



AIRE TIME



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DESERT AIRE ACTIVITIES

OPEN BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, March 1, 2022
10:00 a.m. - Auditorium

Please come to the last Open Board Meeting of the season to catch up on all of the news!

CONCERT UNDER THE STARS BY HAROLD SHER

Thursday - March 3, 2022
7:00 p.m. - Patio

Come for an evening of fantastic music!

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Saturday, March 5, 2022
10:00 a.m. - Auditorium

Please come to the meeting with your ballot if you haven't turned it in to the office. This is our election day for new Board Members at Desert Aire.

YARD SALE

Tuesday, March 8, 2022
9:00 a.m.

Cleaning house before you go home? Now is the time to sell your treasures to someone who has been needing them all along!

CAN/AM GOLF TOURNAMENT

Sunday, March 13, 2022
11:00 a.m. - Lot Fore

Meet on the Patio for Hot Dogs, Beer & Wine Announcements right after the tournament. Come and compete with friends from another country!



ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE & PARTY

Thursday, March 17, 2022

1:30 p.m. line up in front of the Clubhouse for the parade!

Check the Bulletin Board for more details.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY PATIO PARTY

Thursday, March 17, 2022

3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. - Clubhouse Patio
Beer, wine and soda will be provided. No shared appetizers.

JACK & JILL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Sunday, March 20, 2022

8:30 a.m. - Palm Royale Golf Course
See bulletin board for sign up sheet and information!

DESERT AIRE NEWS

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

By Barry Rutz, President Desert Aire Board

Getting there. Getting to the end of the season; Getting less Covid restrictions; and Getting to the end of my 4 year term on the board; all of which are a little bitter sweet. Please remember to vote for your choice for the three open positions on the Board. All votes need to be at the office before March 5th. We need 66 2/3% of the owner's votes to achieve a quorum for both the Board Election and our "Election by Acclamation" rule change.

We have hired a new crew member on our staff this past month. His name Mario Lopez and comes to us from another DRM managed park where he worked for over 30 years. Our jack of-all-trades; Jesse and Mario will be Co-Superintendents. Each bring a wide range of skills and we are looking to them to whip our park into tip top shape.

Our Hot Topic round tables will be held on February 28th to gather Owner’s input on a variety of topics. Please feel free to participate at one or all of the tables on the patio at 10:00 a.m.

Finally, if you see anything in the park which needs attention by our staff, please contact Carolyn in the office so she can direct the staff and monitor the completion of the project.

Thank you for your cooperation. Enjoy the rest of the season and safe travels to your summer home

MESSAGE FROM CAROLYN

By Carolyn Quintana, Community Association Manager

It’s that time of year again! Annual Meeting and time to drop off or mail in your ballots. Thank you to those of you who have already dropped off your ballots. It is much appreciated. The Annual Meeting will be on Saturday March 5, 2022 at 10:00 p.m. in the Desert Aire RV Park Auditorium. I hope all of you that are here in Desert Aire can attend.

See you there!

MINUTES DESERT AIRE OPEN BOARD MEETING - FEBRUARY 1, 2022

By June Cavendish, Secretary DA Board

INTRODUCTIONS – Barry Rutz called the meeting to order at 10:00 am. He introduced the Board members and confirmed a quorum. Members present were Ken Bailey, Barb Eggiman, June Cavendish, Cheryl Boyer, Steve Harvey, Dave Haines and office manager Carolyn Quintana

COMMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT - Barry Rutz made a motion for Dick Bergen to be elected as Inspector of Elections. Ken Bailey seconded. Motion passed. Announced that a Hot Topic session will be held on Feb 28th at 10 am on the patio. Watch the bulletin board for

Editor..... Karen Such, Lot 182

more details. Please disregard the blue ballot that was put in the election packet. It contained an error. The corrected ballot is yellow. Please get your ballots in by Feb 25th so that a quorum can be determined. Reminded everyone that masks are still required inside the clubhouse until at least Feb 15th. The new Spectrum contract will start Feb 23. Instructions will be sent out soon on how to exchange your current box for the new DVR box.

SECRETARY’S REPORT – June Cavendish made a motion to approve the minutes from the Jan 11, 2022 open board meeting. Barb Eggiman seconded the motion. Motion passed.

