# **The Sun Catcher**

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### A MESSAGE FROM THE 2025 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

By Ken Ropp, Newly-Elected BOD President

My name is *Ken Ropp*. I am your new Board President. It is truly an honor to serve this wonderful community. *Thank you to all that have supported me*.

I have lived in Sunflower since 2020 and have been on the Board since 2022. My goal, as President, is to continue keeping this community desirable and affordable. We have an excellent Board this year. As a team, we will keep Sunflower moving forward.

As we are now in the midst of the holiday season, please keep in mind that we are an aging community and that there are residents that are alone. Any small acts of kindness go a long way to mitigate that loneliness. Perhaps a card, some cookies, or just asking them over for coffee can fill the hearts of someone during these times. I encourage US ALL to do some small kind act this season. *That's what makes us a great community.* 

Wishing each and every resident a safe, healthy holiday! Thank you, Ken Ropp.

#### **Committee Liaison Appointments**

At the November 20th Board of Directors Meeting, the following committee liaison assignments were approved. It is the liaison's responsibility to attend their respective committee meeting, give support and advice, and report each committee's information back to the next-scheduled BOD meeting.

> Activities Committee ~ *Dennie Linde-Sonntag* Architectural Committee (ARC) ~ *Tim Lardy* Elections Committee ~ *Dennie Linde-Sonntag* Finance Committee ~ *Patrick Sterling* Governance Committee (AdHoc) ~ *Mac Gearhart* Landscape Committee ~ *Ken Ropp* PRAC ~ *Kathy Mitchell* Solar Task Force Committee ~ *Mac Gearhart* Sports Courts Committee (AdHoc) ~ *Tim Lardy* Strategic Task Force Committee ~ *Ken Ropp* Website Maintenance (Web Team) ~ *Stefan Joswick*

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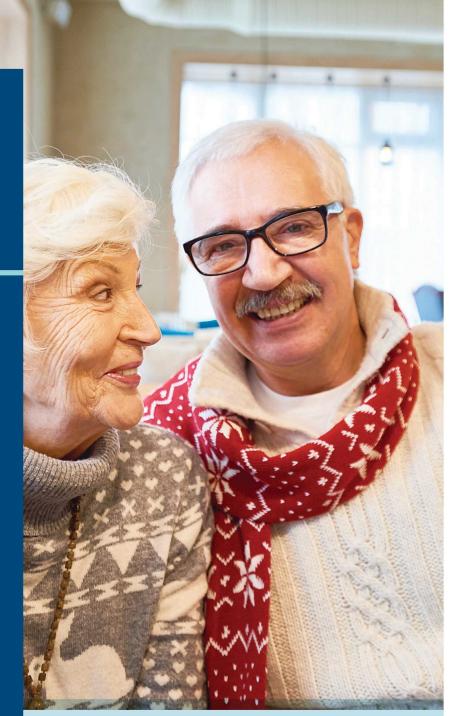
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# Join Us for a Jolly Time

#### **Open House** Friday, December 6 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM

Jingle all the way to our merry community. At this fun open house, there will be live entertainment, lively libations, and scrumptious treats. Take a tour and see how our residents have decorated their doors with holiday panache. You may even want to snap a few photos in front of the most glamourous designs.

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#### ARCHITECURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE By Lisa Sak

The Architectural Review Committee would like to remind residents that any changes to the exterior of the residence need ARC approval. Our Design Guidelines state as follows: "MODIFICATIONS-No exterior alteration, addition, or renovation to any Dwelling Unit, no modifications to the interior of covered patios or porches, and no landscaping, walls or fences will be allowed on any Lot, without application to, and written approval by, the Architectural Review Committee. Each Owner is responsible for removing or otherwise correcting, at its expense, non-complying and/or unapproved improvements. In the event of a Sunflower Design Guidelines."

Holiday Decorations-Sunflower residents and staff are looking forward to seeing the wonderful decorations that residents often put up. Just a reminder that the decorations can go up one month prior to the holiday and need to be removed 14 days after the holiday. Enjoy the decorations~making Sunflower so festive!

ARC meetings are ALWAYS on the 1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month: December 3rd & 17th @ 9:00 a.m. in the Craft Room.

#### **ELECTION COMMITTEE**

Now that our 2025 BOD elections have been completed, we would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the people who worked so hard to make it the great success it was!

First, our many thanks to members of the Election Committee: Dolores Johnson, Dennie Linde-Sonntag, Carol Moore, Effie Skroch and Lynne

Klarkowski. Their hard work, dedication and long hours proved to be beneficial in the smooth-running of this year's BOD elections. They took great pains to count up all votes in an efficient & coordinated way. We all owe them a thank you for a job very well done.

Next, please join us in thanking the Sunflower Management & Staff Members who also input many hours to make sure the election ran like clockwork! The Management Team and Front Desk Staff worked hard to ensure that ballots were created, candidate biographies were posted, paper ballots were collated for everyone, and election process information was available to residents so they could make informed voting choices. The Maintenance Staff continued to work tirelessly to set up equipment and technology so that the process ran smoothly and efficiently.

We thank them all for their constant dedication to the needs of the Sunflower Community.

Finally, we want to express a big thank you to all our residents who realized the importance of the election and took time to cast their vote, either electronically or through paper ballot. We were able to reach the quorum required for the voting to be valid.

We thank you all for your continued interest in making Sunflower the best it can be!

#### FINANCE COMMITTEE By Bonnie Scott

The **Sunflower Financials** for September 2024, which also reflect the total Income and Expenses for the year, had to resale, property shall be brought into conformance with be re-done due to recommended changes by the Finance *Committee*, resulting in the committee not being able to approve them. The updated financials were reviewed in the committee's November meeting. Sunflower's Fiscal Year (Tax year) begins October 1<sup>st</sup> and ends September 30<sup>th</sup>, which makes the September 30<sup>th</sup> financials especially important for not only the Board and Finance Committees; but also, they are provided to the Sunflower's Auditor when auditing the community financials at year-end.

> The 2022-23 Audit has been reviewed by the *Board* and the *Finance Committee* and was approved by the committee with a few changes needed by the CPA firm, Butler and Hansen. This Audit would have been completed by March of this year had the prior CPA not passed away and a new firm had to take over the Audit. The committee will review the final Audit once it is available. Once September 30th financials are reviewed and approved by the committee and the Board, more information will be provided to the Community.

The *Finance Committee* has five (5) knowledgeable members in finance and in computers. However, it can have up to 9 members; and more members are needed to assist in reviewing the financials, providing input regarding investments, and preparing the annual budget. An application is available on the **Sunflowerliving.com** website or one can be picked up at the Village Center front desk. Please consider joining our committee. Members are available to assist new members with the Committee's responsibilities which are listed in the Finance Committee *Charter*. A copy of the Charter is available (a) Sunflowerliving.com or can be picked up at the Village Center.

We invite you join us for our next meeting on Tuesday, December 17th, 2024 @ 1:30 p.m. in the Conference Room.

#### LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE

By Janis Willkom

Sunflower received acceptance from **Tucson Water** for the <u>Turf Removal Grant</u>. The qualifying turf will result in an approximately \$70,000 rebate! Our next step is to submit this to the <u>Town of Marana Planning Dept</u>. for their approval. The turf proposed for removal is in the front areas and the east side of the bocce ball courts. It does NOT include the pool area nor the area behind the Center. Once the formal approval is sent to AAM, an application with the <u>Town of Marana</u> needs to be completed.

Meanwhile, we met with a **Rainbird** representative regarding our irrigation upgrades and replacements. He gave us some good advice about how we can upgrade the irrigation around the Center. The committee will be discussing this at our next meeting on *December 6th*.

We plan to harvest some agave pups currently in our common areas and use them for replanting elsewhere. If you are interested in helping, please let *Jude Malen* know; her number is 520-668-5052. A date hasn't been set yet, but sometime after Thanksgiving.

Please consider joining our committee; we are in need of more people as we move further into the *Smartscape Renovation Phase*.

Contact Jan Willkom, Chair, if interested, @ 520-668-1765.

We invite you to join us for our next <u>Landscape Meeting</u> on Friday, December 6th, 2024 @ 10:00 a.m. in the Conference Room.

#### <u>HELP!</u>

#### WELCOME COMMITTEE

By Lynn Haye

Like to talk? Like to meet new people moving into Sunflower? *Then we have the job for you!* 

We are looking for a couple of full-time people to help welcome our *"Newbies"* into our Sunflower Community.

If you are interested, please email *Lynn* @ <u>h1025@aol.com</u>.

#### Thank you for your consideration.

If you have questions about the *Welcome Committee*, please contact any of the committee members listed in the Directory: *Lynn Haye*, Chairwoman, *Michele Saylor, Terri Shevlin*, and *Diane Swanson*.

#### PRESERVATION OF RESERVE ASSET COMMITTEE (PRAC) By Tom Howlin

I'm often asked exactly what is it that **PRAC** does, so let me use this space to highlight just a few of the team's accomplishments. **PRAC** was the driving force behind replenishing our depleted reserves through the retro-active CIF funding that the community overwhelming approved. This saved us from falling below our mandated minimum percentage and thus an increased assessment to the community.

We worked with the Board to arrange and complete the building painting project. *PRAC* had actually been recommending it for over a year but inflation and hugely increased costs had delayed the project. By working closely with the vendor, it was accomplished and the building received a much-needed update.

The new chairs that you sit on in the Fiesta Room were researched, priced and recommended by *PRAC* at a cost less than half of what was reserved – that almost never happens. We worked closely with our maintenance staff to ensure that they would be durable and fit the transport devices they used for the old chairs.

The two new treadmills in the gym are because *PRAC* had determined the two older ones were beyond redemption and recommended the ones that replaced them. We had researched those the last time we did a replacement and chose them primarily because of the lower step-up height.

And, as we do every year, we just completed our inspection of the entire community with our recommendations going to the Board at the November meeting.

We meet the <u>first Thursday of the month @ 1:00 p.m.</u> in the Fiesta Room, and all members of the community are welcome to attend, observe, ask questions, make comments and of course: <u>JOIN</u>.

#### WELCOME NEW NEIGHBORS By Lynn Haye

Let's all welcome *Keith and Janet Davis*. They moved here from the Dayton, Ohio area. Sunflower will be their primary winter residence. *Keith* is retired from the U.S. Air Force, both as military and in civil service. *Janet* is a retired IT Systems Analyst.

We would also like to say good bye to *Liz Perry* who was on the *Welcome Committee* for many years. She and her husband have sold their home in Sunflower and purchased another home closer to their daughter and family in West Virginia. We thank you, *Liz*, for all your hard work and many years on the committee.

We will miss you!



The next Activities Committee Meeting will be on <u>Tuesday, December 10<sup>th</sup> @ 10:00 a.m.</u> We are continuing to make our plans for the Winter and next Spring, so come join us if you can and be a part of the planning process. We hope to see you there!

#### KARAOKE

Karaoke will be held on the third Tuesday in December.

That is *December 17<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.* Please send your songs to: <u>rongagne@centurylink.net</u> by *Wednesday, December 11<sup>th</sup>*. Please limit your individual songs to 3 per person. You can also send ideas for group songs.

#### SECOND FRIDAY GAME NIGHT



Friday, December 13th from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. in the Fiesta Room.

Hosted by: Jan Session and Adrienne Farrell. Bring your snacks/drinks and be ready for a lot of fun!



#### **CORNHOLE**

The weather is perfect for cornhole in December.

We are playing Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup> and Friday, December 27<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. on the Bocce Court sidewalks. Family in town? Bring them along!

No partner needed. Easy to learn with a few rules. We are a mixed group of varied levels which makes it fun. Questions, call *Kevin Kirkey* @ 520-833-2236 or *Marilyn Engel* @ 623-217-0016.

#### FOOD TRUCK ROUNDUP

Come and join us on Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup> from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. for our Food Truck Roundup.



Some of the trucks that are coming include: **Bufadora Fish Tacos, D.C. Jumbie Caribbean, The Smokin' Butcher, Sarah's Fresh Tossed Pasta, Samurai Teppam Steak, and Pin up Pastries/Fork U BBQ**.

See you there!

**LIFE ENRICHMENT** 



#### HAVE YOURSELF A MERRY LITTLE CHRISTMAS

On Tuesday, December 17<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. we will be pleased to hear from Alan Kruse.

Alan has lived in Tucson since he attended graduate school at the U of A in the 1970's. He was a Docent at the Arizona Historical Society from 1998-2019. He also owned his own tour company from 2002 -2019, **Kruse Arizona Tours**, which did historic walking tours that focused on our history, music, theater, and art in Southern Arizona and popular music from the 1950's and 1960's. He still does a walking tour as a volunteer for the *Tucson Presidio*.

'Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas' will be a discussion of Holiday Music from Gene Autry to Andy Williams.

Come and join with us to share a little holiday cheer!

#### **BARRIO BREAD SALES**

Barrio Bread, Don Guerra, will be back at Sunflower to sell bread on Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup> @ 3:00 p.m. in the Craft Room. So come on out and get your favorite bread! Reminder 2 loaves per household. Also, there are no pre-orders. Thank you for your cooperation.

#### **HOLIDAY TEA & LUNCHEON**



Please Remember: if you bought tickets, please join us for the <u>Holiday Tea &</u> <u>Luncheon</u> on Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 to 2:30 p.m.

If you signed up to take part in the **Cookie Exchange**, please don't forget to bring 2 dozen cookies to exchange with others who signed up.

See you on Saturday!

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#### **HOLIDAY TRIVIA NIGHT**



#### HO -HO -HO....It's Holiday Trivia Time!

On the 9<sup>th</sup> Day of Christmas, what did you get from your True Love?....Too easy?.....How about... Who played Bing Crosby's love interest in White Christmas?.....

Get your thinking caps charged and your phones!!

Join us on Thursday, December 19<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. in the Fiesta Room for <u>Holiday Phone Trivia!</u> The trivia will include two games with questions on general knowledge, such as history, and art, etc. and one special Holiday Trivia Game added to the mix!

