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NEW RESIDENT MEMBERSHIP

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Monday through Friday
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Bring your driver's license with you, as well as the following:

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Registration Form, Settlement or Closing Statement

If you purchased a resale:
Settlement or Closing Statement

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Tuesday at 7 p.m., Texas Drive
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CA Communicator - email sent each Friday and as needed

Website - www.sctxca.org

Channel 79 - Sun City programs and meeting broadcast

News & Views - weekly program broadcast on Channel 79

NReps - see page 138 for your Neighborhood Rep and phone number

NRO Bulletin - Weekly email from the Neighborhood Rep Organization

Town Hall Meetings - as needed

Board of Director Meetings & Workshops - quarterly

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Member Services Office
Mon.-Fri., 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

CA Staff emails/phone - see pages 4 and 5

NEXT NEW RESIDENT ORIENTATION:

Thursday, February 19
Club Fair, 8:30 a.m.

CA Presentation, 9:15 a.m.
Social Center Ballroom,
2 Texas Drive



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For Metro Area, type Austin. Type in neighborhood name of Sun City Texas. Complete form. Click Submit.

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CHARTERED CLUBS (NON SPORTS)

Thursday, December 4, 2 p.m., AC MR 1

COMMUNICATIONS

Wednesday, December 10, 9:30 a.m., CCAN

COVENANTS

Wednesday, December 3, 9 a.m., CCAN

ELECTIONS

Wednesday, December 17, 9 a.m., AC MR 3/4

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Friday, December 12, 9 a.m., AC MR 3/4

FINANCE

Tuesday, December 16, 1 p.m., AC MR 3/4

GOLF

Monday, December 15, 3 p.m., AC MR 3/4

LANDSCAPED MAINTAINED HOMES

Wednesday, December 3, 10 a.m., AC MR 3/4

MODIFICATIONS

Thursday, December 4, 8:30 a.m., CCAN
*Open at 10 a.m.

NOMINATING

As needed

PROPERTY & GROUNDS

Tuesday, December 9, 1:30 p.m., AC MR 1/2

Tuesday, December 23, 3 p.m., AC MR 1/2

SPORTS

Monday, December 15, 8 a.m., AC MR 1

WILDLIFE

Wednesday, December 3, 3 p.m., AC MR 1/2

Other Committees or Task Forces:

NEIGHBORHOOD REPS

Wednesday, December 17, 9 a.m., CCF/G

COPS

Tuesday, December 2, 9:30 a.m., AC MR 1/2



Stay Safe, Sun City

Submitted by the Georgetown
Police Department

The Georgetown Police Department's Blue Santa Program 2014

The Georgetown Blue Santa Program reaches out to the citizens of our community to help make this very special program a success. Our goal each year is to ensure every Georgetown child in need of toys receives gifts from Blue Santa during the Christmas season. Throughout the year, anyone may donate a new, unwrapped toy or make a monetary donation in the lobby of the police department. Your donations are tax deductible and you may request a receipt at the time you make a donation.

In 2013, we distributed toys to approximately 1,800 underprivileged children in Georgetown. Our friends in Sun City Texas have been a tremendous asset to our Blue Santa program for many years. Clubs and organizations have held holiday dinners, special events and toy drives resulting in hundreds of toys and thousands of dollars. With these gifts, we prepare fun-filled boxes of toys and books for every child under the age of 15 whose family has applied for assistance through the Blue Santa Program. On gift distribution day, the children even get to visit with Blue Santa!

In addition to the many events and toy drives held in our community, the Christmas Stroll has become a big event for Blue Santa. Our police volunteers push blue shopping carts along the parade route to collect toys. They keep a close watch for anyone holding up a toy to contribute, and especially love it when they see "kids giving to kids."

HOW YOU CAN HELP

The Friends of Blue Santa and Blue Santa Elf Pin projects offer local businesses and individuals an annual opportunity to provide support to the program. The Friends of Blue Santa project allows businesses to support the program by selecting from various levels of monetary sponsorship. The Blue Santa Elf Pin project allows individuals to make a minimum donation of \$15 to receive a collector pin to wear proudly and show their support for the program. We hope our Sun City Texas friends who have supported us in past years will do so again this year. If you or your organization would like to hold a special event or toy drive for Blue Santa, please contact one of our Blue Santa representatives by calling 512-930-8457. To learn more about the program and how you can help, visit our website at <https://bluesanta.georgetown.org>, or email our Blue Santa Project Manager at Linda.Lipscomb@georgetown.org.



Let's Communicate!

Jim Romine, Executive Director

Reflections and Ruminations

As we quickly approach the eve of another year, it is hard not to reflect over our challenges and successes of 2014. Though I will address all of these issues in our upcoming Annual Report (published January 2015), I would like to address a few worthy matters at this time.

The announcement of the Pulte/Del Webb expansion of our community is the talk of the town! With this announcement, our community of approximately 6,930 homes will expand to nearly 10,000. The developer has appointed 28 residents to serve on the Expansion Task Force to oversee a range of projects as Sun City Texas expands, ensuring access to the amenities we need while staying within our budget. This task force will study all aspects of the expansion and gather valuable input from our clubs and neighborhoods. This is a very exciting time for our community, and I encourage everyone to get involved and stay informed. We will do our best to keep everyone up to date on all aspects of the expansion over the coming years.

The safety of our residents and guests continues to be of the utmost importance to all of us, and I would like to thank the Emergency Management Committee and volunteers for their help in this matter. They have continued to plan to keep us all safe and have published many articles over the year on topics ranging from AEDs to grab-and-go bags. The Committee also oversees our Firewise and COPs programs, and we all should be thankful to these volunteers who keep us and our community safer. In the same vein, I would like to again urge everyone to watch their speed when driving in our community and to stop for pedestrians in our crosswalks. I continue to see cars passing by waiting pedestrians, and would hate to see anyone injured while merely trying to cross the street.

As I have stated before, while we are a safe community, we are not immune to the many scams that target our residents daily. These "bad guys" try to get at your resources through many avenues, including emails, home solicitations, phone calls, flyers, and more. Do not fall prey to these tactics - do your due diligence before providing personal information or money to someone you do not know.

As I draft this article, Michelle Mason, our new fitness director, has been with us for about five months. Michelle has brought with her a barrel of enthusiasm and energy. If you have not met her, please do so. Michelle has fit in just right and we are all very fortunate to have her on our management team!

In the spirit of the holidays, the Sun City Shrine Club has once again decorated our community entries, gatehouse and bridges, and I would like to thank them on behalf of the community for their continued support and dedication to this fundraising project. Not only do they support our community, but they also raise money for the Shriners Hospitals for Children. Donation boxes are available at the Member Services Office, should you be so inclined. Kudos to the Shrine Club!

In closing, I would like to thank all of you for another wonderful year, and for allowing me and my staff to be a part of this first-class community. We love working here and are thrilled to embrace the many challenges and successes our future holds. On behalf of all the staff, I wish all of you a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays! Have a safe and wonderful season.

Jim

Landscaped Maintained Homes Town Hall

Thursday, December 4, 10 a.m., SCB

Attention, Landscaped Maintained Homes residents: please attend this year-end Town Hall!

The LMH Committee will give a recap of landscape activities completed in 2014 and present the 2015 LMH budget. Various LMH Subcommittee members will be introduced, and we will discuss plans for the future. TCB Landscape will provide refreshments. We will see you there.

Holiday Closures

Wednesday, December 24 (*Christmas Eve*)

CA Offices closed; all other CA facilities open until 3 p.m.

Thursday, December 25 (*Christmas Day*)

All CA facilities closed.

Wednesday, December 31 (*New Year's Eve*)

All CA facilities open until 3 p.m. The Ballroom will remain open for the New Year's Eve Dance.

Thursday, January 1 (*New Year's Day*)

All CA facilities closed except Golf.

Board Member Views Submitted by Gary Sandercock, Treasurer

Neighborhood Traffic and Moving Forward

Here we are again, starting the holiday season; it certainly seems to have come much faster this year!

Several weeks ago, Georgetown Chief of Police Wayne Nero made a presentation to the Sun City Rotary Club regarding local crime rates. Though Georgetown has a low crime rate compared to other communities, the crime rate in Sun City Texas is even lower. Chief Nero attributed this fact to Sun City Residents keeping a look out for each other.

GPD CONCERNS FOR OUR COMMUNITY

It was, however, noted that police have three primary concerns in Sun City Texas: traffic, speeders, and fast golf carts. Hopefully, the completion of Rocky Hollow Road (which, according to Pulte, will be finished in mid-2015) will reduce area traffic issues. Our speeders are advised to control their speed by using cruise control. As far as golf carts, Texas Law defines golf carts as vehicles which travel at 15-25 mph. When asked about a cart that travels faster than 25 mph, Chief Nero said that there wasn't a definition. Regardless, we need to be careful, look out for each other and be safe, so we can enjoy future holiday seasons.

EXPANSION TASK FORCES

On Thursday, October 30, Pulte announced the expansion of Sun City Texas from 7,500 homes to slightly over 10,000 homes. Pulte will start to develop in one of the new areas in early 2015. At the same meeting, Pulte announced the formation of four task forces to make recommendations to the developer for the expansion. These task forces are as follows:

1. Expansion Task Force
2. Research Task Force
3. Existing Facility Task Force
4. Golf Task Force

Initially, these task forces will do research, compiling recommendations for Pulte on specific modifications to be made to existing facilities in late 2015/early 2016. Golf status will be studied through 2016-2017. Should another golf course come into consideration, it will not be slated to be built until 2019 or 2020. Remaining amenities will be designed and built between 2015 and 2019. We look forward to exciting times ahead for Sun City Texas.

Wishing you all a happy and safe holiday season, with a prosperous and healthy 2015 and beyond.

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Upcoming Board Workshops and Meetings

Workshops and Meetings held quarterly



WORKSHOP

Thursday, February 12
 1 p.m., SCB, Live on Channel 79

RESIDENT DIRECTORS' OPEN SESSION

Wednesday, February 18, 3 p.m., CCG



MEETING

Thursday, February 26
 1 p.m., SCB, Live on Channel 79
 Board Agenda and Minutes are posted online at www.sctxca.org > Community Association > CA Board.

Board Meetings and Workshops are shown live on Channel 79. BOD Meetings are rebroadcast on the day of the meeting at 6 and 8 p.m. and the following Wednesday at 6 p.m. Workshops are rebroadcast at 6 and 8 p.m. the day of the workshop.

2015 HOA/LMH Payment Election Options

Submitted by Learhea Grant, A/R Accountant

If you would like to make changes to your payment election for 2015, now is the time to make that change. If you are happy with your current election, there is nothing you need to do.

The change form is available online at www.sctxca.org:

- Log in with Member ID and Password
- Click on Site Index
- Click on Forms
- Scroll down to CA Forms and Applications
- Under Homeowners Association Dues, click on Payment Election and Bank Draft Authorization forms for 2015.

The form is also available at the Member Services Office or by email, if requested, at Learhea.Grant@sctexas.org.

The three options for 2015 HOA/LMH payments are:

1. Annual payment in full by credit card, cash or check—due Friday, January 30, 2015.
2. ACH bank draft quarterly
3. ACH bank draft monthly

December 15, 2014 is the deadline for 2015 changes. All statements will be mailed the first week of January 2015 with no statement fee. Remember, all mailed statements after January 2015 will incur a \$2 processing fee; to avoid this fee you can sign up for E-Bills (see below).

Golf, Fitness and Resident E-Bills – HELP US GO GREEN!!!

The CA offers E-Bills that include your balances in all accounts, including fitness classes, fitness lessons, prepaid MGA, gift cards, sweeps, golf lessons, punch cards, and annual/combo pass activity. Once you sign up, you will no longer receive a mailed statement. So, help us go green, save some paper and sign up today! To sign up, send your email information to Learhea Grant at Learhea.Grant@sctexas.org.

December Schedule Landscaped Maintained Homes

NEXT LMH MEETING

Wednesday, December 3, 10 a.m., AC MR 3/4

DECEMBER SCHEDULED LANDSCAPING MAINTENANCE FOR MAINTAINED HOMES

- Monthly Irrigation Check
- Insect & Disease Monitoring
- Perennial Cutbacks • Weed Control in Beds

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Water Matters

Submitted by Carlton M. Mathis, Water Management



Season's Greetings, everyone! The end of yet another year is nigh. Hopefully, all weather predictions for an abundance of rain will come to pass and we will be able to enjoy a very wet holiday. Controllers should be turned to the "off" position, remaining there until March or April,

when it starts to warm up and dry out.

If you are planning on being away for the holidays, please consider turning off the water to your home before you leave in case a waterline breaks and goes unnoticed.

Holiday Safety

Submitted by Gerry Walsh, Emergency Management Committee



As we look toward the holiday season, let's be mindful of celebrating in a healthful and safe way.

When buying new tree decorations, look for the tag or label stating the lights are approved by the Underwriters Laboratory (UL), which sets the safety standards for all wires, cables, and Christmas decorations. Even when using UL approved lights, avoid overloading electrical outlets and keep an eye out for faulty wires – these are the most common causes of residential holiday fires.

When selecting a real tree, give the needles a "tug test" by pulling firmly on the needles. If a significant number of needles come off in your hand, choose another tree. A healthy tree will not shed its needles, which should not feel brittle, but instead seem "soft" to the touch.

There is a greater fire risk with natural trees as opposed to artificial ones. Keeping your tree moist is the best way to prevent it from catching fire. If your tree is pre-cut, it's important to make a new cut across the bottom of the trunk, removing an inch or an inch and a half off the bottom. This will ensure the tree is capable of absorbing water (most real trees will absorb roughly one quart of water for each inch of its diameter, so be sure to top off your stand

daily).

Of all residential holiday fires, one in six occur because of a heat source kept too close to the tree. If you use an electric space heater anywhere in your home, be sure it features an automatic shut-off should it be tipped over or forgotten about.

If you do your own outside decorating and it involves using a ladder, maintain 3 points of contact with the ladder: two hands, one foot, or two feet, one hand. Extension ladders should reach beyond the roof edge by 3 feet. It is also recommended that someone hold the bottom of the ladder and be able to call for help in case of an emergency. When hanging decorations inside the home, remember to use appropriate means – not chairs, tables or other furniture – when reaching heights.

If your seasonal décor is stored in an attic, please be cautious when using folding stairs. Spring-loaded doors may descend quickly, as may the ladder when pinch points are triggered. Always face your ladder when descending from the attic.

ACCIDENT PREVENTION TIPS

- Keep matches, lighters, and candles out of the reach of children.
- Avoid smoking near flammable decorations.
- Make an emergency plan to use if a fire breaks out anywhere in the home.

Save the Date! Campaign Information Workshop

Wednesday, January 21, 1-3 p.m.

Cowan Creek Georgetown/Florence Rooms

The Election Committee is sponsoring a CA Board campaign information workshop for any resident who wants to know more about our CA Board and its responsibilities.

This workshop will provide residents with the knowledge to:

- More fully understand the role and necessary qualifications of a board member
- Become a candidate or seek out and encourage highly qualified residents to run for the board
- Make an informed decision when voting

Watch for more information in your CA Communicator and the January *Sun Rays*.

See that each family member knows what to do.

- Avoid wearing loose, flowing clothes—particularly long, open sleeves—near open flames, such as those of a fireplace, stove, or candlelit table.
- Never burn candles near evergreens.
- Burning evergreens in the fireplace can also be hazardous. When dry, greens burn like tinder.
- Keep your tree well watered.
- Use UL approved light sets.
- Use a ladder or a proper step stool when putting up decorations. DO NOT use chairs or other furniture.
- Keep your outside gas grill away from your house. Make sure the hoses are in good condition, pliable and without cracks.

Material for this article came from NFPA, FEMA, and the University of Wisconsin

CPR/FIRST AID/AED CLASSES

CPR/First Aid/AED classes are taught monthly in Sun City. For information, contact Barbara Akers at bslrakers@aol.com.

Mistletoe: Magic, Myth or Nuisance?

By *Catrin Dubois, Landscape Superintendent*

It is the time of the year when the Cedar Elms and hackberries have dropped their leaves and the evergreen mistletoe is no longer able to hide among the leaves.



MISTLETOE FOLKLORE

From the earliest times, mistletoe has been one of the most magical, mysterious, and sacred plants of European folklore. It was considered to bestow life and fertility, protect against poison, and act as an aphrodisiac. In Scandinavian folklore, mistletoe was considered a plant of peace, under which enemies could declare a truce or warring spouses kiss and make-up.

EVIL, PARASITIC PLANT?

In reality, mistletoes are semi-parasitic seed plants that feed on trees and obtain water and mineral salts by sending robot-like structures (haustoria) into vascular tissue of the inner bark. It can rob the branches of nutrients, shade out leaves that are important for photosynthesis and, in extremely stressed trees, it can gradually contribute to tree decline and eventually death. However, it is important to understand that it takes a long time to see the kill; usually, the affected trees are those that are already declining. In my research, however, I found my negative opinion of this hemiparasite shifting. In a recent (2012) experiment conducted in Australia, ecologists monitored bird populations following the removal of mistletoe from select woodlands.

ECOLOGICAL IMPACT OF MISTLETOE REMOVAL

The results were intriguing. As would be expected, the one species that feeds almost exclusively on mistletoe berries, the aptly-named mistletoe bird, vanished from the culled woodlands. Species that make their nests in bunches of mistletoe also tended to disappear. But lots of other birds disappeared, too: around a fifth of them, compared with what had previously existed within the culled patches. Conversely, in regions where mistletoe was left in place, the number of bird species increased, probably because of the end of a prolonged drought in the area. Compared with the species diversity in these patches when the final count was made, the number of species in the culled patches of woodland was down by about a quarter. Mistletoe was thus deemed what ecologists call a "keystone species": it supports an entire ecosystem, and removing it has drastic effects for the whole. This study proved what no previous study ever had: evidence from a controlled experiment that keystone species really exist.

With birds spreading seeds from branch to branch and tree to tree, removal of mistletoe from Sun City trees would prove a costly, ceaseless task. So, while we continue to evaluate desirable hardwood trees and heed the actions advised by our tree expert, keep in mind that, the next time you spot some mistletoe, you may be looking at a plant which truly does foster life and fertility.

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Raccoons in Sun City

Submitted by the Wildlife Committee

The raccoon is a medium-sized mammal native to North America and seen only occasionally in Sun City. It has a body length of 16-28 inches and a body weight of 8-20 pounds. The raccoon is typically nocturnal and omnivorous, with a diet consisting of berries, acorns, baby mice, baby birds and eggs, and fish. In urban areas, many raccoons will raid garbage cans or eat pet food. It has a grayish coat, of which almost 90 percent is underfur for insulation against cold weather, with a distinctive “mask” across its face.

Renowned for their intelligence, raccoons have been shown to remember solutions to tasks for up to three years. They engage in gender-specific social behavior, with related females sharing a common area and unrelated males gathering in groups of two to four in order to defend against outside males during mating season, and to protect themselves against other potential invaders. Each spring, females bear litters of two to five “kits,” which remain with their mothers until late fall.

The original habitats of raccoons are deciduous and mixed forests of North



America, but due to their adaptability, they have extended their range to urban areas, such as Chicago, where many homeowners consider them to be pests. Though raccoons have been known to live over 20 years in captivity, their life expectancy shrinks dramatically to about two to three years in the wild. This discrepancy can largely be attributed

to hunting and traffic incidents, which have become their most common causes of death.

DETERRING RACCOONS

Though raccoons are very comfortable around humans, it only takes a little forethought to prevent them from digging through your trash, nesting in your attic, or tearing up your garden or lawn. Keep your property neat and temptation free. Don't leave pet food outdoors at night, and make sure the lid to your garbage cans are fastened securely – use a bungee cord, if need be. Because raccoons hate sudden lights and noises, a motion-activated light can deter them from slinking around gardens, garage doors, and chimney openings. If you believe your problem raccoon may have a disease or be protecting babies, keep your pets away from the animal and do not attempt to handle the situation alone. Raccoons can be aggressive in these circumstances, so be sure to contact your local animal control agency or health department immediately. A professional will be able to handle the predicament in a safe and humane way.

COPs' Blotter – 3rd Quarter, 2014

Prepared by Chuck Puckhaber, COPs Trainer

07/07 – 1:15 p.m., Patrol #2 – Found a resident's golf cart stopped on the Cool Spring Way Bridge over Cowan Creek. Stayed in back of cart with all flashers on until the repair shop picked up the cart.

07/19 – 10:35 a.m., Patrol #1 – Called the CA Monitor's Desk to report trash left in front of the LHPP dumpster. **No** trash should ever be left on the ground, as dumpster trucks cannot take such trash. **Please note:** This dumpster is to be used for LHPP trash **only**. No household or yard trash.

07/20 – 7:20 p.m., Patrol #2 – Called Georgetown Police non-emergency number to ask for a “welfare check” on a resident. Neighbors of this person contacted COPs expressing a concern, as they could not contact this person.

07/22 – 2:15 p.m., Patrol #2 – Received a call from Georgetown Police Department requesting special observation in the Crocket Loop neighborhood for the next few days. There were several instances of suspicious activity (e.g. looking in mail boxes, driving very slowly, driving on the same street multiple times) reported in this area over the last few days. All COPs patrols were to take note and patrol this area multiple times during their shift.

07/23 – 9:45 p.m., Patrol #2 – Received a call from a resident who asked that we look for her husband who left for the tennis courts over four hours ago and had not yet returned. Before we arrived at courts, the resident called again to report he had just returned home and all was OK.

08/08 – 7:30 p.m., Patrol #2 – Called Carlton Mathis, CA water manager, to report that three sprinkler heads were blown off in the median at the corner of Del Webb Boulevard and Double Fire Trail, resulting in a three-spout fountain when the sprinklers were on.

08/16 – 10:14 a.m., Patrol #1 – A White Wing area resident called regarding two people soliciting religious materials. She wanted to know if this was legal. Gave Georgetown Police non-emergency number to call for the correct information.

08/19 – 8:10 a.m., Patrol #1 – Notified resident on Trail Rider Way of a large water leak next to his garage.

08/30 – 7:50 p.m., Patrol #1 – Closed and locked the White Wing maintenance yard gate.

Bits of Info from Ginny's Desk

Submitted by Ginny Wagner, Community Standards Supervisor

How does the following Design Guidelines' article impact you?

3.5 LOT DRAINAGE

a) As provided for in the CC&Rs (Declaration), when any additions, alterations, renovations or landscaping are performed to an existing detached home, no home owner or resident shall alter the established drainage on any lot to increase the drainage of storm water onto any adjacent property without consent of the home owner(s) of the effected property, the Community Association Facilities Maintenance & Landscaping Department, and the Modifications Committee.

- *Per CC&Rs (Declaration) Article 12.8: Every Lot and the Common Area shall be burdened with easements for natural drainage of storm water runoff from other portions of the Properties; provided, no Person shall alter the natural drainage on any Lot to increase materially the drainage of storm water onto adjacent portions of the Properties without the consent*



IN THE EVENT OF INCLEMENT WEATHER

go to www.sctxca.org or our facebook page, www.facebook.com/SunCityTexasCommunityAssociation for up-to-the-minute information on CA facility closures or delayed openings.



TO ORDER NEW HOUSE NUMBERS

- Go to www.atgstores.com
- In the Search field, type in: *sea gull lighting 9600-12 address light black*

- Click "Search"
- Scroll down the page to order house numbers

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of the Owner(s) of the affected property, the Board, and the Declarant. This easement shall not extend into Preserve Areas.

- b) Home owners are solely responsible for all drainage issues or retaining wall issues created as a result of modifications implemented on their property.
- c) Approval of an Application for Modification by the Modifications Committee does not relieve the home owner's responsibility for drainage within the boundaries of their property, and from their property to surrounding residential lots, common areas, golf courses, public streets, sewers and storm drains.

When you fill out an application, you are required to initial a box on the form acknowledging responsibility for any changes made to the drainage pattern of your lot and the adjoining homeowner's lots or CA-owned property. Taking into account drainage issues is a very important step when planning any project that will add a significant amount of impervious or inert material to your home's lot. Proper project planning can ensure that you get the most use out of any rainfall, while also preventing you from incurring future costs related to drainage issues for a neighbor or common area.

OUTDOOR DECORATIONS

Many of us have had our outdoor holiday decorations and lights up since November 15 and plan to keep them up until January 15. Because decorative outdoor lights are only to be turned on between sunset and 10 p.m., it is important to remember to turn them off before retiring for the night.

At this time of year, we needn't worry about whether decorations in the front yard exceed 36", nor be concerned about light bulbs that aren't shielded. Only at this time, can we have more than ten items attached to outside walls such as wreaths, angels, and strings of lights or have more than two items hanging from trees.

Above all, remember to keep safety first. Don't climb up that ladder without a spotter. If you don't have a service to install and remove your holiday lights from your roof and/or trees, check with your landscaper or look through the ads in the Directory or the *Sun Rays*.

We all want this to be a joyful holiday season and a Happy New Year!

Ginny Wagner can be reached at 512-948-7462 or email ginny.wagner@sctexas.org

Notes from the Covenants Committee

Submitted by Chuck Graham, Chair, Covenants Committee

Sun City Texas is the Shining Apple of Georgetown. Visitors are amazed at its beauty – green mowed lawns, bright beautiful flowers, well-pruned shrubs and bushes, and its wonderful majestic trees – even the rocks on xeriscape lots. Why is it so beautiful? Because its residents care, and they comply with our Governing Documents.

Unfortunately, the Covenants Committee has recently had to address some lots

where new residents have not landscaped in accordance with paragraphs 5.1 and 5.2 of the CC&Rs. Initial landscape plans must be submitted within 60 days after closing on the house. Then, approved plans must be completed within 120 days. Quite simple! In fact, the developer will include initial landscaping as an option for new homes when they are built.

Article 13.2 of the Design Guidelines set the standards for maintenance of land-

scapes. Again, they are clear and straight forward. Lawns must be kept mowed. Shrubs and bushes must be kept pruned. No weeds – get rid of them. If you can't do it yourself or don't want to do it, others will do it at a reasonable cost.

Just be sure you are not the “Blemish on the Shining Apple.” Avoid having the Covenants Committee come calling. Keep Sun City Texas beautiful – just like Texas!

2014 Deer Census Results

Submitted by the Wildlife Management Committee

This year's Sun City Texas deer census was conducted on the evenings of September 15, 16 and 17. The total average count for all three nights was 546 deer. The results of each night's count, along with the three-night average, are shown

on the table below.

Based on the 2014 deer census, the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department recommended the removal of 190 deer from CA-controlled property in Sun City. The Wildlife Management Committee has endorsed the TPWD recommendation, which has since been approved by the CA Board of Directors.

DEER TRAPPING

The deer trapping program will begin preparations mid-December with the clearing of trap locations and setting up of feeders. Trapping will commence

after January 1, 2015, for this season, continuing through March 31, or until the recommended number of deer have been removed – whichever comes first.

Our deer management program strives to remove deer based on Texas Parks and Wildlife recommendations aimed at preventing high concentrations of deer in a habitat too small to support them. This management practice ensures that our deer will thrive in their existing habitat. Once again, the Wildlife Management Committee would like to thank all the volunteers who participated in this year's deer census.

2014 DAILY DEER CENSUS

Day	Date	Count
1	9-15-2014	539
2	9-16-2014	584
3	9-17-2014	516
Average		546.3



Residents of Neighborhood 10 gathered on Columbine Court for its National Night Out party on October 5.

Purchase your tickets for CA Sponsored Events at www.sctxca.org or at the Member Services Office.

Tickets for activities listed for the first time will be available **Monday, December 1, at 8 a.m.**

Activities with Jenny

If you are not familiar with our CA Activities website calendar, now is the time to explore! (You can find the calendar under the Activities and Events tab on the www.sctxca.org home page.) As you scroll through the calendar and preview upcoming months, you will find 'save the date' info for some of our overnight CA bus outings.



Sun City Singers Concert "Come to the Manger"

Wednesday and Thursday, December 3-4, 7 p.m.,
SCB, \$8 pp



Come celebrate the season. Come celebrate the reason. "Come to the Manger," the Singers' Christmas concert, will be held on December 3 and 4. You will be presented with a wonderful collection of both traditional and contemporary

holiday music; some of it written by our own Dick Anderson and R.G. Wyckoff. Come hear some of your favorite carols along with several new songs that are guaranteed to put you in a holiday spirit.

The concert will be performed on December 3 and 4 at 7 p.m. in the Social Center Ballroom. Reserved seat tickets are \$8 per person and can be purchased at the Member Services Office or online at www.sctxca.org.

Kiwanis Holiday Home Tour

Friday, December 5, 4 - 7 p.m.