TREASURERS REPORT – Barb Eggiman reported that the year end financials had just been received and had not been reviewed by the committee yet. She will have the report at our March meeting.

MANAGEMENT REPORT – Carolyn Quintana spoke about how to title your property correctly to prevent any problems when you sell. Only use a quick claim deed if you are selling to a family member. You can use a grant deed, but going through escrow is the best way to go. You should have the title researched to assure that everything is in order.

COMMITTEE REPORTS –

Activities – June Cavendish reported that Teddy Wilson is still out. The committee met and they are planning on having a Valentine’s patio party. It will be held on the 14th - 3-4:30 pm. All beverages and snacks will be furnished by the committee. Mike Madsen #245 has accepted the chairman of the chair committee.

Buildings & Grounds – Dave Haines made a motion to approve three ER’s. Barb Eggiman seconded the motion. Motion passed. New pool signs - \$807.36, Gas leak repair at B laundry - \$3,080.00, Additional supplies for backflow project - \$2,845.70. Dave introduced Bill Sinclair

#111 who will be assuming the leadership role for the B & G committee. Bill spoke about how important it is to have our volunteers fix things around the park. This helps keep our costs down and our HOA's low. He has also done some research on why people are having trouble with Spectrum on Demand. It appears that Spectrum does not have a strong enough signal for this area of town. If you are having trouble please call Spectrum directly. The more complaints they get might help to get a stronger signal.

Architectural – Steve Harvey thanked the committee for all their hard work this year.

Landscape & Design – Cheryl Boyer made a motion to approve two ER's. Barb Eggiman seconded the motion. Motion passed. Three new trees to be planted in the boulevard by the Bocce Ball courts- \$3,191.40. A makeover of the raised beds in the patio area - \$12,694.23. This make over will consist of removing old plants and replacing with 60 new plants, redo of irrigation and lighting, new gravel and rock. Nancy Clarke reminded everyone that Kirkpatrick only comes to the park on Tuesday and Thursdays. She has a set schedule for the desert landscape so that each area is worked once a month. If you have an issue with these areas please send an email to Carolyn so she can forward it to the proper area. Currently the committee is working on a few projects- putting some bushes around a transformer box on B side, doing some plantings at the entrance to Lot Fore and looking for some ideas for improving the front entrance to the building. Nancy also asked that if you want to cut some of the roses that you do it properly.

Emergency Preparedness – Cheryl Boyer - no report Mark Wilson is not in the park yet.

Security – Barry Rutz made a motion to approve two ER's. Ken Bailey seconded the motion. Motion passed. New phone system for the gate

- \$7,484.24, Extended warranty for the alarm system - \$735.00. Gordie Klein reported that most Homeowners are doing a good job at keeping things locked up at night. Security has had very few late night calls. Committee is looking at new designs for gates at the entrance and will pass on the information to the Board.

Marketing & Communications – June Cavendish – no report

Nominating Committee – Ken Bailey – Ken thanked the committee for all their work on securing 4 candidates for the up coming election on March 5th. Stan introduced the 4 candidates who spoke to the audience on their qualifications. The candidates are Calvin Cosens, Bruce Spalding, Kurt Neumann and Randy Miles.

Real Estate – Ken Bailey – Mark Monaco was not present but Ken reported that all of his rentals are already full for next year. Sales have been very good and they are going fast.

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS - None

HOME OWNERS OPEN FORUM -

#11 Stan Miller spoke about Sports Day on Feb 26th. It takes about 100 volunteers to run this event. Sign up sheets are in the breeze way. Also looking for a few volunteers to organize the Can/Am golf tournament in March.

#298 Steve Saari – Asked everyone to please carry a flashlight if you are out at night. Also wear light colored clothing. We have some dark areas in the park and someone could get hurt if a car couldn't see them.

#256 Elaine King – The quilters are having a silent auction on Feb. 10 -12 in the auditorium. They have over 40 items for the auction. Please stop by and bid on the items.

#233 Barb Eggiman spoke about how important

the auction is for the quilters. They use the money to purchase material for the quilts that they donate to the Linus project. This organization gives the quilts to the children's hospital, abused centers, police departments.