*Tickets are \$10.00 per person and include light snacks, beverages (or BYOB) and PRIZES!!* 

#### Get your tickets on:

Monday, December  $2^{nd}$  from 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. ~and~ Thursday, December  $5^{th}$  from 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.

Let your friends know....Play as a group or an individual with your <u>charged</u> cell phone!



#### 2025 CLUB EXPO – JANUARY 25, 2025

Attention all **Sunflower Clubs**, **Committees and Affinity groups-** It is time for your group to sign up for <u>*The 2025*</u> <u>*Expo*</u> to reserve your table. This event provides an avenue to highlight and inform the Sunflower residents of your activities and events. Chat with residents and pique their interest, answer questions, pass on pertinent information, and increase resident awareness of your group. To reserve your group table and affirm your attendance

EMAIL your information to *Nancy Hrigora* (a) <u>sfexpo25(a) hotmail.com</u>.

PLEASE INCLUDE: Group Name, Contact Person, Contact Person's Phone Number and Email.



Listen.....do you want to know a secret? Come Together & Get a Ticket to Ride into 2025

<u>New Year's Eve Party</u> <u>December 31<sup>st</sup> from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m.</u> <u>Featuring "The Beatle Brothers"!!</u>

Come to dance, reminisce, or just hear the oldies.

<u>Amazing Appetizers Including:</u> Let it Brie Charcuterie Board \* Octopus Garden Veggie Tray\* Here Comes the Shrimp \* Mr. Eggman Deviled Eggs\* Strawberry Fields Trifle Cups\*

<u>Ticket sales are:</u> <u>December 3rd from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.</u> ~and~ <u>December 5th from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. (if not sold out)</u>

Dress code: Beatles casual...bring out the '60s

Bring a '60s & a current photo of yourself when you buy your tickets so we can post them on our board – Let's see who we recognize!

<u>\$25 per ticket. Limit 4 per household</u>

Come TWIST and SHOUT... Let it be a Night to Remember!!!



<u>REMINDER</u>: The next <u>Activities Committee Meeting</u> will be held on <u>Tuesday, December 10<sup>th</sup> @ 10:00 a.m</u>.



We are continuing to make our plans for the Winter and next Spring, so come join us if you can and be a part of the planning process.

We hope to see you there!

## **MINNESOTANS ~ HAIL TO THEE!**

By Michele Saylor

#### You are warmly invited to: **CELEBRATE THE MN VIKINGS ~ AN INDOOR TAILGATE PARTY!**

#### Saturday, February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. in the Fiesta Room!

This event will be a fun-filled time to connect with Sunflower residents from MN or with MN ties. We will enjoy a tailgate party with brats and hot dogs right off the grill with a delicious potluck, and a chance to win some prizes!

Tickets will be on sale in the Sunflower Village Center for \$5.00/person on *Thursday, January 16<sup>th</sup> from 10:00* a.m. to 12:00 Noon ~and~ on Monday, January 20<sup>th</sup> *from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.* 

When you purchase your ticket, you will sign up for a potluck option that you would like to bring.

In the meantime, keep cheering on those Vikes to victory and for a spot in the Super Bowl! SKOL!

### **NEW SUNFLOWER RESIDENT DIRECTORIES**

By Rebecca Teichman

#### *Come & Get Your New Resident Directory* for the year 2024-2025!

At your convenience, please stop by the Village Center to pick up your updated directory.

You will be required to sign for the "new" directory on our sign-up sheet under your Lot Number. Please keep in mind only one copy is given out per household.

#### These directories are for residents only.

You may also purchase an additional copy of the directory for \$1.00 at anytime.

#### . . . . . . . . . . CRAFT FAIR By Sue Uden

Thank you to everyone who attended and supported the 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Craft Fair and Bake Sale.

Your neighbors and friends appreciated the support.

#### We have scheduled the 2025 Craft Fair for November 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

We look forward to seeing what our very talented Sunflower community will be crafting in the next year. We will begin the application process this spring.

#### Again, thanks for your support!





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By Larry Schierer

*The Sunflower Community Veterans Club* had another wonderful turnout for the Veterans Day Celebration. Thank you to *Dann Cooke* for organizing the ceremony and the *Chorale* for the wonderful music. The *Boy Scouts* flag presentation was great and moving, as usual. Thanks to the donut wrangler, *Dennis Abrams* and the *Pickleball Club* for hosting donuts and coffee on the patio. The greeters, drivers, and all the other volunteers did a very good job welcoming our guests and handing out flags. The flag wave was very impressive. The Village Center staff did a great job as usual; and we thank them for their hard work setting up the facility.

# We appreciate everyone's attendance in honoring the <u>Veterans of the Sunflower Community</u>.

The *Manhattan Dolls* program and dinner was a great success, and we will be reporting on the final figures in January. Also, the *Potluck* helped provide support for <u>DAV Chapter 4 Tucson</u> which helps veterans and family members with transportation, VA disability claims and medical devices such as wheelchairs, walkers, etc.

# Please always support our sponsors as they allow us to give more to the Veterans of Southern Arizona

The speaker for the *Sunflower Community Veterans Club* meeting will be *John Anderson* from VetsLink, a regional organization that supports veterans with whatever they may need. The next *Sunflower Community Veterans Club* meeting will be on <u>December 4<sup>th</sup> (a) 10:00 a.m.</u> We invite all Sunflower veterans to attend and enjoy the camaraderie. If transportation is an issue, please let us know, as we can help.

WE HOPE TO SEE ALL VETERANS THERE!!



#### <u>MARIO PEKAS:</u> "A Dedicated Career in the U.S. Navy"

*Mario Pekas,* a retired Petty Officer 1st Class, was born and raised in the Philippines. Growing up near the Subic Bay Naval Station, *Mario* saw many of his friends join the United States Navy. Their stories of adventure and fulfillment inspired him to follow in their footsteps. In 1974, *Mario* decided to take the leap, testing and interviewing to join the Navy.



His journey began in San Diego, California, where he completed boot camp. Afterward, *Mario* underwent 13 weeks of Medical Corpsman Training, preparing him for a crucial role in the Navy's Medical Services. His first assignment took him to the Guam Naval Station, where he served for two years. This was just the beginning of a diverse and impactful career.

Seeking to further his expertise, *Mario* attended Lab School in Oakland, California. He also pursued additional training at the Naval Training Center in Orlando, Florida, and the prestigious Walter Reed National Military Medical Center. His dedication to continuous learning made him a valuable asset to the Navy's medical teams.

In 1984, while in medical school at Bethesda, *Mario* met his future wife. The couple started a family, balancing their professional responsibilities with their personal lives. By 1994, both *Mario* and his wife were scheduled to be deployed to Desert Storm. However, due to medical reasons, his wife was discharged. *Mario* was then reassigned to Okinawa, where he served with the 3rd Medical Battalion for a year before retiring from the Navy.

Throughout his service, *Mario* found time to enjoy his favorite pastimes, particularly golf and tennis. Even today, you can find him on the Sunflower Tennis Courts, enjoying the sport he loves. *Mario's* legacy continues through his two children, a son and daughter, both of whom have served in the Air Force, following in their father's footsteps of dedication and service.

> <u>Mario Pekas</u> Thank You for your Service!

