try different sports in the park capped off with hot dogs by the putting green. Bring lots of quarters with you when you come. We use that money for prizes for the winners at most of the stations.

February finishes with a concert by Kenny and Valerie on the 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. It will cost \$10. Please listen for more information as the time gets closer.

## 2020 FASHION SHOW

By Ann Van Oene, Coordinator

One of the most anticipated events for women in our park is happening Friday, February 21. Yes, ladies, it's our annual Fashion Show and Luncheon. This year we are continuing with the new seating arrangement. For those who want to sit together, everyone in your group must arrive together, or gather on the patio together, before you all get into the line together. Our greeters at the auditorium door will escort groups to a designated table. This should alleviate the need to line up early and should be fair to everyone.

A few reminders:

1. Bring your own table setting, and wine if you wish.
2. Bring a serving utensil for your salad. Have your dessert cut and presented on a platter.
3. Deliver your salads and desserts to the kitchen door prior to lining up at 11:30 a.m.
4. Print your name and lot number on the back of your ticket because there will be door prizes.

Please bring a small donation for the Coachella Rescue Mission of what makes you "Feel like a Woman".

We know you will enjoy the Fashion Show with the clothing presented by Chico's and Soma's.

Thanks in advance for your support and cooperation.

## CRAFT FAIR IS COMING

By Susan Tasca, Coordinator

The annual Desert Aire Craft Fair is coming on February 7. Get your money ready and your walking shoes on to come have a great time

shopping! There will be a lot of vendors in the auditorium and on the patio showing us their wares.

Please tell your friends outside the park to come and enjoy the fair!

## SATURDAY NIGHT ALIVE

By Graham & Donna Laughton, Coordinators

We have two fun evenings planned for February. First, back by popular demand, is our 9th Annual Beer Tasting and Karaoke on Saturday, February 8th at 7:00 p.m. in the Auditorium. Wii has been requested more often, so we will have that too. Please bring two or three bottles of Craft or Foreign beer per person. Definitely no Bud or Coors allowed. This is an opportunity to try many other beers. If beer is not your beverage of choice, please feel free to bring whatever you would like to drink. Karaoke is always fun and we have a great selection of songs to choose from. Sing solo or as part of a group. This may be your chance to be a "star".

Our second evening is our Leap Year Event on Saturday, February 29th (of course) at 7:00 p.m. in the Auditorium. We will have Karaoke as well as many other Leap Year theme surprises. As always, our events are free. We offer a pub style evening with our world famous popcorn, music and our 50/50 draw. Tickets are 5 for \$2.00. These evenings are a great way to spend time with friends, sing, play games or just visit.

We would like to thank everyone who helped make our Hawaiian Luau on January 19th such a big success. Over 100 people joined us for a lei greeting, pineapple bowling, ukulele playing and singing and hula lessons, finishing with a little pineapple sherbet. It was an awesome evening and fun to organize.

## ARCHITECT COMMITTEE

By Barb Eggiman, Chair

***Do your part to keep our park looking good for the remainder of the season.***

The Architectural Committee is encouraging

everyone to constantly maintain your lot to the standards we've come to expect. Our park has CC&R's that are very clear.....***Landscaping must be maintained until April 1<sup>st</sup> whether the lot is occupied or not.***

Keep your lot free of overgrown shrubs by trimming when needed. Remove debris or dying plants from your lot's flowerbeds. Pull the weeds. Do your part to keep our park looking its best **all season long**.

Barb Eggiman and the Architectural Committee Members: Bob Adams, Elaine Babcock, Randy Miles, Dan Spino, and Judy Bailey the BOD liaison

## **BUILDING & GROUNDS COMMITTEE**

Don Hammond, Chair

January once again finds Buildings and Grounds very busy with various projects.

First off, some owners have approached me with the idea of replacing the water piping and valves directly serving their unit. Undoubtedly, some of the piping and valves need replacing and preventative maintenance is wise. The huge problem is that to replace the main valve at the unit, the whole section of the park needs to be shut down. If you are planning to make such upgrades to your water service, register with Carolyn in the office. She will notify you when a planned shutdown is scheduled so that you can schedule your particular maintenance. She needs to know, so that your project can be checked before the system is recharged with water pressure.

**NOTE: Remember to turn off the electricity to your hot water heater when the water is shut off.**

The main swimming pool pump in the B pool failed. The bid from the local pool service company was for \$900. Our B & G Team procured a new pump for \$300 and installed it.