#136 Paula Grant - With all our new homeowners everyone needs to get a name badge to wear to functions. Carolyn has the forms in the office, they are \$13 each. Paula volunteered to collect these forms and take them to the company for processing.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW HOME OWNERS - #75 Doug & Helen Holler from Vancouver Washington were introduced.

ANNOUNCEMENTS Next general meeting will be March 1, 2022 at 10:00 am and the annual meeting will be March 5th at 10:00 am

ADJOURNMENT Meeting adjourned at 11:05 am.

DESERT AIRE COMMITTEE REPORTS

ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

By Teddy Wilson, Chair

Concert

On Thursday, March 3rd at 7:00 pm, Harold Sher will be performing on the patio. Look for posters titled "Concert Under the Stars". Feel free to bring refreshments while enjoying the music and be sure to clear your table before you leave. No tickets are required and tips will be accepted.

St Patrick's Day Events

The Activity Committee is planning a St Patrick's Patio Party at 3:00 pm – 4:30 pm on Thursday, March 17th. Beer, wine and soda will be provided at no charge. There will be no shared appetizers.

It's your lucky day St Patrick's Day parade returns to Desert Aire. We encourage all residents to participate. Decorate your golf carts, bicycles &/or cars. Don't forget to wear your

green or dress up as a Leprechaun as you walk around the park and in the parade on Tuesday, March 17th. Check the Clubhouse and Laundry Room Bulletin Boards for more details. There will be a Parade Sign-up sheet on the Clubhouse Bulletin Board.

Line up for the parade starts at 1:30 pm and will be at the parking area in front of the clubhouse by the pool on the East side.

If you are not participating in the parade then be sure to watch the parade as it goes through the park!

If you have any questions, please contact: Bea & Maurice Fitzgerald, Lot 124 Phone: 780 686 7596

Volunteer Opportunities

- Activity Committee Members

We are looking for a few volunteers to join the Activity Committee for 2022-2023. If this is something you think you might be interested in doing, please contact me at at tkw6067@msn.com or 503-544-7419.

- Volunteer Activity Coordinators

We are also in need of Coordinators for the following activities:

- Entertainment Coordinator
- Christmas Dance
- Fashion Show (Anne Van Oene is willing to help.)
- Sports Day
- January Theme Dinner/Dance
- Ticket Booth

ARCHITECT COMMITTEE

By Elaine Babcock, Secretary

As many of us begin winding down our time at Desert Aire, the Architectural Team would like to make a few reminders for owners.

1. Lots need to be maintained until April 1, so keep weeding and pruning. It is recommended that you do some major pruning before you leave as there will plenty of growth when you return next season.
2. Check your irrigation system. If you have trees and plants that need water during the hot summer months, make sure those sprinklers are in working order. Buildings and grounds has recommended that you lock your main water valve to your park model, so it doesn't accidentally get turned on.
3. If you use a landscape service for your lot, check with them before you leave to ensure they know what services you would like provided in the fall.
4. New owners - grass is not watered in the summer months and will need to be replanted in the fall in time for the November 15th annual inspection.
5. Please pick all the fruit off of trees.
6. Work order forms are located in the mail room. Please complete in detail and sign the back for any projects. Check the Architectural Rules in the directory to see what is required. They are submitted to the office. Reminder that the committee meets twice a month, so please plan ahead.

Thank you for keeping your lots maintained and for all the great improvements you are doing on your lots. The Architectural Committee appreciates all you do to keep the park looking so great. Have a safe journey back to your home.

BUILDING & GROUNDS COMMITTEE

Bill Wilson, Team Member

Tom has spent a lot of time working on the golf course. He has sprayed weeds and inspected every sprinkler head and repaired those needing attention. As this is printed, he is applying fertilizer to the grass. Bill has re-seeded bare

spots in the turf. Tom and Bill are new to the B & G Committee this year.

Led by Linda and Mike, a sub-committee of Doug, Blair and Stu have been refinishing the benches located throughout the park. They feel they will be finished with all benches by the first week in March. All are new to the B & G Committee and we are really grateful for their contribution

The hot water heaters serving the men's and women's dressing rooms have been replaced with new on demand heaters. We believe both heaters were original construction items. The one serving the men's side had been seeping water for several weeks.