Saturday, December 6, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sunday, December 7, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Tickets: \$10 in advance; \$15 on the day of the tour*



Presented by the Kiwanis Club of Sun City Texas, this year's Holiday Home Tour will feature six homes, each uniquely transformed into a winter wonderland by a dedicated local interior designer.

All proceeds benefit the children of Williamson County, so come on! With so much to see and so many beautiful ideas to inspire, the Kiwanis Holiday Home Tour is sure to get your bells jingling all season long.

*Advance tickets may be purchased at the CA Member Services Office, First Texas Bank at 480 Del Webb Boulevard, or from any

member of the Kiwanis Club of Sun City Georgetown. Tickets may also be purchased on the day of the tour for \$15 at any of the tour's home locations, which can be found by following the event signs in Sun City Texas. A map to tour the homes is on the ticket.

Door to Door Comedy

Wednesday, January 7, 7 - 8 p.m., SCB, \$5 pp
Reserved Seating by Tables



Presented by a group of four from San Antonio, enjoy a relaxed, fun, clean, stand-up comedy routine. This group brings the fun to our ballroom. If you like to laugh and have a good time, then don't wait to purchase your ticket

for this event!

N13 Mardi Gras Parade & Dance - NEW!

Saturday, January 17

Parade: 10 a.m., Rio Grande Loop, Free!

Dance: 6:30-10 p.m., SCB., \$12.50 pp*



Neighborhood 13 will celebrate Mardi Gras with their annual parade and dance on Saturday, January 17.

*Tickets for the dance are on sale now—contact Pam Helge at 512-863-7644 or pamhelge@yahoo.com

to purchase tickets, or mail payment to Pam Helge, 106 Blanco Cove, Georgetown, TX 78633. Note: Tickets will not be sold through the Member Services Office, nor online through the Sun City ticketing system.

Those interested in participating in the parade, or for more information, contact W.R. Helge at 512-863-7644.

Sieker Band - Performance

Wednesday, January 21, 7 - 9 p.m., SCB, \$10 pp

Reserved Seating by Tables



The Sieker Band brings bluegrass, even the banjo, to new heights. After playing bluegrass music in Europe for several decades, Rolf & Beate Sieker now live in Texas, where they created their own sound influenced by Texas fiddlin' and songwriting. In 2008, the Siekers were inducted into the Gatesville Country Music Hall of Fame. They have played many concerts in Germany, toured throughout the European countries, and have recorded five albums, two in Nashville, Tennessee and three in Berlin, Germany.

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EVENTS

Purchase your tickets for CA Sponsored Events at www.sctxca.org or at the Member Services Office.
 Tickets for activities listed for the first time will be available **Monday, December 1, at 8 a.m.**

○ **Movie - *The Book Thief***

Wednesday, January 28, 6 p.m., SCB, \$5 pp
Rated PG-13, 131 Minutes, Drama
Reserved Seating by Tables



During the horrific time of World War II in Germany, an abandoned young Liesel finds comfort by borrowing books (without permission) and sharing them with others. In the basement of her home, a Jewish refugee is being sheltered by her adoptive parents. Cost of movie includes soda and a snack; you may also bring your own food and beverages.

Groundhog Day Sock Hop - NEW!

Presented by The Pennsylvania Interest Group
Saturday, January 31, 7 - 10 p.m., SCB, \$10 pp



The Groundhog Day Sock Hop is open to all Sun City residents. Music will be provided by Little Beverly & the Shades. This local band loves to play rock-n-roll dance music from the 50s and 60s. Come listen to this six-piece band play some of your favorite tunes, made popular on American Bandstand in Philadelphia, PA.

Wearing your 50s attire is optional. Door prizes and lots of fun are in store. Mark your calendars and check the January *Sun Rays* for ticket information. This event was a sell-out last year.

Editor's note: When submitting articles for the Events section, please limit your article to 150 words or less. The *Sun Rays* reserves the right to edit articles due to space limitations.

○ **Movie: *Divergent* - NEW!**

Wednesday, February 4, 6 p.m., SCB, \$5 pp
Reserved Seating by Tables, 139 minutes, Rated PG-13



In this adventure set in a future world where people are divided into distinct factions based on their personalities, Tris Prior (Shailene Woodley) is warned she is Divergent and will never fit into any one group. When she discovers a conspiracy to destroy all Divergents, she must find out what makes being Divergent so dangerous before it's too late. Ticket price includes snack and beverage. Feel free to bring your own snacks and beverages as well.

○ **Chinese Cooking and Lunch with Dorothy Huang - NEW!**

Friday, February 6, 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., The Oaks, \$45 pp



Dorothy Huang, a renowned Chinese cooking teacher and author of *Chinese Cuisine Made Simple*, demystifies Chinese cooking and makes it easy and fun. You will enjoy a delicious lunch while learning how to prepare it. Please bring an apron and a good appetite. Menu: pot-stickers (pan-fried dumplings), chicken with cashews, and vegetarian chow mein.

○ **Junior Camp Drawing**

Friday, February 27, 10 a.m., SCB



If you plan to enter the drawing for your grandchild to attend Junior Camp, mark this date on your calendar. Though you are not required to be present for your grandchild to "win," this event will determine this year's camp participants and wait lists for both sessions. The drawing box will be available at the Monitor's Desk beginning January 2, 2015. For more information, please see page 15 of November's *Sun Rays*.

Sun City Acronymns

AC	Activities Center	CCAM	Cowan Creek Amphitheater	CCW	Cowan Creek Walburg Room	SCPL	Social Center Parking Lot
ACA	AC Atrium	CCAN	Cowan Creek Andice Room	CTS	Tennis Courts	SCB	SC Ballroom
ACCR	AC Conference Room	CCAC	Cowan Creek Amenity Center	FC	Fitness Center	TR	Texas Room
AM	American Room	CCF	Cowan Creek Florence Room	FR	French Room	VMP	Veterans Memorial Plaza
GR 1,2,3	AC Game Rooms	CCG	Cowan Creek Georgetown Rm	HC	Horseshoe Courts	VAS	Visual Arts Studio
MR 1,2,3,4	AC Meeting Room	CCJ	Cowan Creek Jarrell Room	L	Social Center Library	WW	White Wing Golf Course
BC	Bocce Courts	CCPL	Cowan Creek Parking Lot	LH	Legacy Hills Golf	WS	Wood Shop
BOD	Board of Directors	CCPP	Cowan Creek Park Pavilion	LHPP	Legacy Hills Pavilion	WSCR	WS Conference Room
CC	Cowan Creek Golf	CCS	Cowan Creek Salado Room	SC	Social Center		

○ Indicates CA sponsored event

Purchase your tickets for CA Sponsored Events at www.sctxca.org or at the Member Services Office.
Tickets for dances listed for the first time will be available Monday, December 1, at 8 a.m.

New York - New York! New Year's Eve Celebration - People's Choice Band

Wednesday, December 31, 7 - 11 p.m., SCB, \$45 pp
 Reserved Seating by Tables



We are celebrating the New Year at a new time (7 - 11 p.m.) this year - with New York in New York style! As the dazzling lighted ball descends the flagpole in bustling Times Square at 11 p.m. CST, we will be singing *Auld Lang Syne* with the Big Apple. Light snacks and unlimited drinks will be served. (For more details contact Jenny Phillips at Jenny.Phillips@sctxexas.org). Feel free to bring your own food and beverages to add to the festivities. By popular demand we are bringing in People's Choice to celebrate the New Year. Festive, dressy-casual attire is recommended for this event.

Note: This is a holiday dance; therefore, there will be no country line dancing space in the back of the room.

Cowboy Nemo Band - Country Western

Friday, January 9, 7 - 10 p.m., SCB, \$10 pp
 Reserved Seating by Tables



Cowboy Nemo Band was created by Fred Gibson back in 1998, when he began selecting musicians for his band. Over the years, the band has been privileged to play at some of the finest venues in Central Texas and now they are coming back to Sun City. We will have all six members of their

band including their fiddle player.

Lonny Lynn Orchestra - Ballroom Dancing

Friday, January 16, 7 - 10 p.m., SCB, \$16 pp
 Reserved Seating by Table



Hailing from Nebraska, the Lonny Lynn Orchestra performs the latest in Swing and nostalgic dance music as well as music from the 30s and 40s with some country music and Latin. The band consists of ten musicians and a female vocalist. This dance is one for anyone who truly

enjoys the big band era music and doesn't mind getting on the dance floor.

RESERVED SEATING BY TABLES

Selection by table number only

OPEN SEATING

General admission; no advance table or seat selection

Mike Clifford and the Texas Aces Band Country Western - NEW!

Friday, January 30, 7 - 10 p.m., SCB, \$10 pp
 Reserved Seating by Tables



Four-time Texas Music Award Nominee Mike Clifford is coming back to Sun City to perform. Mike Clifford and the core rhythm section of the group have been performing together for over a decade. He knows the popular songs that Sun Citians love!

Valentine's Day Dance

Off the Record - Rock N Roll - NEW!

Friday, February 13, 7 - 10 p.m., SCB, \$15 pp
 Reserved Seating by Tables



This Valentine's Day Dance is featuring the vibrant show band Off the Record. Find your "Pretty Woman" and dance the night away with all the classics from the 50s, 60s, 70s and 80s. Décor will be romantic red, pink and white.

Out of the Blue with Andy Thomas - NEW! Country Like It Used To Be!

Wednesday, February 18, 7 - 10 p.m., SCB, \$5 pp
 Reserved Seating by Tables



Out of the Blue with Andy Thomas is old-school country music. Andy never performs without including a Ray Price song.

DANCE ETIQUETTE

Your hospitality volunteers place a bucket of ice and a pitcher of water on each table. You may also purchase soda for \$1 per can. You are welcome to bring your own beverages from home along with your own food and snacks to make your evening a more festive affair! At the end of the night you are asked to help your hospitality volunteers by clearing your table. Please throw away your trash (including the tablecloth), recycle your bottles and return the ice bucket, water pitcher, and table marker sign to the hospitality table in the back of the room.

Many hands make light work!

OUTINGS

Purchase your tickets for CA Sponsored Outings at www.sctxca.org or at the Member Services Office.
Tickets for outings listed for the first time will be available **Monday, December 1, at 8 a.m.**

Key to Outings

SCPL - Social Center Parking Lot
CCPL - Cowan Creek Parking Lot

- 1** Level 1 - Light Activity
- 2** Level 2 - Moderate Activity
- 3** Level 3 - Active Activity

 Meal provided

 Requires climbing in and out of a boat

 Bus trip over approx. 3 hours

 Overnight stay

 Walking - Expect a walking tour or a large venue

 Walking and steps

 Bus is wheelchair accessible

PERK Cards!

Every time you travel on an outing planned by the Lifestyle Department, you will receive a card to fill out and turn in at the Monitor's desk. We will draw a card monthly and the lucky winner will receive a 50% discount on a future CA bus outing of your choice! (Note: Excludes overnight outings). We will notify the winner via phone and email.

Our Perk Card winner was David Werner. Congratulations, David!! Thank you for being a frequent traveler on our bus outings.



If you have any questions about our outings, please contact Lifestyle & Activities, 512-948-7392.

Indoor Kart Racing - Austin

Lunch on Your Own

Tuesday, January 6, \$53 pp

Depart SCPL 11:15 a.m.; Return 4:15 p.m.



3 Austin, home of Formula One racing in America, is also home to K-1 Speed – America's premier indoor go-kart experience. Professionally designed to ensure customer safety, the K-1 track provides heart-pounding, wheel-to-wheel racing action up to 45 mph

on one of the nation's largest indoor tracks. These world-class European-style 20hp electric karts will make racing your friends a thrilling, unforgettable experience.

Following a 15-minute instruction session you will receive your helmet and kart assignment. Each team will consist of eight drivers for a 14-lap race. Winners are determined by the fastest lap time adding a degree of difficulty and strategy to your racing. The top two racers in each group will have a "race-off" to determine the Champion. The top three drivers receive a podium photo, medal, and K-1 racing score sheet. David Springer, our

first K-1 Champion, drove the winning lap in 24.354 seconds – can you beat the champ?

After our racing adventure, we will stop at the IKEA Shopping Center for lunch on your own.

Ticket cost includes transportation, racing fees and team photo.



Volunteer Trip Leader: *Jerilee Prather*

Alison Balsam - ASO - Long Center - Austin - Dinner on Your Own

Friday, January 9, \$78 pp

Depart SCPL 4 p.m.; Return 11 p.m.



1   Join us for an evening with the Austin Symphony Orchestra, led by conductor Peter Bay. The performance includes Joseph Haydn's *Symphony No. 102 in B-Flat Major*, one of the London symphonies composed by Haydn

at age 61. Also on the program is Manuel de Falla's *El Amor Brujo*, or *Bewitched Love*. The work is distinctively Andalusian in character and contains moments of remarkable beauty and originality.

Trumpeter Alison Balsam is the featured artist, the 2013 Gramophone Award winner performing pieces by Johann Hummel and Maurice Ravel. She has cemented an international reputation as one of classical music's great ambassadors and is ranked among the most distinctive and ground-breaking musicians on the international circuit.

Our evening begins at The Domain where you may dine on your own at a restaurant of your choice. You will have a short walk to restaurants such as North, Jasper's, McCormick & Schmick's, Flemings, and Blackfinn. After a leisurely meal, we will go to the Long Center in time for the always informative pre-concert talk with Bob Buckalew.

Ticket cost includes transportation and concert.

Volunteer Trip Leader: *Valerie Weis*

In The Mood - Paramount Theater - Austin - NEW!


Dinner - Cantina Laredo

Saturday, January 24, \$100 pp

Depart SCPL 12:30 p.m.; Return 6:30 p.m.

Ticket Purchase Deadline: Friday, January 16



1  With a big band orchestra, singers and swing dancers, *In the Mood* is the retro 1940s musical that presents the music that moved a nation's spirit and helped win a war. More than a concert, *In the Mood* is a Big Band

Theatrical Swing Revue that brings to life the era when all of America was listening and dancing to the same music: Glenn Miller, Tommy Dorsey, Artie Shaw, and Benny Goodman. Can't

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you just hear *Chattanooga Choo-Choo*, *I'll Never Smile Again*, *Sing, Sing, Sing* and *Opus One* to name a few of these "oldies but goodies"? With exceptional center orchestra seats, you won't want the music to end.

After the show, we head to Cantina Laredo for authentic Mexican cooking in a relaxing atmosphere. Enjoy a fajita buffet beginning with fresh guacamole along with fire-roasted salsa, chips and chili con queso, followed by beef and chicken to make fajitas just the way you like them with all the trimmings. Dessert is Mexican apple pie or a Mexican brownie. If desired, a cash bar is available; perhaps you will choose the special Sun City \$3 "Casa Rita" to complete your dinner with a Texas flair!

Ticket cost includes show, dinner and transportation.

Volunteer Trip Leader: *Anita Reed*

Marvel Universe Live! - Alamodome - San Antonio

Dinner on Your Own

Sunday, January 25, \$72 pp

Depart SCPL 10:30 a.m.; Return 7:30 p.m.



2 An electrifying battle between good and evil is about to begin! State-of-the-art special effects, pyrotechnics, aerial stunts and the combined attributes of Super Heroes and Arch Villains take you into a world like never

before – the world of Marvel Universe Live!

More than 25 Marvel characters perform in this epic quest for the Cosmic Cube, the source of ultimate power and a most coveted treasure in the Marvel Universe. To prevent The Cube from falling into the wrong hands, Thor shatters it, scattering the pieces across the globe. Thor's villainous brother, Loki, devises a scheme to clone its powers, inciting a threat that could decimate the whole Universe. Iron Man, Hulk, Captain America and Thor team with Wolverine and other heroes for a globe-trotting mission to find all parts of the Cube before the villainous likes of Green Goblin, Red Skull and Madame Hydra can harness the power and take over the world. For more information, go to www.Marveluniverselive.com.

Food, beverage and Marvel souvenirs will be available at the Dome. On the way home, we will stop in New Braunfels for dinner on your own. Restaurant choices are Rudy's BBQ, Johnny Carino's Italian, or Los Cucos Mexican.

Ticket cost includes transportation and matinee performance (floor level stadium seating).

Volunteer Trip Leader: *Jerilee Prather*

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Chinese Feast and Market Tour - Austin - NEW!

Lunch - First Chinese BBQ

Tuesday, February 3, \$61 pp

Depart SCPL 10:30 a.m.; Return 3:30 p.m.



1   Dorothy Huang, author of *Chinese Cuisine Made Simple* and Chinese cooking expert, taught a successful, sold-out cooking class for Sun City in August. Now she is taking us to Austin for a Chinese feast and market tour. With Dorothy's guidance we have selected a 10-course feast to share at First Chinese BBQ Restaurant. The delectable dishes include Crisp Spring Rolls with dipping sauces, Chinese BBQ Pork, Peking Duck, General Tso's Chicken, Shrimp and Snow Peas, Cod with black bean sauce, Stir-fried Beef with broccoli, Shredded Pork with garlic sauce, Seafood Hotpot and Shrimp Fried Rice. Dorothy will explain how each dish is prepared and the ingredients used.

Following lunch, we will walk one block to the MT Chinese Supermarket where Dorothy will take the mystery out of the market's products. Bring a shopping list and a cooler for perishable items you might want to purchase. Dress is casual with comfortable shoes for walking. This trip is sure to be fun, informative and delicious!

Ticket cost includes transportation on the 27-passenger Clark Mini Bus, lunch, and tour.

Volunteer Trip Leader: *Jerilee Prather*



Esther's Follies - NEW!

Dinner - Pappadeaux Seafood Restaurant

Thursday, February 5, \$72 pp

Depart SCPL 4:30 p.m.; Return 10:30 p.m.



2   Enjoy a delicious dinner and a hilarious show. Dinner begins with Pappadeaux' famous salad. *Entrée options* (to be selected when you purchase tickets): Ginger Salmon, a char-grilled fillet; Pan Grilled

Tilapia, topped with toasted hazelnuts; Seafood Mixed Grill with dirty rice; OR Rosemary Chicken. *Dessert choices*: Vanilla Cheesecake with fresh strawberries OR Chocolate Cake. A cash bar will be available; coffee, tea, gratuity and tax are included. After dinner, we will go to Esther's Follies in downtown Austin for non-stop laughter. This show is a good mix of skits related to timely current events, magic to amaze you, great music and incredible costumes – all with a Texas-sized sense of humor. Esther's has been the "talk of the town" for years. If laughter is good for the soul, this show will add years to your life!

Ticket cost includes transportation, dinner and show.

Volunteer Trip Leader: *Anita Reed*

Violinist Karen Gomyo - ASO - Long Center - Austin - NEW!

Dinner - Zed's Restaurant

Friday, February 6, \$112 pp

Depart SCPL 4 p.m.; Return 11 p.m.

Ticket Purchase Deadline: Sunday, February 1



1  The Austin Symphony Orchestra presents a wonderful evening of music by Dukas, Glazanov, and Sibelious with guest musician, violinist Karen Gomyo. Hailed by the *Chicago Tribune* as "a first-rate artist of real musical command, vitality, brilliance and intensity," Karen began public performances at the age of five. Later she studied on a full scholarship at the Juilliard School. Her further studies have been at the University of Indiana/Bloomington and the New England Conservatory of Music. She plays on the "Aurora, ex-Foullis" Stradivarius violin that was bought for her exclusive use by a private sponsor.

Before the concert we dine at Zed's Restaurant. When you purchase your ticket, you may choose their always excellent grilled salmon OR spicy teriyaki sesame chicken. Salad, petite cheesecake for dessert, and soft drink, coffee or tea are also included.

We will arrive at the Long Center in time for the informative pre-concert talk by Bob Buckalew. If you have always wanted to try playing a violin, Violins Etc. will have several on display in the lobby for you to try out.

Ticket cost includes transportation, dinner, and concert.

Volunteer Trip Leader: *Valerie Weis*


Rain - Bass Concert Hall - Austin - NEW!

Dinner on Your Own

Friday, February 6, \$88 pp

Depart SCPL 4:30 p.m.; Return 10:30 p.m.



1  Before the performance we will travel to The Domain where you may select the restaurant of your choice for dinner on your own. The Domain has many restaurants to choose from such as Maggiano's, The Steeping

Room Urban Grill, Gloria's, Guy Fieiri's and more.

After dinner, we will head to the Bass Concert Hall to see *Rain: A Tribute to the Beatles*. As the next best thing to seeing the Beatles, Rain performs the full range of the Beatles' discography, including the most complex and challenging songs that the Beatles themselves recorded in the studio but never performed for an audience. Together longer than the Beatles, *Rain* has mastered every song, gesture and nuance of the legendary foursome, delivering a totally live, note-for-note performance in this multi-media concert that's as infectious as it is transporting. From the early hits to later classics, this adoring tribute will take you

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back to a time when all you needed was love and a little help from your friends.

Ticket cost includes transportation and orchestra seat for performance.

Volunteer Trip Leader: Flo Zydowicz

BJ Thomas - One World Theater - Austin - NEW!

Sunday, February 8, \$96 pp
 Depart SCPL 5:30 p.m.; Return 10 p.m.
 Ticket Purchase Deadline: Monday, January 26



Come enjoy an evening of music featuring BJ Thomas. Owing one of the most distinctive voices in American music, BJ has earned five Grammy Awards, 15 platinum and gold records and over 25 Top 40 Hits, including *Hooked on a Feeling* and the million-selling *Another Done Somebody Wrong Song*. He is most remembered for singing the Academy Award-winning movie theme, *Raindrops Keep Falling on My Head*. Thomas straddled the line between pop/rock and country, achieving record breaking success in both genres, steadily building a growing legion of fans in a career that spans more than three decades.

Ticket cost includes transportation and concert.

Volunteer Trip Leader: Flo Zydowicz

SAS Shoe Factory Tour - San Antonio - NEW!

Lunch at Paloma Blanca
 Monday, February 9, \$49 pp
 Depart SCPL 9:30 a.m.; Return 6 p.m.



When we think of San Antonio, we all remember the Alamo. This time, however, we will visit that city to see one of the few remaining factories in the US where men's and women's shoes and purses are made.

When we arrive, a greeter will draw the name of one of our lucky travelers who will get a free pair of shoes of his/her choosing!

The optional tour of the factory lasts about 45 minutes and covers a space of about two football fields. Then we will have time to browse the factory store where discounted shoes are displayed. You won't want to limit yourself to shoes, though, because the General Store is packed with goodies from by-gone days. You may fill a bag or two of penny candy, have hot-buttered popcorn, and a soda or coffee, all at long-forgotten prices.

Next we are off to Paloma Blanca, the delightful award-winning Mexican restaurant. We will have a private dining room where you can enjoy your choice of chicken enchiladas, beef fajitas, or vegetable chile relleno. (Choose when purchasing your ticket.) Soft drinks or iced tea and dessert are included.

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Ticket cost includes transportation, tour, and lunch.

Volunteer Trip Leader: Bobbi Heuss


La Belle: The Ship That Changed History - Bob Bullock History Museum - Austin - NEW!

Lunch On Your Own

Wednesday, February 11, \$28 pp

Depart SCPL 9 a.m.; Return 2 p.m.



1  One of the most important shipwreck discoveries in North America, *La Belle*, has risen after 300 years to tell her story – a story of piracy, murder and miscalculation that was to doom her voyage and change the course of history in Texas for all time.

We begin with the new 4-D movie, *Shipwrecked*, in the Texas Spirit Theater. This film dramatizes the story of *La Belle* and her Captain, famed explorer Sieur de La Salle from 1684 France to her demise in Matagorda Bay two years later. The story is told through the eyes of one of the only survivors of the expedition, Pierre Talon. To enhance your experience, this 4-D film is coupled with sensory effects built into the seats and the environment.

Following the movie, you will have time to purchase lunch at The Story of Texas Café. The Café offers a nice array of soups, salads, sandwiches and desserts.

After lunch it's on to the *La Belle Special Exhibit* where, in full view of visitors, the archeological teams of the Texas Historical Commission are reassembling the ship – a 600-piece, three dimensional “jigsaw puzzle.” The exhibit also includes newly edited film footage, rare artifacts, touch-pad games, and interviews with conservators. This is a chance to witness history in the making and see up close the ship that changed history and the story of Texas.

Ticket cost includes transportation, movie, exhibit, and entrance fees.

Volunteer Trip Leader: Jerilee Prather


3 Redneck Tenors - Brauntex Theater - New Braunfels - NEW!

Dinner On Your Own

Saturday, February 14, \$86 pp

Depart SCPL 4 p.m.; Return 11 p.m.



1  Direct from The Andy Williams Moon River Theater in Branson, Missouri, the infamous 3 Redneck Tenors have a brand new show! Recalling the wild tale of how they became the singing sensations they are today,

they will take us on a rollicking gallop from babies to jailbirds to theatrical auditions and on to the operatic stage. Get ready for a side-splitting ride as we go on an excursion only the 3 Redneck Tenors could have had. They will delight us with their vocal

pro prowess and a smorgasbord of music ranging from Gospel and Country to Broadway and Classical. If you have a sense of humor and an appreciation for incredible voices, you will love the 3 Redneck Tenors.

Before the show we will stop for dinner on your own in New Braunfels, where you may choose Rudy's BBQ, Johnny Carino's Italian, or Los Cucos Mexican.

Ticket cost includes transportation and orchestra seating for the concert.

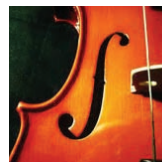
Volunteer Trip Leader: Jerilee Prather


UT Symphony Orchestra - Bates Recital Hall - Austin - NEW!

Dinner at P. F. Chang's

Monday, February 16, \$47 pp

Depart SCPL 4:30 p.m.; Return 10 p.m.



1  Our evening begins with an exceptional dining experience at the highly-rated P.F. Chang's China Bistro in downtown Austin. Our family-style dinner features two appetizers, soup, four favorite entrées and dessert. P.F. Chang's has received rave reviews from our residents' previous visits. A cash bar will be available with time for a relaxing beverage of your choice. Dinner includes coffee, tea, tax and gratuities.

Following dinner we will go to the UT Bates Recital Hall to enjoy the amazing talent of the UT Symphony Orchestra with Maestro Gerhard Zimmerman, Director of Orchestral Activities at UT-Austin since 2006. The UTSO is a full-sized modern symphony orchestra with 60 to 90 performers, and it ranks among the top three percent of college orchestras. The repertoire for this evening was not announced at the time of this printing but from our past visits, this evening is sure to please all music lovers.

Austin is known as the “Live Music Capital of the World” and this evening will leave no doubt of how fortunate we are to have this exceptional talent so close to Sun City for all to enjoy! Ticket cost includes transportation, dinner, and concert.

Volunteer Trip Leader: Anita Reed

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Frankie Valli & The Four Seasons - Long Center - Austin - NEW!

Dinner on Your Own

Tuesday, February 17, \$118 pp

Depart SCPL 4:30 p.m.; Return 11 p.m.



1 Frankie Valli is best known as the front man of The Four Seasons and stood out from contemporary singers for his unique falsetto vocals. Rising to fame in the 1960s, Frankie Valli is still going strong as a solo artist 50 years later.

With The Four Seasons and as a solo artist, Valli had numerous

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Top 40 Hits. Remember *Sherry* and *Can't Take My Eyes Off You?* The Four Seasons released around 20 albums and many more compilation and collection albums over the years. For a career that has spanned half a century, it is difficult to list all the awards and acclaim Frankie Valli and The Four Seasons have won. They were inducted into both the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and the Vocal Group Hall of Fame. The popularity of their recordings has stood the test of time among fans and artists who have followed them through the years. The life and careers of Frankie and The Four Seasons became the subject of the globally successful musical *Jersey Boys* in 2005, which continues to tour today.

Before the event, we will stop at The Domain for dinner on your own.

Ticket cost includes transportation and orchestra seats.

Volunteer Trip Leader: Cheryl Jakubowski

USS Lexington - Corpus Christi - King Ranch - Kingsville - NEW!

Friday Lunch at King Ranch

Thursday, February 19 - Friday, February 20

Double Occ \$188 pp; Single Occ \$208 pp

Depart The Oaks Thursday, 7:30

a.m.; Return Friday, 9:30 p.m.

Ticket Purchase Deadline: Thursday, February 5



3 We will travel to Corpus Christi with a rest stop on the way. Once in Corpus Christi, we will tour the USS Lexington Museum on the Bay. Nicknamed *The Blue Ghost* by the Japanese, this aircraft carrier was reported sunk no less than four times during WWII.

Self-guiding tours of the 910-foot floating naval museum involve climbing and steep stairways, so wear comfortable shoes. Aboard the ship is the MEGA Theater which will show the 22-minute movie *Fighter Pilot* for our group at 3 p.m. A coffee shop will have snacks available for purchase.