A permanent solution to the Spa/main pool shower has been created. The old shower was

closed because the deck was always wet and folks entering the Poker Room walked through it. The new shower is located on the exterior side of the Spa facing the pool. It has no mixing valve to control the hot and cold water and is controlled by a pull chain so you don't have to remember to turn the water off when you are through showering.

We have installed 26 pegs for hanging clothes in the new women's dressing room. We are in the process of doing the same thing in the new men's dressing room and the dressing rooms in both the A and B buildings.

We recognize the need to repair the cracks in the streets. The commercial work done three years ago was not satisfactory. The large cracks were not filled prior to the application of tar, thus the tar gets hot and collapses in the underlying cracks. Our B and G Team is talking with commercial firms to learn what needs to be done. It appears that our guys will be able to affect a satisfactory repair. When we are ready to begin repairs, we will need more volunteers. We put out the call and 10 volunteers showed up and did the job in B section. Thanks for a great job men!

The gazebo on the putting green needs some extensive repair and rebuilding. We are looking for 2 or 3 good carpenters to head up that task. If you have the qualifications and would like to volunteer for this project, please contact me.

Fun Fact Made Better: I have extolled the virtue of using vinegar in several ways. One of those was wrapping a vinegar soaked cloth around a hose bib to dissolve the deposits from hard water, so that you can easily attach and detach the garden hose. In trying it myself, I found that it doesn't always work as advertised. Therefore, I next filled a small ziplock bag with vinegar and fixed it around the faucet, immersing it in the vinegar. In 24 to 48 hours all the deposits are gone and the faucet works like new.



## EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE

Mark Wilson, Chair

I have a few thoughts to pass on from the Committee. What can you do to help in the event of an Earthquake or other disasters?

Our Red Binder does have a very comprehensive plan. Some key points are:

- Make sure everyone at Desert Aire is OK and accounted for.
- Complete a survey of our homes, RV's & buildings & report or mitigate any problems.

Our plan sends our Searchers to complete these tasks, but we can ALL help. We cannot at any given point in time be sure that everyone assigned to these tasks is here in the park.

So, this is what you can do:

Make sure you and your house mate are safe.

1. Check your home or RV for water leaks, propane leaks or electrical issues.
2. Turn off utilities as necessary.

What I will also ask you to do is to check on your neighbors. If every capable person checks on your neighbors 2 doors to your left, 2 doors to you right and a few more if possible, we can complete this task with your help.

Look for Searchers with a radio & report what you have found or come find me at the Clubhouse Patio. Your assistance will be greatly appreciated.

## LANDSCAPE & DESIGN COMMITTEE

By Nancy Clarke, Chair

The beginning of a new year is always an exciting time. There is always evidence of change, new opportunities and challenges abound. The Landscape & Design Committee is experiencing all of these as we are trying to reestablish our purpose & goals as a committee. We have been involved with Long Range Planning, identifying areas that need renovation and addressing water management. Overall, the

proposed changes should help to move our Park into a new era of design and grounds maintenance.

We will be working closely with Building & Grounds, on updating interiors and exterior areas, in need.

**Thanks** goes to our "in house" crew and *Kirkpatrick Landscaping* crew for their ongoing maintenance of our grounds & gardens. The flowers are looking absolutely beautiful.

## MARKETING & COMMUNICATIONS

By Cathy Routledge, Chair

Marketing and Communications is one of those DA Committees that operate pretty much entirely in the background. Being successful and doing a good job to us means we are so integrated in the life of the community, you don't think about us. We are just there.

You check in on our Facebook page, renters and buyers easily connect with our Realtor via our website, e-Blasts provide owners with instant information about time-sensitive issues from the Board or Management, private renters have immediate access to a huge group of perspective tenants, on-line consultation can happen through surveys providing our Board of Directors with vital input, our DA Aire Time is available electronically and weekly e-News gives everyone a timely list of what's happening in the park.

We will also be doing our fun and inspirational "Home and Garden Tour" showcasing some of the Park's great renovations and lovely landscaping projects a little later in the season. Don't worry- we'll definitely let you know the date!

A huge thanks to Susan Langin who sends our weekly E-News each Sunday during the season. Please get any items to her by Saturday. You can sign up through the website if you haven't at [www.desertaireresort.com](http://www.desertaireresort.com).

