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Mon.-Fri., 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

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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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See page 134 for list of committee members. See Sun City Texas Resident Directory or www.sctexas.org > Community Association > CA Advisory Committees for description of duties for each committee.

CHARTERED CLUBS (NON SPORTS)

Thursday, February 5, 2 p.m., AC MR 1

COMMUNICATIONS

Wednesday, February 11, 9:30 a.m., CCAN

COVENANTS

Wednesday, February 4, 9 a.m., CCAN

ELECTIONS

Thursday, February 19, 9 a.m., CCS

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Friday, February 13, 9 a.m., AC MR 3/4

FINANCE

Tuesday, February 24, 1 p.m., AC MR 3/4

GOLF

Monday, February 23, 3 p.m., AC MR 1/2

LANDSCAPED MAINTAINED HOMES

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

MODIFICATIONS

Thursday, February 5, 8:30 a.m., CCAN
*Open at 10 a.m.

Thursday, February 19, 8:30 a.m., CCAN

NOMINATING

As needed

PROPERTY & GROUNDS

Tuesday, February 10, 1:30 p.m., AC MR 1/2

Tuesday, February 24, 3 p.m., AC MR 1/2

SPORTS

Monday, February 16, 8 a.m., CCAN

WILDLIFE

Wednesday, February 4, 3 p.m., AC MR 1/2

Other Committees or Task Forces:

NEIGHBORHOOD REPS

Wednesday, February 18, 9:30 a.m., CCF/G

COPS

Tuesday, February 3, 9:30 a.m., AC MR 1/2



Stay Safe, Sun City

Submitted by the
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Internet Auction Fraud

Listed below are tips to protect yourself and your family from various forms of Internet fraud.

AVOIDING INTERNET AUCTION FRAUD:

- Understand as much as possible about how the auction works, what your obligations are as a buyer, and what the seller's obligations are before you bid.
- Find out what actions the website/company takes if a problem occurs and consider insuring the transaction and shipment.
- Learn as much as possible about the seller, especially if the only information you have is an e-mail address. If it is a business, check the Better Business Bureau from the seller's area.
- Examine the feedback on the seller.
- Determine what method of payment the seller is asking from the buyer and where he/she is asking to send payment.
- If possible, purchase items online using your credit card, because you can often dispute the charges if something goes wrong.
- Be cautious when dealing with sellers outside the United States.
- Ask the seller about when delivery can be expected and whether the merchandise is covered by a warranty or can be exchanged if there is a problem.
- Make sure there are no unexpected costs, including whether shipping and handling is included in the auction price.
- There should be no reason to give out your social security number or driver's license number to the seller.

AVOIDING NON-DELIVERY OF MERCHANDISE:

- Obtain a physical address and a telephone number rather than simply a post office box and call the seller to see if the telephone number is correct and working.
- Send an e-mail to the seller to make sure the e-mail address is active.
- Consider not purchasing from sellers who won't provide you with this type of information.
- Check with the Better Business Bureau from the seller's area.
- Be cautious when responding to special investment offers, especially through unsolicited e-mail.
- Make sure the transaction is secure when you electronically send your credit card numbers.

Editor's note: The above article, submitted by the Georgetown Police Department, contains information on how to avoid Internet auction fraud. The source for this information is www.fbi.gov, the website belonging to the FBI. This website, which is accessible to the general public, contains a wealth of information on all types of fraud including a section on common fraudulent schemes committed against senior citizens. For more information, please visit www.fbi.gov; in the search field at the top of the page, type in "Internet fraud" or "senior citizen fraud."



Let's Communicate!

Jim Romine, Executive Director

2014 Resident Satisfaction Survey Results

In October 2014, the Community Association (CA) contracted with MOSAK Advertising and Insights to facilitate the Resident Satisfaction Survey. This survey is conducted every two years to determine resident satisfaction relative to the various programs, products, facilities and services of the CA.