Maurice, with the help of Dave and Glen, installed the necessary electric circuitry in the kitchen to power the Bunn Coffee Makers that were donated to us a couple of years ago. Glen is new to the B & G Committee this year. In addition, Maurice completed the task of putting new light bulb sockets in the square light fixtures hanging over several of the entrance doors at the clubhouse so now they are all functional.

Led by Richerd, a sub-committee of Russ and Bruce have been working to find an appropriate contractor to refinish the "finished" clubhouse breeze way doors. The door to the Ticket Booth was refinished so that we can see the quality of his work. Richerd's group is also working on a proposal to replace the poker room door and the doors to the men's and women's shower rooms. Russ and Bruce are new to the B & G committee this year.

B & G has continued to work on a new system of street lights in the A and B sections. We have arrived at the conclusion that solar powered lights are the only way we can answer all of the needs that will be required of the new system. If you have not seen the lights, we have two mounted on posts on Mocking Bird Lane near the intersection with North Palm Drive. Although

prices are increasing at an alarming rate, we firmly believe that we can do this project for less than the \$30,000 figure we gave the Board last spring. Because we recognize there are questions about this change, Street Lighting will be part of the “Hot Topic” discussions on February 28th.

Will did a study of our garbage collection methods and the cost of having Burtec rent us the dumpster and dump it on our demand. He concluded that by making investments in equipment, we could save a few thousand per year. However, when you consider the issue of cost of equipment maintenance and our own labor cost, the savings was marginal, thus he recommended no action be taken. We may still buy a piece of equipment that will help the efficiency if we can locate one for a good price.

Bill is a recent addition to our committee. He recently retired, spending a large portion of his career in team building. He has already made a huge impact on the organization of the B & G Committee and helping to push projects from dreams to action.

Future projects that either will be finished this season or will be started:

Fences around the A and B pools need work. The bottom parts that are buried in soil to give the fence rigidity have rusted off and need replaced with new metal.

Garbage can maintenance: Several of the in ground canisters need replaced; several of the garbage can inserts that actually hold the garbage need replaced; many of the lids are damaged and need repaired or replaced. The huge problem is that the assemblies are not made or sold any more. We have a scheme to fabricate new pieces where necessary. This is a very large job and will take more than one season to complete.

Parking bumpers in front of the clubhouse have deteriorated and need replaced.

Remember: If you have a contractor do work for you – either construction or yard pruning and maintenance – the contractor must remove any waste from your site and Desert Aire. It is not OK for them to dispose of the waste of your project at Lot 4. If you, yourself, do a construction project or yard renovation, you can dispose of your waste at Lot 4.

DON'T

1. Don't throw plastic bags into the “yard waste” trailer. If you use a bag to get the waste to Lot 4, dump the waste into the trailer and throw the bag into the dumpster.
2. Don't remove tools from the Maintenance Shop for personal use – they often don't return or return after we have had to purchase a new one because the crew needs it now.
3. Don't dispose of major appliances (water heaters, refrigerators, ranges, etc) at Lot 4 – when you purchase, make sure that the vendor will pick up the old one.

DO

1. Pick all fruit from the trees before it falls to the ground. If you can't use all the fruit on your trees, take it to Coachella Valley Rescue Mission on 47470 Van Buren St. If you have fruit on the ground, pick it up and put in the yard waste. Leaving fruit on the ground encourages rodents to take up residency.
2. Do Flatten all cardboard when recycling – includes small packing boxes, cereal boxes, and mail packaging.
3. Do flatten chairs, cabinets and other furniture you are recycling. If it is too good for that, then donate it to one of the resale charities – most of them will even pick it up.

You can communicate directly with the Building and Grounds Committee by using our specific email address: dabldgandgrds@gmail.com. Use this address to comment on current B & G projects or inform us of something that needs attention in the park such as burned out or non-functioning lights.

LANDSCAPE & DESIGN COMMITTEE

By Nancy Clarke, Chair

This season is quickly winding down. Our committee is continuously facing new opportunities and challenges as we try to reestablish our purpose & goals as a committee.