A big thank you to John Hummel and Jim Alsterberg for designing and building 3 scoreboards and Bocce sign!



#### INTRODUCTORY PING PONG ROUND ROBIN By Pat McMorrow

We are looking for anyone who enjoyed ping pong in the past and would like to try it again, but think you are too rusty to play with our established group.

*Well, we are hoping to start a refresher group*. We would especially like to get more bodies involved. It is fun exercise and wonderful for hand/eye coordination.

We have two dates reserved so far: Wednesday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024 from 12:30 to 1:00 p.m. ~ and ~ Wednesday, January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2025 from Noon to 1:00 p.m. For any information, please call Pat @ 520-603-7721.



#### SUNFLOWER BLOCK WATCH NEWS

By Katta Mapes, Coordinator

Socializing with neighbors fosters trust and communication, enabling residents to share concerns and observations effectively. This collaboration enhances vigilance, promotes safety awareness, and creates a united community, ultimately strengthening the *Neighborhood Watch's* effectiveness in crime prevention and general safety networking

Contact *Katta*: <u>Katta@TheWalterTeam.com</u> to sign up to be a Block Captain or Co-Captain.

#### **Block Watch Suggestion for this month:**

Start a block walking group with daily or weekly walks.



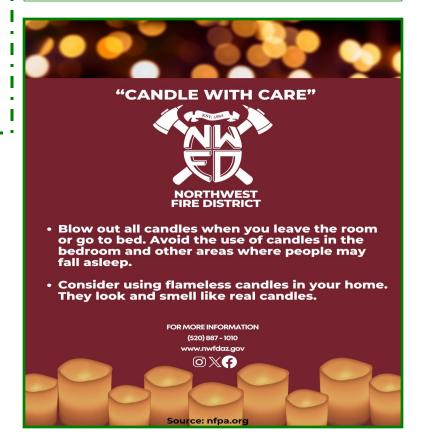
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#### ALL SERVICES ARE BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

*Lisa Sak,* our Community Manager, and *Monica Martinez,* our Assistant Community Manager, are both available at the Village Center (520-572-9780) to notarize your documents from Monday through Friday. (Exception: BOD Meeting - 4th Wednesdays)

You may also contact *Roger Daggett* (a) 520-241-1032 for these services.

Please call, as an appointment is always required.



#### **BACCHUS WINE**

**By Sandy Persels** 



In November, Bacchus Wine members basked in the glow of friendship, lovely autumn weather ~ and wine  $\sim$  with a picnic on the patio; and some of our returning winter

residents were able to join us! As usual, the conversation was lively; the food, plentiful and delicious; the wine, exquisite. Livin' the life!

Bacchus Wine meets monthly to learn more about wine\* and share its joys with like-minded people. All Sunflower residents are welcome to join the colony! All you need to do is contact Sandy Persels ~ **deuxpers**(*a*)**comcast.net** ~ and you'll be added to the mailing list to receive announcements and invitations.

#### Wine not join us?

\*WINE PAIRING IN THE STONE AGE: Simple rule of thumb; if it tries to eat us, serve with red. If it runs away from us, serve with white.

**DECEMBER POTLUCK** By Susan Sifers

The wind is blowing, the snow is snowing... just kidding. 🕹 Now that I have your attention...

> Come join us on December 12<sup>th</sup> for the **December Potluck**

Good fellowship and delicious food. Social Time is 5:30 with Dinner to follow @ 6:00 p.m.

Please bring your own table settings. We will provide ice, water and lemonade.

Tickets will be sold:December 4<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon ~ and ~ December 6<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

If you supply a main dish, there is no charge. If you provide a side dish or dessert, the price is \$2.00.

If you need more information, please call Susan Sifers @ 540 538-6502.



#### **CHORALE ~ DECEMBER MUSIC NOTES**

By Sue Horsfall

The sun was shining and the temperature was perfect for the Veterans Day Commemoration at which the Chorale was pleased to perform 4 numbers. The audience & Chorale were enthusiastic & all felt the patriotism & gratitude the holiday is intended to evoke. Kudos to Mel *Claridge*, who always manages to create energy & optimism in everything we do.

We look forward to sharing with our friends and neighbors that same spirit in our *Winter Concerts*, *December* 6<sup>th</sup> and  $8^{th}$ . A few tickets may still be available the week of the concerts. Check the Communicator for availability.

As you plan your holiday giving, we will be extremely grateful for any donations to our music fund. Checks can be made payable to Sunflower Chorale and there will be a receptacle available at the entrance to each of our up coming concerts. We love to sing and enjoy sharing our talents and efforts with our friends and neighbors. We certainly appreciate your support as we continue to share our gifts with the Sunflower Community. For questions or suggestions, call Sue Horsfall @ 520-425-0586.

#### **DECEMBER SOCIAL CLUB**

By Frances Gauthier



On December 21<sup>st</sup>, we will be having our last event of the year Ham Dinner Social Time is @ 5:30 ~ and ~ **Dinner is** (*a*) 6:00 p.m.

Tickets are \$10. If you are NOT already a 2024 member you will have to pay an additional \$5 for membership dues that will pay your through December of 2025.

*Tickets will be on sale on Wednesday, December 11<sup>th</sup>* from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

After dinner, we will have a "White Elephant" Gift **Exchange.** Find something in your home that you don't want any more but that you think someone else might enjoy. Be sure to WRAP the gift so that it will be a surprise. Who knows what treasure you will go home with!!

On January 18<sup>th</sup>, to keep with the theme of Chinese New Year, we will be serving a Chinese Dinner. Tickets are \$10, and your 2025 Membership dues of \$5 will also be required. Tickets will be on sale on December 30<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon.

We want to thank everyone who brought books last month for the <u>Roadrunner Elementary</u> School. They were much appreciated.

### **COMMUNITY SOCIAL GATHERINGS**

<u>COFFEE KLATCH</u> Come join our Saturday Coffee Klatch <u>Every Saturday morning from</u> 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. in the Fiesta Room

*Everyone is welcome* to enjoy a great time meeting with neighbors & 'Cup of Joe'. We provide the coffee, but appreciate a <u>\$1.00 donation</u> to help defray costs.

<u>We greatly appreciate</u> Roger Daggett of Coldwell Banker Realty - Foothills Office for continuing to sponsor this weekly event.

#### ATTENTION SUNFLOWER MEN

By Dennis Abrams aided by Dick Teugh



ROMEOs Lunch & Breakfast plus OWLS Dinner groups are restaurant clubs for Sunflower Men (only). OWLS - (Old Widowers' Light Supper) is a similar men's dinner club for

Sunflower men, widowed or who live alone, who would enjoy a night out with the boys, always using the Glicksman Formula – no dues, individual checks & sign up at front desk to carpool to the restaurant <u>at least a day</u> <u>in advance</u>.

<u>ROMEOs Breakfast</u>- *None due to the Christmas Holiday!* 

**<u>ROMEOs Lunch</u>**- *Wednesday, December 11th, 2024* will go to *Olive Garden in Oro Valley*, carpooling @ 11:45 a.m.