The Objectives of the study were to:

- Understand the level of satisfaction with each department and our amenities.
- Understand usage and satisfaction with communication tools used by the CA.
- Understand the satisfaction with the overall operations.
- Identify areas of improvement.

Every resident was asked to complete the survey online. MOSAK also offered hard copies of the survey at the Social Center Monitor's Desk for those not wishing to complete electronically. The survey was divided into several sections corresponding to various departments within the CA. The survey also featured a demographics section, providing us with relevant census data.

MOSAK received 2,307 homeowner responses. Results of the survey were distributed to CA management, staff and the Board of Directors. This information will help the Board and management identify areas where the CA is performing favorably as well as areas where the CA might look to make improvements. The results of this survey will continue to serve as a benchmark as we take steps to improve the CA's services in 2015 and beyond.

I am pleased to report the results of the survey were quite positive. Overall, 86% of those responding were satisfied with the services and facilities of the Community Association. Some of our findings included the following:

- Gender breakdown was fairly even, with the slight majority of participants being female (51.8%).

- Participants age 65 to 69 (28%) and 70 to 74 (28.7%) accounted for the largest segments.
- The overwhelming majority of participants (86.1%) are currently not working - only 4.7% if the respondents indicated they are working full time.
- When asked about volunteering, close to half of the participants (44.0%) indicated they do not participate in any volunteer opportunities. One-fifth of the participants (20.1%) volunteer at Sun City Texas.
- Slightly over 80% of the participants live in a household with two people, while 16.8% indicated they were living alone.
- Over half of the participants (52.7%) have lived in Sun City Texas for over five years.
- Most participants (61%) do not own any pets, while just over one-quarter (27%) indicated having one pet.
- The overwhelming majority of respondents (92.9%) live in Sun City Texas the entire year, though 4.4% live elsewhere for at least three months, primarily between April and September.
- The majority of households (53.7%) own one golf cart.

MOSAK will be presenting the Board with key survey results during the February Board Workshop on Thursday, February 12, at 1 p.m. in the Social Center Ballroom. I encourage everyone to attend the Workshop and hear this presentation.

In closing, I want to thank those residents who took the time to complete the annual satisfaction survey, and to assure all residents that the survey results and comments have been considered and will be used to help the CA improve its services to you, our stakeholders. Complete results from the survey will be available for resident review on our website after the February 12 presentation.

*Take care,
Jim*

Board Member Views *Submitted by Bob Glandt, Resident Member*

Current Issues Update

The following are updates on current issues that are important to all of us in Sun City Texas.

The Expansion Task Force Committees are starting to research their assigned issues. The Golf group is gathering data on the sport's future based on current national trends. The Research Subcommittee has begun scheduling focus group meetings and will be reaching out to our CA Committees for their valuable input.

This spring, Pulte will release its annual report on retirement community trends, providing an in-depth look at new concepts in marketing and amenities. The Amenities Group is presently collaborating with Chartered Clubs to establish a series of informative discussions on facility enhancement/modification and other anticipated needs, while the ETF Committee is reviewing collected subcommittee data to prioritize campus conveniences.

In the near future, the Developer will be receiving permits for the extension of Pedernales Falls Drive. Construction is geared up and ready to begin on this vital roadway. Also in construction news, the first new Somerset tract neighborhood is preparing to break ground – much construction on this tract will be completed before work commences on the Queens tract.

If this cold weather ever goes away, the next section of landscaping work will begin along Del Webb Boulevard. Thanks to a \$100,000 donation from the Developer, it is expected that far more of this project will be completed in 2015 than initially anticipated. Additionally, a larger quantity of impervious material will be placed, allowing us to save even more water.

Clearly, it's a busy and exciting time here in Sun City Texas. While many projects will take time, the work has already begun, so stay tuned!

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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.sctexas.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.