After the Lexington, we will head to our hotel, the Omni, located

in the downtown Marina District. Our hotel is 100% smoke-free and all rooms overlook the Corpus Christi Bay. The Omni offers free internet and baggage portage for one bag. Dinner will be on your own either in the hotel or in nearby restaurants.

Friday morning we will head to the King Ranch for a five-hour tour with lunch. Beginning at the visitor center, we then visit the cattle and horse operations followed by the feed yard and feed mill. Then it is time for a BBQ lunch at the Cowboy Camp House. After lunch we will tour the King Ranch Museum and the King Ranch Saddle Shop. We will make a quick rest stop as we travel home to Sun City.

Ticket cost includes transportation, entrance fees, hotel, and BBQ lunch. All other meals are on your own.

Volunteer Trip Leader: Flo Zydowicz

Blue Man Group - Long Center - Austin - NEW!

Dinner on Your Own

Saturday, February 21, \$90 pp

Depart SCPL 3 p.m.; Return 9 p.m.



1 Blue Man Group's critically acclaimed show has been called "visually stunning," "wildly inventive," and "hysterically funny." Although it is impossible to describe, people of all ages agree that the Blue Man show is intensely exciting and a wildly outrageous experience that leaves

the audience in a blissful, euphoric state. This unique theatrical experience is like nothing else.

After we leave the Long Center we will stop at The Domain for dinner on your own. This will be an opportunity to select a meal from one of the many outstanding restaurants such as North, Kona Grill, Jasper's, McCormick & Schmick's, Copper Bowl, Steeping Room, Gloria's, California Pizza Kitchen and others.

Ticket cost includes transportation and orchestra seating.

Volunteer Trip Leader: Cheryl Jakubowski

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Recycle Center Tour – Austin - NEW!

Lunch – Southside Market & BBQ

Monday, February 23, \$45 pp

Depart SCPL 9 a.m.; Return 4:30 p.m.



3  Have you ever wondered what happens to all the materials we throw away in our recycle dumpster, both in Sun City and those belonging to businesses? Find out as we tour the Balcones Resources Center in

Austin, founded in 1994 by Kenny and Becky Getter, who saw a need to help both the environment and the economy and do it the “Texas way.”

Our tour begins with a short video followed by an hour walking tour of the facility, then a Q & A session.

Notes: You must be able to climb two flights of stairs and stand for one hour. No canes or walkers are allowed, and completely closed shoes are a must. Cameras are allowed, but no cell phones allowed. Because the facility is very dusty, wearing older clothes is suggested. You won't believe what they can do with our trash!

After the tour, we will head to an Elgin favorite, the Southside Market & BBQ for a two-meat plate with sides, iced tea and a piece of pie. Then we will go on a short driving tour of Elgin and take time to shop in their quaint stores.

Ticket cost includes transportation, tour and lunch.

Volunteer Trip Leader: *Ellen Mire*

Zach Theater – Tour and Play – Austin - NEW!

Dinner on Your Own

Wednesday, February 25, \$102 pp

Depart SCPL 2 p.m.; Return 10:30 p.m.

Ticket Purchase Deadline: Monday, February 2



1 We are going to the Zach Theater – twice! Our trip begins with a behind-the-scenes tour at the Zach, one of the premier small theaters in the state. The acoustics in this theater are nothing short of fantastic, and we will get to see how that's accomplished, as well as many

of the other workings on the other side of the curtain. After the tour, we will leave the area so that the actors can get ready for the evening's performance.

The Domain will be our stop for dinner on your own where you may choose from many restaurants. If there's time left over, you may browse the array of shops at The Domain.

Then we will go back to Zach's to see *Peter and the Star Catcher*. This is a five-time Tony award-winning play based on the book by Dave Barry and Ridley Pearson. Our outstanding seats in the center orchestra section will give us a great vantage point from which to see twelve actors portraying more than 100 characters. This is the story of a young boy who never grew up – the boy we

later know as Peter Pan. Be prepared for ingenious stagecraft, a hallmark of any Zach production, and the limitless possibilities of imagination. What *Wicked* is to *The Wizard of Oz*, *Peter and the Star Catcher* is to *Peter Pan*.

Ticket cost includes transportation, tour, and play.

Volunteer Trip Leader: *Bobbi Heuss*


Mission San Jose and Spanish Governor's Palace – San Antonio - NEW!

Lunch on Your Own

Saturday, February 28, \$32 pp

Depart SCPL 7:30 a.m.; Return 6:15 p.m.



3  This outing begins a series of outings related to Texas history – Spanish Texas. San Antonio embodies the centuries-long evolution of Texas as a Spanish colony, Mexican state and independent republic. Its many heritage sites

allow us a glimpse into the past as we go in search of the stories that make up the Spanish history of Texas.

On our quest today, we will explore Mission San Jose - Queen of the Missions; enjoy lunch on your own in El Mercado, the original Market Square; tour The Spanish Governor's Palace, once the seat of Spanish rule in Texas; and visit San Fernando Cathedral, America's oldest cathedral sanctuary. We will stand in history's footsteps at Military Plaza and learn the story of The Canary Islanders, the first Spanish settlers of San Antonio and The Chili Queens who brewed “soup of the Devil.” For added Spanish flavor, we will include tales of Fiesta San Antonio, Battle of the Flowers and stop to see the world's largest Virgin Mary Mosaic. Finally, we will spend a little time strolling through the historical village of La Villita, home to shops and fine Spanish art galleries.

The origin of the name Tejas, or Texas, comes from the Spanish pronunciation of the Indian word for “friend.” Seventeenth century Spanish explorers and settlers referred to the Caddo Indians of East Texas as “the great kingdom of Tejas” – or so the story goes.

Ticket cost includes transportation and entrance fees.

Volunteer Trip Leader: *Jerilee Prather*

DECEMBER PROGRAMS

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DECEMBER FOCUS: Holiday traditions

DECEMBER 1 - 6

We list the neighborhoods that have lots of Holiday spirit and the Shriners Holiday Lights return for our viewing pleasure.

DECEMBER 8 - 13

Meet another key CA staff person, Director of Lifestyle and Activities, Jenny Phillips.

DECEMBER 15 - 20

Our Music: Life Long Love interview is with Adam Blatner and we talk about SCAMS....beware!

DECEMBER 22 - 27

Join us for our News & Views Holiday Show!

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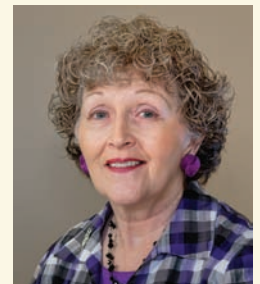
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Indoor Pool

Children's Age Restrictions

Children ages 4-15 may use the pool during designated swim times.

Mr. Etiquette



A reminder to the competitive coughers - It's counted against you if you don't cover your mouth.

Remember, Mr. Etiquette is watching.



Fitness Center Holiday Schedule

Wednesday, December 24

Fitness Centers close at 3 p.m.

Classes cancelled all day

Thursday, December 25

Fitness Centers closed

Merry Christmas!

New Year's Eve

Wednesday, December 31

Fitness Centers close at 3 p.m.

Classes run as scheduled until 3 p.m.

New Year's Day

Thursday, January 1

Fitness Centers closed



Need a great gift idea? Give the gift of relaxation, stress relief and self-indulgence. Buy a **Massage Gift Card** for your loved one this holiday season! Massages starting at \$60

Coming this January Lighten up for Life, Weight Management Program!

Lose Weight! Feel Great!

Program begins: January 28, 2015

Program cost: \$119

This 12-week program will provide you with the knowledge you need to improve your overall health and quality of life. In the program, you will learn how to:

- Lose unhealthy body fat and increase your lean muscle mass
- Prepare nutritious meals and serve proper portion sizes
- Reduce excess fat and sugar in your diet
- Improve your strength and flexibility
- Develop internal motivation
- Overcome your personal barriers to weight loss and exercise
- Create an exercise program

Come learn more about the program at our information session on Wednesday, January 21, at 9:30 a.m. in the Social Center Ballroom. Tickets are \$1 and can be purchased at both Fitness Centers. Hurry! Limited number of tickets!

For more information, Contact Whitney Alexander at 512-948-7753, or email whitney.alexander@sctexas.org.

Bill Soula

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Lost 40 lbs.



Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

Slim Down Workout
7:15 a.m. - Donna

Low Impact
8 a.m. - J.B.

♠ **Splash Dance**
8 a.m. - Marnie

Cardio Sculpt
9:15 a.m. - Leslie

♠ **Aqua Fit**
9:15 a.m. - Louise

♠ **Aqua Conditioning**
10:30 a.m. - Kathy

Shape & Tone
11:45 a.m. - Leslie

♠ **Aqua for Balance**
12:30 p.m. - Julie

Sit-n-Fit
12:50 p.m. - Peggy

♠ **Aqua Fit Lite**
1:45 p.m. - Anna

Pilates
2 p.m. - Peggy

Gentle Yoga
3:15 p.m. - Anna

♠ **Fun/Fit Aqua**
6 p.m. - Beth

Sunrise Yoga
6:30 a.m. - Rhonda

Balance Body
8 a.m. - J.B.

♠ **Fun/Fit Aqua**
8 a.m. - Louise

Cardio Step
9:15 a.m. - J.B.

♠ **Aqua Fit**
9:15 a.m. - Louise

Strength
10:30 a.m. - Marilynn

♠ **Twinges 'n Hinges**
10:30 a.m. - Ann

Gentle Breath Yoga
11:45 a.m. - Joy

♠ **Adv. Aqua Fitness**
12 p.m. - Leesa

Beginner Zumba
1 p.m. - Taryn

Intermed. Zumba
2 p.m. - Taryn

Circuit Training
3:15 p.m. - Donna

♠ **Aqua for Balance**
3:30 p.m. - Julie

Integral Yoga
4:30 p.m. - Linda

Men's Pilates - Beg.
5:45 p.m. - Nancy

Slim Down Workout
7:15 a.m. - Donna

Low Impact
8 a.m. - Allison

♠ **Splash Dance**
8 a.m. - Marnie

Cardio Sculpt
9:15 a.m. - Leslie

♠ **Aqua Fit**
9:15 a.m. - Louise

Sit-n-Fit
10:30 a.m. - Peggy

♠ **Aqua Conditioning**
10:30 a.m. - Allison

Shape & Tone
11:45 a.m. - Leslie

♠ **Aqua for Balance**
12:30 p.m. - Julie

Abs & Back
1 p.m. - Marilynn

♠ **Aqua Fit Lite**
1:45 p.m. - Anna

Pilates
2 p.m. - Peggy

All Levels Yoga
3:15 p.m. - Rhonda

♠ **Fun/Fit Aqua**
6 p.m. - Beth

Tai Chi
7:15 p.m. - Larry

Sunrise Yoga
6:30 a.m. - Rhonda

Balance Body
8 a.m. - J.B.

♠ **Fun/Fit Aqua**
8 a.m. - Louise

Cardio Step
9:15 a.m. - Allison

♠ **Aqua Fit**
9:15 a.m. - Louise

Strength
10:30 a.m. - Marilynn

♠ **Twinges 'n Hinges**
10:30 a.m. - Ann

Gentle Breath Yoga
11:45 a.m. - Joy

♠ **Adv. Aqua Fitness**
12 p.m. - Leesa

Tai Chi
12:50 p.m. - Louis

Zumba Toning
2 p.m. - Taryn

Circuit Training
3:15 p.m. - Donna

♠ **Aqua for Balance**
3:30 p.m. - Julie

Yoga for Joints
4:30 p.m. - Amanda

Men's Pilates - Int.
5:45 p.m. - Nancy

Slim Down Workout
7:15 a.m. - Donna

Low Impact
8 a.m. - Beth

♠ **Splash Dance**
8 a.m. - Marnie

Cardio Sculpt
9:15 a.m. - Leslie

♠ **Aqua Fit**
9:15 a.m. - Louise

Sit-n-Fit
10:30 a.m. - Peggy

Shape & Tone
11:45 a.m. - Leslie

♠ **Aqua for Balance**
12:30 p.m. - Julie

Stretching 101
1 p.m. - Marilynn

♠ **Aqua Fit Lite**
1:45 p.m. - Anna

Pilates
2 p.m. - Peggy

Gentle Yoga
3:15 p.m. - Anna

Pilates
9 a.m. - Nancy / Allison

♠ **Fun/Fit Aqua**
9:15 a.m. - Beth S.

Step Plus
10:25 a.m. - Leslie

Power Cycle
6:30 a.m. - Marnie

Beginner Yoga
8 a.m. - Kristen

Cycle Express
9:15 a.m. - Victoria

♠ **Slim Down Aqua**
9:30 a.m. - Ann

Step-n-Sculpt
10:30 a.m. - Leslie

♠ **Fun/Fit Aqua**
10:30 a.m. - Donna

Beginner Pilates
11:45 a.m. - Anna

♠ **Coached Lap**
11:45 a.m. - Donna

Beginner Step
1 p.m. - Leslie

Senior Boot Camp
2 p.m. - Leslie

Basic Step
3:15 p.m. - Leslie

Beginner Strength
4:45 p.m. - Don

Cycle Express
6:30 a.m. - Jan

Power Pilates
8 a.m. - Marnie

♠ **Aqua Fit**
8:45 a.m. - Leslie

Pilates
9 a.m. - Marnie

Cycle Express
10 a.m. - Leslie

♠ **Aqua Motivation**
10:30 a.m. - Louise

Cycle-n-Sculpt
11 a.m. - Leslie

Chair Yoga
12:15 p.m. - Jenny

30 Min. Workout
1:30 p.m. - Donna

Strength & Stretch
2:15 p.m. - Jan

Meditation Breath
3:30 p.m. - Jenny

Slim Down Series
4:45 p.m. - Beth W.

Senior Boot Camp
5:45 p.m. - Leslie

♠ **Aqua Boot Camp**
5:45 p.m. - Beth W.

Power Cycle
6:30 a.m. - Marnie

Beginner Yoga
8 a.m. - Kristen

Cycle Express
9:15 a.m. - Victoria

♠ **Slim Down Aqua**
9:30 a.m. - Ann

Step-n-Sculpt
10:30 a.m. - Leslie

♠ **Fun/Fit Aqua**
10:30 a.m. - Donna

Beginner Pilates
11:45 a.m. - Anna

♠ **Coached Lap**
11:45 a.m. - Donna

Beginner Step
1 p.m. - Leslie

Senior Boot Camp
2 p.m. - Leslie

Basic Step
3:15 p.m. - Leslie

Beginner Cycle
4:45 p.m. - Don

Beginner Yoga
5:45 p.m. - Anna

Cycle Express
6:30 a.m. - Jan

Power Pilates
8 a.m. - Marnie

♠ **Aqua Fit**
8:45 a.m. - Leslie

Pilates
9 a.m. - Marnie

Cycle Express
10 a.m. - Leslie

♠ **Aqua Motivation**
10:30 a.m. - Louise

Cycle-n-Sculpt
11 a.m. - Leslie

Chair Pilates
12:15 p.m. - Jenny

30 Min. Workout
1:30 p.m. - Donna

Strength & Stretch
2:15 p.m. - Jan

All Levels Yoga
3:30 p.m. - Jenny

Slim Down Series
4:45 p.m. - Beth W.

Senior Boot Camp
5:45 p.m. - Leslie

♠ **Aqua Boot Camp**
5:45 p.m. - Beth W.

Power Cycle
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Beginner Yoga
8 a.m. - Kristen

Cycle Express
9:15 a.m. - Victoria

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9:30 a.m. - Beth

Step-n-Sculpt
10:30 a.m. - Leslie

♠ **Fun/Fit Aqua**
10:30 a.m. - Donna

Beginner Strength
11:45 a.m. - Don

Balance & Strength
2 p.m. - Donna

Cycling
9 a.m. - Leslie

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KEY

♠ *Aqua classes are identified by a droplet.*

Shaded classes require a special rate, as well as pre-registration.

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CREEK**

December Class Series – Sign Up Now

Pre-registration for series classes is required and space is limited. Sign up at the Texas Drive or Cowan Creek Fitness Center front desk today!

Abs and Back Series

Wednesdays, 1-1:30 p.m.
Texas Drive Fitness Center
3 classes for \$9, December 3-17

A 30-minute class focusing on the abdominal and back muscles. Strengthening the trunk improves balance! Participants should be able to get on and off the ground. Series taught by Marilyn.

All Levels Yoga Series

Thursdays, 3:30-4:30 p.m.
Cowan Creek Fitness Center
3 classes for \$9, December 4-18

A hatha yoga practice including multiple levels of various postures to enhance strength & flexibility. Series taught by Jenny.

Aqua Boot Camp Series

Tuesdays & Thursdays, 5:45-6:30 p.m.
Cowan Creek Fitness Center
8 classes for only \$24, December 2-30

A low-impact, high-intensity, cross-training workout in the water focusing on cardiovascular, strength and core training, utilizing a variety of resistance equipment. Series taught by Beth.

Aqua for Balance Series

Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays
12:30-1:30 p.m.
Texas Drive Fitness Center
10 classes for \$30, December 1-22

OR

Tuesday and Thursday, 3:30-4:15 p.m.
Texas Drive Fitness Center
7 classes for \$21, December 2-23

A beginner pool program for those seeking to improve balance, coordination and strength, incorporating aquatic-specific relaxation techniques to reduce stress and improve cardiovascular health. Series taught by Julie. *Class size limited to 15 participants.

Balance & Strength Training Series

Fridays, 2-2:45 p.m.
Cowan Creek Fitness Center
3 classes for \$9, December 5-19

A full-body strength, balance and flexibility workout using the stability ball and various fitness equipment. Series led by Donna.

Beginner Cycling Series

Wednesdays, 4:45-5:30 p.m.
Cowan Creek Fitness Center
3 classes for \$9, December 3-17

A 45-minute indoor cycling class that teaches the basic set-up, technique and form during a great indoor cycling workout. Series taught by Don.

Beginner Strength Series

Mondays, 4:45-5:30 p.m.
Cowan Creek Fitness Center
5 classes for \$15, December 1-29

OR

Fridays, 11:45-12:30 p.m.
Cowan Creek Fitness Center

3 session series for \$9, December 5-19
This 45-minute class will teach the basics of strength training and weight-lifting including core strength, improved posture, muscular strength and flexibility. Series led by Don.

Beginner Yoga Series

Wednesdays, 5:45-6:45 p.m.
Cowan Creek Fitness Center
3 classes for \$12, December 3-17

Learn the basic principles and postures of yoga to begin creating your own personal yoga practice in a safe, strengthening and relaxing way. Series taught by Anna.

Beginner Zumba Series

Tuesdays, 1-1:45 p.m.
Texas Drive Fitness Center
5 classes for \$15, December 2-30

Learn all the basic moves of Zumba! Dance yourself into cardiovascular fitness and a strong core with this fun, Latin-based dance class! Series taught by Taryn.

Chair Pilates Series

Thursdays, 12:15-1 p.m.
Cowan Creek Fitness Center
3 classes for \$9, December 4-18

If you have avoided Pilates because you are not comfortable getting on and off the floor, we have the perfect solution for you. In Chair Pilates you will strengthen your abdominals, back, shoulders, hips, and all the core muscles that will help you improve posture and balance. Your flexibility will improve, too! Series led by Jenny.

Chair Yoga Series

Tuesdays, 12:15-1 p.m.
Cowan Creek Fitness Center
5 classes for \$15, December 2-30

A yoga class working in and with a chair. Modified yoga poses used along with focus on alignment and breath. Perfect for those who want to get the balance, strength and flexibility benefits of yoga without getting on and off the floor. Series taught by Jenny.

Circuit Training Series

Tuesdays & Thursdays, 3:15-4 p.m.
Texas Drive Fitness Center
7 classes for \$21, December 2-23

Crunched for time, but want to lose inches and burn fat? Circuit training is the workout for you. Circuit training works the entire body, using dumbbells, medicine balls, and your own body weight. This high-intensity, low-impact workout is good for both beginners and seasoned athletes. Series taught by Donna.

Coached Lap Swim Series

Mondays & Wednesdays
11:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Cowan Creek Fitness Center
7 classes for \$21, December 1-22

This 45-minute class includes swimming technique and lap swimming for improved fitness and cardiovascular health. Classes led by Donna.

Intermediate Zumba Series

Tuesdays, 2-2:50 p.m.
Texas Drive Fitness Center
5 classes for \$15, December 2-30

Dance yourself into cardiovascular fitness and a strong core with this fun, Latin-based dance class! Series taught by Taryn.

Meditation, Breath & Movement Series

Tuesdays, 3:30-4:30 p.m.
Cowan Creek Fitness Center
5 classes for \$15, December 2-30

This class is suitable for those seeking an introduction to basic meditation techniques, as well as those looking to deepen their existing practice. The class will include gentle yoga movements, breath and meditation exercises, and deep relaxation. Series taught by Jenny.

Pilates for Men Series - Beginner

Tuesdays, 5:45-6:45 p.m.
Texas Drive Fitness Center
5 classes for only \$15, December 2-30

An introductory men's class to develop balance, flexibility, and core strength with focus on abdominals and back while improving posture. Women may register to attend; however, this class will be focused toward men. Series taught by Nancy.

Pilates for Men Series - Intermediate

Thursdays, 5:45-6:45 p.m.
Texas Drive Fitness Center
3 classes for only \$9, December 4-18

This class is for experienced exercisers who want to be challenged to develop greater balance, flexibility, and core strength with focus on abdominals and back while improving posture. Women may register to attend; however, this class will be focused toward men. Series taught by Nancy.

Senior Boot Camp Series

Tuesdays & Thursdays, 5:45-6:45 p.m.
Cowan Creek Fitness Center
7 classes for only \$21, December 2-23

A combination class that incorporates the walking track, indoor cycling, strength training, core work and stretching. Series taught by Leslie.

Slim Down Series

Tuesdays & Thursdays, 4:45-5:30 p.m.
Cowan Creek Fitness Center
8 classes for \$24, December 2-30

A beginning to intermediate circuit workout which incorporates cardio interval training, muscle strengthening, core stability and joint mobility. Series taught by Beth.

Stretching 101 Series

Fridays, 1-1:45 p.m.
Texas Drive Fitness Center
3 classes for \$12, December 5-19

Learn the essentials to stretching all muscle groups to improve flexibility and help prevent injury! Series taught by Marilynn.

Yoga for Joint Mobility

Thursdays, 4:30-5:30 p.m.
Texas Drive Fitness Center
3 classes for only \$12, December 4-18

A gentle yoga class that focuses on opening and freeing joints from stress and pain with concentration on range of motion, alignment and relaxation. Series taught by Amanda.

Zumba Toning Series

Thursdays, 2-2:50 p.m.
Texas Drive Fitness Center
3 classes for \$9, December 4-18

Learn the basic moves of Zumba plus muscle toning! Dance yourself into cardiovascular fitness and develop a strong core with this fun, Latin-based dance class! Series taught by Taryn.

Questions about a series class? Contact Whitney Alexander at 512-948-7753 or whitney.alexander@sctexas.org.

FREE Equipment Demonstrations

Join a certified personal trainer for an inside look at a piece of fitness equipment, including proper set-up and how to use it most effectively. Come to a FREE demonstration on Wednesday, December 10 at 2 p.m.

December 10 | Texas Drive Hip Abduction Machine

Country Western "Waltz" Dance Workshop

Wednesday, December 3
5-6:30 p.m.; \$15 per person

New patterns - new steps - lots of fun! Classes taught by JB and Gregory. Sign up TODAY at the Fitness Center Front Desk. Bring your dancing shoes and your dance partner for this fun night of dancing!



Personal Training Tutorial

Monday, December 8, 9 a.m.,
Cowan Creek

John Rutan, Sun City Texas Personal Training Coordinator, will answer your questions about personal training. Join us at the Cowan Creek Fitness Center to learn more about our personal training sessions and the trainers.

Rates for Personal Training Sessions

- 1/2 Hour \$30
- One Hour \$45
- 5 - 1/2 Hour \$115
- 5 - One Hour \$200

Questions? Email john.rutan@sctexas.org or visit our website.

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Which class should I choose?
Which class is right for me?

If you have questions like these, you're invited to the Group Fitness Tutorial

Monday, December 8, 10 a.m., Cowan Creek

In the Group Fitness Tutorial, Whitney Alexander, Sun City Texas Group Fitness Coordinator, will answer your questions about Group Fitness classes. If you want more information about the classes offered, which class is right for you and how to get started, please join us.



Athlete of the Month *By Lynda Dufour*

Sharon Lesikar describes the energy she derives from exercise as “the well that keeps getting replenished.”

The 70-year-old Sun City resident claims to have more pep when she exits the water at the end of her hour-long session with aquatic personal trainer Julie O'Connor. Not only does her energy level soar, she says, but her efforts in the pool at the Sun City Texas Fitness Center have also allowed her to regain a comfortable range of motion in her left knee, which was replaced in 2012 due to complications from arthritis. Sharon periodically seeks Julie's help whenever discomfort or mobility become an issue – in fact, Sharon's already lined up Julie's services to help rebound from surgery to replace her right knee sometime next year.

“Julie finds tight areas that keep my knee from moving like it should and works her magic,” says Sharon. “A typical training session involves exercising and manipulating my knee using AquaStretch techniques to carefully stimulate and strengthen the muscles and tendons so that I can walk, bend and do other everyday movements more easily. I always come away refreshed and invigorated.”

Sharon chose the water to post-rehabilitate her knee because she knew the water's gentle buoyancy would make the process less painful than similar movements on land. The increased flexibility has come in handy on the tennis court, she says, and she's now able to play the sport regularly again with friends. “My surgeon told me I wouldn't play better after surgery, but I wanted to at least play as well as before,” says Sharon. “I knew if I didn't get Julie to help me regain flexibility, I might never have it again.”

According to Julie, Sharon's range of motion has increased several degrees thanks to the incorporation of buoyancy-



Sharon Lesikar
Aquatic Personal Trainer: Julie O'Connor

resistance equipment and in-water walking and step training during their workouts. “I also had Sharon practice with a tennis racquet in the water to prepare for ballistic movement,” Julie says. “About two months post rehab, she graduated to the Aqua for Balance group fitness class to continue strengthening her knee and increasing mobility and range of motion. Sharon is determined, dedicated and persistent. She really does have the heart of an athlete.”



Uphill Climbs

PHOTO BY "PHOTO PHIL"

By Mike Gullickson

When my children were young (I think it was during one of the Roosevelt administrations), I remember my daughter asking me, "Daddy, why are you riding a bike that goes nowhere?" Now, many years later, stationary bikes are anything but. At Cycle Express, riders roll with rock music, working with a range of speeds and different levels of resistance. In this vigorous class, people are serious about their fitness. However, like many other classes in Sun City, you can always go at your own pace, so don't let the vigor and stamina of these super cyclists intimidate you. "You'll get there!" says Leslie McCoy, one of the instructors. "Just do your best."

I spoke to all of the cyclists as they were working out. Many didn't seem that out of breath, and some were even singing along with the music. Every person there praised the class for its fun 45 minutes of aerobic exercise – not to mention the enjoyment of riding without the dangers of allergens, runaway deer, unwary golf carts and speeding SUVs.

Leslie tells me you can burn over 300 calories in one session of Cycle

Express. I double checked on my smart phone, and was thrilled when it told me that I was burning that many calories as well! Maybe I should have let it know I was only watching (just so you know, vicarious calories seem to have no effect on clothing sizes, fitness, or health).

During class, the group often plays "Name That Tune." Most also name the artist, and some even name the album, the record label, and if it was a one-hit wonder.

From what Leslie tells me, biking seems to be the ultimate exercise. "Cycling works the quads, hamstrings, glutes, calves and core," she says. "Plus, it's great for anyone with joint issues because it keeps joint impact to a minimum." So get on a bike! The wheels may not go anywhere, but it will still take you on a journey of health and fitness.

Cycle Express

Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays
9:15 a.m. with Victoria

Tuesdays, Thursdays
6:30 a.m. with Jan

Tuesdays, Thursdays
10 a.m. with Leslie

Cowan Creek Fitness Center

Join a Cycle Express class for a great workout on your legs, core and stamina and to burn calories.

Questions?

For more information about Cycle Express and other group fitness classes, email Whitney Alexander at whitney.alexander@sctexas.org or call 512-948-7753.

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The Gift of Good

Editor's Note: In October 2014, Sun Rays asked readers to let us know how the kindness of strangers had touched their lives. We were blown away by your stories, which took us from chaotic Christmas Eves to stunningly considerate strangers in check-out lines. We hope you enjoy these selections, pulled from our many submissions – perhaps you, too, will be inspired to give your own gift of good.

ANGELIC CHRISTMAS EVE

Submitted by Mark Elley (N10)

Everyone has an angel, at least that's what I've come to believe. There was a time in my life when I never would have believed in angels, but one Christmas Eve twenty years ago, my perspective changed drastically.