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

By Karen Such, Chair

The Nominating Committee was finally successful in seeking candidates for the Board of Directors here at Desert Aire. We had three empty positions coming up for the 2020/2021 season, and we found three willing candidates. They are June Cavendish, current board member, Barry Rutz, current board member and Steve Harvey, new candidate.

Thank you to these three outstanding candidates.

Now, for a little pep talk! It has been very difficult to find candidates and I am asking that you think about our park and the need for a seven member board of directors. If you aren't willing to serve at some point, do you feel you are contributing enough to take part in all of the activities offered at Desert Aire? I understand if you have health issues, or if your spouse is chairman of a committee, but some of your excuses are pretty lame. Would you please think about this and if contacted next season to run for the board, either become a candidate or have a pretty good excuse for not taking your part as a volunteer in our park.

As our Chairman of the Board, June Cavendish stated in her article, the park is having trouble finding people to fill positions on committees. This is a volunteer park and we have the best park in the Coachella Valley. If you want things to keep happening as they are, you need to step up and volunteer.

Please read the Bio's of our three Board Candidates in this edition of the Aire Time.

**REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE**

By Donna Irvine, Chair

The members of the real estate committee want to welcome all new Homeowners and renters for the season. It seems sometimes that our committee directs everything to the renters, but that's because we want the renters to become homeowners, and join us in this wonderful winter paradise.

For Renters, there is a list on the Desert Aire website of conditions your unit should meet. If you have problems and cannot resolve them with the owner or agent, please contact us. Also, remember that you need to check into the office as you come in the first time for a season. This is very important so that in case of emergencies we know who is in the park and where.

For both new owners and renters, please volunteer! It is what makes our Park so great and you will meet lots of people that want to help and be friends. We could not have this beautiful park without all our volunteers, some of which have been volunteering for 20 years! It's fun.

For owners that rent their units, remember to advise your renter that there will be a \$25 fee at check in, plus a fee for their gate card. It was voted on at the last board meeting to charge the owner if the renter doesn't pay. So make sure your renters are advised. Also remember to tell your renter how to get into the park and get the keys. It is not the office's responsibility to do this. Reminder to owners that rent, that in order for you to advertise on the Desert Aire website, your unit must meet the requirements listed for Desert Aire rentals. We want to make a good impression on our renters so that they might become our fellow owners.

All of this information is on our Desert Aire website, [www.desertaireresort.com](http://www.desertaireresort.com). Please make sure you check this out occasionally and watch for our Weekly e-Blasts. If you are not getting the Weekly e-Blasts, go onto the website and sign up. It's easy and available to all owners and renters.

Donna Irvine and the Real Estate Committee members - Sally Wilson, Cathy Cameron, Carole Purcell, Niki Brown and Linda Healey.

**MESSAGE FROM OUR REALTOR**

By Mark Monaco, DA Realtor

I would like to welcome all the owners and renters back to Desert Aire. Everyone looks like they are enjoying the beautiful weather and activities our resort has to offer. Just wanted to

share some information from the Real Estate office.

As of this writing, there are 14 active properties for sale and 6 properties have sold. Sellers are very motivated and buyers can take advantage of some really great deals right now. If you have been considering purchasing a property in Desert Aire, now is a fantastic time to do so, it is a buyers market!!

OPEN HOUSES will be scheduled throughout the coming months. Scheduled open houses will be posted on the bulletin boards in the park.

All properties in the Real Estate Office rental pool have been booked for months, with a waiting list of people hoping for cancelations. Aren't you glad you are here and not shoveling or driving in snow!!

I have had some unfortunate issues with heating and air conditioning units this season. Thank you to Frank Stencil with Stenserv. Frank was able to get these units repaired or replaced with no inconvenience to the renters or owners. As you know, many of the Heat Pumps in the park are considerably old. You may want to schedule a service before your unit quits operating.

Rental requests for the 2021 season have already begun. I am taking tentative bookings at this time but will not book any property that is currently for sale.

If you're an owner and interested in renting your property or you're interested in booking a property, please feel free to stop by the Real Estate office.

I look forward to seeing you,

### **QUILTER'S CORNER**

By Elaine King, Quilter

Plans are well underway for our Spaghetti Dinner and Auction on February 1<sup>st</sup>. If you weren't able to get tickets to the dinner, be sure to check in on the silent auction throughout the day and join us for the live auction at about 6:45. It is also not too late if you have an item you wish to donate for our auction.