The month of March is always a busy one. Gardens are finally blossoming after a long series of bizarre weather. Mario, Jesse, Juan, Chris & Armando, along with the Kirkpatrick Landscaping crew, have been attending to the grounds & gardens. Finally, the roses are starting to bloom. Three Sisso trees were planted on the boulevard across from the Bocce ball courts. They are replacing three trees that were felled two years ago.

Claire Peters, who volunteered to look at replacing the faded plaques, on the Memorial Wall, was unable to return to our park, due to an injury. Thus this project will be delayed until next season. Carole Hiltman & Barb Sloan who volunteered to oversee the Memorial Garden pots, this season, deserve accolades for the beauty that these pots provide. If anyone is thinking of placing a memorial plaque, in memory of a loved one, on the Memorial Wall, there are forms in the office for you to start this process.

Landscape & Design continues to be enthused about future planning for this park and we will coordinate future projects with any long range planning. We are always looking for people with a certain panache in landscaping, gardening or design. We are looking for people that would appreciate less "meeting" time and would rather devote more time to designing, and enhancing

areas in the Park. Your creative talents would be most welcome. If you are interested please contact **Glenda Klein** (unit#272) or **Nancy Clarke** (unit#79) 760-406-2440 for more information.

To those in the community who will be traveling home, I wish you safe traveling. Keep well & keep safe.

REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE

By Sally Wilson, Team Member

The **Desert Aire Real Estate Team** wants to remind all owners who will be renting your units that:

- The unit must comply with the Guidelines For Rentals listed in the Real Estate section of the Desert Aire website, be clean, in good repair, and fully stocked.
- Rental period must be a minimum of one month with maximum occupancy of 270 days per year.
- Let your renters know that: this is a 55 and older resort, no pets are allowed, they must register with the office, and they need to follow park rules as listed in the Desert Aire Directory.

If you wish to have your unit listed on the DA website [For Sale Or Rent By Owner](#), the directions are on the website. Thank you for helping to keep Desert Aire the best seasonal destination in the valley.

REALTOR

By Mark Monaco, DA Realtor

WHEW...FEBRUARY turned out to be one busy month with so many people touring our park with an interest in renting and purchasing. This is truly a unique time to buy a property with the park going through a transition period and sellers willing to make a deal. Many long ime owners have made the difficult decision to sell their beloved properties due to health or other

personal reasons. These people have spent so many seasons in the park creating lasting memories and enjoying the many friends made over the years. This is a fantastic opportunity for newcomers to make this their winter home and create their own memories. I would like to welcome all the new owners that have or will be taking possession of their properties this season and making Desert Aire their new winter home.

On the rental side, there have been so many folks touring Desert Aire for the first time from neighboring parks in the area and are interested in renting next season. The demand for rentals has been very strong for next season with everything already booked. If you are interested in the real estate office renting out your property next season, please contact me as soon as possible. I have a growing list of renters that are ready to book for next season.

For those of you that will be leaving the park at the end of March, I hope you have enjoyed the time with your Desert Aire friends. I would like to wish you all safe travels back home and have a happy and safe summer season.

I look forward to seeing you all next season.

SECURITY COMMITTEE

By Gordy Klein, Chair

The Security Team is happy to report we are having a quiet year in the Park with no reported thefts. We continue to evaluate ways to keep the Park secure and safe. We recently reported there are plans to add additional spikes on the North resident's wall in section B. However, we have been unsuccessful in obtaining pricing so we are recommending delaying this project until next Fall.

We would like to remind all homeowners if you are having contractors, family or friends enter the Park, please do not give them your gate cards. You can have your phone registered at the office so visitors can use the key pad at the gate to call you to let them in.

As always, a reminder to keep your speed down, use flashlights when walking at night and continue to lock sheds and cars as well as light up your homes at night.

Please note the Security Team members and phone numbers are listed in your DA directory. Please contact a team member if you observe any suspicious activity or have questions or concerns about safety in the Park.

QUILTER'S CORNER

By Roberta Christner, Quilter

The numbers are in and the grand total from the 3 days comes to a little over \$3900.00 !!! Thank you, thank you, thank you for the participation of so many of you. A lot of the items from the silent auction and card chance were donated from non-quilters. Again we say a huge thank you.