My wife, daughter and I were headed back to Canada from San Antonio for Christmas. We hadn't been back in several years and, with my mother in the throes of Alzheimer's, I needed to return. While at the airport, my wife left her purse in the waiting area, only to find it missing upon return – it had been stolen. Credit cards, green card and other IDs went missing. After receiving cash from an ATM in Houston, I used a pay phone to cancel our cards.

When we landed in Detroit, we went straight to the rental car agency, where The Grinch refused to rent me a car. Even after pleading my case about my Mom, they insisted: no cash, only credit cards.

Suddenly, a gentleman from Massachusetts stepped up and offered to pay for my car. I was dumbfounded; here a complete stranger was not only trusting me, but offering help in a desperate hour. "Don't worry," he said. "Losing our luggage pales in comparison to what you are going through."

As we made our way across the Canadian border, I told my family that God had indeed put an angel in our midst. That evening, we made it to my brother's house in time for Christmas Eve celebrations. My Mom was sitting in the recliner when I entered the house. A tear rolled down her cheek as she spoke in her seldom-used, disease inflicted voice, "I love you, Mark." I silently thanked my angel and the One who sent him to us.



Mark Elley

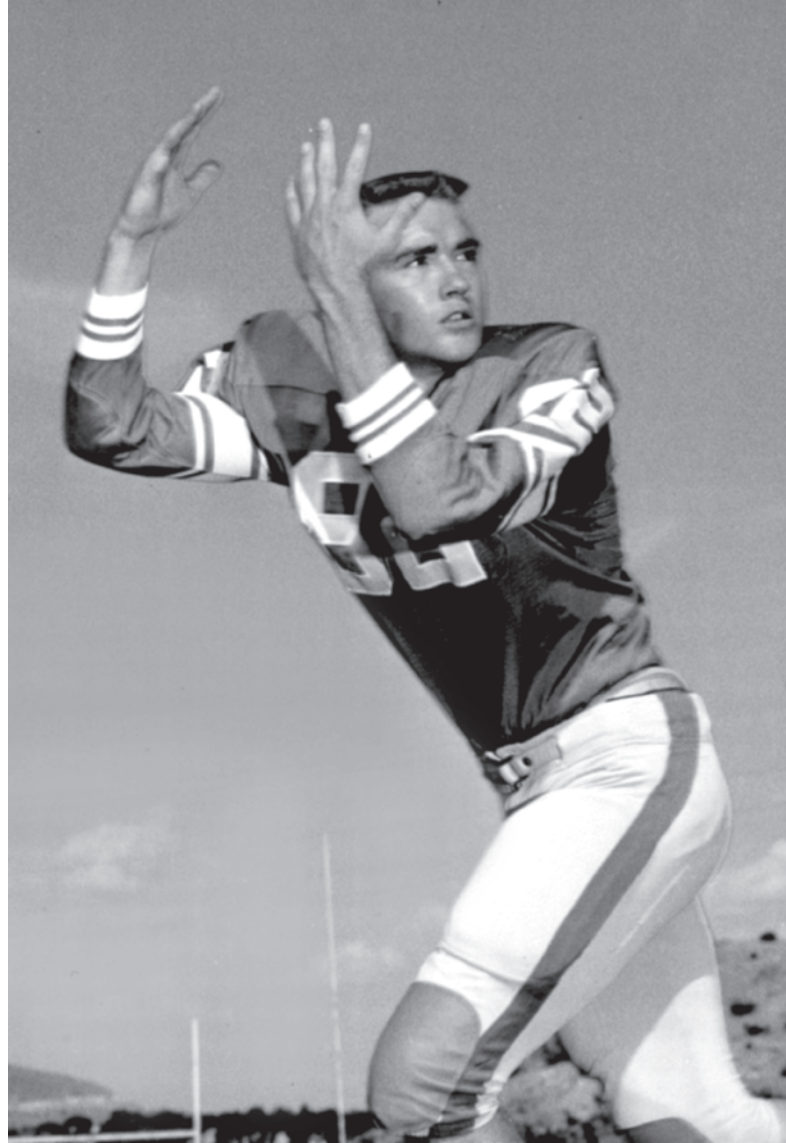
AN ACT OF KINDNESS

Submitted by Mike Furman (N4)

After my freshman year of College, I was working in the oil patch in Farmington, New Mexico and I stopped by the local pool hall to say hello to the two bachelor owners, Pete and Jack. As a kid, they would let us play on the back table. As you got better, you were allowed to move up to the snooker table, which you could keep until you lost to a challenger. When I was 15, I moved away from Farmington, but both grandmothers lived there so I went back frequently.

While visiting with them at the pool hall, Pete and Jack asked me how college was going. I told them it was tough trying to work, go to school, borrow money, make your grades, etc. I said I was considering going to work on a pipeline overseas to make some big money. I could save some, and then go back to college after three or four years. They opposed the idea so strongly, they volunteered to loan me the money to stay in college, lending at the same rate they got on their savings accounts. I asked them if they had made college loans like this before. They said yes, they had previously lent money to four different young men to keep them in college, and they'd never lost a cent. I asked them how they knew I would pay it back. They said they knew me better than my parents did. This was probably the biggest compliment and greatest act of kindness I have ever experienced.

I have often looked back on this experience. It motivated me to return to college, obtain an athletic scholarship, graduate, and (following a break for military) even go on to complete law school. All this, because the owners of a pool hall, a business which many dismissed as a den of ill repute, had known me well enough to push me to finish college and offer on an unsolicited basis the means to do so.



Mike Furman as a college football player, 1959

SAVIORS FROM THE COLD

Submitted by Connie Aldrich and Don Garbe (N15)

It was January, 1982. We were returning from a tennis match featuring John McEnroe and Jimmy Connors at the Rosemont Horizon Stadium, near Chicago. The weather was horrible, 20 degrees below zero with a wind chill of 80 degrees below zero.

Driving on Interstate 55, out in the wide open area at night, the winds were blowing snow so hard that visibility was near zero; we could only hope we were on the road. Eventually, the car succumbed to the cold and snow. We had extra outerwear and blankets in the car, but even so, we didn't have more than a half-hour to live if we were not picked up. There was very little traffic, but the cars that were out went flying by; we hoped they got past us before they wiped out.

Finally, someone stopped. Their car was full of luggage and passengers making their way home from O'Hare Airport. They asked if we needed help, then made room for us and took us all the way home, way out of their way. They said they had relatives nearby in Joliet, who we called as soon as we were able. We were relieved when they invited our saviors to stay with them – they had another 60 or more miles to go, and I am not sure they could have made the remainder of their trip home safely.

“How lovely to think that no one need wait a moment. We can start now, start slowly, changing the world. How lovely that everyone, great and small, can make a contribution toward introducing justice straightaway. And you can always, always give something, even if it is only kindness!”
- Anne Frank, *Diarist*

THE TRUE MEANING OF CHRISTMAS

Submitted by Darrel Meinke (N25)

While traveling with our four children from our home in Minnesota to celebrate Christmas at my parents' in Lincoln, Nebraska, we blew a water hose an hour and a half from our destination. I limped into town and parked in front of a closed hotel. Two passing teenagers told me where the service station manager lived, and my eldest son and I knocked on his door. An upstairs light went on and the man stuck his head out of the window. He politely told me he'd be open in the morning and to go see the patrolman that lived down the street. The patrolman was hosting a Christmas party, but still gave me a five gallon can so I could head back to an all-night station in Freemont.

Upon returning to the car, I found my wife and three other children were gone! Just then, a station wagon rolled up and invited us in. A gentleman named Merle Karsten, returning with his family from a Christmas program, had seen our car, stopped, and upon discovering the problem, insisted my family come home with them! We had a Christmas party, complete with gifts, and by shifting some bedrooms, we got a good night's sleep. In the morning, we collected our car and went to a local garage, where the mechanic dropped everything he was doing and had us ready to travel in a little over an hour. We all went to the local restaurant, where it seemed the whole town had congregated for coffee and rolls. We made it to Lincoln just in time for Christmas. I later wrote a letter to the Oakland newspaper nominating the Karstens for Citizens of the Year, which they published! The Karsten family's help allowed us to discover the true meaning of Christmas. We continue to exchange Christmas Greetings.



Lynn Cerveny's dad, Ralph, was thrilled to receive a shipment of Nelson Eddy memorabilia.

AN ANONYMOUS GIFT

Submitted by Lynn Rose Cerveny (N47)

Twenty years ago, after my mom passed, I hoped life had more goodness in store for my wonderful dad, Ralph. He was a fan of Nelson Eddy, patterning his beautiful bass baritone voice after the actor/singer while working as an usher in Manhattan's Capital Theatre during the Depression. As a gift to my dad, I decided to purchase Nelson Eddy audiotapes from an online website. They cashed my check, but we never received the tapes. I followed up for months to no avail. Finally, I posted my plight on the bulletin board of the official Nelson Eddy Appreciation Society website. Within days, my dad received a large carton of Nelson Eddy audiotapes, along with autographed photos and articles about the golden man.

There was no return address or person to thank – it was an anonymous gift! The only clue was the stationery bearing trees in the background. In trying to find out who sent them, I appealed to the person in charge of the NEAS bulletin board, who recalled receiving a note from a member of the Society on that very same paper! Her name was Blair, and she lived in Tennessee. We wrote to Blair, who was surprised at our sleuthing but so glad to have made an old man happy.

THE DRUGSTORE ANGEL

Submitted by Dian Jandt (N5)

I was in Walgreens picking up a prescription. The line was long and I was in the back. After much waiting, I watched as the last couple in front of me, an older pair I'd guess to be in their late 80's, put in their prescription and stepped to the side. When I stepped up to the counter, the lady behind the counter told me there was a problem with my insurance card numbers. She asked me if I wanted to pay cash for my prescription. I said no, and asked her to call and find out the problem. She said she'd need an

hour or so to get it straightened out. About this time, the elderly lady sidled up to me and said "I have cash, and I will pay for your prescription". I was stunned that she would do this for someone she did not know. I thanked her for being so sweet and thoughtful, and when I explained to her that it was a problem with my insurance, she said, "If you need the medicine right now, I will pay for it." I really think she was an angel. She saw an opportunity to do something good! Bless her heart.



Kara and Hubert Bean

THE MAN WHO FOLLOWED US

Submitted by Hubert and Kara Bean (N47)

We had only lived in Sun City a few days when my husband and I went to Home Depot to buy a large tool chest. A clerk helped him load it and tie it in the trunk. After driving a few miles, my husband noticed a car which was obviously following us. It continued to follow us as we proceeded home and, when we pulled into our driveway, stopped behind us.

Having moved here from a large city, we were a little concerned. But when the man got out of his car, he let us know that he'd followed us from Home Depot because he knew we would need help unloading the tool chest. WOW! Were we ever shocked and grateful. We offered to pay him, but he would not accept anything. This man was Bob Hutchins from N-1. It was a "gift of good" that will never be forgotten.

A DEED OF GOOD WILL

Submitted by Cheryl Maggio (N30)

It all began at the Goodwill checkout counter. I was short on cash and fumbling in vain for my missing credit card. Not wanting to hold up the line, I asked the clerk to cancel the transaction so I could run to my car to search for the card.

Before she could even answer, a soft-spoken young woman behind me said, "Please. Let me take care of that for you." She didn't even ask how much my total purchase was. I thanked her, but said, "No, I couldn't possibly let you do that; I'm sure I'll find my card."

She insisted, saying, "You don't understand. This is something I need to do today. This morning we buried my dearest friend and I have just come from his service. I know without a doubt that this is what he would want me to do because he was that kind of person. I want to do this for him."

I was speechless. Her love and joy in the midst of grief brought me to tears as I hugged and finally thanked her for being used by God to bless others. All she wanted in return was for me to help a total stranger who was in need. I assured her I would.

When I gathered my purchases, I noticed huge tears streaming down the young clerk's face. She smiled and said she'd never seen anything like that happen before and was very moved. We were both blessed that day knowing we will be given many opportunities to remember and to bless others.

A SMALL BOUQUET OF KINDNESS

Submitted by Karen Schulze (N9)

I was in line at HEB a few months ago, and a young boy brought me a bouquet of flowers. I said, "You should probably give those to your mother," but he kept pushing them toward me. Very shortly, his mother showed up. She said her son wanted her to buy flowers so he could choose a person to give them to, and he had chosen me. I was so awed by this kind act, I kept the flowers until they dried and kept them on top of a freezer in the garage until recently.

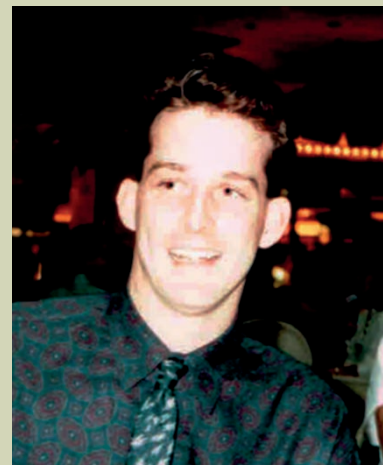
THE INTUITIVE STRANGER

Submitted by Carol Robertson (N3)

On the morning of November 15, 1998, I received a telephone call from a Phoenix police detective telling me that my youngest son, Sean, had died. I was devastated and grief stricken. Having just moved to Austin a few months before, and having no family or close friends here, I was also feeling terribly alone. I had nowhere to turn for comfort or support.

While sitting in the Phoenix airport awaiting my return to Austin after my son's funeral, I was physically and emotionally drained. Needing to be alone in my grief, I sat apart from everyone else in the boarding area. With many empty seats to choose from, a stranger walked over and sat down in the chair beside me. In a very kind and gentle manner, he began talking to me and he asked what I had been doing in Phoenix. I told him about my son. This stranger reached into his pocket, pulled out a card, wrote something on it, and handed it to me. He then got up and walked away. When I looked at the card, I saw that he had written on it the name and telephone number of For the Love of Christi, a support group for parents who had experienced the loss of a child.

Shortly after returning home, I did reach out and begin attending meetings at For the Love of Christi. It was there that I found the support and comfort that I so badly needed at the most difficult time of my life. I will never know what made that man sit down next to me, but I do know that I will never forget that wonderful stranger who touched my life in such a significant way.



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Left: Karl Fiedler shows off his expansive Christmas village.

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Above: Mary Ellen and Karl Fiedler often work together, carving beautiful pieces for themselves as well as others.

Carving a Place in Our Hearts

By Mike Gullickson

The home of Karl and Mary Ellen Fiedler is an astounding one, filled with handcrafted kachinas, paintings, abstract carvings, and even a six foot tall totem pole – but at Christmastime, prepare to be astounded. Christmas carvings and village scenes cover every surface. Ornately detailed figurines with expressive features peer out from between miniature evergreens and tiny cottages, all surrounded by cragged mountains covered in snow. In a climate where snow is so uncommon that it can send whole cities into a panic, the Fiedler's meticulously constructed holiday landscape offers up memories of Midwestern winters past. Originally born in Munich, Germany,

Karl Fiedler moved with his family to Chicago in 1951. It was there in that he met Mary Ellen, who had been assigned to teach at the same inner-city high school. The two began a relationship, as well as a teaching career spanning almost 35 years. In 1999, they moved to Sun City to escape the rigors of the harsh Chicagoland climate, reveling in the absence of ice and freezing temperatures (as we all do).

While Karl had been working with wood for most of his life, Mary Ellen was inexperienced in the medium, but after arriving in Sun City, decided to try her hand at it. She showed a great deal of natural talent, and within a little while, Mary Ellen and Karl became cofounders

of the Sun City Woodworkers Club. Neighbors have occasionally wondered at the fact that the pair take on 99% of their interests and hobbies together, but I think that's wonderful. As a writer and a human, it's nice to see two people still obviously in love. Additionally, it is their shared interests which have allowed them to create such a personal, unique, and exciting home. A ten foot tall bookcase lines the walls of their office, complete with a ladder which Karl designed to move along a specialized track. There's the old-fashioned roll top desk, rescued from a scrap heap and refinished to perfection, and the century-old steamer trunk, also refinished, lined

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A handcarved Christmas Cowboy

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with cedar, and hand-distressed. An ornate cuckoo clock of incredible size hangs prominently on a living room wall, not far from the astounding totem pole made for Karl by some of his former students back in Chicago. The shelves (which they built themselves) are all lined with carvings, and repurposed stained glass items, obtained from a Marriot Hotel, have been transformed into one-of-a-kind accent pieces.

The Fiedler's creative spirit really shines in their seasonal work, like the massive art piece which hangs

in their front bedroom. Backed by a plywood sheet, they painstakingly cut together hundreds of Christmas cards, découpageing them into scenes and themes, all in one unforgettable work.

The crown jewel of their Christmas display, of course, is their winter village. Comprised of ten segments arranged in their enclosed patio, it includes more than 35 houses, five castles, three churches, a sledding hill (complete with sledders sledding), a ski hill (complete with skiers skiing), a railroad, a ski-lift, a lighthouse, a bridge over untroubled waters, and a flying sleigh with Santa at the reins. Built, rebuilt, expanded

and rebuilt again over the last thirty years, the entire panorama takes the Fiedlers roughly five days to pull together. Each streetlight is wired and remotely controlled, and all their clouds and mountain ranges are hand-crafted from Styrofoam, then shaped with a hot wire tool. The Fiedlers say that future expansion of the village is currently on hold, as they still want to be able to have access to their barbecue grill. It's an unforgettable sight, and one absolutely worth seeing.

Should you be unimpressed by all of their artistic endeavors, the Fiedlers also lend their formidable carving skills to Project Cane, a part of the Wounded Warrior program, in which woodcarvers across the nation come together to carve canes for our veterans in need. Since the program's adoption, Sun City woodcarvers have contributed over 70 canes to the Brooks Army Medical Center in San Antonio, TX. The couple helped pass out canes featuring eagle head grips and painted with a state flag to soldiers newly returned home. Though the Fiedlers initially feared a long drive home filled with a heavy load of gloom and sadness, they found themselves amazed by the positive response from the soldiers in San Antonio and felt their spirits lifted by the gratitude and joy. And in meeting these remarkable people and taking in the beautiful work they have done, I can honestly say that my spirits have been lifted as well.

December Tips for a Beautiful Water Wise Landscape

By Winola VanArtsdalen

Now is a good time to look around at community areas for drought-tolerant plants that will brighten your winter landscape, such as possumhaw holly, green or gray Santolina, and Color Guard yucca. If you planted spring-flowering wildflowers this fall, they will begin coming up and add cheerful green color as well.

If you plant now, remember to first add compost for moisture retention and drainage as well as nutrients. For perennials, be sure to have covers ready should we have a hard freeze. This is the ideal time to plant bushes and trees. If you plant a tree in an area that does not have soil already amended, dig a rough hole the same height as root ball and fill only with existing soil. Hole depth is important, too. When planted, the crown should be at soil level or a little above to allow for soil settling. You should be able to see the root flare at base of trunk.

On the day before any planting, if the hole is dry, dig and water the hole. If you don't, dry soil will draw moisture from

the root ball. Always water any plant the night before planting, whether it is in a container or in the ground, so roots and stem will be well-hydrated.

Make a berm around the plant, so that water will stay in the hole and settle slowly for deep watering to reach roots. At the time of planting, the berm should be at the outer edge of the root ball. As the bush or tree grows, move the berm further out to the drip line. Mulch well!

Fresh herbs such as rosemary, thyme, and sage are delicious in your holiday cooking, and Mexican mint marigold is always our family favorite with poultry. Remember that foliage such as magnolia, silver leaf germander, rosemary, Santolina and yaupon are lovely in your holiday decorations!

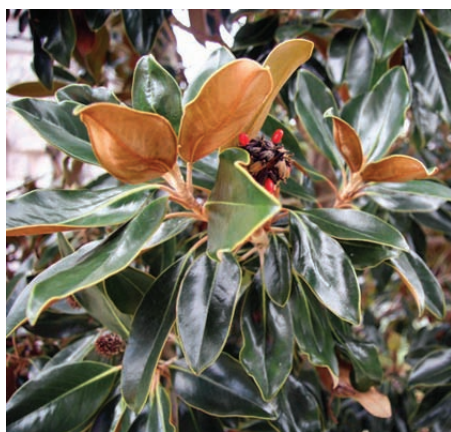
Spend some of those cold weather days planning new ideas for your landscape. Information on Earth-Kind® landscaping, which we will discuss next month, is available at <http://aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu/earthkind/files/2010/10/design.pdf>



NEXT MONTH: Join me for planning an Earth-Kind® landscape.

Winola is a Williamson County Master Gardener, a member of the Sun City Garden Club and a member of the Sun City Water Wise Task Force.

Master Gardeners and other experienced gardeners are available to answer questions a half hour before Sun City Garden Club meetings each month. The Garden Club meets the second Wednesday of each month beginning with the question/answer period at 12:30 p.m.



Foliage such as magnolia, rosemary, and yaupon makes lovely holiday decorations. Shown above: Magnolia grandiflora "Little Gem."

DECEMBER GARDENING TIPS

- You can trim oak trees now when temperatures are cold, but all wounds in oak trees must be painted immediately — any time, any size.
- Clean up the garden. To avoid the spread of disease, remove fallen leaves (especially in rose beds and under trees and other plants).
- Do not walk on wet or frozen lawn. In addition to compacting the soil, dormant warm-season grass cannot repair itself now.
- Remember, container plants need more cold protection to protect roots. Any plant covering should be secured at the bottom. It is the root system

you must protect.

- Farmers use the cold winter months to clean and repair tools, which is a good idea for us as well!

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Submitted by the Golf Committee

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Beginning with a group of eight interested residents, a strong interest in the concept was discovered in other residents and the pro staff. While the CA requires a minimum of 50 residents to form a chartered club, we found about 100 interested residents in just the first couple of months of working to form the club! Today we enjoy a total membership of over 250. Membership is based on individuals, but all our events are couples-oriented play days.

The CGA is a great club that allows residents to mix with old and new friends while enjoying a round of golf. It allows us to play golf in a casual manner, yet still allows for a bit of competition. Because Sun City's amenities offer so many options for us, husbands are often busy participating in their clubs and the wives are off in another direction participating in theirs. The CGA gives us the opportunity to come together and participate in a golf activity together.

Our play day events take place only every three weeks, allowing club members to participate in their informal neighborhood groups or to play with their regular partners on the days that the Club does not play. We have planned socials during the year, but also encourage gatherings after golf at one of our local venues to visit and to share our achievements of the day. Any given event generally involves anywhere from 35 to 45 couples.

We encourage all golfers to participate.

We have members with handicaps ranging from single-digits up to 36. We have a very dedicated Format and Flight committee that works before every play day to match couples based on the game format for the day. On each play day we have a different format of golf that we play. Some of the formats used include Scrambles; Chapman; Red, White and Blue; and Divorce Court. Some formats have two person teams and other formats allow for four person teams. Having this variety of formats allows us the opportunity to play with all different skill levels.

Of course we all like to win, and we do typically have payouts for first, second and third place in all flights, but the focus of our club is to have a fun day of golf with neighbors. One difference with our club from the other golf clubs in Sun City is that our variety of formats doesn't allow us to post our scores to the GHIN system. As we all know, when you have a large group of golfers on a course, slowness of play can always be an issue. In the spirit of keeping the pace of play on target, we have implemented some policies to help us along - such as any one person's maximum score is three over par, and we allow the "gimmie" if within 18" of the hole.

The club began with just an idea, but it took a lot of learning experience and support to get it up and running. The Sun City management, along with the Golf Pros and the Golf Committee were very supportive of our organization efforts. We were also fortunate enough to have received encouragement from other established golf clubs. It seems that we simply tapped into a need that already existed here.

As January 2015 approaches, we are looking back with satisfaction at our first year of existence, but this is only the beginning! We are looking forward to the club's members and leadership that will take what is currently established and move it forward.

Thanks are due to all of our members for a great first year. New members are always welcome. We are all looking forward to an exciting 2015 and hoping that you'll be along for the game.

Oh... and if you see a golfing couple smiling a little more than usual - you may have spotted the winners of our recent CGA Championship two-day tournament - Daryl and Emily Eldridge. Be sure to congratulate the happy couple!

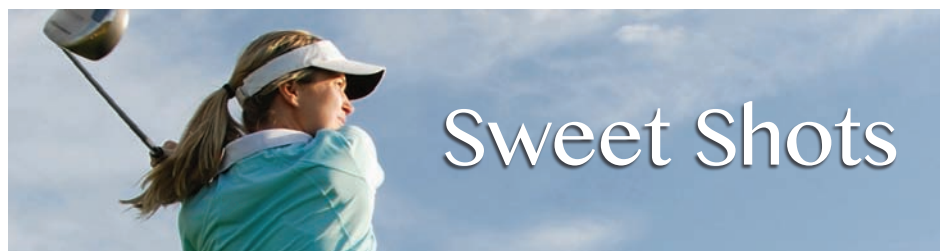
If you want to join the fun, just go to www.sctxca.org and join the Couples Golf Association using the ticketing system (remember that we join as individuals but play as couples). For information or questions, contact Rick Phillips at (512) 818-3384 or Charles Burleson at (512) 868-5534.

Punch Card Balances

*Submitted by Erik Beyer, PGA,
Head Golf Professional, Legacy Hills*

As the end of the year approaches, more and more punch card holders find their balances running low. If you feel you can play 10 more times, you may purchase 10 more rounds at the same punch card rate. If you don't think you'll be able to play 10 more times, you may pay as you go at the same punch card rate. If you opt for the latter, we encourage you to member charge the fee or use a credit card instead of cash, as this will ensure a timely check-in process. Also, for the remainder of the year, residents with larger punch card balances may use punches for other residents. Please remember that you must be playing with the resident for whose greens fee you are paying.





Sweet Shots

Date	Name	Witnessess	Hole	Shot
LEGACY HILLS				
10.2	Pat Newton	CTLG Tournament	8	Ace 121 yds. 9 iron
10.6	Gary Allen	Joe Tubbs	7	Eagle
10.9	Larry Wasson	Wally Beel	10	Eagle
10.19	Larry Quillin	Sylvia Quillin, Nancy & Jerry Secrist	17	Ace 154 yds 4 hybrid
10.21	Sonny Painter	Don Neff, Terry Rieder	4	Ace 159 yds 5 hybrid
10.22	Tom Mullins	N. Bobrowich, John Green, Jack McDonald	16	Ace 166 yds 6 iron
10.22	Tom Mullins	N. Bobrowich, John Green, Jack McDonald	12	Eagle
10.22	Laurie Snyder	Jim Snyder, Becky Bates, John Odgens	12	Ace 107 yds 9 wood
10.28	Rick Klein	Bill Beachamp, Charlie Russell, John Leek	9	Eagle
10.28	Paul Mucci	Pat Sweeney, Ron Noiseux, Buck Linscott	7	Eagle
10.31	Nels Johnson	Tom Belter, Ron Ferrieri	15	Eagle
11.1	Blake Mann	Scott Mann, Jay Baker,	18	Eagle
WHITE WING				
10.6	John Einwich	David Leal, Jim Perry	1	Eagle
10.14	Pam Teachout	Marsha Itkin, Vickie Grafton,	14	Eagle
10.16	Bob Elam	Dick Lampman, Frank Swoford, Gary Wolford	13	Eagle
10.17	Otis Gove	Bill Stokes, Joe Gibson, Howard Hill	10	Eagle
10.21	Tim May	Marty Guys, Don Wappler, Skip Boorman	3	Eagle
10.21	Tom Charbeneau	Jerry Korves	3	Eagle
10.26	Jane Arnold	Joel Arnold, John Viers, Gary Hamilton	7	Ace 150 yds 3 wood
10.27	David Case	Allister McNeish, David Robinson	12	Ace 150 yds 6 iron
10.30	Charles Baker	John Ribsam	Shot age 79	
10.31	Ron Noiseux	Otis Gove, Gary Elwood, Steve Soelberg	9	Eagle
COWAN CREEK				
9.24	Dave Robinson	Jerry Kupperman, Allison McNeish	8	Eagle
10.01	Paul Mucci	L. Norwood, J. Conrad, B Hedger	12	Eagle
10.01	Paul Mucci	L. Norwood, J. Conrad, B Hedger	17	Eagle
10.06	Wayne Collins	Joe Divirgilis, Keith Miller, Randy Henson	Shot age 72	
10.14	Al Shapiro	Ed Zak	Shot 85 age of 86	
10.14	Roland Savinas	Olson, Hindman, Einwich	5	ACE 114 yds 8 Iron
10.17	Steve Smith	John Scott, Ira Doolich, Brian Shaw	Shot age 78	
10.18	Nesom Burt	Larry Odon, Tom Peavy, Sean Lane	Shot 78 age of 81	
10.22	Marty Guys	Fred Shulte, Rich Lyle	3	Eagle
10.27	Charles Phillips	Jerry Kuperman, Mickey Horn	1	Eagle
10.27	Ronald Church	Dan Williams, Ron Bennett, Lynch	18	Eagle
10.29	Charles Rushing	Mike Crossett, Harm Aning,	10	Ace 135 yds 6 hybrid
10.28.	Jerry Haecker	Bill Templeman, Wayne White, Mike Byrne	9	Eagle
10.31	Nels Johnson	Tom Belter, Ron Ferrieri	15	Eagle
11.2	John Einwich	Rob Hontz, Roland Savinas, Greg Deibert	17	Eagle



MGA Board Meeting
Monday, December 1, 3 p.m., AC

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WGA 18-Hole Group *Submitted by Liz Gove*

Our end of year is full of activities, tournaments and play days; the Aces to Aces Tournament in November, as well as our election of new officers for 2015.