Our ticket sales and auction proceeds go to purchase fabrics and supplies to sew charity quilts for Project Linus as well as make cash donations to community projects in our area.

Who is Project Linus? This agency represents ten or more charities in the Valley, many supporting children's programs. Their mission is to provide warmth and comfort to children who are seriously ill or have been traumatized or otherwise in need of support by providing them the comfort of a hand made quilt. Last year we distributed about 170 quilts.

Watch for more information about our Tidy Whitey Underwear Challenge to help the Coachella Valley Rescue Mission. Their biggest need is for men's underwear and women's bras (often the sport-type bra being the most adaptable to a variety of sizes). Ladies and children's undies are also appreciated as well as socks for everyone. We did this challenge a couple of years ago and were able to present the Mission with a thousand items. Thank you in advance, let's do it again.

The week of February 24th to 28th is our Quilting Bee week. We invite any who would be interested in helping with our big push to sew those extras quilts. We have blocks already cut for sewing, others help with pressing, someone is sandwiching and others quilting. It is amazing what this week can do—and it is fun! Come this week, but feel free to join us anytime.

A heads up for Saturday, March 14th. We will hang our quilts by Friday noon for all to view throughout the day and they will be on display during our Pancake breakfast. We hope to donate our quilts that morning as well as present a couple of cash donations to the community. We have invited the Water Color group to join us to display their handiwork as well. Mark it on your calendar.



## **PARK TIDBITS**

### **BLOOD DRIVE 2020**

By Sally Wilson, Blood Drive Chair

**Desert Aire blood donors – You Rock!** This year we had a record breaking blood drive with a total of 36 units collected capable of benefiting up to 108 people. There were 13 first-time donors, also a record. Having the drive take place in the auditorium was much more comfortable and we were able to accommodate 6 donors at once. Those of you who went online after midnight to register with the Express Pass really helped to speed up the process considerably. If you're here in March, remember that you can donate every 56 days and the donor center in LaQuinta is just past the Post Office. Walk-ins are welcome or you can make an appointment online at [Lifestream.org](http://Lifestream.org) or by calling LifeStream at (800)879-4484.

Heartfelt thanks from those whose lives you save as well as my thanks for your support of our annual blood drive.

### **SHUFFLEBOARD**

By Terri Lawton, Coordinator

Morning Shuffleboard is underway and we are having a lot of fun. We play on Wednesday and Friday mornings from 8:45 to around 11:30. Come to both days or if only one fits your schedule then go for that. No experience necessary. We will train as we play.

Sign up sheets are inside the shuffleboard building on the bulletin board. You must sign up at least one day before game day, and be sure to show up if you have signed up. We also collect aluminum cans for recycle. So bag up your beer and soda cans and drop them off behind the door of the shuffleboard building. No plastic water bottles please.

See you on the lanes.

## **BILLIARDS**

By Howard Davis, Coordinator

A reminder that Mondays at 7:00 p.m. is Ladies Night, Beginners always welcome and usually someone will be there to help in teaching you how to play.

Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. for Men's play. Again, beginners welcome. Casual format or if enough players a round robin can be done.

Other than these two times, there are usually players on weekdays around 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Or, take a chance at other times and see who's there.

Men's and Lady's tournaments should be scheduled for later in February. We are waiting for the new carpeting to be installed before these events can take place.

### **LADIES WEDNESDAY GOLF**

By Elaine King, Coordinator

Indian Palms Golf course is still welcoming us for nine holes of golf on Wednesday mornings starting about 10:00 a.m. Sorry fellows this is for ladies only. A Sign-up sheet is on the golf bulletin board. Be sure to include your lot number as I have had to make contact with you occasionally.

Come and join us, many of us stay for lunch.

### **DESERT AIRE FAMILY**

**Arol Masters**, formerly of Lot 321 and former Architect Committee Chair, passed away December 31, 2019 in Salem Oregon. If you wish to honor his memory, remembrances may be made in his name to the Capitol Manor Scholarship Fund in Salem Oregon.

Our love and sympathy to his wife Mae, family and friends.

**Joyce Bruenn**, Lot 138, had a fall at the Christmas Dance in December. She broke her hip and ended up in the hospital. She is now in respite care doing very well. She plans to come back to the park as soon as possible. Keep her in your thoughts and prayers.