The 186 quilts that were on display hanging around the room were originally made for charity. But for the first time in many years we allowed the sale of these quilts which helped make the outstanding grand total.

A number of you have asked what was in the mystery boxes on the silent auction. One was a jar of olives, another a can of oysters and the last one was a \$50.00 gift certificate.

Since this is the last "Aire Time" article this season from the quilters we'd like to say safe travels and come back in November for a full 5 months of fun in the sun!

PARK TIDBITS

FEBRUARY JACK & JILL TOURNAMENT

By Karen Such, Coordinator

February, 2022, Jack & Jill was a big success! There were 14 teams who played a 3, 2, 1 match. If the hole has a 3 written on the score sheet, you took the best 3 scores on that hole and marked them down and so on with 2 best, then 1 best. Then you started over with the 3, 2,

1. No one had a clue who would win because we had never seen scores so high for 18 holes.

The winners are:

First Place with a score of 125

Ron & Barb Eggiman & Don Polinski & Cheryl Blake

Second Place with a score of 129

Steve & Karen Such & Dave Haines & Shannon Allison

Third Place with a score of 130

Dennis & Linda Percheson & Ed Claggett & Judy Argent

Men’s Closest to the Pin. Martin Ulrich

Women’s Closest to the Pin. . Laurie Steele

Men’s Long Putt. Brian Dolsen

Women’s Closest to the Pin. . Vicki Spalding

We also had to keep track of our water balls and there were 136 total from all of the teams. Louise Page guessed 137 and won the prize for closest guess.

A great lunch of Kentucky Fried Chicken was served at 1:30 p.m. on the patio after the tournament. Thank you to the planning committee, Roger Gardner, Cathy Cameron, Judy Bailey and Bruce & Vicki Spalding. You did a fantastic job!

SHUFFLEBOARD

By Terri Lawton, Coordinator

Come join us for morning shuffleboard each Wednesday and Friday. We start at 8:45 a.m. and play two games ending at around 11:30. Enjoy coffee and cookies in between each game with the money we get from the recycled aluminum cans you drop off is our building.

“I don’t know how to play”, you say. No need to worry. We teach you as we play. Its easy and

fun game to learn. You will find the sign up sheet inside the shuffleboard building on the bulletin board. Come down and have fun with us.

PLEASURE PAINTER’S CLUB

By Sandra Turner & Deb Rasmussen, Coordinators

If you have an interest in the visual arts and would like to join our group, we would love to welcome you. We meet each Wednesday from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the party room.

In March our group would like to offer 3 beginner water color classes to budding artists. The classes would run from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday and student numbers are limited to 6 people. Participants are asked to contribute a minimal amount to the costs of painting and paper or bring your own supplies. Please sign up on the main bulletin board. The first class will be on March 2nd and you will be learning how to do a wash with a silhouette.

If you have any questions, please see Sandra at Lot 312.

JACK & JILL GOLF TOURNAMENTS FOR 2022/2023 SEASON

By Karen Such, Coordinator

We are happy to announce that we have a new option for a Jack & Jill Tournament golf course. Steve talked to the Pro at Woodhaven Golf Course and was given the following options for our tournaments:

Cost of golf for 18 holes with a cart - \$40.00

Starting Time for a shot gun - Anytime we choose. We will likely continue with an 8:30 start.

We would charge an extra \$11 for food and prizes, as we normally do at this time. The total cost per golfer would be \$51.00. We will also be exploring the option of an inexpensive meal at Woodhaven.

For those of you who have never played Woodhaven, it has only 2 par 5 holes and it is a beautiful course! There are currently a number in the park who have a tier membership there and we have a ladies group on Wednesdays who play there.

We are excited to offer this to you and ask that you please email Karen Such at ksuch@juno.com if you are interested. We need to know that we have enough interest before we commit to the course with an OK and dates for our tournaments.

DESERT AIRE PUTTING CHAMPIONS

By Stan Miller, Coordinator

Congratulations to the putting champions for the 2021/2022 Season. The men's champion is Elvin Unger! The women's champion is Karen Such!

Thank you to all who participated in this fun event!

DESERT AIRE FAMILY

I am happy to report that we have lost no current or former residents of Desert Aire in the past month. We need to be thankful!

Do continue to pray for our owners who have health issues.