Fifty-five members competed in the Club Championship on October 6, 7 and 9. Our winner was Ege Reichert, who was honored along with our flight winners on our final play day at the Cowan Creek Amenity Center.

Overall Tournament Results:

Flight 1:

First Gross - Paula Mockenhaupt
 Second Gross - Darlene Henson
 First Net - Terri Pender
 Second Net - Michelle Charbeneau
 Closest to Pin - Darlene Henson

Flight 2:

First Gross - Donna Kotria
 Second Gross - Elaine Swint
 First Net - Barbara Gilbert
 Second Net - Becky Scofield
 Closest to Pin - Elaine Swint

Flight 3:

First Gross - Penny Stutz
 Second Gross - Julie Dreyer
 First Net - Lana Brown
 Second Net - Lynn Chapman
 Closest to Pin - Sheila Rice



Ege Reichert
 WGA 18-Hole Club Champion

Flight 4:

First Gross - Lyn Gogis
 Second Gross - Pat Peirson
 First Net - Shirley McGinnis
 Second Net - Kay Wyckoff
 Closest to Pin - Pat Blankenship

Flight 5:

First Gross - Carol Palmer

Second Gross - Kathy Russell
 First Net - Dottie Wiese
 Second Net - Liz Gove
 Closest to Pin - Carol Palmer

Flight 6:

First Gross - Cindy Hernandez
 Second Gross - Traci Peckham
 First Net - Pat Brewer
 Second Net - Celeste Frost
 Closest to Pin - Marilyn Hamner

Congratulations to all our winners!

Thank you to Margo Maddox, our social chairperson, and Becky Scofield and Pat Blankenship, our tournament chairpersons. Additional thanks to all their helpers for their good work.

On September 29, twenty teams comprising a total of 79 players participated in our annual golfing "Fun Fest" with WGA-9 Holers. An after-play social was held at the Cowan Creek Pavilion. Linda Copt, a member of the WGA-18, was the coordinator of this year's tournament. We had a great time and the social was really nice, with many wonderful treats furnished by our members.

Have a wonderful Holiday Season !

WGA 9-Hole Group

Submitted by Kempa Rider

The Nominating Committee presented the 2015 slate of officers to the membership in October. Members were given an additional month to submit names of other possible candidates. In the end, the following officers were elected at our November meeting: Betty Ann Preston, President; Kempa Rider, Vice President; Paula Elmers, Secretary; and Jan Bradley, Treasurer and Tournament Chair. Jan Dobbs will continue fulfilling her two-year term as Golf Representative.

The revised By-Laws were approved by a large margin at the October general meeting, but must receive final approval from both the Golf Committee and the CA Board of Directors before they can be adopted.

Our Members' Choice Tournament was held on an absolutely perfect golf afternoon. Members invited anyone they knew, male or female, to be their partner as long as the golfer had an established handicap. There was a mixture of players of all skill levels! At the conclusion of play, the social committee treated everyone to a fabulous array of appetizers and drinks. Entertainment was provided by our own WGA member, Rae Gill, and the Stonehill Band.

During December, members may purchase mulligans for use anytime during that month, although scores can not be entered to GHIN if one is used. All proceeds will be donated to The Locker of Georgetown at our Holiday Luncheon. In November, the WGA-9 provided "Tee

Time Treats" to the guys during the MGA Member-Member Tournament.

As final words for 2014, we want to give special recognition to Susan Dimaline, who has served as our Tournament Chair for the past two years. She has done a fabulous job going above and beyond the norm! Her creativity with awards, expertise in keeping accurate records, and organization of each Tuesday's play day – plus all the behind-the-scenes preparation for each major tournament – has been remarkable and very much appreciated. Thank you, Susan!

CGA News

Submitted by Sandy Phillips

This month finds us with a year under our belts and a new Board of Directors taking over in January. The Couples Golf Association will continue to grow in the year ahead and we're confident our new Board will guide us in these efforts.

We congratulate our very first CGA club champions, Daryl and Emily Eldridge, who walked away with this honor on October 18, 2014.

The CGA has one play day during the

busy month of December on Saturday, December 6. This is a 1 p.m. shotgun start at Cowan Creek. Hope you're signed up for this last play day of the year!

The CGA would like to thank all its members for their support and enthusiasm over the course of our flagship year!

We wish everyone the peace and joy of the season!

MGA News

Submitted by Mike Pender, President, MGA Board of Directors

Contact: 512-864-2997 or email mike@penderfamily.com

The MGA has completed another very successful year. All of our events were well attended and the participant limitations we placed on our tournaments improved our pace of play in our major events.

I want to thank the Board of Directors, Tournament Committee members, Golf Course and Pro Shop Staffs, as well as all other volunteers for a job well done in 2014. I would especially like to thank our outgoing BOD members – John Harding, Bob Hoernis and Mike Shelly.

We are looking forward to a promising new year under the guidance of our 2015 Officers and Directors:

OFFICERS

President – Jeff Morgan
 Vice President – Clay Stubbins
 Secretary – Steve Ritzwoller
 Treasurer – Walt Juncker

DIRECTORS

Communication – John Einwich

18-Hole Playday – Jerry McMorrough
 9-Hole Playday – Randy Sigley
 18-Hole At Large – Ken Morrison (Handicap Chair)

18-Hole At Large – Norm Pflingsten*
 9-Hole At Large – Walter Connolly*
 9-Hole At Large – Peter Garner

* Walter Connolly and Norm Pflingsten will act as the MGA representatives to the Golf Committee.

I would like to thank everyone who volunteered and worked for the MGA this year. Anyone who has never been active with this organization should give consideration to doing so in the future. Without our volunteers we would not be as successful as we are today.

Lastly, I would like to thank our sponsors for their support. Please make sure you support our generous sponsors by awarding them your business whenever possible.



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2014

The Golf Shop staff plans a series of events for Sun City residents throughout the year. Mark your calendars now!

- 12/5 Superintendent's Revenge
- 12/16 Holiday Food Drive (3 day collection)

DECEMBER PLAY SCHEDULES



CGA

12/6 1 pm, CC

WGA 9-HOLE

12/2 1 pm, CC-F
 12/9 8 am, LH-F/B
11:30 am, SCB
Christmas Luncheon

12/16 No Playday
 12/23 No Playday
 12/30 No Playday

WGA 18-HOLE

12/2 9 am, LH
 12/9 9 am, WW
 12/16 **11 am, SCB**
End of Year Luncheon

12/23 9 am, CC
 12/30 9 am, LH

MGA 9-HOLE

12/3 WW-B
 MGA Annual Meeting, SCB
 12/10 LH-B
 12/17 WW-F
 12/31 CC-F

MGA 18-HOLE

12/3 LH
 MGA Annual Meeting, SCB
 12/10 WW
 12/17 CC
 12/31 WW

SUPPORT GROUPS

Alcoholics Anonymous

- Saturdays 9:30 a.m., Worship Place. Mondays 10 a.m., Wednesdays and Fridays 3 p.m., Scott & White Clinic. Donna, 512-240-5151, or Wally, 512-240-4747.
- Georgetown White House Group meets at 1019 S. College Street four times daily, 512-863-9938.

Al-Anon For friends and family related to alcoholics:

- Saturdays 11 a.m., Georgetown Church of Christ, 1525 W. University Ave.; Darlene, 512-868-0948.
- Mondays, 8 p.m.; meets at Georgetown White House, 1019 S. College Street, no contact currently.
- Mondays, 3:30 p.m., Scott & White Clinic, 4945 Williams Dr., Conference Room off the Lobby. Susan, 512-240-4289.

ALS Assn. (Lou Gehrig's Disease)

1st Thursday ea/mo, 10:30 a.m., S&W Boardroom, Jennifer Beckett, 512-745-0400 or email j.beckett@alsa-texas.org.

Alzheimer's Last Tuesday each month, 7-9 p.m., The Worship Place, Cheryl White at 512-864-1380.

Alzheimer's & Dementia A free monthly lunch and learn at the Wesleyan at Estrella with a different topic each month relating to Alzheimer's and dementia. Call 512-943-9804.

Breast Cancer No meeting in December. Alice Fey, RN, 512-868-9515 (h) or 512-966-0388 (c).

Cancer For individuals with cancer as well as family members and friends. Meets twice monthly. Call Anne, 512-426-4964.

Cardiac Support Group Free and open to anyone wanting to learn how to prevent, treat, and reverse heart disease. Meet on second Tuesdays at 10 a.m. at Seton Williamson, 201 Seton Parkway in Round Rock. Contact Lydia Terry at laterry@seton.org or 512-324-4000 ext. 21828.

COPD A support group has formed for Sun City residents who have chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD). For more information, contact resident Helen Brayton at 512-864-0039.

Diabetes The Diabetes Group will meet on Thursday, December 4 at 3 p.m. in the Conference Room at Scott & White Clinic on Williams Drive. Heather Miller, Scott & White pharmacist, will be our speaker. Leila and Marge, 703-220-1549.

Grief First & second Tuesdays, 1:30-3 p.m., Scott & White Clinic Conference Room, 4945 Williams Dr. Contact Mardy Yonikas at 512-864-0451.

GriefShare Contact Jim Nelson at 512-639-4457 or jamesb40@suddenlink.net.

Hearing Solutions If you or a friend have trouble hearing, attend the Hearing Solutions meetings. second Thursdays monthly, 3 p.m., in the Activities Center CyberCenter. Contact Nelda McQuary at 512-819-0499 or mcquary@suddenlink.net.

Low Vision Meets the second Thursday ea/mo, 10-11 a.m. at The Wesleyan at Estrella Independent Living. Contact Helen Sanders, 512-868-5189, or Barbie Stoner, 512-868-9808

Neuropathy The Neuropathy Group will not meet in December. Contact Diane at suncity@handsfeetheart.org or 512-863-9293.

Overeaters Anonymous

- Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m., Worship Place choir rm. Mary at 206-499-9525;
- Saturdays, 9:30 a.m., Church of Christ, 1525 W. University. Bernice, 512-635-3585

Parkinson's Meets the fourth Thursday of the month at 2 p.m. in the Georgetown Health Foundation rooms at 2423 Williams Drive. We have speakers and discussion groups. Also, FREE exercise, yoga and dance classes specifically for movement disorders...please join us! For information, contact Mary Jane Berry at 512-240-4167; dberry3@suddenlink.net.

Post Polio Survivors The next meeting of the Post Polio Support Group will be held on Thursday, January 22, at 10 a.m. in the Scott & White Conference Room. Contact LaNell at 512-868-1427 or email lanellchampion@yahoo.com.

Prostate Cancer The Prostate Cancer Support Group will meet in the Scott & White Clinic Conference Room on Thursday, December 11 from 3-5 p.m. Dr. Eanes will discuss the potential use of immunologic methods for prostate cancer treatment and their potential and current problems. Contact Dr. Eanes, (512) 240-5431.

Sjogren's Syndrome Meets quarterly. Helen Smith at 512-869-8840 or Linda Frost at 512-255-6049.

SC Helping Hands We provide assistance to residents. Call to borrow baby necessities for little visitors or medical items on a temporary loan. Call Maria Wagner, 512-864-0641; Courtney Powell, 512-864-3429; Jan Hohenberger, 512-864-3500; Maureen Vogl, 512-864-0689.



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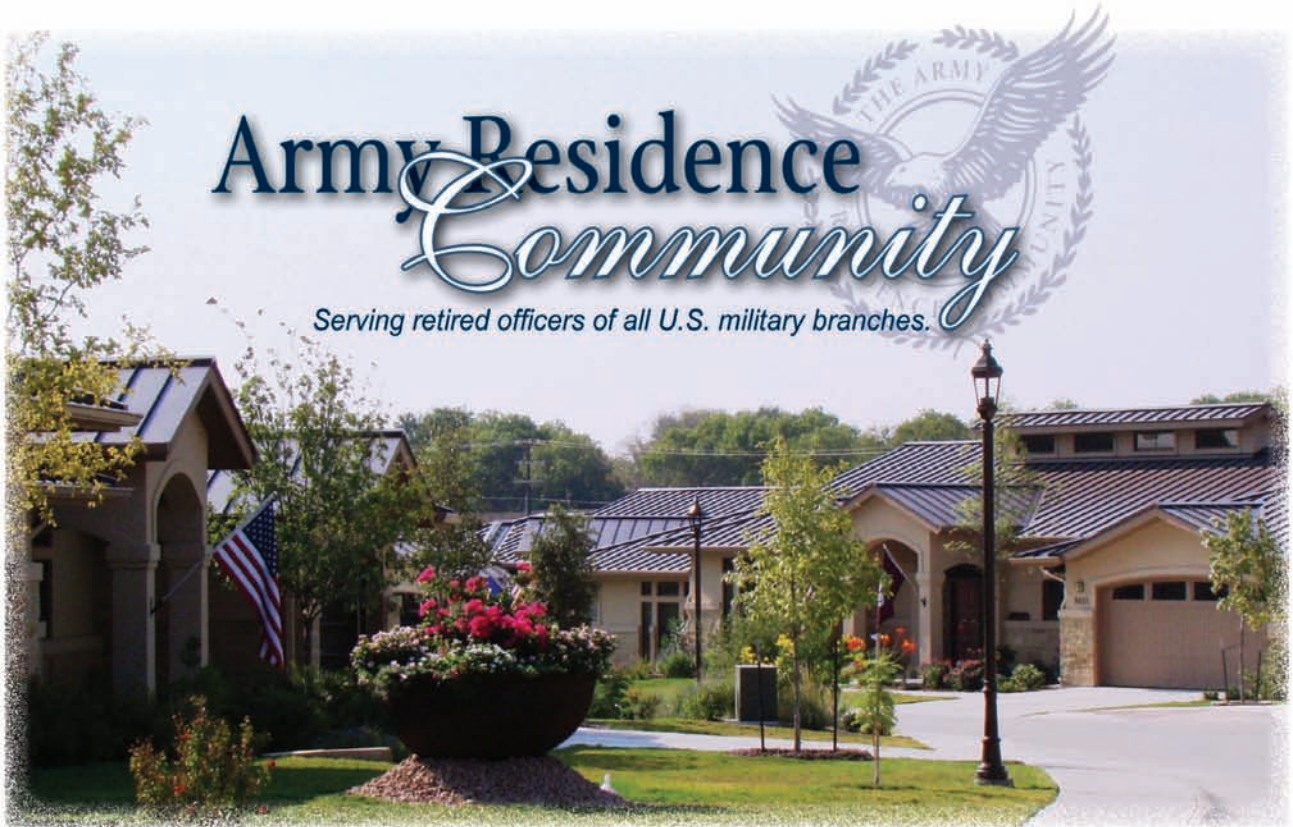
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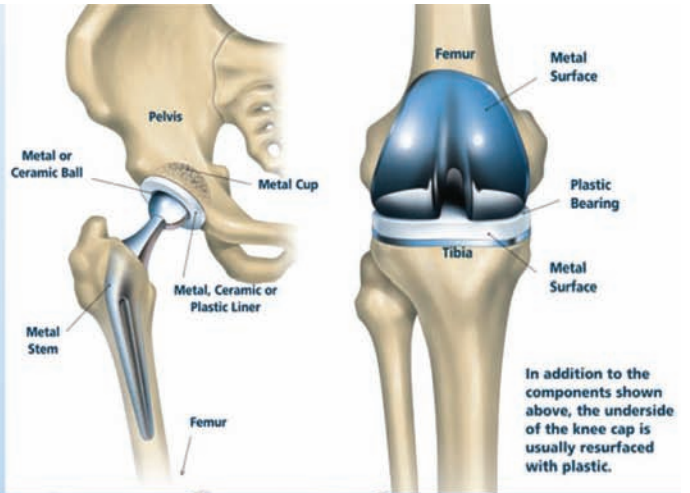


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Dagley said, “Services and amenities included in the monthly rent are resident utilities, DIRECTV, internet, telephone service with free long distance, weekly housekeeping, freedom dining, shuttle services, valet parking, 24/7 medical alert system and so much more.”

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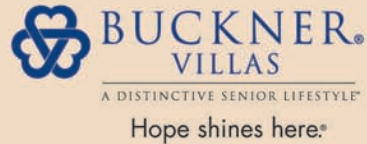
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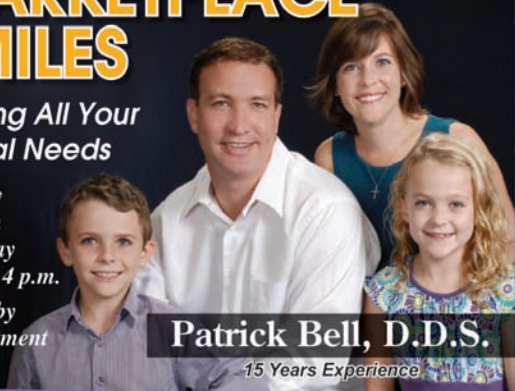


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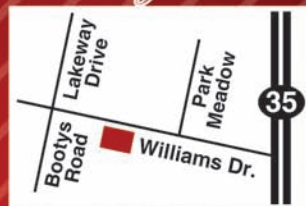
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<p>7</p> <p>Kiwanis Holiday Home Tour 11am - 5pm</p>	<p>8</p> <p> News & Views: Director of Lifestyle and Activities, Jenny Phillips 9am, Noon, & 4pm</p>	<p>9</p> <p> News & Views (see 12/8) 9am, Noon, & 4pm</p> <p>Farmers Market 9am / SCPL</p> <p>COPs 9:30am / AC MR 1/2</p> <p>Kiwanis Club 10am / CCF</p> <p> Sit-n-be-Fit 10am & 3 pm</p> <p>P&G 1:30pm / AC MR 1/2</p>
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<p>28</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Twelve Days of Christmas Depart SCPL 7:30am</p> <p> News & Views: Memories of 2014 Veterans Kathy and Steve Bratton 9am, Noon, & 4pm</p> <p>Andrew Lloyd Webber Depart SCPL 6pm</p>	<p>30</p> <p> News & Views (see 12/29) 9am, Noon, & 4pm</p> <p>Farmers Market 9am / SCPL</p> <p> Sit-n-be-Fit 10am & 3 pm</p>

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News from the SC Stacks

By Nancy Davis

'Tis the season for giving, and many of us spend more than we should to buy gifts for family and friends. I have a gift suggestion which is not new or original: give your time, ideas and energy instead. There are various ways that you can do this to make life better for someone or even many people, such as making time for people in need of help (regardless of whether they are friends or strangers), always looking for the best in people, and being polite and courteous in all situations. If we all could do this, imagine what a wonderful world this would be!

Another way to give is to volunteer. I am frequently asked about volunteering in our Library. Currently, there are about 50 volunteers, as well as a staffing coordinator who ensures the library is managed by at least one person most of the day. There are several women who have been with the library for many years, some almost from the beginning, and I really appreciate all that they have done and continue to do for our library. The rest of us are relative newcomers (seven years or less) and add energy and new ideas to the group.

What does it take to become a library volunteer? Being able to set aside at least two hours each week to work in or for the library is required. The ability to reach high shelves and low shelves, and being able to lift and carry a number of books is desirable. Being neat and organized is a plus. Library experience is not required, but is helpful. An appreciation of books is, of course, expected. We allow time off for trips and vacations and when health issues or emergencies arise - after all, we are retirees as well as volunteers!

Each week, volunteers shelve and straighten books and generally tidy up both fiction and non-fiction areas. About eight volunteers meet on first and third Tuesday mornings to process books donated during the preceding two or

three weeks, and this is when we need to close the library so we can work in the small space more quickly with no interruptions and extra people moving about. At each session we process about 200-300 books. An additional group called the Recyclers meets to prepare approximately 300-400 culled books to go to various places such as The Caring Place, Goodwill, Georgetown Library resale shop, veteran groups, small start-up area libraries or nursing homes. This has become quite an outreach program for the Library and Sun City Texas.

The volunteers work hard at keeping our library in good order, giving all of us the best possible selection of books in a pleasant and relaxed setting. Their dedication benefits the entire community, and visitors are impressed by our very unique library - I know my daughter was impressed! She admitted after I took her there that she had expected a small room with a few metal shelves and old, worn-out books. Instead, she sees what amounts to one and one-half rooms overflowing with current books in very good condition!

About five years ago, I was asked to estimate the number of hours the 18 volunteers spent working for the library. I polled the volunteers and was surprised to learn that it was nearly 3,200 hours per year! I am sure that the amount of hours has grown tremendously since then along with the number of volunteers.

To volunteer, contact me by e-mail, giving your address and phone number. I give orientations as needed, usually when there are four or more volunteers waiting, about every five to six weeks. The one-hour orientation covers where certain books and items are kept, and how we do our work.

Remember to thank a volunteer when you see one!

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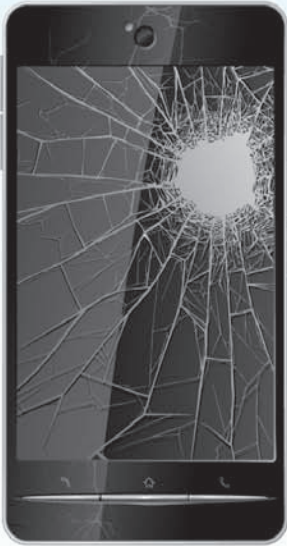


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April 12 -19, 2015

From \$947 pp - Enjoy wine, shopping and scenery on this 7 night cruise along the Pacific Coast. Delight in the natural beauty and superb coastlines of San Diego, Santa Barbara and Los Angeles. Roundtrip from San Francisco.

Houston to Seattle (Always the Best Travel)

April 18 - May 7, 2015

From \$1249 pp - Houston Port, take a freestyle cruise through the Panama Canal and Mexico with stops in colonial Colombia and the tropical paradise of Costa Rica. For an epic journey, there is a Fire and Ice add-on option: a 9-day Alaska segment.

Mediterranean and Greek Isles from Barcelona (Buske Travel Group CruiseOne)

May 16 - 28, 2015

From \$1656.81 pp - Sail roundtrip from Barcelona on RCI Vision of the Seas as she tours Mediterranean ports such as Pisa, Rome, Ephesus, and Athens. Visits to Cannes, Santorini, and Amalfi Coast round out this exquisite itinerary.

Alaska Inside Passage Cruise - NEW!

(Floating Fantasies)

July 5 - 12, 2015

From \$1509 pp - 7 nights aboard the Holland America. This southbound cruise starts in Seward, Haines, Juneau, Ketchikan and ends in Vancouver.

Fall Foliage Cruise - NEW! (Floating Fantasies)

September 21-October 1, 2015

From \$1952 pp - Sail from NY to Quebec on this scenery packed fall foliage cruise. See the seaside mansions in Newport, historic sites in Boston and Portland and the beautiful coastal cities of the Canadian Maritimes.

Circle Hawaii Cruise - NEW! (Floating Fantasies)

September 25 - October 9, 2015

From \$2030 pp - Cruise the Hawaiian Islands without the hassle of a long flights. Depart from San Francisco. San Francisco, Hilo, Honolulu, Maui, Kauai and Esnenada.

10 Night Panama Canal Cruise - NEW!

(Floating Fantasies)

October 8 - 18, 2015

From \$1588 pp - Visit Caribbean ports of Aruba and Grand Cayman and Central & South America ports. Cruise the Panama Canal to Gatun Lake on the beautiful Island Princess.

Southern Caribbean Getaway - NEW!

(Floating Fantasies)

January 15 - 25, 2016

From \$1047 pp - Beat the winter blues on an exotic South Caribbean cruise. Visit Antigua, Tortola, St. Kitts, Dominica, St. Maarten on the signature Viking Crown lounge on the Serenade of the Seas.

extended travel

Extended Travel tours with Collette, Premier and Central Holidays include: insurance, air fare, hotels, admissions per itinerary and baggage handling.

Venice and the Italian Lakes (Premier)

March 23 - March 31, 2015

\$3,355 pp dbl occ; \$650 single supplement - 7 nights in Italy on Lake Como, Milan, Lake Como cruise, Bellagio, Verona Arena, Romeo & Juliet Balcony, Venice Gondola Ride, St. Marks Basilica, Lugano, Switzerland.



GREAT BARRIER REEF, AUSTRALIA

Imperial Cities (Collette)

April 13 - 23, 2015

\$4,009* pp dbl occ; \$4,709* single occ - (*rate valid until 11/14/14); Prague, Hradcany Castle, Vienna Schoenbrun Palace, Danube River Cruise, Brastislava, Budapest, Matthias Church, Fisherman's Bastion, Szentendre.

Great Trains and Grand Canyons (Premier)

May 3 - 8, 2015

\$2,090 pp dbl occ, \$600 single supplement - Two railway journeys, Grand Canyon, Oak Creek Canyon, Sedona Trolley Tour, Chapel of the Holy Cross, Tlaquepaque and Sedona, Montezuma Castle, Old Town Scottsdale.

Mackinac Island (Collette)

June 6-13, 2015

\$3,304 pp dbl occ, \$4,034 single occ - Greenfield Village & Henry Ford Museum, Edsel and Eleanor Ford House, Mackinac Island, The Grand Hotel, Chicago, Millennium Park.

Pacific Northwest (Collette)

July 6 - 13, 2015

\$2,899* pp double occ; \$3,549* single occ (*rate valid until 2/6/2015) - Seattle, Portland, Columbia River Gorge, Portland Spirit Cruise, Newport, Bandon State Natural Area, Redwood National Park, Eureka, San Francisco.

Yellowstone and the Wild West (Premier)

July 24-30, 2015

\$2,190 pp dbl occ; \$2,940 single occ - Salt Lake City, Great Salt Lake, Tabernacle Organ Recital, Grand Teton National Park, Yellowstone National Park, Old Faithful, Utah Olympic Park, 3 Nights in Jackson Wyoming.

Trains, Wineries and Treasures of Northern California (Collette)

August 16 - 24, 2015

\$3,129* pp dbl occ; \$3,829 single occ (*rate valid until 5/17/2015) San Francisco, Yosemite National Park, Sacramento, Lake Tahoe, Sonoma Wine Country, Winery Tour, Napa Valley Wine Train.

Rome and the Amalfi Coast (Collette)

September 8-17, 2015

\$4,309 pp dbl occ; \$5,109 single occ - Rome, Regional wines with dinner, Ravello, Villa Rufolo, Sorrento, Buffalo Milk Mozzarella Factory, Amalfi Coast, Paestum, Pompeii, Wine Tasting, Naples, Archeological Museum.

Colors of New England - NEW! (Collette)

October 12 - 19, 2015

\$3,199 pp dbl occ; \$4,249 pp single occ
Highlights: Boston, Woodstock, Quechee Gorge, Stowe, Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream Factory, Rocks Estate, North Conway, Lake Winnepesaukee Cruise, Kancamagus Highway, Boothbay Harbor, Lobster Dinner.

South Pacific Wonders (Collette)

October 20 - November 6, 2015

\$7,499 pp dbl occ; \$8,799 single occ - Carins, Great Barrier Reef, Sydney, Sydney Opera House, Auckland, Rotorua, Christchurch, Mount Cook National Park, Queenstown, Milford Sound, Arrowtown.

Greek Islands and Turkey Cruise Tour

(Central Holidays)

October 23-31, 2015

\$3,549 pp dbl occ CAT IA Standard Inside - Highlights: Athens, Greek cruise on the Louis Olympia, 17 meals, Mykonos, Kusadasi, Turkey, Patmos, Rhodes, Heraklion, Crete and Santorini.

The Jewels of Veneto, Northern Italy - NEW!

(Central Holidays)

November 1 - 9, 2015

\$3,299 pp dbl occ - Highlights: Treviso, Venice, Verona, Garda and Milan.

Classic Christmas Markets (Collette)

December 6-14, 2015

\$3,459 pp dbl occ, \$3,659 single occ - Highlights: Black Forest, Strasbough, Wurzburg, Fanconia Region, Nuremberg, Neuchwanstein Castle, Innsbruck, Munich, Christmas Markets.