**OWLS Dinner**- *Wednesday, December 18th, 2024* will go to *Texas Roadhouse*, carpooling @ 4:30 p.m.

#### ROSIE'S SUNFLOWER BINGO By Tim Walter



It was a full house and great energy at the November Bingo!

The *Rosie Special* was back up to \$275.00. *Congratulations Bob!* 

Because it was the day after Veterans Day, *Diamondback Real Estate* matched the \$250.00 that winners gave back for a total of \$500 to the **Sunflower Veterans Club** in

donations!

Thank you, Bob Bender, Terri Shevlin, Billie Barron, Terry Johnson, and Shirley Anderson, for donating all or part of your winnings!



Forgive us if we missed anyone. Thank you, *Bob Whalen*, for starting that tradition last year.

Join us on **\*\*December 10\*\*** in the Fiesta Room! Bring a jacket for your comfort if it's too cool in the Fiesta room and dive into the fun as the games kick off at **\*\*6:00** p.m.\*\*.

Please respect your neighbor's ability to hear the caller when you are chatting, laughing and talking.

### **GAMES**

#### **BILLIARDS**

**<u>General Play</u>**: Monday-Saturday except for Club times <u>Men's</u>: Tuesdays and Fridays — 1: 00 to 4:00 p.m.

<u>Chix with Stix (Ladies)</u>: Mondays and Thursdays — 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. No experience necessary *We'll Rack 'em and You Hit 'em*.

#### SUNFLOWER MEN'S GOLF CLUB By Gary Scott

Our cooler weather has finally shown up and our snowbirds are starting to return as well -- *Welcome Back*!

For those unfamiliar with our club, we play twice a week (Monday and Thursday) at various courses in the area (all the way from Benson to the east to Tubac to the south and Casa Grande to the north). If you enjoy the game and are looking to make some great friends, come join us. You can contact *Doug Culpepper* @ biker1ab@mac.com or 412-720-6248 or myself @ gbscott70@comcast.net or 520-406-0123. Please visit our schedule of events: www.sunflower.golfclub.net.

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LSak@associatedasset.com.

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#### SUNFLOWER VILLAGE CENTER HOURS & HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

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WE WILL CLOSE @ 2:00 P.M. ON TUESDAYS, DECEMBER 24th & 31st and ALL DAY ON WEDNESDAYS, DECEMBER 25th & JANUARY 1st FOR CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S!

The Sunflower Village Center OPEN HOURS\* are: Monday thru Saturday from 7:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. <u>CLOSED on SUNDAYS</u>.

\*Events and activities can still be scheduled until 9:00 p.m., but they must be <u>scheduled in advance</u> so that staff can be scheduled for those events.

~ <u>All current activities will remain at their</u> <u>regularly-scheduled time</u> ~ *If you have any questions, please call the* 

Front Desk or the Management Team.

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Anyone may access information about our Sunflower Community by going to <u>Sunflowerliving.com</u>. Sunflower residents may view categories such as Governing Documents, Clubs, Committees, Forms, and other information pertinent to our community.

However, in order to view recorded **BOD Meeting Minutes, Financial Reports, Directories, Homeowner to Homeowner Referrals** and other "*protected pages*" on this website, you must enter the password <u>which is</u> <u>only available to Sunflower residents.</u>

Please visit the Village Center front desk for this information so you can sign up for the new password which was EFFECTIVE 11/16/23. Again, the password is only available to Sunflower residents.

### HOMEOWNER-TO-HOMEOWNER REFERRALS

By Nickie Kaplan

If you are well-pleased with a business you've dealt with and would like to add them to our list, please send an email with the following information: <u>Name of the</u> <u>Company, Type of Business, Phone Number, Owner or</u> <u>Contact, and any pertinent information about your</u> <u>experience to: NKaplan@associatedasset.com</u>. *I will be happy to add it to the online list.* 

#### SUNFLOWERLIVING WEBSITE

A place for posting upcoming club and group events has now been added to the Announcements page on the <u>Sunflowerliving.com</u> website (What's New> Announcements). Clubs and groups are encouraged to send their information to: <u>webteam@sunflowerliving.com</u> to be posted on that page. <u>Please do not send PDF files.</u>

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By Marcia Ceceliot

We are getting very excited about the upcoming <u>Senior</u> <u>Olympics</u> (January 13 - 18). There will be several teams from our own club. If you are not playing, please come out and support your fellow club members. We are hosting the event this year, so we will need lots of help. Look for an email in December regarding what help will be needed.

We enjoyed *Night of the Glowing Balls* - our final one to close out 2024. <u>Elections for officers</u> will be held in February. *Please let us know if you are interested in a position.* 

Whether you are new to Sunflower or just haven't played yet - we encourage you to give the game a try. We are a fun group. Game play starts at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Please arrive 10 minutes early so we can organize the courts and teams. Membership is \$10.00 for the year - but you can try the game a couple of times before deciding to join.

# In closing, we wish all our members a wonderful and peaceful holiday season.

#### MEN'S NINE-HOLE GOLF -WINTER UPDATE

By Jim Murphy

Join us for nine holes of golf at Quarry Pines. Through the winter months, we play weekly on <u>Wednesdays</u> <u>starting at 2:30 p.m.</u> If you'd like to join us, email Jim Murphy @ jmurphmail@gmail.com.

#### **LADIES 9-HOLE GOLF**

Please join us <u>every Tuesday @ 2:15 p.m.</u> @ The Quarry Pines Golf Course. Please arrive one-half hour early. Contact *Aileen* @ 520-906-4427 the <u>Saturday before</u>, in order to hold your place. *Thank you*.



By Dennis Page

'Tis the season--to head on out to the tennis courts for fun and games! With Thanksgiving and the elections behind us, and Christmas, Hannukah and New Year's Eve just ahead, the cool crisp mornings are ideal for some hot tennis play. No more sweltering days for perhaps 6 more months! Welcome back, snowbirds. Come on out to the courts and join us.

The Sunflower Tennis Club offers sincere thanks to our president *Doug Perry*, who is leaving Sunflower in November. We are grateful to Doug for the tireless effort he has put into promoting the best interests of the Club, on and off the courts.

**<u>Reminder</u>**: Weekly winter play for SFTC members now starts at 8:30 a.m., except 10:00 a.m. on Sundays. Call or text *Susan Page* for additional information: 520-742-1373, or email <u>susancpage@comcast.net</u>.

#### <u>TOPICS OF INTEREST</u> <u>ARTIST GALLERY</u> By Lori Chase

Our returning Artist for December is *Anne Lowe*. Anne had taught an art class on card making in Sunflower. This display won't be cards but Paper Folding Designs.

I'm a paper artist, primarily exhibiting iris folding paper designs, tea bag folding designs and double embossed gold cloisonné southwest pieces. In addition, I do creative Hebrew calligraphy artwork, often based on a Hebrew word or name. I've taught painting, card making, and other art classes at the Marana Senior Center, at Michaels stores in Tucson and Milwaukee, and also right here at the Sunflower Community Center. This is my fourth art show at Sunflower. If someone wishes to buy a piece of art, they can do so by leaving a check at the front desk. It is fine to purchase the piece and take it home before the show ends. I will replace the piece that is purchased with something similar to the one taken. Anne Lowe

Thank you, Pam Gabaldon, for your wonderful display.