Winter in Yellowstone - NEW! (Collette)

January 10 - 16, 2016

\$3,999 pp dbl occ, \$4,899 single occ - Highlights: Jackson Hole, Sleigh Ride in Elk Refuge, Grand Tetons, Yellowstone National Park, Old Faithful, Fountain Painted Pots, Lamar Valley.

Treasures of the Nile - NEW! (Collette)

February 4 - 16, 2016

\$4,639 pp dbl occ, \$5,239 single occ - Highlights: Giza, Museum of Egyptian Antiquities, Pyramids, Memphis, Sakkara, Luxor, Temples of Karnak, Valley of Kings, Deluxe 7-Night River Cruise, Kom Ombo, Aswan, Dendera.

Life is a Song Worth Singing

By Mike Gullickson



PHOTOS BY CHARLIE BYERS

The Sun City Singers rehearse for their Christmas concert, "Come to the Manger."

The Sun City Singers are a disparate group of people who simply like to sing. The oldest chartered club in Sun City, the Singers was founded about 18 years ago by former band director George Nelson. When Mr. Nelson retired from the position in December of 2005, current director Dick Anderson stepped up to the podium and has been there ever since.

"I try to make each rehearsal an enjoyable one," reports Anderson, who says he uses humor and empathy to instill a sense of fellowship within the group. "The esprit de corps is very high, and our board works hard to encourage and preserve that togetherness."

The Choir itself is made up of approximately 130-140 Sun City Residents, some newly retired, others well into their 80s, and all dedicated to attending weekly rehearsals. They're accompanied by pianists Nancy Wright and Sharon Odom, both long tenured with the group.

From traditional to calypso, the Sun City Singers are prepared to tackle any piece, singing with enthusiasm and joy. Gathering so many individuals together week after week to learn, rehearse,



Dick Anderson has been directing the Singers for nine years.

perfect, and perform numerous musical pieces in a full-house concert is no small undertaking, though some events are more challenging than others. "There have been some difficult pieces that we have conquered that have been special," says Anderson. Enthusiastic audience reception has contributed greatly to the group's willingness to take on more

complex arrangements, including the work of acclaimed British composer John Rutter, whose work will be included in the Singer's upcoming Christmas Concert.

Also operating under the banner of the Singers Club are the Mountain Dulcimer and Traditional Troubadours special interest groups, neither of whom require choral singing. Though both groups focus their interests on informal folk instrumentation, the Dulcimers focus primarily on the unique, zither-like instrument for which its group is named. The Troubadours, on the other hand, are open to jam with most any traditional folk instrument (acoustic only, please).

All three groups celebrate music with enthusiasm and joy, as well as many hours of practice and diligence. Hear their talents with your own ears by stopping in on one of the gigs, jam sessions or rehearsals posted on their website, or by attending their celebrated holiday concert on December 3 or 4. Word to the wise – buy your tickets early, as they always sell out. For more information about the Sun City Texas Singers Club, contact Nancy Robohn at 512-943-9682 or robohnlopez@yahoo.com.

Look what our Chartered Clubs are offering to the whole community this month!

ALTERNATIVE HEALING: Friday, December 5, 1 p.m., ACA. Certified Nutritionist Karen McIntosh discusses using biofeedback to optimize the way your body functions.

PETS: Sunday, December 14, 2-5 p.m., Sun City Dog Park. Stop by with your dog for the Pet Club Holiday Open House. There will be treats for dogs and hot drinks for humans.

Monday, December 15, 6:30 p.m., AC MR 1. Pet Club dog trainer Ruth Olsen answers your questions about the three levels of dog behavior classes offered in Sun City.

Actors & Theatre Arts Guild

sctxca.org > Site Index > Actors & Theatre Arts Guild

Business Meeting: Dec. 1, 3 p.m., SCB
3rd Monday: No Meeting in December
Board Meeting: Monday, Dec. 29, 3-5:30 p.m., CCAN

Contact: Linn Ratcliff, 512-863-8934, or lratcliff@suddenlink.net

The Actors and Theatre Arts Guild includes more than 200 talented, fun-loving people who love the smell of greasepaint and the roar of the crowd.

Each year, the club produces three main-stage plays plus an annual Follies in the ballroom. In addition, the club produces two smaller-venue plays in the Atrium. Actors, directors, singers and dancers are not the only people important to the group. Those who labor at backstage, off-stage and non-stage assignments are equally important. Set designers, set builders, costume designers, seamstresses, makeup experts, lighting and sound technicians, advertising and marketing creators and illustrators, and those who create, acquire and move props and set decoration are all mandatory for successful productions.

The Guild meets twice a month, on the first and third Mondays. On the first Monday, the Guild conducts a business meeting at 3 p.m. in the Social Center Ballroom. On the third Monday, we meet at the same time and place to have fun with various

activities. Come check us out. Dues are \$12 per year.

Mad Hatters is AcTAG's outreach to the community. Two troupes of six to eight members, each wearing many colorful hats, visit schools, pre-schools and Alzheimer's groups to teach and entertain with animated fairy tales.

SHAKESPEARE ANYONE?

Have an interest in the works of Shakespeare? Join our play-reading group. The members are determined to get through all 38 plays and have a good time doing it. Membership in AcTAG will be required after the third meeting. Contact Patrick McElhinney, 512-966-0552.

Alternative Healing & Wellness

sctxca.org > Site Index > Alternative Health & Wellness Club
Friday, December 5, 1 p.m., ACA
 Contact: Doug Willoughby, 512-819-0133 or dougnjoan@gmail.com

Come to our monthly meeting to learn how you can "Optimize Your Body's Function Using Biofeedback." Our speaker will be Karen McIntosh, a Certified Nutritionist who does bio-electric assessments. She will speak about the cause of symptoms, how to enhance the way your body functions, and how to regain control of your health by identifying your body's key stressors and nutritional needs. Guests are always welcome at our monthly meetings.

The **Wise Woman Group** will not meet during December. Meetings will resume January 7. Discussion centers around becoming more aware of our connection to the universe thru nature, bringing matter and spirit together, developing a relationship with the Creator of all, and how being aware of this brings our life into balance. Call Mary Pat Morris, 512-869-8761 for more information.

The **Spirituality Anonymous Group** will meet Wednesday, December 19, at 7 p.m. in the Walburg/Jarrell Rooms at Cowan Creek Amenity Center. The group discusses various topics related to contemporary questions about spirituality; how it affects our life, our attitude, our purpose, even our health. Guest speakers are

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invited to share their insights and participants are given an opportunity to join in lively discussions. Call Mary Pat Morris, 512-869-8761 for more information.

The **Qigong Exercise Group** will help you start of your day with enhanced energy. It meets each Monday, Wednesday and Friday morning at 8 a.m. in the Activities Center Atrium.

Additional information on meetings can be found on the club website at www.sctxca.org.

Amateur Radio Society (SCARS)

sctxca.org > Site Index >

Amateur Radio Society

No monthly meeting in December due to holiday parties

Contact: Bob Frost, 682-667-6455

Calling all FCC-licensed ham radio operators, shortwave listeners (SWLs), and radio or scanning enthusiasts...the Sun City Amateur Radio Society (a.k.a. SCARS) wants you. You're invited! Join us at our get-togethers:

- 1st Wednesday monthly club meetings (January - November)
- Wednesday morning coffee & 'tech-talk' group at City Market
- 2nd Saturday radio 'Fox Hunt' direction-finding field event
- 'Open-shack' operating sessions

Members' benefits: Unique 24/7 access to SCARS' fully equipped and remodeled ham shack with brand-new state-of-the-art HF/6m & software-defined (SDR) transceivers, and dual-band VHF/UHF rig. In addition, SCARS maintains the **441.625 MHz. Sun City repeater** (+ offset, pl tone 103.5) – open to any FCC-licensed amateur radio operator.

Public Service-minded? SCARS members are available to assist Sun City and the local Georgetown Fire and Police during local or regional emergencies, and help with local and county special event communications when additional radio resources are needed. (*When normal communication modes are down, ham radios still work and can contact outside resources--locally, regionally, and worldwide.)

Drop in! First Wednesday club meetings normally start at 6:30 p.m. with a meet and greet. A 30-minute business meeting follows. A radio/tech presentation tops off the evening.

Monthly meeting: There will be no monthly meeting in December, so that members can enjoy the various holiday parties and get-togethers during the month. **Our next regularly scheduled meeting will be on the first Wednesday evening of the new year – January 7.**

Aviation

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Aviation Club

Saturday, December 13, 8:30 a.m., ACA
Contact: Jeff Champion, 210-383-1459

Become a member of one of Sun City's first chartered clubs. Aviation brings folks together to reminisce about days when they, their friends and their colleagues were more actively involved in the industry. All are invited to visit. Membership is not limited to pilots, but to anyone with an interest in aircraft, aviation history or the aviation community. Dues are \$12 a year. Members meet on the second Saturday of each month at 8:30 a.m. for a social time of coffee and donut holes in the Atrium of the Activities Center.

Ballroom Dance

Sctxca.org > Site Index > Ballroom Dance Club

1st Annual BDC Dinner Dance

Saturday, December 13

Dinner from 6 - 7 p.m., dancing from 7 - 10 p.m. to the Nash Hernandez Orchestra

Members \$20 - Guests \$30

Contact: John Moore (President, Ballroom Dance Club), 512-943-4734 or jjmoore@me.com

With the exception of December, we have two regular dances each month: the monthly dance and the Sunday Tea Dance. Both dances provide music for a wide range of dances, such as Foxtrot, Waltz, Rumba, Cha-Cha, East and West Coast Swing, Bolero, Samba, Night Club Two Step, Tango, and Merengue. We also schedule a third 'Social Dance' every 6 weeks or so.

Guests are very welcome to these dances – please come and dance with us!

Owing to the Holiday festivities and use of the ballroom, there will be no Sunday Tea dance in December, but the **1st Annual BDC Dinner Dance will be held on Saturday, December 13.**

Dance Classes: We offer a variety of dance classes on a regular basis for current Ballroom Dance Club (BDC) members. For more information, refer to the BDC web site or contact Jean Ann Moore (Chair, Dance Instruction Committee) at moorejean15@gmail.com or 720-320-5942 (cell), 512-943-4734 (home).

Membership is \$14 annually and covers admission to the monthly dances that have recorded music. Additional fees may be charged for monthly dances that feature live bands.

Billiards

sctxca.org > Site Index > Billiards Club

Billiards Center Hours

Weekdays: 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Weekends: 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Contact: Phillip Pensabene, 512-868-0103 or BilliardsClub@sctexas.org

December brings us many holidays and parties. You might even be lucky and find a new pool cue under the Christmas tree. Take a break from all the hustle and bustle with a relaxing game of pool with friends.

We are open from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. on weekdays and 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. on weekends. The Billiards Center is located adjacent to the Veteran's Memorial and Pickleball courts.

The Billiards Center is open to all Sun City residents. Monday night is Social Billiards, a great opportunity for ladies, couples and beginners to play with no competitive pressure. Drop in and have some fun.

For club members, we have an 8-ball tournament every Wednesday at noon and a 9-ball tournament at 6 p.m. on Thursdays. Members are also eligible for lessons, league play and periodic special billiard parties.

Our stereo system plays background music, the television shows financial news

in the mornings and sports events other times. We are a wi-fi hotspot too!

Our players range from beginner to expert. Annual dues are \$11 per year. Applications are available in the Billiards Center or online at the Sun City website.

Bocce

sctxca.org > Site Index > Bocce Club
Play: Monday to Saturday, 8 a.m. and 1 p.m., BC

Contact: Bill Templeman, 512-863-3159 or wctempleman@yahoo.com

Bocce Club members play Monday through Saturday. Start times are 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. Members select their times according to the weather and personal schedules. New players and guests are always welcome! We encourage anyone interested in the game to come to the courts and members will show you how to play. Dues are only \$12 for 2015 if you choose to join the club. Several league competitions are planned throughout the year, as well as many one-day social events, breakfasts, lunches, etc.

High Rollers (those scoring a five-point frame) for the month were: Bill Templeman (twice), Stan Payne, Rebecca Ruben, and Nick Drury. Congratulations! The results of League 4 are: Don Webb, first place; Kathy Perrine, second place; and Larry Hunting, third place.

Bocce Club members and guests are looking forward to the Club's **Christmas party on Tuesday, December 9** at the Georgetown Country Club.

Bocce Fact of the Month: One strategy in the game of bocce is to hit the pallino (the target ball) away from the opponent's bocce balls which are in scoring distance. This is often done with a striking force that may move the pallino in front of the centerline or out of the court. What happens then? The frame ends with neither team scoring. Play resumes from the opposite end of the court with the same team tossing the pallino.

Computer

www.sctxcompclub.org

Cyber Center Hours: MFSa: 9 a.m. to Noon; TuWTh: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Contact: clubofficial@sctxcompclub.org or 512-868-9780

JOIN US! Dues are \$8 for the first member of a household and \$4 for each additional household member. Come by the Cyber Center in the Activities Center to pay by check. To pay by mail, download the application from our website under the JOIN US tab and mail it, along with your check, payable to Sun City Computer Club, 2 Texas Drive, Georgetown, 78633. The Cyber Center is open Monday, Friday and Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon, and on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. We offer:

Informational Meetings

Weekly Newsletter

Special Interest Groups • Free Wi-Fi

Instructional Classes

Computer HELP FORUM

Computer HELP CENTER

Computer Lab • Media Conversion

Check out our website – its always current.

Country Western Dance

sctxca.org > Site Index > Country Western Dance Club

Saturday, December 27, 7 p.m., SCB

The Weldon Henson Band

Contact: Caroline Willingham, 512-876-5297 or cw101346@gmail.com or Bob Ticer, 512-868-9386 or rdticer@verizon.net

Our December Holiday dance featuring the Weldon Henson Band will be for members only.

Monthly dances provide traditional country western dancing in the ballroom. Dances will have recorded music or a live band. Ice and water are provided. Please bring your own beverages and snacks.

Membership is \$12 annually and covers admission to monthly recorded dances; however, additional fees may be charged for special events. Dues paid in December carry over to the next year. You can go online under Clubs and Groups to pay dues or make your check out to SCTXCA and either drop it off or mail it to Debbie Williams, 104 Rio Leon Cove. For a Membership Application or dance

schedule, go to the website.

For more information, contact Caroline Willingham or Bob Ticer.

Couples Golf Association

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Couples Golf Association Club

Contact: Jaan Goad,

jaan@goadweb.com or 720-236-8230

This club was formed for the purpose of promoting golf among Sun City Texas couples who enjoy casual, competitive golf in a friendly and welcoming environment. Playdays are every third Saturday, rotating around the three Sun City Texas courses. We have three social events planned for the upcoming season. Refer to the website calendar for exact dates and locations.

The CGA has players of all skill levels, so you will always be improving your game or helping others improve theirs. Membership is only \$15 a year per individual. Join today and let's play!

See the Golf section of the *Sun Rays* for monthly CGA news.

Creative Clay & China

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Creative Clay & China Club

Studio hours: MWF 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.;

TuTh 1-8 p.m.; SaSu 1-4 p.m.

Studio Telephone: 512-948-7664

Board Meeting: Tuesday, December 2, 10 a.m. in the Studio

Contact: Laurie Mankin, 512-864-3252.

Come express your creativity with us! In our 5-room studio, members create long-lasting, 3-dimensional objects for both practical use and visual beauty. Equipment, tools, glazes, brushes and clay are sold to members at cost and dues are just \$12 a year.

The studio is open every day of the week. Members' creations are displayed in the windows of the club as well as on its website above.

Come visit our studio behind the Fabric & Fiber Club and learn about ceramics, hand building, wheel throwing, and china painting. Monitors will gladly guide you on a short tour and tell you about upcoming classes. Enjoy fun and companionship in this friendly atmosphere.

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Ceramics: Existing forms, such as plates, bowls, vases, animals, Christmas trees, and Santa Clauses can be painted and glazed to your own design.

Hand Building: For those who like to sculpture from scratch, red or white and low- or high-fire clays are available. All supplies are sold at cost to members! When completed, objects are fired in one of five resident kilns that are operated by experienced members. Beginners' classes are held frequently.

Wheel Throwing: Wheel throwing is a unique skill. Six potter's wheels are available, and classes are held for both beginning and more experienced members.

China Painting: Create your own designs on china. One room and one kiln are designated for painted china objects, such as dishes and cups. Those interested in a beginning class in china painting, contact Dorothy Riddle, 512-864-0061 or Doris DeWitte, 512-869-1971.

Current Issues

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Friday, December 19, CCG

Contact: Lou Snead, SCCIC@gmail.com

Mission: The Current Issues Club provides a nonpartisan environment where a respectful exchange of ideas among members promotes discussion and a deeper understanding of current issues.

December 19 Program: Check-in at 9:45 a.m. Discussion: 10 – 11:30 a.m.

Members will discuss legalizing illegal drugs in Texas. Members can participate on the Research Team to prepare the factual presentation for the program.

Holiday Luncheon: Friday, December 19, 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m., Georgetown Room. Get to know club members as we share a holiday lunch immediately following the December program.

Communication: Check the CA website for the club's calendars, research, newsletters and topics.

Courtesy: All points of view and political party affiliations are welcome. Campaigning is not allowed. All participants are required to observe the Courtesy Guidelines.

Small Discussions Groups: Meet Friday, December 5 in the Georgetown room beginning at 9:30 a.m. for less formal, small group discussions. Topics vary including local issues, program follow-ups and program preparation.

Membership: Members participate in the monthly program, discussion groups and have access to members' research. Dues are \$3 and are paid on the SCTXCA website. Contact Karen Bishop at SecretarySCCIC@gmail.com.

Guests: Due to time constraints, guests are invited to observe the members participate in the discussion without comment. If time allows, guests may participate during the last 15 minutes. Please consider joining the club to participate in the program discussion and discussion groups.

Dance & Drill

sctxca.org > [Site Index](#) > [Dance & Drill Club](#)

Holiday Party: Save the date -Tuesday, December 9, 5:30–10 p.m. in the ballroom – delicious Italian dishes, music and entertainment.

Sun City Georgettes: Mondays, Texas Drive Fitness Center, 10:15 a.m.; Wednesdays, Beginners, Atrium, 10 a.m.

Contact co-chairs Paula Sparks, phsparks@gmail.com or 512-591-7550, or Connie Stutters, conniestutters@yahoo.com or 512-630-3020.

Join a fun dance/drill group and get lots of exercise with practices and performances in shows and parades! Drop by any Wednesday practice to watch.

Happy Feet Cloggers: Clogging is great fun, good exercise and helps to reinforce memory skills. Join the new session for Beginners on Friday, January 9 at 9:15 a.m. in the Atrium. Your first two classes are free.

Advanced classes start at 10:15 a.m. each Friday in the Atrium. We clog to various genres of music – country, 50s and 60s and show tunes. Contact Dorinda Williams, 512.656.2043 or williamsda@suddenlink.net.

Tap Dancing: Wednesdays: 1 p.m., Beginners; 2 p.m., Intermediate I; 3 p.m., Intermediate II; Thursdays: 4 p.m.,

Advanced. All classes held at ACA. Contact Marijean Schindler, 512-869-4857 or marijean.schindler@yahoo.com. Tapping is super exercise and fabulous fun. No experience necessary!

2nd Chance Jazz Dance: Thursdays, Men's class, 1 p.m.; Beg./Int. class, 2 p.m.; Adv. class, 3 p.m., ACA. Contact Georgia Medler, georgiedave@suddenlink.net or 512-864-2131.

2nd Chance Jazz Dance offers the opportunity of fitness and fun as you learn basic dance steps common to all forms of dance. Students will learn how to incorporate the basic steps into choreographed jazz routines. A new session will begin January 8.

Dominoes & Table Games

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[Dominoes & Table Games Club](#)

Contact: Harry Daw, 512-864-3430

Visit our website to read some of the rules of the games. Thanks to two club members, Martha Kellstrand and Janet Lull, we now have a Rules Book in Game Room 3.

New players are always welcome. If you are interested, but just not sure, come out and play as a guest.

Enjoy any or all of the games below for the annual fee of \$6. You may sign up on sctxca.org or fill out a dues envelope in the Activities Center during one of the play times listed below. If you join in December, membership will carry over to 2015.

Sundays

2 p.m. Hand and Foot Canasta, GR 3

Mondays

7 p.m. Hand and Foot Canasta, GR 3

Tuesdays

9 a.m. Cribbage, GR 3

9 a.m. Mah Jongg, GR 1 and 2

10 a.m. Mah Jongg lessons, GR 1 and 2

1 p.m. Dominoes 42 and 84, GR 1 and 2

7 p.m. Pinochle, GR 3

7 p.m. Rummikub GR 1 and 2

7 p.m. Backgammon, GR 3

7 p.m. Sheepshead, GR 1 and 2

Wednesdays

7 p.m. Liverpool Rummy, GR 3

7 p.m. Euchre, GR 1 and 2

Thursdays

1 p.m. Mah Jongg, GR 3

7 p.m. Dominoes 42 and 84, GR 3

Fridays

- 7 p.m. Mexican Train Dominoes, GR 1 and 2
- 7 p.m. Pegs and Jokers, GR 3
- 7 p.m. Five Hundred, GR 3
- 7 p.m. Backgammon, GR 3
- 7 p.m. Farkle

Saturdays

- 9 a.m. Cribbage, GR 1 and 2
- 1 p.m. Dominoes 42 and 84, GR 3

Duplicate Bridge

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[Duplicate Bridge Club](#)

Contact: Paul Olstad, 512-639-8441

An annual renewing membership is \$10, and a new membership after July 1 is \$5. We ask that you join our club after playing three times.

Monday

- 8:30-11:45 a.m.Non-sanctioned
- 12:30-4 p.m.Non-sanctioned

Wednesday

- 6:30-9 p.m.Non-sanctioned

Thursday

- 12:15-3:45 p.m.Non-sanctioned
- 12:15-3:45 p.m.ACBL Sanctioned

Need a Partner?

Monday morning and Wednesday evening (non-sanctioned)

Diane Cook-Lee, 512-868-2038 or dianecooklee@gmail.com

Monday and Thursday afternoons (non-sanctioned)

Sandy Althaus, sandyalthaus@mac.com
Barbara Jeppe, 512-591-7707

Thursday (ACBL sanctioned)

Dee Els, 512-864-0152

Ruth Massey, 512-864-3646

Bridge Lessons

Visit the Duplicate Bridge Club website at sctxca.org or call Betsy Lidgley (512) 864-0745 for lesson information and to register for a class. Bridge Club membership is not required. Course cost is \$10 for eight weeks of lessons. Books are available for purchase. Classes will be held at Cowan Creek Amenity Center. Please check at the Monitor's Desk for class room.

Improving Your Judgment: Doubles

Tuesdays 10 a.m. to noon

Jan. 6, 13, 20, 27

Feb. 3, 10, 17, 24

Bridge Basics 1 – An Introduction

Thursdays 9:30-11:30 a.m.

Jan. 8, 15, 22, 29

Feb. 5, 12, 19, 26

Have you ever wanted to learn to play Duplicate Bridge?

Beginning Duplicate Mechanics sessions are being offered on Tuesdays, December 2, 9, 16, 23 in Cowan Creek's Jarrell Room from 9 – 11:30 a.m. Learn to use duplicate scoring, bidding boxes, electronic scoring, and duplicate bridge etiquette. Come with a partner or come alone. For information and registration, call Rita Wiegenstein, 512-591-7635.

Eagle Boosters

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[Eagle Boosters Club](#)

Contact: Jim Chapman, 512-863-0636 or JimC18@gmail.com

Start the holiday season by attending a special event. The Georgetown Jack Frost Basketball Tournament will be played in December. There will be 16 boys' and 16 girls' teams attending from many locations in the state.

The words "fun, food, fellowship, and fantastic action" are great descriptions of Eagle Boosters. Each game allows you to talk with your fellow sport fans while watching GHS athletes compete against other schools. Occasionally, the outcome of a game is determined in the final seconds with the ball being released as the horn sounds. Come and enjoy seeing talented and hard working students play. They so appreciate our support. During the year, we host several meals where we have an opportunity to meet and greet the coaches and players. Join the Boosters for \$10 annually.

If you would like to attend the basketball games, please call Karen Chapman at 512-863-0636 or email at kscsew@gmail.com

Girls Home Basketball Games

Jack Frost Tournament..... December 4

Jack Frost Tournament..... December 5

Jack Frost Tournament..... December 6

Vandegrift (District)..... December 12

Boys Home Basketball Games

Jack Frost Tournament..... December 4

Jack Frost Tournament..... December 5

Jack Frost Tournament..... December 6

Round Rock (Scrimmage)... December 9

Leander (District) December 19

Visit our website to check game schedules, scores, and activities.

Fabric & Fiber

sctxca.org > [Site Index](#) > [Fabric & Fiber Club](#)

Studio Hours: Monday-Saturday, 9 a.m. to noon and 1-4 p.m.

Studio Phone: 512-948-7667

Appliqué: 1st and 2nd Wednesdays, 9:30-11:30 a.m. *Darlene Knoepke, 512-868-0507.*

Beading: Tuesdays, 1-4 p.m. *Shianne Reith, 816-304-1543.*

Fiber Art: 1st, 3rd and 5th Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m. to noon. *Linda Hillan 512-943-8467.*

Machine Embroidery: Mini-retreats every 2nd Friday and the Thursday before from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and on 5th weekends. *Laurie Shelly, 512-240-5378.*

Night Owl Stitchers: Mondays, 7 p.m. *Mary Jean Thorp, 512-869-7236.*

Quilting: Meetings, Wednesdays, 1-4 p.m.; Mini-Retreats, the 2nd and 4th weekends; Workshops, 1st, 2nd, 4th and 5th Mondays, 9:30 a.m. and 1st and 4th Fridays at 9 a.m. Traditional & Arts Quilts meets 1st, 3rd and 5th Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m. to noon. *Margaret Larson, 512-943-4728.*

Rubber Stamping & Creative Paper Arts: 1st and 3rd Thursdays, 9:30 a.m. to noon, and 4th Monday, 1 p.m. *Virginia Wingo, 512-868-2337.*

Rug Hooking: 1st, 3rd and 5th Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m. to noon. *Virginia Reid, 512-868-5918.*

Scrapbooking: 1st and 3rd Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and 1st and 3rd Sundays, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. *Renee Forster, 512-864-0988.*

Sewing/Embellishment: Meetings, 3rd, 4th and 5th Wednesdays, 9:30-11:30 a.m.; Workday, 3rd Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. *Shirley Pattillo, 512-762-8620.*

Sit & Stitch: Mondays, 10 a.m. to noon. *Flo Gautier, 512-868-3616.*

Spinning & Weaving: 1st and 2nd Tuesdays, 3rd, 4th and 5th Thursdays, 1-4 p.m. *Judy Phillips, 512-943-9192.*

Foreign Language

sctxca.org > Site Index > Foreign Language Club
 Contact: Carol McAndrew, flc.carolmac@suddenlink.net

Club dues: Full Year (January – December) \$10/person; Half Year (July - December) \$5/person.

Join online through the CA ticketing system at www.sctxca.org or by check at the Member Services Office. Members may then participate in all activities and language classes.

For information about classes, contact SIG directors or visit the Foreign Language Club online.

French – Contact Marielle at mariellerimmer@yahoo.com. We are looking for someone to teach French. Please contact Marielle at 512-751-8498 if you are interested.

German – Contact Ursula Pinner at jupinner@gmail.com

Hebrew – Contact Pamela Lager at pamela@avatarelg.com or 512-240-4213

Italian – Contact Reeta Wadzeck at rwadzeck@yahoo.com or 512-591-7199

Russian – Contact Nancy Grafton at nancygrafton@sbcglobal.net

Spanish – SIG Director Ginny Hahn, hahngin@suddenlink.net. Curriculum Director, Judy Harries, jbharries@juno.com. We will be offering Spanish 101 and 103, 203 and 303 in January. Happy Hour also continues. Read descriptions of all our classes on the Spanish SIG website. Watch the NRO Bulletin for specific offerings. Sign up for Beginning Spanish 101 online by Monday, December 22. Questions: Contact Judy Harries, jbharries@juno.com.

Garden

sctxca.org > Site Index > Garden Club
Holiday Party: Wednesday, December 10, 11:30 a.m., CCF/G
 Contact: Pat Clendenin, patclendenin@gmail.com

Meeting

Celebrate a successful and fun year at the Garden Club December holiday party. Wear red and green and bring a hearty appetizer to share. Christmas cookies and drinks will be provided. Guests will be the 2014 Garden Tour homeowners and

representatives from the four Georgetown charitable agencies who will be presented donation checks from the tour proceeds. There will be an ongoing slide show of 2014 Garden Club activities and lots of door prizes. Please note the start time is 11:30 a.m.

Membership

The Garden Club is one of the fastest growing chartered clubs in Sun City and we invite you to join us in 2015. Our monthly educational programs provide invaluable tips to have a thriving Sun City landscape and our annual Garden Tour, the first weekend in May, helps support area charities. Dues for 2015 can be paid at the meeting or online on the CA website. Individual dues are \$12 for new and renewing members, and a second person in the household can join for total family dues of \$20.

December Yard of the Month

Congratulations to Marvin and Sherry McNeil, 214 Yellow Rose Trail. A photo of their beautiful yard is in the “Around Sun City” section of this month’s *Sun Rays*.

Hiking

sctxca.org > Site Index > Hiking Club
 Contact: Jan Woolheater, 512-868-5573 or suncityhiker@gmail.com

Join us on the trail! The Hiking Club will sponsor more than 89 group hikes this year, as well as four social events. Hike destinations include not only nearby scenic areas, such as the San Gabriel River Trail and Lake Georgetown’s Goodwater Loop, but also more far-flung locations, such as Enchanted Rock State Natural Area and Colorado Bend State Park. Participants can choose their individual level of hike difficulty, with trails varying from four to twelve miles in length. Potential members are welcome to take part in an introductory hike. Instructions for applying for membership are accessed by clicking on Contact Us>Application Form. Our extensive website also contains helpful guidelines on hike procedures and equipment. Activities during December include local hikes on Lake Georgetown’s Goodwater Loop as well as destination hikes in Bastrop, Austin and Georgetown. Obtain details on this month’s scheduled hikes and special events by logging onto

the CA website. After accessing the Hiking Club site, click on a specific date on our Calendar.

Horseshoes & Washers

sctxca.org > Site Index > Horseshoes & Washers Club
Tuesdays and Thursdays 1 p.m.
Horseshoe Courts

Contact: Tom Minor, 512-863-9811

Newly arrived homeowners have been joining our club, but we need more players. Long-time residents are missing out on fun and fellowship! Many of you have played horseshoes in parks and at family picnics, so what are you waiting for to join us? Our club maintains 10 well-kept courts, so come on down!

Shuffleboard SIG

Sun City Texas has an active Shuffleboard group; approximately 20 individuals belong to the Shuffleboard SIG and 20 other residents also play at the two courts (adjacent to Bocce Courts, and next to Horseshoes and Washers). The courts are open every day to residents. Although there is no league play, members of the SIG and other residents gather at the courts at **1 p.m.** every Tuesday and Thursday to play for one hour.

Newcomers are welcome to join us any time. If you have not played in the past and would like to be introduced to the game at a time other than 1 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, email Tom Rice at rice4646@gmail.com.

Horticulture/Sun City Organic Gardens

sctxca.org > Site Index > Horticulture Club

No December Meeting

Nursery open Thursdays and Saturdays, 9-11 a.m.

Garden Beds available now.

Contact: Randy Brown, President, randy.brown@suddenlink.net

With the start of December, the Horticulture Club welcomes its new officers: Randy Brown, President; Steve Frye, VP; Joe Welsh, Secretary; Paul Chomka, Treasurer; and our Board of Directors: Carol Hopper, Judy Reeves, Wally Brown, and Barbara Phelps.

It is dues renewal time for returning members. If you wish to pay by credit

card, you can use the Sun City Ticketing system; there are detailed renewal instructions on the Club website. Sun City residents wishing to become members should not use the Ticketing System. Please print out a membership application from our website under "Membership & Beds" and follow the instructions there. There is no member meeting in December and next year's meetings will again be on the first Tuesday of the month. Be sure to check the Club website for the latest information.

We wish our members and all of Sun City a wonderful holiday season.

Hunting & Fishing

sctxca.org > Site Index > Hunting & Fishing Club

Monday, December 9, 6 p.m., Catfish Parlour, Members only

Contact: Jim Grier, 512-869-2627 or jdgrier@msn.com

Meetings: This month's meeting will be conducted at our annual Christmas party, to be held at the Catfish Parlor, Monday December 9 at 6 p.m. Our 2015 board of directors will be introduced at this time. Members only. Tickets required.

Membership: Annual dues: \$12 per person. Sign up and pay online through www.sctxca.org or at the Member Services Office. Contact Frank Sicola, Membership Director, at 512-863-9808.

Fishing: Check out the club website for a list of planned fishing adventures. Contact Ron Thompson, Fishing Director, at 512-869-2202 or thompr@gmail.com.

Hunting: Leases and day hunts are available for dove and deer. Hunts are planned for duck and geese. High fence game preserve hunting and hog hunting are available year round. Contact Bernie Long, Hunting Director, at 512-943-0241 or fcbctrustee@yahoo.com.

Hog hunting: Available year round. Contact D B Hunting Ranch, Bertram Texas, 512-635-0641.

Sport shooting: Club members organize events/outings at the Best of the West near Liberty Hill. **Skeet and trap shooting:** Thursdays, 8:30 a.m. **Pistol shooting** at a variety of targets in several scenarios: first Fridays, 9 a.m. **Pistol target shooting** (at Best of the West or

Eagle Peak in Leander): first and third Wednesdays. Contact Bernie Long, Director of Hunting. **Rifle target shooting:** fourth Wednesdays; meet at the Cowan Creek Pavilion at 9:30 a.m. Contact Andy Attaway, alattaway@icloud.com.

Investment Education

sctxca.org > Site Index > Investment Education Club
Contact: Charles Echard, 512-868-2341 or chucke1940@gmail.com

Membership: Everyone is welcome to attend our events. Dues are still only \$5 annually so if you have not joined, please sign up now.

Club Website: Visit the club website for more details about our monthly speakers, Special Interest Group (SIG) events, Calendars, Contests, Sweet 16, and Selected Favorites.

Investment Special Interest Groups (SIGs): Investment Club Special Interest Groups (SIGs) meet the second and third Thursdays of each month from 1-3 p.m. in Meeting Rooms 1 & 2 of the Activities Center. The club's dual-track discussions will focus on: (1) Introduction to Investing; and (2) Advanced Investment Strategies. Please consult the Investment Education Club website for specific topics and dates

Karaoke

sctxca.org > Site Index > Karaoke Club
Thursdays, 6-10 p.m.

Contact: Mike Glackin, 512-635-0754 or mike.glackin125@gmail.com, or Kay Ward, 512-639-4395 or kward44@suddenlink.net.

Club Karaoke is a newly sanctioned CA Chartered Club and is open to new members.

Are you ready for your 15 minutes of... something? Club Karaoke will surely be playing your song.

We host fun Karaoke events every week, generally on Thursdays from 6-10 p.m. The schedule for December and January is as follows:

Thursday, December 11
.....Christmas Party CCFG
Thursday, January 8.....SCB
Wednesday, January 14.....The Oaks
Thursday, January 22.....CCF/G
Thursday, January 29.....CCF/G
Dues are \$12 per year.

You can have a great time singing or just listening to the music and going out on the dance floor. BYOB and snacks.

Line Dance

sctxca.org > Site Index > Line Dancing Club

Wednesdays, Thursdays and Sundays; times vary

Contact: June Mueller, muellertj203@gmail.com or 512-591-7618

Do you like to dance? Various dance styles are incorporated into "lines" and danced to a variety of musical genres. And you don't need a partner! Come join us. Residents are welcome to attend three times before joining. Dues are just \$14 per year. Five socials with special themes are held annually in the Ballroom. The **Holiday Social** will be on **Thursday, December 11 in the Ballroom.**

Wednesdays – Ballroom: No Wednesday sessions in December. Classes will resume in January.

Thursdays – Cowan Creek AC, Georgetown/Florence Rooms: No Thursday sessions in December. Classes will resume in January.

Sundays – (1st, 3rd, 5th) Cowan Creek AC, Georgetown/Florence Rooms: No Sunday sessions in December. Classes will resume in January.

Please visit the club's website for dance schedules, step sheets, instructional videos and other pertinent information.

Pattern/Partner Dance: Contact SIG Director Betty Wyer at 512-869-8442 or bwyer@suddenlink.net. Members meet in the Atrium on Texas Drive from 6-8 p.m. on the first, third and fifth Thursdays of each month. (No classes in December. Classes will resume in January.) All Line Dance Club members are welcome to participate in the Pattern Dance sessions. Pattern dancing is done by couples, but is not limited to male and female partners. It utilizes many of the same steps employed in line dancing.

Mah Jongg

sctxca.org > Site Index > Mah Jongg Club

Wednesday and Saturday, 12:30 p.m. Thursday, 6:30 p.m. AC, GR 1/2/3

Contact: Sharon Kyslowsky, skyslowsky@suddenlink.net

Mah Jongg is a fun and challenging game played with Chinese tiles. The Sun City Mah Jongg Club welcomes players of all skill levels to have an entertaining time. We have several tournaments and/or parties each year. Come join us—if you do not know how to play we'll teach you!

Men's Golf Association

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Men's Golf Association Club

email: sctxmga@gmail.com

Contact: Mike Pender, mike@penderfamily.com

or 512-864-2997

The purpose of this association is to promote good fellowship and sportsmanship among its members while playing golf. Weekly tournaments are held each Wednesday. You do not need great golfing skills to become a member or to participate in any sponsored golfing event.

See the Golf section of the *Sun Rays* for monthly MGA news.

Nature

sctxca.org > Site Index > Nature Club

Saturday, December 6, 5:30 p.m.,

CCFG

Contact: Joe Bennett, 512-869-4584 or joebennett@suddenlink.net

ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY!

Club members gather to celebrate the beginning of the Holiday Season as they visit with friends and enjoy many delicious appetizers and desserts. Refreshments will be served.

Special Interest Groups: See Club Calendar on the website.

Amphibians and Reptiles: Jim Christiansen, 512-868-3504

Astronomy: Joe Bennett, 512-869-4584; Micheal Starch, 512-868-1076. No meeting in December. The next meeting will be held on Monday, January 26.

Birding: Karen McBride, txmotmot@suddenlink.net; Ed Rozenburg, 512-869-7303. See Club Calendar for information.

Butterflies: Ed Rozenburg, 512-869-

7303. See Club Calendar for information.

Native Plants: Art Gibson, 512-943-0173. **Talk:** Thursday, December 4, 2:30 p.m., AC MR 3/4, "The Ever Changing Landscape of Plant Scientific Names." Presenter: Art Gibson.

Rockhounds: Bill Blodgett, 512-948-7088; Paul Swetland, 512-943-8592.

Meeting: Tuesday, December 9, 4 p.m., AC MR 3/4. Jim Tobin will present "Guatemala: Finding the Lost Jadeite Mines of the Mayas."

Dues: \$12 per year. Membership includes monthly programs and the six Special Interest Groups mentioned above. Club members can attend these sessions to learn about the natural world around us.

FREE REPTILE REMOVAL

See page 4.

Pet

sctxca.org > Site Index > Pet Club

Contact: Tom Olsen, 512-639-2085 or suncitypetclub@yahoo.com

There was a great turnout for November's Blessings of the Animals. Thanks to all who attended.

The Annual Toy and Treat Drive for shelter dogs and cats continues through Saturday, December 20. They are happy to accept both new and gently used toys, blankets, towels and food bowls. Of course, the critters would love to get both dry and wet dog/cat food and treats of any kind. The collection bin is located at the Sun City Dog Park, just off of Texas 195 near the entrance to Sun City. If you have any questions about what to donate, please call Tom Olsen.

The Pet Club Holiday Open House will be held on Sunday, December 14 from 2-5 p.m. at the Sun City Dog Park. Bring your pets! There will be treats for the dogs as well as hot drinks for the humans.

On Monday, December 15, our dog trainer, Ruth Olsen, will hold an informal meeting in the Activities Center in Meeting Room 1 at 6:30 p.m. to answer any questions about the three levels of dog behavior classes held in Sun City. Classes begin in the early part of January. You can also ask Ruth any general training questions to see if she is on her paws...or, rather, toes.

Photography

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Photography Club

Wednesday December 3, 1:30 p.m., CCG/F

Contact: Ed Winter, 512-943-0555 or edwardwinterjr@gmail.com

General Meeting: December's meeting will be Wednesday, December 3 at 1:30 p.m. in the Georgetown/Florence Room at Cowan Creek Amenity Center. Refreshments provided. Visitors welcome. Agenda includes general club information, an informative program pertinent to photography and commentary on Subject of the Month photos, which are projected for all to enjoy.

Photographs on Display: Members' photos are exhibited at the Activities Center, Cowan Creek, The Oaks, Photo Studio, website and many venues outside Sun City.

Photography News: The latest news and activities are available on the website under "Newsletter". The calendar of events is posted weekly and other items of interest as they occur.

Special Interest Groups: Monthly SIG meetings are held in the Photography Studio. SIGs include: Advanced, Competition, Lightroom, Nature, Novice, Photoshop CS-CC, Photoshop Elements and PSA.

Field Trips: Monthly field trips offer members great photographic opportunities. Typically, there is a brief session prior to the field trip offering suggestions about photographing the subject, and one after the trip to share experiences and participants' photographs.

Membership: New members are welcome regardless of the level of expertise—casual to advanced or type of camera—point and shoot or DSLR. Effective November 1, annual dues are \$16 covering the remainder of this year and 2015. You may join the Club through the Sun City Texas website, at a monthly General Meeting or by contacting a Board Member.

Pickleball

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[Pickleball Club](#)

Contact: Sue March, cwmarch@aol.com

Pickleball Training

Membership in the Pickleball Club has grown by roughly 50 percent in the past year!

That means we have lots of new Pickleball players and not everyone is familiar with the game. While Pickleball can be easy to “pick up,” it requires effort to master.

The Club has offered beginners classes free of charge over the past year. We provide paddles and balls - all you need to bring are workout clothes, court shoes and a desire to learn. Most people are hooked after one class! Beginner’s classes will be offered at no charge in 2015 as well! Reserved courts for beginner members can be found on Mondays and Thursdays from 3 - 5 p.m.

Increase in membership has generated the need for additional training. One of our members is providing a series of classes and clinics to help new players build their skill and their enjoyment. Like most life sports, Pickleball is easy to start, but offers enough challenges to provide many opportunities for growth and learning. The Club hosts tournaments twice a year and organizes league play as well!

These additional events will be open to Pickleball Club members at a nominal fee. Contact Richard Bradley (RLBradley1963@gmail.com) for information or to schedule your participation in a class.

The schedules for Beginners Classes and Intermediate Events will be on the bulletin board outside the courts as the classes are scheduled. League and tournament dates will be announced in the newsletter as they are scheduled.

Poker

sctxca.org > [Site Index](#) > [Poker Club](#)

Contact: Don Howard, 512-864-3946 or pokerclub@sctexas.org

If you like to play Texas Hold’em or Omaha High / Low, come join other Sun City resident players and have a great time. Players come and go at their leisure throughout the days of play.

All of the events listed take place in

the Activities Center located at 1 Texas Drive. All Sun City residents – new and established – are welcome to join. Dues for the remainder of 2014 are \$5 per resident, allowing each member to participate in as many of the games as he/she desires.

Texas Hold’em No Limit Tournament

The Poker Club will hold a \$10 buy-in Texas Hold’em No Limit tournament on Tuesday, December 9. The tournament will consist of no more than three tables with a maximum of 30 players. A Sign-Up Sheet is posted on the bulletin board in Game Room 3. You must place your name on the Sign-Up Sheet to reserve a seat for the tournament.

Texas Hold’em Schedule of Events

Tuesdays and Saturdays, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., GR3

Wednesdays, 6-9:30 p.m., GR1 & 2

Thursdays, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., GR1 & 2

Omaha High/Low Schedule of Events

Mondays and Thursdays, 5-9:30 p.m., MR4

Saturdays, 12:30-4:30 p.m., MR4

Are you interested in learning how to play Texas Hold’em? If so express your interest by an email message to PokerClub@sctexas.org.

Radio Control Modelers

sctxca.org > [Site Index](#) > [Radio Control Modelers Club](#)

Tuesdays, 7:30 a.m., CCF

Contact: Hal Miles, 512-686-2875 or hfmiles@gmail.com

Newly retired or a new resident to Sun City? Looking for a fun hobby that you never had time to pursue? We build them and we run them: airplanes, sailboats, helicopters, quads, powerboats, cars, and off-roaders. Come and learn how to do it with a group just like you...we have lots of members, men and women, new to the hobby, along with some seasoned hobbyists who will show you how. We’re just over two years old and we’ve grown to over 150 members. We even have a computer-controlled flight simulator if you don’t want to do the “live stuff.” Our weekly meetings are suspended during the month of December due to the non-availability of rooms. We will still be

sailing/boating at Berry Creek Pond on the below dates/times.

December schedule:

No ballroom activities in December due to the non-availability of the room.

Sunday, December 28:

1 p.m. Boating, Berry Creek Pond

Tuesdays and Saturdays:

10 a.m. Sailing, Berry Creek Pond

We fly small electric airplanes on the golf course driving ranges on Mondays when a course is closed for play. We also fly every evening at the White Wing driving range 30 minutes after the golf shop is closed. We need light wind conditions to fly, so our flying usually takes place in the early mornings or evenings. If you see us out flying, stop by and say hello.

RV

sctxca.org > [Site Index](#) > [RV Club](#)

Tuesday, Dec 16, 5 p.m., CCF

Contact: Art Schmitt, 512-869-7263 or artschmitt@verizon.net

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, December 16 at 5 p.m. in the Cowan Creek Florence Room. We will have our annual Holiday Party with a catered dinner but no business meeting. Trips planned for 2015 include Gulf Coast Mardi Gras (February), Schulenburg & Antiques Festival (March), Alaska (July), and New York (August). Information about these trips and our 2015 meetings schedule is on our website.

The RV club brings together those residents of our active lifestyle community who also enjoy the RV lifestyle. The result is a great combination for friendships, travel and adventure. We currently number nearly 100 rigs of virtually every style and configuration. Our members organize group RV trips to a wide variety of destinations throughout the year; they are listed on our website. We meet once a month except June, July and August when many of our members are away traveling. Interested residents can find membership and other information on the club website or from our contact above.

Singers

sctxca.org > [Site Index](#) > Singers Club

Rehearsals: Tuesday evenings, 6:40-8:30 p.m., SCB

Contact: Nancy Robohn, robohnlopez@yahoo.com or 512-943-9682

The Singers Christmas concert, titled "Come to the Manger", will be held on Wednesday and Thursday, December 3 and 4, at 7 p.m. Dress rehearsal will be held on Tuesday, December 2. All will be held in the Social Center Ballroom. We will perform some of your favorite holiday music, along with several new songs guaranteed to put you in a holiday spirit. Tickets can be purchased for \$8 at the Member Services Office or online at www.sctxca.org.

Do you like to sing? We will begin rehearsing for our spring concert on January 6. New members are welcome to join us at the first or second rehearsal in January. The dates are Tuesday, January 6 and Tuesday, January 13, 2015. Please arrive at 6:20 p.m. to sign in and collect your music.

All rehearsals in January will be in the Social Center Ballroom. Membership dues are \$10 payable online and at the Member Services Office. Happy Holidays to all!

Dulcimers - a SIG of Singers

We will be performing at the Williamson County Historical Museum on Friday, December 5, from 6-8 p.m. Mark your calendars for our concert on Sunday, January 25 at 3 p.m. in The Worship Place on Sun City Boulevard. Practice is every Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon, and every Tuesday from 6-8 p.m. Free lessons are offered for interested parties in January and February. Contact: Jeanne Lubey, 512-864-3459 or jlubey@msn.com.

Social Bridge

sctxca.org > [Site Index](#) > Social Bridge Club

Contact: Theresa Kettle, 512-864-2387 or springnona@aol.com

We play four games per week in the Activities Center on Texas Drive.

Monday: Room 3, noon to 3:15 p.m.

Wednesday: Room 3, noon to 3:15 p.m.

Thursday: Room 1, 5:30 p.m. to close

Friday: Room 3, noon to 3:15 p.m.

Play News:

9/24 Jody Powers and Glenda Copps made 7S.

Softball

(Senior Coed Slow Pitch)

sctxca.org > [Site Index](#) >

Softball Club

Contact: Gary Knoepke,

512-876-9078 or

woolyboogers@gmail.com

"You don't quit playing softball because you get old; you get old because you quit playing."

As one of the few spectator sports in Sun City Texas, we invite you to come watch, come play, come have some fun at beautiful Del Webb Field! The grandstand cover makes watching the games more comfortable and enjoyable.

Fall Season league games have ended. There are practice and pick-up games every Tuesday and Friday beginning at 10 a.m. We invite new and existing residents to check out senior slo-pitch softball. The Sun City Warriors provide active, self-supporting traveling teams for the more competitive player.

You are invited to also check the Softball Club website or the Club Bulletin Board at Del Webb Field for additional information, schedules and calendar events.

Solos

sctxca.org > [Site Index](#) > [Solos Club](#)

Solos Thirsty Thursdays, 5:30 p.m., The Oaks

Contact: Sherry Hornsby,

214-403-7535 or

sherrywilhelm@yahoo.com

The Solos Chartered Club is open to all Sun City Texas residents. Our goal is to have a good time participating in social, intellectual, and sporting activities, including bowling, golf, adventure group, card games, day trips, book club, wine tasting, dining out, traveling, etc. Dues for 2015 are due by December 31. Current members who do not renew their membership by December 31 will be dropped from membership. Existing members who do not renew their membership may rejoin later in the year but

must pay a full year's dues no matter when they rejoin. The \$20 dues may be paid at the Sun City Texas website or at the Member Services Office. Solos' regular weekly Thirsty Thursday is held at The Oaks from 5:30-7 pm. Bring your beverage of choice, a glass and let us welcome you to our family of friends.

Upcoming Social Event

Solos plan to spend **Christmas in Paris** on Wednesday, December 17. Usual libations, a Bellini fountain, and an all-you-can-eat double entrée dinner will be catered amid shimmering trees, sparkling lights and the Eiffel Tower. Live musical entertainment will follow. Solos Care will collect toys benefiting Blue Santa this evening. Watch for more details about this special holiday event.

Stained Glass

sctxca.org > [Site Index](#) > Stained Glass Club

Holiday Potluck, Tuesday, December 9, 6 p.m., The Oaks

Contact: Conni Cook, 512-869-5008

or cecocook.319@suddenlink.net

Studio phone: 512-948-7662

Our next meeting will be our annual holiday potluck dinner to be held on Tuesday, December 9, starting at 6 p.m. at The Oaks. We will have a meet-and-greet along with tasty hors d'oeuvres, followed by a potluck dinner. The sign-up sheet will be posted in the studio. All members are welcome to join us!

The studio is still open for Christmas shopping. Come in and see what we have for your holiday decorations or gifts.

January is the month for the Orientation to Stained Glass Class. Please check your January *Sun Rays* for complete details.

Sundancers

sctxca.org > [Site Index](#) > [Square & Round Dance Club](#)

Contacts: James & Jeanne Blackwell,

512-863-7381 or

blackwellj@suddenlink.net;

Howard & Betty Wagner, 512-931-

0058 or hbwagner@suddenlink.net

Square Dance Schedule: Regular Monday dances – December 1 and 15 dances are in the Activities Center Atrium, and December 29 is in the ballroom, all with Mainstream Beginner Class from 4:30-

6:30 p.m. Mainstream level workshop from 6:30-7 p.m. except Plus level on December 29, and square dance from 7-9 p.m. The December 8 schedule is provided below. There is no dance on December 22.

Round Dance Schedule: Regular Sunday dances – December 7 and 14 in Atrium. Times: beginners from 2-4 p.m.; intermediates from 4:30-6 p.m.; and advanced from 6:05-7:30 p.m.

Square Dance Class Continues: About four squares of new and renewing dancers are trying hard to develop and improve their square dancing skills during each Monday class. They would certainly appreciate more square dancing angels to help them. You can repay assistance given during your square dance lessons, and enjoy meeting the potential future club members.

Christmas Party and Elections: On Monday, December 8, the club holds its annual membership meeting. Election of 2015 officers starts at 5:30p.m., followed by the catered Christmas Dinner and Dance. There will be no class or workshops this evening.

Check our website for pictures and video of club activities, plus current dance schedules and links to area square dance information. All square and round dancers are welcome to come and join in the fun. Dress code is casual.

Table Tennis

sctxca.org > Site Index > Table Tennis Club

Friday, November 21, 10:30 a.m., CCS

Contact: Lionel Menchaca, lionelm@suddenlink.net

The table tennis club offers daily opportunities for socialization, athletic interaction, fitness and instruction. Tables, balls and paddles are available in the Salado room at the Cowan Creek Amenity Center whenever the room is not being used for other events. Check the weekly room schedule on the SCTXCA website under Community Association > Room Reservations > Room Schedule, or visit the Cowan Creek Monitor's Desk to determine when the Salado room is available. Each time you play, please sign (name and time) the attendance book on the counter in the Salado room.

The Board of Directors (President, Sha-

ron Tillisch; Vice President, Dean Ginther; Secretary, Sheila Engel; Treasurer-Pat Landis; Activities Director, Lionel Menchaca) meets quarterly and provides leadership and direction for the club. Check the club website for news, events, tournaments, photos, and other materials related to club activities and table tennis. Yearly dues are \$10 per person and can be paid via the Sun City Texas website or by taking a check to the Social Center. Interested in table tennis lessons? Contact Bill Turpin, dturp@suddenlink.net

Tennis Association

sctxca.org > Site Index > Tennis Club
Contact: Mary Payne, 512-921-9830 or lmarypayne@gmail.com

To become a member of SCTTA, please provide your name, address, phone number and email address, plus \$12 annual dues (per person) to treasurer, **Phil King, 734 Breezeway Lane, Georgetown, TX 78633**, who can be contacted at 512-240-5797 or phil@kingmail.com. **You may also pay online.** Members receive regular emails and can sign up for leagues, tournaments and socials.

Women's League Director – Frances Dallen, 916-212-3772

Men's League Director – Duane Jones, 512-868-0666

Open tennis is a time when any resident can come and play without making a reservation on courts reserved for this purpose; all levels of play are welcome. Courts are reserved for Monday and Wednesday evenings and Friday mornings. Current hours are posted on bulletin board. A SCTTA coordinator is there to get play started. **Open Tennis Coordinators: Maxine Giles, 512-869-0300 and Suzanne Lukens, 512-869-7673.**

Any resident may reserve a court. Each day at 5 p.m., a random draw is held at the gazebo for those residents in attendance to reserve a court for play two days in advance. Sign-up sheets are located at the bulletin board.

New and potential residents interested in learning about tennis in Sun City Texas and Georgetown area should contact George Price at epgp315@gmail.com or 512-868-6951.

Club socials and tournaments are sched-

uled for SCTTA members several times each year, using various doubles formats. Contact Cindy Forson, Social Chair, 512-966-9990 or cforson51@gmail.com. Other Board members include: Robert Willingham, President; Glen Wiegenstein, Vice President; and Dwight Edman, Secretary.

Visual Arts

sctxca.org > Site Index > Visual Arts Club

Holiday Gala: Monday, December 1, 5:30 p.m., SCB, \$15 pp, RSVP

Contact:

Darrell Hutchinson, 512-869-4882

Studio Phone: 512-948-7661

Annual Dues: \$10

The Visual Arts Club welcomes all Sun City Texas residents. For information, contact our Studio or visit www.sctxca.org.

There is no general meeting in December. The club will celebrate a Holiday Gala on December 1 at 5:30 p.m. in the Social Center Ballroom. Admission is \$15 (reservations required).

The next General Meeting will be on Tuesday, January 13, at 3 p.m. at the CCAC, Florence /Georgetown room. Guests are welcome. Our speaker is John Howell, presenting a program on portraiture. The founder of the Cordovan Art School, Mr. Howell will illustrate concepts from the class he will teach at the VAC Studio in February and March.

Club members have formed two new Special Interest Groups (SIGs). The Red Dot SIG meets the second Tuesday of the month from 6-7:30 p.m. Red Dot artists seek to improve the quality, recognition and sales of their artwork. Zentangle SIG meets the fourth Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. Other SIGs include the Oriental Brush (first Saturday), Large Paintings (second Saturday), Water Media (third Saturday), and Pastel/Drawing/Colored Pencil (fourth Saturday). All SIGs meet in the VAC Studio.

The Studio is open to members for Open Painting 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays, except when classes are scheduled. Class schedules are posted at the Studio and on the VAC website. For information on classes, contact Patricia Williams at 512-351-2029 or patrwillia@gmail.com.

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dio, at Cowan Creek Amenity Center and at the Activity Center is available for purchase (Visa and Mastercard accepted).

Women's Golf Association 9-Hole

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[Women's 9-Hole Club](#)

Contact: Betty Ann Preston, 512-868-9928 or bapreston@gmail.com

The WGA 9-Holers tee off on Tuesdays, alternating weekly play among all three Sun City golf courses. In addition, golfers are encouraged to attend our monthly general meetings which are held on the second Tuesday of each month.