#### <u>G N O ~ GIRLS NIGHT OUT</u> By Lynn Haye

*Hi Ladies* – We have nothing planned for December, as everyone needs the time to shop, wrap, bake and do all those other holiday things.

In January, we are going to the **Fox Theatre** to see "*The Astronaut*." Tickets for that event have already been purchased.

On February 16<sup>th</sup>, we are going to see "*Deputy Dan*" at the **Live Theatre**. Tickets are \$25/each; and I will need your money by January 25<sup>th</sup>. Any questions, please contact me (a) <u>h1035(a)aol.com</u>.

#### **SUNFLOWER HIKING GROUP**

By Hope Collins

The *Sunflower Hiking Group* enjoys the Arizona desert by exploring our scenic local trails. In general, we will have hikes on Tuesdays and Fridays, from October through March. The hikes for each month will be listed in the Sun Catcher, and more detailed weekly hike reminders will be posted in the Communicator.

Essential details and updates about hikes are sent via Google Group emails. If you plan to hike with us this season, it is recommended that you be added to the group. To do that, send an email to *Hope Collins* (a) <u>hopecollins65(a)gmail.com</u>. Once added to the group, you will receive an email from the *Sunflower Hikers Google Group* confirming that you have been added. There is no need to reply, but you will want to follow the instructions in the email.

If you have questions about the group, or have an interest in leading future hikes, please contact *Bobby Bran* @ 520-729-8082.

#### DECEMBER HIKES

December 3	Ironwood Trail, Saguaro West –
	5 Miles, Easy
December 6	Sutherland Trial – 5.2 Miles, Easy+
December 10	Alamo Canyon – 3.8 Miles, Easy-
December 13	Rock Springs, Saguaro NP East –
	5.5 Miles, Moderate
December 17	Alamo Springs/Wild Burro Loop –
	7 Miles, Moderate+
December 20	OPEN DATE
December 27	Safford (Sombrero) Peak,
	4 miles, Moderate+

\*Check the weekly Communicator for hike meeting times.

#### YOGA By Leslie Parr

The YOGA CLUB meets for FREE classes on *Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays* (a) 7:45 a.m. in the Fiesta Room

Please remember to bring your own mat, stretch band, block/ball, towel or blanket to the class. If you have any questions, please call *Leslie Parr* @ 520-603-8785.

#### **BOWLING INFORMATION**

By Bonnie Scott

Unfortunately, it appears the **Fiesta Lanes Bowling Alley** <u>will not be open until the first of next year</u>. When it opens, **Don Preuss** will email current bowlers, and a request to send the information out via a Sunflower Communicator may also take place.

It's possible the cost of bowling may go up and that information will also be included in any correspondence going out. Please refer questions to *Terri Shevlin* @ 609-471-4347.

#### POP TENNIS FOR SUNFLOWER By Gary Engel

#### Pop Tennis has started again! We are now playing on <u>Wednesdays from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.</u> on Sports Courts 1 and 2.

We welcome everyone to give *Pop Tennis* a try! It is like tennis but with a few differences that are *"senior friendly:"* 

- The tennis balls are de-pressurized (about 60%)
- The paddles are about twice the size of pickleball paddles but are cushioned and have holes drilled in
- The baseline is moved in 9' and only tennis singles lines are used
- Serves are like pickleball (i.e., only underhand), but unlike pickleball, there is no "kitchen"
- Scoring is the same as tennis (0-15, 30-30, etc.)
- We supply the paddles and balls you supply the interest

For more information, contact *Gary Engel* @ 623-221-8813 or <u>gengel9285@gmail.com</u>



#### THE PING PONG GROUP

By Buzz Hoffmann

#### We play *Ping Pong* in the Fiesta Room

We play on the 1st, 2nd & 3rd Wednesdays of each month from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. We are also now playing on the 4th Thursday of each month from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Please refer to the Communicator for re-scheduled dates & times formerly scheduled on Sundays.

Questions, please call **Buzz** @ 520-572-4258.

# PICKLEBALL CLUB By Tim Lardy

Fall Tourney: The Pickleball Club held a Round Robin Tournament on October 31<sup>st</sup>. Winners were: Group 1 Pete Langer (1st) and Gary Hobson (2nd); Group 2 Kat Mitchell (1st) and Martin Favre (2nd); Group 3, Leah Freeland (1st) and Sarah Grossman (2nd).

Annual Meeting: The Annual Meeting was held November 1<sup>st</sup> including music from Sunflower's own DJ Mike. A HUGE thank you and appreciation to the outgoing officers who have grown and nurtured the club over the past several years: Terri Lackey (Pres), Billy Lackey (VP), Danielle Lardy (Treas), Tim Lardy (Secty). New officers are Rick Lybarger (Pres), Terri Shevlin (VP), Deb Fletcher (Treas), Leah Freeland (Secty).

<u>Club Play Time</u>: Starting December 1<sup>st</sup>, club play time will be Monday through Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. and Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday from 3:00 from 6:00 p.m. All club members are welcome to play at these times. Anyone can play at times when the courts are open.

All residents who would like to join the *Pickleball Club*, please fill out a 2024-2025 Membership Form from the front desk at the Center. Pay the \$15.00 dues by check made out to "Sunflower Pickleball Club". They will not accept cash. Interested in learning the game? Free lessons can be arranged by calling/texting Karla Holmes (a) 208-724-4864.

#### **CARDS GAMES** LADIES BRIDGE By Brooke Murphy

Ladies Bridge is played on Tuesdays from 1:00 to 4:00 *p.m in the Library*. We are a relaxed group and play to enjoy the game and each other. Call **Brooke** (a) 708-846-7555 or email: **bmurphmail@gmail.com** 

MIXED BRIDGE By Mary Lynn Mercer

We have a very fun, easy-going bridge group on Thursday afternoons from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. in the *Library.* Call *Mary Lynn* to sign up to play @ 614-323-2463 or marylmercer@hotmail.com

#### **CRIBBAGE**

We invite you to have some fun playing single or four-hand Cribbage on Thursdays (a) 6:00 p.m. in the Craft Room. (Except on Pot Luck nights)

#### SUNFLOWER 500 CARD CLUB

By Bob Bender

The 500 Card Club welcomes old and new members and we look forward to having you join us @ 9:00 a.m. Thursdays in the Library for a morning with a fun group (we have a 25 cent/pp donation which goes toward our jackpots). We are still willing to teach anyone who would like to learn the game.

Call and we will set up a time to teach. Questions, call Bob Bender @ 717-804-6425.

#### **CANASTA**

#### Thursdays starting @ 1:00 p.m.

We play two versions: Hand & Foot and Samba So join us to see familiar faces & meet new friends.

#### **MEXICAN TRAIN DOMINOES** By Pat Cooke

Are you a new resident at Sunflower? Do you want to learn how to play Mexican Train Dominoes?

We will be happy to teach you. We meet on *Mondays* (a) 9:00 a.m. in the library and Noon in the Fiesta Room. **Come Join Us!** 

### MAH JONGG

By Anne Schmidt

Beginning November 5th, 2024, we will play Mah Jongg from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. on Wednesdays in the Library. Not ready to make a commitment?

All are welcome, beginner to advanced players!

#### **TUESDAY (PREV SUNDAY) MAH JONGG** By Lynn Neitzke

Please note that our Sunday Mah Jongg dates & times have been re-scheduled starting November 5th for Tuesdays from 9:30 a.m. to Noon in the Library. Contact Lynn @ 520-268-7784 with questions.

#### **EUCHRE**

#### Would you like to play Euchre?

We meet every Tuesday afternoon from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. in the Craft Room.

Call Vicky @ 520-907-3510 for details. We'd love to have you join us!

# PINOCHLE By Harlan Quinn

If you like to play single-deck *Pinochle*, join us from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. on Wednesdays in the Library.

There is no cost, and no reservations are needed—just show up. We play partners and/or three-handed pinochle, depending on the number of players present.

For information, call one of the contacts listed in the back of the Sun Catcher.

# FUN POKER By Jim Conley

#### We play Poker in the Library on Mondays and Fridays from Noon to 3:00 p.m. We also play on the 1st & 4th Wednesdays of each month @ 4:30 p.m. in the Library.

Everyone is welcome and all you need is a basic knowledge of poker. There's lots of kibitzing and teasing mixed in with some poker. We play traditional games (Hold'em, Draw, Omaha, etc.) and some variations, which add to the fun. New players often bring games they play elsewhere. The stakes are small and there are no dues, house cuts, or wild-card games.

If you would like to join us, come to the Village Center on any day & we will get you started.

#### ACTIVITIES AND CLUBS ART CLUB By Billie Barron

This is an open invitation to all Sunflower residents with a desire to create or color something that stirs their imagination. No experience necessary. Work at your own pace with your own choice of medium. The only request: Bring a plastic-protective covering for the table.

#### We meet in the Craft Room each Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon. Join us for an hour or three — Your choice.

# CRAFT CLUB By Kathy Hummel

The cool fall weather has finally arrived. There was even a little snow on Mt. Lemmon. This time of year brings thoughts of the upcoming holidays. Our creative crafters are getting ready to decorate and enjoy them.

On their decoration agenda are glass snowmen, icicle vase candles and a herd of galloping reindeer.

> The Craft Club meets every Monday from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m.

All are welcome to join in the fun and learn a new craft.

#### DANCE & ENTERTAINMENT CLUB By Karen Barta

#### Classes are offered year-round, twice a week:

Monday: Beginners Class 9:30 to 10:00 a.m. to go over individual steps used in most dances. 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. Beginners Learn & Dance

Friday: A little more advanced, but everyone is welcome. 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. to Noon - A bit more advanced

To attend, you pay \$5 to the Dance Club for the entire year. The fee goes to the Club for our Club Parties, Dances for the Community, & whatever else we decide to do. Not sure? Just come try us out.

#### **QUILTERS CLUB** By Jill Davis

We in the **Quilters** group worked tirelessly on items for the Craft Fair. We use the proceeds from this annual event to support our work throughout the year, contributing quilts, bags, and pillow cases for the Aviva Children. These items are given out to each foster child at Christmas so that they may keep something of their own as they progress through the foster care system. We also create patriotic quilts for the Veterans' Club Hospice Care Facility and other charities where the need arises.

#### WEIGHTS, STRENGTH AND BALANCE **STRENGTH TRAINING** By Marlene Spencer

Tufts University research shows that a program of strength training not only improved bone density, but also reduced falls and improved arthritis symptoms. Balance, coordination, flexibility and endurance are also improved.

This program is based on that research, and instructors must be certified. This low-impact program is appropriate for both sedentary and active people. Classes: Tuesdays & Thursdays @ 11:30 a.m.

Please bring your own weights & ankle weights: 1# to 2#-women, 2# to 3#-men. No Punch Card Needed



#### **GENEALOGY SOCIETY**

By Paulette Weiser



The Sunflower Genealogy Society's December Holiday Meeting will be held via Zoom and in the Fiesta Room on Thursday, December 19<sup>th</sup> @ 2:00 p.m. We will meet on Thursday, the week

preceding our usual meeting time due to the Christmas holiday. We will not have a regular type of program presented. Rather, we invite both members and all Sunflower residents to attend our **Genealogy Holiday Open House** with your family history research questions, brick walls, and interesting stories. Research questions will be answered by experienced genealogists among our membership. Stories can be shared of brick walls busted down, unexpected findings, interesting ancestors, and holiday family traditions. Christmas goodies and beverages will be available for some holiday cheer! *Come in person, so you don't miss the goodies & congeniality*!

The <u>2025 Program Schedule</u> will be available for all attendees. We have a great lineup of programs next year including Italian roots research, Scandinavian research, wills and probate, building a family website, military records, getting and staying organized, using digital archives, and the proper care of your family treasures. Applications for membership are also available and the annual membership fee remains at \$15 – a bargain for all you have access to with programs, mentors & library resources. Application forms are also at the front desk & can be turned in there along with your check to *Genealogy. Join us on Thursday, December 19<sup>th</sup> to honor the holiday season, past and present*!

#### SUNFLOWER READERS

By Jann Swanson

Anthony Peardew lives his life doing something eccentric: he finds objects carelessly dropped by others and attempts to reconnect them with their owners in an attempt to atone for a promise broken many years before. However, fearing his time is near its end he decides to leave his home with its collection of lost things to his assistant, Laura, trusting that she will carry on his legacy. You must read the book to learn if Laura was able to carry out Anthony's wishes.

#### PLEASE NOTE THIS IMPORTANT CHANGE OF

**<u>DATE</u>**: Due to the Christmas holiday, we will be meeting in <u>*December on the 3rd Tuesday of the month*</u> rather than our usual 4th Tuesday. Please feel free to join us, whether you have read the book or not, on <u>*December 17<sup>th</sup>*</u> **(a)** 7:00 p.m. in the Library.

We encouraged you to begin bringing book suggestions with you since we will be voting at our January meeting on the books we wish to read in the upcoming year.

#### FITNESS CLUB

By Kevin Uden

<u>Water Aerobics</u>: *Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, 9:00* -10:00 a.m. We are using CD workouts that last 45-55 minutes. They give a well-balanced workout focusing on core, upper body, knees, and hips. Noodles and water weights may be used and are available at the pool. Fitness Club membership cards are required. \*Violet Boren, our certified fitness instructor, started teaching 2 classes in November.\*

Stretch and Tone: *Tuesday and Thursday*, 9:00-10:00 *a.m. in the Fiesta Room.* This is a full-body workout completed while sitting or standing, working on strength, flexibility, and balance. Participants will be using a 10" ball, light hand weights, and stretch bands.

<u>Chair Yoga/Pilates</u>: *Tuesday and Thursday, 10:10 - 11:10 in the Fiesta Room.* This will incorporate the moves of Yoga and Pilates while being seated. Yoga improves strength, balance and flexibility. It can also benefit people with back and arthritis pain. Pilates benefits muscle strength and tone. Participants will work on abdominal control and proper breathing. Together Yoga and Pilates will strengthen the body, calm the mind and enhance mobility, coordination, and flexibility.