See the Golf section of the *Sun Rays* for monthly WGA 9-Holers news.

Women's Golf Association 18-Hole

sctxca.org > [Site Index](#) >

[Women's 18-Hole Club](#)

Contact: Pam Pannell, pampannell@suddenlink.net; 512-240-5150

Play days are every Tuesday alternating between all three Sun City golf courses. A monthly meeting is held on the first Tuesday of the month at 12:30 p.m. at The Oaks, at Legacy Hills Golf Course. See the Golf section of the *Sun Rays* for monthly WGA 18-Holers news.

Woodworkers

www.sctxwoodshop.com

Shop phone: 512-591-7853

Shop hours: M-F, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Sat. 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Board Meeting:

Wednesday, December 17, 9 a.m.

Membership Meeting:

Thursday, December 18, 9:30 a.m.

Contact: Bob Kellstrand, 512-818-2867 or bobkellstrand@gmail.com

New members must sign up for Orientation & Safety Training at the woodshop.

The Woodworkers Club invites you to stop by the woodshop and see the many wood projects and craft items for sale. We're happy to give you a guided tour of our facility, talk about your idea for a wood project, or just chat.

The Woodworkers Club is open to all Sun City Texas residents of all skill levels. All new members are required to take the Orientation and Safety Class, as well as a one-on-one, hands-on Safety Training Session.

Our training classes and extensive library, paper and digital, help our members plan projects and enjoy woodworking.

We have several main club projects we do during the year, including "Toys for Tots," to provide wooden toys for less fortunate children at Christmas; and "Camp Discovery," to provide wooden kit projects to a summer camp for children fighting cancer.

To raise funds for these projects we sell craft items at the woodshop throughout the year, do furniture repair at the woodshop and sell craft items at the Annual Hill Country Arts & Crafts Fair.

Special Interest Group

Woodcarvers: Beginners to experienced - all are welcome. Contact Karl Fiedler at 512-818-4156 or karlandme@suddenlink.net for more information.

Meetings are Mondays, 6 - 9 p.m., and Tuesdays, 8:30 - 11 a.m.

Zoomers

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Zoomers has many active social groups with interests in books, table games, bowling, movies, dining out, gourmet cooking, wine and beer tasting. In addition, one group sponsors a luncheon with a speaker focusing on Health, Beauty

and/or Wellness. Contact Robin Pearlstein at social.zoomer2014@gmail.com for more information about Wining, Dining and Movies. Contact Helen Shields at helenshields@gmail.com for information about Cards, Books and Other Games.

ZOE (Outside Events)

We love having our Zoomers members travel with us and hope you'll join us for some of our fun programs this coming year. Check our website for all pending programs. The Zoomers Outside Events committee wishes you and your family a joyous Holiday Season and a very Happy New Year.

ZIE (Inside Events – current members only)

ZIE committee closes out another successful year of parties with our Holiday Gala December 14. We had events in February, March, May, July, September, October and December. We also participated minimally in June's Thanks to the Troops and November's Volunteer Appreciation Dinner. All events are made possible by the dedicated work of the ZIE volunteers. Look for announcements of dates and themes in 2015 Sun Rays or in the Zoomers newsletter.

Sports Activities

Our 2014 Zoomers golf tournaments have been completed. Our first 2015 golf tournament is March 1, 2015

Membership

Join or renew 1) online or 2) in person at the Member Services Office. Direct questions to Tom Greer at jtommyg@sbcglobal.net. Our newsletter is available via email.

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POKER FACES

The Poker Club held a Texas Hold'em No Limit tournament on October 14 with 30 members participating in the event. Congratulations to Peter Garner for winning the tournament with Chuck Potts placing second and George Riggs placing third.

October Texas Hold'em Tournament:
2nd Place - Chuck Potts, 1st Place - Peter Garner, 3rd Place - George Riggs





THE ELVES OF CANDY CANE LANE

The neighbors of Sun City's N22 gathered for three days in October to re-make "Candy Canes" for their often-visited Neighborhood during the Christmas holidays. Upper left: Brent Brandvold and CJ Turnbull; upper right: Karl Tillisch; below left: Irv Turnbull; below right: Mary Ellen Hanson and Mary Wright.

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ZOOMERS TOUR PAINTED CHURCHES

PHOTOS BY PHOTO PHIL

Recently, the Zoomers Club went on a day trip and visited some of the painted churches of Texas. Many of the churches are historical landmarks and feature ornate wood carving, statues and elaborately painted interiors.



QUILTS OF KINDNESS

Volunteer members of the Quilting SIG in the Fabric & Fiber Charter Club delivered 59 Quilts & Blankets to the Williamson County Children's Advocacy Center on October 15. Shown (left to right): Nancy DeVries, Margaret Rose, Stepha Conrad, Bonnie Carr, Jackie Switzer, Carolyn Morris, Barbara Smotrich, Pearl Wheeler, Judy Shriner, Diane Dorholt, Nancy Benkovic, Lynn Hayes, Janice Spoor, Karen Dobrowolski, & Betty Dvorak. Photographer: Joan Wertzberger



A TRIP TO THE HALL OF FAME

This group of Sun City residents traveled to New England in October. Pictured at the Basketball Hall of Fame are: Byron and Betty Calcote, Leon Buck, Darrell Buck, Dave and Virginia Reid, Joe and Adele Whalen, Bob and Lu Berteau, Dan and Nancy Strayer, Carol Brooks, Ilse Newlon, Evelyn Grygiel, Charlie and Ginny Gaudette, Pete and Luise Dyke, John and Louise Chillello, John and Beverly Henry, Linda Ayers, Wayne and Doris Stalnaker, Beverly Cummings, and Bob and Nancy Stine.

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PHOTOS BY PHOTO PHIL

Halloween Dance

"From ghoulies and ghosties and long-leggedy beasties and things that go bump in the night, Good Lord, deliver us!" - Scottish Prayer

Some folks may have been uttering that prayer as they entered the ballroom during the CA-sponsored Halloween dance, but most attendees were all smiles.



PRIZE WINNING PIC

Resident photographer Burt Anes won first place at the State Fair of Texas with his photo *Yellow Grasshopper*. The photo was snapped while Burt and his wife, Rosalind, were taking a stroll in Sun City. Burt's son-in-law took this photo of the beribboned picture while visiting the Fair. *Yellow Grasshopper* is one of two photos for which Burt took first place.



PHOTO BY PHOTO PHIL

This group of residents had fun with motorcycle gang-themed costumes at the Halloween dance.

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After much effort and investment, the pond at Cowan Creek was finally ready to hold fish once more! Assisting in this effort was the Sun City Hunting and Fishing Club, who spent the morning of Friday, October 31 shocking fish in White Wing Pond for transfer to Cowan Creek. Thanks to their efforts, the Second Cast rededication celebration (held the afternoon of Friday, November 7) was a great success!

Additional thanks to Holly Moore, who captured photos from both events.

Second Cast

Rededication of Cowan Creek Pond

A rededication ceremony took place at Cowan Creek Pond to celebrate the restocking and grand reopening of Sun City's new fishing hole. A total of 3,200 sunfish and bluegill were added to the pond, in addition to approximately 40 bass, with more bass to be added soon.



Joe Moore caught the first fish at the Second Cast event.



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PHOTOS BY MARCELA STEGMUELLER

WOO-HOO! PIE EATING PARTY!

On Friday, November 7, ladies from Neighborhoods 20 and 29 came together for a self-proclaimed "Pie Eating Event". Hostesses, pictured above, included Chef Carolyn "Causa Scene" Grove, Sandy Copelan, Grace Ann Vanderpool, Norine Brooker, and Melba Naylor. The staff of *Sun Rays* can only assume their invitations were lost in the mail.



Hill Country Arts & Crafts Fair

PHOTOS BY MARCELA STEGMUELLER

Crowds shopped till they dropped at the annual Hill Country Arts and Crafts Fair, which took place Saturday, November 8 and Sunday, November 9. Visitors enjoyed food trucks, live music and handmade works from over 100 local artists.



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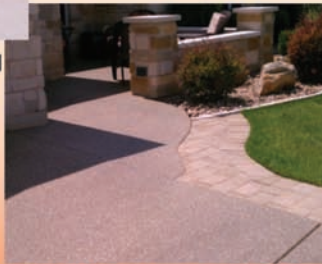


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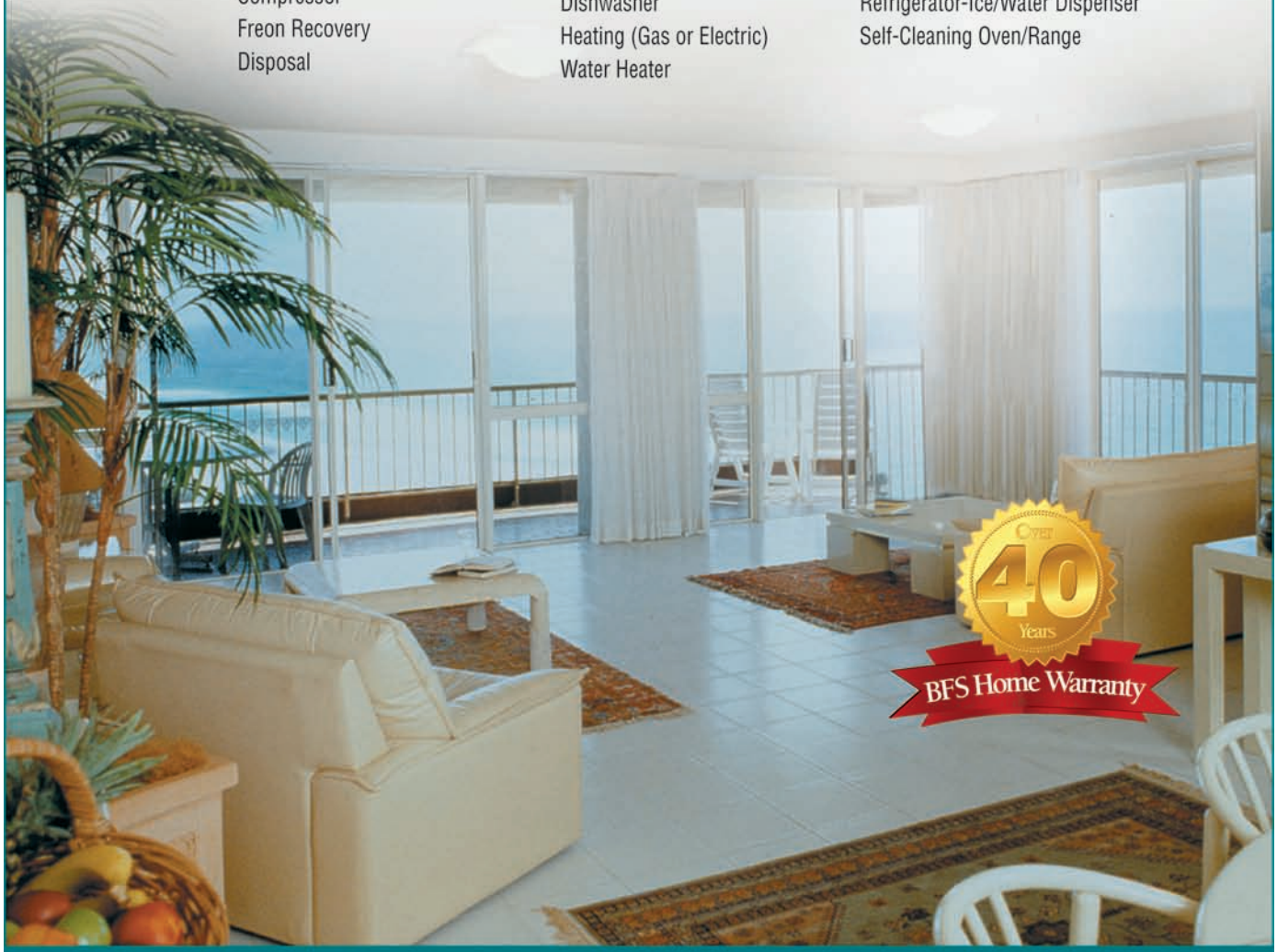


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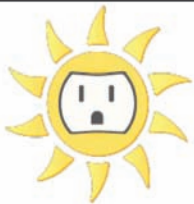
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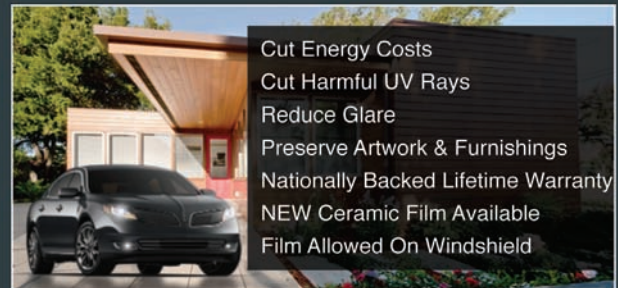
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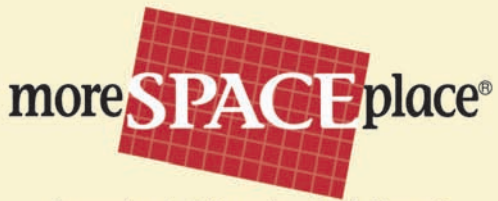




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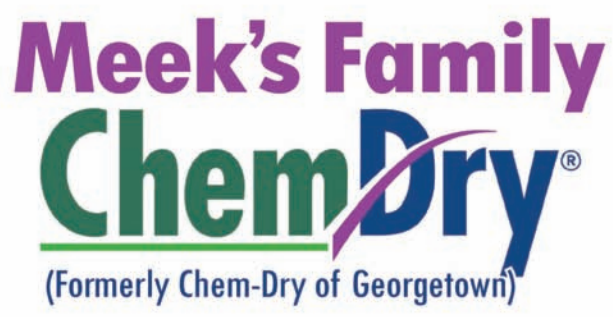


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Second Thursdays, Noon

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Hadassah - SC Kadima

Hadassah is the largest women's Zionism and volunteer organization in America. Hadassah is dedicated to improving the lives of people in Israel, supporting women's health issues and women's rights in the U.S. To find out more information about the local Kadima chapter, contact Sarah Christiansen, 512-868-3504 or sarahlmc@suddenlink.net; Geri Scheer, 512-864-0212 or gerischeer@gmail.com.

Hawaii

Our holiday party will be held on Sunday, December 7 to celebrate the holiday season and to remember Pearl Harbor. Members who have not received an email notification should contact Karen.

The Hawaii club consists of members who possess a real love for the state and its culture. Do you visit Hawaii often? Then this club is for you. Please contact Karen Meredith Lindholm at hulagal98@hotmail.com or 512-686-1906, or Martha Toler, marthantoler@gmail.com or 512-868-

3639. Indiana

Former Hoosiers and others interested in Indiana are invited to join us. Contact Barbara Wolford at 512-948-7182 or bjwolford@msn.com.

Iowa

Maid-Rites, anyone? Are you an Iowa expat? Come join other Iowans on Monday, February 2 from 6 - 8 p.m. in the Georgetown and Florence Rooms of Cowan Creek for our annual Maid-Rite Party. For more information, contact Pat Sampson at 512-

863-8219 / pndsampson@gmail.com, or Jan Miller at janandgael@suddenlink.net.

Italian Social

Second Fridays, VFW Spaghetti Night

If you have Italian heritage, have lived in Italy, or just plain love everything Italian, join us for the Italian Social and Cultural Club. Occasionally, we have other outings and great potluck. Bocce Sundays. Contact Eddie Verdecanna at 512-868-0704 or eddieverde@gmail.com.

Kansas

If you have lived in Kansas or just wish you had, you are invited to join us as we share information, stories, and memories of Kansas. The Kansas Group gets together at least annually. Watch the Kansas Group page on the Sun City Texas website for upcoming events. For additional information, contact Jim Wayland at 512-864-9319, Reg Bessmer at 512-686-0140, or Larry/Jonene Pruitt at 512-591-7268.

Ladies Beginner Golf Group (LBGG)

Are you a beginner or returning golfer? Intimidated by the course or other golfers? Our group is a network of ladies who connect with each other to play golf, improve their game, and have fun. For more information, email Elizabeth Copeland at: suncitylbgg313@yahoo.com.

Latin/Hispanic

Are you Latin or of Latin heritage? Have you spent a number of years living in Latin America? If you are interested in meeting with others to practice Spanish or exchange cultural experiences in a casual social setting, contact Fran at 512-930-8180 or lefkow60@aol.com.

Life Sciences

We meet on the first Saturday of the month. Contact Norm Ford at 512-868-0098 or Bob Hazelwood at 512-864-0311.

Michigan

If you have lived in Michigan, have ties to or an interest in Michigan, please join us to share information, stories, and memories of the Great Lake State. For further information or to be included on our email

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and notification list, contact Will Wright at 512-240-4325 or mistagrouse@gmail.com.

Minnesota

Save Friday, January 30 for the annual wild rice soup supper. More details will be available in the January *Sun Rays* and by email.

Mississippi

Calling all Mississippi folks – join our Mississippi Club. Come meet other Mississippians living in Sun City. Contact Ann Nelson at annm12@suddenlink.net or 512-931-2229 or Mary Lou Harrington at marylou10tx@aol.com or 512-864-1949.

Nebraska

Contact: Cleo Ramsey, jlrms2002@yahoo.com

Anyone interested in the Nebraska Group may contact Jerry or Cleo Ramsey at 512-863-0662 or jlrms2002@yahoo.com.

New England

The New England Social Society is open to ALL folks with ties to New England. We get together several times a year. For information or to be added to our email list, contact Gail Abend at gsabend@gmail.com, or Pat Ford at 512-943-8503 or pat4door@yahoo.com.

New York

Yo, New Yorkers! Do you love the Big Apple? Did you leave your heart in the Empire State? If you are interested in meeting others who feel the same, let's get together to form a New York Interest Group. To add yourself to the New York Group mailing list, e-mail Tom Olsen at tolsen53@suddenlink.net. For other information, contact Pat Prudhom at 512-686-0506.

Nurses

Holiday Party

Friday, December 5, 11:30 a.m.,

The Worship Place

All Sun City nurses, active or retired, are invited for a catered holiday lunch and an opportunity to share nursing memories. Advance reservations required - \$10 per person. Contact patclendenin@gmail.com to RSVP.

Ohio

The new Ohio Club has been well received by Sun City Ohioans! The September Kick-off was well attended, as was the November Potluck Dinner. Thank you for your participation and interest in the Ohio Club. Now, it's time to plan for 2015! If you would like to serve on the planning committee or have suggestions for **your** Ohio Club, please contact Celia Olson 512-948-7382 or olson@dgonson.com. Happy Holidays – may your travels be safe!

Oregon

Are you an Oregon native or have ever lived in the great state of Oregon? Come and join fellow Oregonians in the Sun City Oregon Club. We meet approximately five times each year and also plan smaller get-togethers for those who may have special interests such as football watch parties. UO and OSU fans are invited to wear their Duck or Beaver paraphernalia. Contact Jim Anderson at oregonjim@suddenlink.net or 512-943-9629.

Pennsylvania

Whether you were born and raised in Pennsylvania, lived there for a short time, or just appreciate the history and culture of the Keystone State, you are welcome to join us. For emails and information on upcoming events, contact Fran Jackson at PAClubofSCTX@gmail.com.

Porsche Owners

Do you own a Porsche? Are you interested in meeting other Porsche owners for informal outings and social activities? Contact Jerri Matthews at 512-868-9502 or jnmatt127@gmail.com.

Psychology

Anyone who would like to participate in an interest group in psychology (psychologists, social workers, counselors, psychiatrists), contact Don Pool at 512-864-7595 or dpool2@verizon.net.

Runners/Joggers

We meet at 7 a.m. on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays in front of the Texas Drive Fitness Center; all are invited to join. Contact Dee Simmons at 512-868-9697 or missysimmons@msn.com. If it is too early for you to run, join us for coffee at the City Market on Tuesdays at 8 a.m.

Sage in Bloom Questers

Do you love antiques? Do you like to learn about local history and support the restoration and preservation of historic articles and places? Then you are a Quester! The Sage in Bloom Chapter of Questers here in Sun City Texas meets first Tuesdays from September to May. Contact Martha Knight at mmkni22@suddenlink.net or 512-819-9649, or Deanne Coward at gcoward@suddenlink.net or 512-868-1732.

Sky Girls

We are a group of retired stewardesses (better known today as flight attendants) who meet monthly in the home of one of our members. Our meetings are held the first Thursday of each month at 10 a.m. We are strictly social, and have discovered we have endless experiences to share and compare! Call Debby Dooher at 512-869-7459 or Pam Meyners at 512-868-5575

SAR - Alexander Hamilton Chapter

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The Alexander Hamilton Chapter of Sons of the American Revolution meets the second Saturday of each month, except February and September. Our December 13 meeting will be held at 11 a.m. at Mel's Lonestar Lanes, 1010 N. Austin Avenue. The program agenda includes the installation of officers for 2015-2016 and presentation of awards. All members who have uniforms are encouraged to wear them. Contact Harry Walden, 512-818-1379 or email: harry.walden@gmail.com.

St. Louis

It seems we have a number of former St. Louisans living in Sun City Texas. If you feel that St. Louis connection, contact Gary and Sheila Engel at geesle@swbell.net or 512-868-6929.

Sun City Blues

www.justthebluessctx.weebly.com

Blues music has been a strong influence of all American music styles since the early 1900s. Come be part of the Just the Blues group. There will be blues dances, blues dance lessons and trips to Austin blues clubs. To get on the list, send an email to justthebluessctx@gmail.com, or call Dennis at 512-686-1897.

Tai Chi & Chi Kung

Meet Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10 a.m. at the LHPP for a gathering of Tai Chi and Chi Kung practitioners to exercise and have fun. Open to all. Contact Don Mulvey at 512-917-3236 or dlmulvey@yahoo.com.

Texas Tech

Guns up, Texas Tech Red Raiders! Time to celebrate another great year of Red Raider sports. Contact Dr. Robert (Bob) Pinder at 512-864-0860 or pinrob@icloud.com.

Viva El Paso!

If you've ever lived or want to reconnect with the original Sun City, its rich west Texas culture, the Franklin Mountains or the desert southwest, you must join: **VIVA EL PASO!** Exchange memories from Texas Western/UTEP, Ft. Bliss and, of course, Ciudad Juarez. Many of the people who made El Paso great live right here in Sun City Texas. Join us for our bi-monthly Saturday dinners. Contact Yolanda, angelgandara@prodigy.net, or Patricia, patrwillia@gmail.com.

Wisconsin

No meeting in December

Contact: Loree Parker, 512-869-0319 or loreetx@suddenlink.net

We will not have any activities in December.; however, new events are being planned for 2015. Your suggestions are welcome. You may call Loree Parker at 512-869-0319, Judy Weckerly at 512-868-3158, or Gail Roush at 512-943-0269 to share your ideas. We would welcome volunteers to join our committee also.

Have a blessed holiday season!

If you would like to join the Wisconsin Group, please contact Loree Parker at loreetx@suddenlink.net to be added to our mailing list.

political

Sun City Democrats

www.suncitydems.org

Holiday Party Tuesday, December 16 6-8 p.m., ACA

Contact: Mary Ann Friedin, President, maryann.friedin@gmail.com or 512-868-5384

In place of our regularly scheduled meet-

ing in December, we invite all to our Holiday Party on Tuesday, December 16 at the Activities Center Atrium from 6-8 p.m.

Note: Beginning January 17, we will be meeting on the 3rd Saturday of the month for the remainder of 2015. As usual, the meeting will be held in the Social Center Ballroom with coffee at 9:30 a.m.; the meeting begins at 10 a.m.

Republican Club of Sun City

No meeting in December

Contact: John Graves, 512-863-7715 or johnbgraves@verizon.net
John Congdon, 512-686-1676 or johnsctx@gmail.com
www.williamsoncountygop.org

service organizations

Citizens Council at Sun City Texas

No meeting in December

Contact: Steve Johnston, 512-591-7594 or drclean@suddenlink.net
www.citizenscouncilsct.org

Citizens Council is an independent group of residents with a common vision of safeguarding the value / lifestyle of the Sun City Texas community. The Citizens Council is not affiliated with the developer, Community Association, or other governance systems. All members and interested parties are welcome to attend our board meetings.

Kiwanis Club of Sun City

www.suncitykiwanisgt.org

Tuesdays, 10 a.m., Location varies

Contact: Dave Tolkan, 512-528-5470

Join us each Tuesday to hear speakers of interest to our community and meet your neighbors who work to benefit the children of Williamson County. Speakers for December are:

December 2 - Julie Stevens, Executive Director of Life Steps Council on Alcohol & Drugs, The Oaks

December 9 - Larry Allison, CPA, 2015 Tax Changes, CCF

December 16 - Annual Christmas Sing Along, The Oaks

December 23 - No Meeting

December 30 - No Meeting

Sun City Shriners

Christmas Party: Tuesday, December 16 Doors open 5:30 p.m.; Dinner 6 p.m.

Berry Creek Country Club

sctxca.org > Site Index > Shriners Group
Contact: Jack Neal, 512-864-0237

The Sun City Shrine Club will hold its Christmas party on Tuesday, December 16 at the Berry Creek Country Club; doors open at 5:30 p.m., dinner is served at 6 p.m. Contact Jack Neal, 864-0237, or Ron Dewees, 819-9585, to make reservations.

Our club decorated the entrances and bridges of Sun City with holiday lights. If you would like to contribute to Shriners hospitals, collection boxes are at the Fitness Center on Texas Drive, Wrigley's Pub at 420 Del Webb and the Member Services Office at 2 Texas Drive.

Sun City Texas Rotary

Tuesdays, Location varies, Noon

Contact: Don Bender, 512-863-2179 or dpbender@suddenlink.net

The Sun City Rotary will hold their annual pancake Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, December 20 at the Georgetown Community Center. This popular event raises funds to provide holiday packages of food and gifts to underprivileged families in the Georgetown and Jarrell area. Tickets to the breakfast may be purchased from any Rotarian.

spiritual

Anglican Worship

Christ Church Sun City invites everyone interested in worshipping Jesus Christ in a relaxed yet traditional service to join us each Sunday at 10 a.m. at The Oaks, 301 Del Webb. Our Book of Common Prayer worship includes Biblical proclamation, joyful celebration and Holy Communion every Sunday. Christ Church also hosts weekly Bible Study. For information, contact Fr. Steve Pope at frsteven2@yahoo.com or 512-591-7183, or Fr. Billy Disch at 512-868-6668.

Catholic Rosary/Dinner

A group of Sun City Catholics meets once a month in each others' homes. Pot-

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luck dinner is followed by the Rosary and fellowship. There are currently two groups involved. All Catholics – couples or singles – are welcome. Contact Mona O'Brien at 512-863-4867 or oh.gb.mona@gmail.com.

Celebration Church

One of the best ways to connect with others is joining a small group! Celebration Church offers many bible study groups here in Sun City. **Bible Study, Fellowship and Support:** 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at 6 p.m. Contact Bunny Bassett, 512-864-1456 or bbbass8995@aol.com. **Bible Study and Discipleship:** 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Wednesdays at 7 p.m. Contact Carlene Truett, 512-240-4571 or deantruett@suddenlink.net. **Single ladies 55+ Bible Study Fellowship:** 1st Sundays at 6:30 p.m. Contact Babs Belote, 512-639-1912 or bbelotedesign@yahoo.com.

Christian Science

If you would like to know more about the healing power of the Christ, you are lovingly invited to attend Christian Science worship services held each Sunday at 10 a.m. at the Cowan Creek Amenity Center. Testimony meetings are held the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 12:15 p.m., also at Cowan Creek Amenity Center. For more, email csgeorgetown222@gmail.com.

Congregation Havurah Shalom

www.chstx.org

2nd and 4th Fridays, 7:30 p.m.

Contact: Lenora Hausman, President, 512-863-4842, president@chstx.org, or membership@chstx.org

Congregation Havurah Shalom of Sun City holds services on the 2nd and 4th Friday of every month at the Cowan Creek Amenity Center, Florence & Georgetown Rooms at 7:30 p.m. In addition, services are held on the High Holidays. Throughout the year many other religious, social, and community activities are offered.

Hill Country Bible Church - Sun City

www.hbcgct.com

Sundays, 8:30 a.m., CCAC

Contact: Senior Adults Pastor Dennis Keller, 512-496-8934 or dennisk@hbcgct.com

Hill Country Bible Church has been in Georgetown for over 18 years and now has an additional campus right in Sun City Texas for your convenience. There are several small groups that meet weekly in Sun City Texas, as well. For more information, please visit our website or contact us.

The Worship Place

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