#### Fitness membership cards are required but not punch cards, at this time.

The **2025 Membership Cards** are now available at the front desk for \$15.00/each - Please make checks payable to *Sunflower Fitness Club*.

#### **PRIMAVERA**

By Patrick Steliga

#### Two Opportunities to Make Tucson Better Over the Holidays:

 Make a difference by donating hygiene kits for those in need. Your efforts will directly support individuals through *Primavera* programs. These kits provide essential items that bring comfort and dignity. What you will need: One gallon Ziplock bag & the following travel or small sized items: shampoo, tooth brush, conditioner, tooth paste, body wash, chap stick, bar of soap, comb, disposable shaving razor, q tips. Vaseline, shaving cream, lotion, for women's kits/ pads/tampons.

You can donate one or many & can also include: (optional) a cold weather item (hat, scarf, gloves) or a small fast-food gift card if you like. You can also designate your donation for either the men's or women's shelter OR Outreach Program (homeless individuals not yet in a shelter) OR drop-in center. Questions or to deliver larger quantities? Please contact *Patrick* @ 262-422-8791 or *Isaac Rodriguez* @ *Primavera* 520-882-5383 X166. with questions or to deliver larger quantities. Do you like to cook? You can cook one item (at home or onsite) for just some of the 52 men in the Men's Shelter for their Christmas dinner. Items can be delivered on Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> or several days earlier at your convenience.

The **Primavera Men's Shelter** is at <u>200 E. Benson Hwy</u> -Dinner service begins at 4:00 p.m. on December 25th. (Start Time: 3:30 p.m.) To sign up, simply contact *Isaac* at *Primavera* with the dish you'd like to bring showing how many guests it will serve; and he will reserve your spot.

#### Here is a list of items he still needs volunteers to bring:

Mashed Potatoes, Turkey, Mac and Cheese, Ham, Dinner Rolls, Salad. Pie. Currently, there are 52 men in the shelter & the *Primavera* staff want to make the holidays special for them. Please contact: *Isaac Rodriguez*, **Philanthropy** Services Manager @ 520-882-5383 X166

> VINTAGE GARDEN CLUB By Marie Van Huis

"Cheers to Arizona Wine! Members tour Old Pueblo Cellars Winery." Twenty of us visited the vineyard on a lovely November day. We learned about viticulture in Tucson, the history of the cultivars and enjoyed tastes of the "fruit of the vine!" Gardeners were invited to return mid- winter for cuttings after the grapes are pruned.

#### Holiday Luncheon at Heritage Highlands:

**December 13**<sup>th</sup>. Members can gather at the Village Center by 11:00 a.m. for carpooling to **Heritage Highlands**.

**Donations instead of gift exchange:** We'll spread holiday cheer by collecting travel-sized toiletries and new undergarments for **Sister Jose Women's Center**, an organization supporting women in need (<u>sisterjose.org</u>). Cash donations are welcomed, too.

<u>Collecting from the Community:</u> Participation in the charity gifting is open to the entire Sunflower Community. Items can be dropped off at Lois's house (call 520-369-1524) or reply to <u>sfvtgardens@gmail.com</u> to arrange a pick-up.

On *January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025*, we're getting a bit of exercise with a <u>walking tour</u> of the nearby <u>El Rio Nature</u> <u>Preserve</u> with *Jason Grodman* from Marana's Natural Resource Office.

Get involved in brightening our community! Help make Sunflower bloom! Join like-minded neighbors in the *Vintage Gardeners Club*. Officers' elections will be held in January...why not consider stepping up as a board member or helping any other way?

Learn more about the Vintage Gardeners on our webpage at the Sunflower community website

www.sunflowerliving.com.



#### **TECHNOLOGY CLUB**

By Katta Mapes

**December** 11<sup>th</sup> @ 10:00 a.m.

#### Member Meeting in the Fiesta Room

#### TECH TALK:

#### The Best of Sunflower Living Web Site

*Larry East* will show us how to navigate the **Sunflower** Living website in both desktop and mobile formats. He will address where some of the more common documents, pages, and other information are located and how to find them. He will answer questions about the website, so if there is something you want to know about the site, bring any questions.

\*\* Remember, you can see past meetings on **You Tube** – just search for *Sunflower Tech Club* on You Tube.

**TECH HELP for Club Members:** The Tech Help Session will be held this month on *December 13<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. in the Fiesta Room*. Due to the holidays, we will only meet one time this month.

### <u>HEALTH & SAFETY</u>

#### CANCER SURVIVOR GROUP By Jan Keogh

The *Sunflower Women's Breast Cancer Group* extends an invitation to women in Sunflower who are currently being treated or who were formerly treated for any type of Cancer <u>to come join us</u>. While our treatments may be different, our feelings and emotions are the same.

Our support group has been meeting for 20 years, and we are a wonderful sisterhood of cancer survivors. <u>We meet</u> the second Wednesday of each month in our homes from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Please call Jan Keogh @ 520-579-1018 to learn our next meeting place.

#### PARTNERS W/CHALLENGES SUPPORT GROUP By Armand La Potin

#### We now welcome ALL Sunflower resident caregivers,

*as well as their Mates* who may be confronting different neurological challenges. We maintain a confidential and casual atmosphere where we can share experiences on, or have questions about, such matters as: sources providing respite care, prescriptions, exercise regimens, therapies, and anything else participants want to bring up.

We meet 4th Tuesday of every month in the Craft Room at the Village Center from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Please contact Armand @ 520-780-4547.

#### SUNFLOWER VILLAGE CENTER HOURS OF OPERATION

Monday through Saturday from 7:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. **CLOSED ON SUNDAYS** 

We will remain open for evening events as they are scheduled in advance.

Pool & Fitness Proximity access from 5:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. For access, you MUST enter Village Center WHEN OPEN. If Center is closed, please use the after-hours front entrance gate.

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STRENGTH AND BALANCE **Marlene Spencer** 520-572-2554

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If you are looking to advertise your business in Sunflower's Sun Catcher newsletter, via classified ad, or multiple-sized, colored advertisement, or have questions about fees and space available, please email *Rosie* @ <u>RMYoung@associatedasset.com</u>.

I will send you all the information you need or you may visit the front desk at the Village Center and any one of the ladies at the front desk can give you a price sheet for advertising.

#### SUNFLOWER MISSION STATEMENT, CORE VALUES & VISION

#### **MISSION STATEMENT:**

The Mission of Sunflower, an active adult community of 967 homes, is to be good stewards of common property and funds and to offer our residents a variety of opportunities to enrich their physical, cultural and social well being.

#### **CORE VALUES:**

The Core Values of Sunflower are:

- Maintain the beautiful physical appearance of the community
  - \* Support a harmonious community
  - \* Respect the differences of all in the community
- Nurture an environment that allows the enrichment of the lives of all in the community
  - \* Ensure the financial integrity of the association
- Recognize and address changing needs of the community



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San Gabriel	1,760	\$421,500.00	\$425,000.00	\$419,500.00
San Marcos	1,543	\$374,800.00	\$410,000.00	\$355,000.00
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