Resident Directors' Open Session

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

The Resident Directors' Open Session is an excellent opportunity for residents to discuss matters listed on the February Board Workshop Agenda with the Resident Directors prior to their taking action on the items during the February 26 Board Meeting. Residents are also welcome to discuss any other topics with the Resident Directors. All Sun City Texas residents are encouraged to attend the Open Session, the CA Board Workshop and the CA Board Meeting.

New Resident Orientation

Thursday, February 19,
8:30 a.m., Social Center Ballroom

If you are new to Sun City Texas, please join us for the New Resident Orientation. At 8:30 a.m., the Club Fair begins. Enthusiastic members will visit with you and tell you about their chartered clubs.

The Community Association staff presentation begins at 9:15 a.m. and ends around 10:15 a.m. You will have an opportunity to meet the staff, learn how your Association operates, and gather valuable information. Refreshments will be served.

Get Involved - Apply for a CA Committee!

Submitted by the Nominating Committee

It's time to apply for a CA Committee! A total of 21 positions are currently available on ten committees. These committees and their positions available are as follows:

- Chartered Clubs - Nonsports (1)
- Communications (4)
- Covenants (2)
- Elections (2)
- Emergency Management (2)
- Golf (1)
- Landscaped Maintained Homes (3)
- Property and Grounds (3)
- Sports (1)
- Wildlife Management (2)

For a detailed description of each committee, visit www.sctexas.org and click on Community Association Info; click on Committees & Task Forces; click on the committee of your choice. Committees and their meeting times are also listed on the sixth page of each month's *Sun Rays*.

Committee application forms and information brochures will be available at the Social Center and Cowan Creek Monitor Desks, Activities Center, Texas Drive Fitness Center, and Putters Café starting February 2. Look for the orange and blue "Get Involved" banners. The deadline to apply is Friday, March 13. Interviews will be conducted the week of April 13. Please contact the Nominating Committee at canominating@sctexas.org if you have any questions or need further information.



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Hazardous Household Waste - Keep Yourself and the Environment Safe

Submitted by Dan Dodson, Emergency Management Committee



Do you have items in your house that have the signal words “Danger,” “Warning,” “Caution,” “Flammable,” “Poison,” “Corrosive,” or “Toxic” somewhere on the label? These words usually appear above or below the contents of the container. Did you know that cooking sprays have the words, **Warning-Flammable**? Drain cleaners have the signal words, **Corrosive-Poison**.

Hazardous household waste is any chemical or item that has either (1) Been consumed (2) Expired or (3) Been “discarded.” Hazardous household waste products should never be poured out on the ground, down the drain, or thrown out with regular household trash. Improper disposal can cause injury from contact or contaminate groundwater and drinking water.

Hazardous household waste products in your home might include:

- gasoline
- paints, stains and paint thinners
- insect and weed killer (poison or toxic)
- automotive oil, fuel additives
- batteries (wet cell), car, lawnmower etc.(corrosive)
- mercury (broken thermometers)
- art and hobby chemicals

The above list is by no means inclusive. Other items that have gained the distinction of “Hazardous Waste” include computer, camera and cell phone batteries and fluorescent lights and tubes containing metal mercury.

If you use compact fluorescent lights (CFLs), these may be recycled at Home Depot; however, they will not take fluorescent tubes. These (along with the other items listed above) can be taken to the Williamson County Recycle Center via the City’s voucher program for household hazardous waste.

TRANSPORTING HAZARDOUS WASTE

When you bring household hazardous waste items for disposal, be sure to pack and transport them safely by doing the

following:

- Keep products in original containers, when possible.
- If a container no longer has its original label and you know the contents, label it yourself.
- Don’t mix products together! Dangerous chemical reactions can occur.
- Make sure products are sealed to prevent leaks and spills.
- Carefully pack containers in a sturdy cardboard box.
- If you use a plastic bag, please only use clear bags so the contents are easily visible.
- Transport the items in your vehicle away from all occupants and pets.

HAZARDOUS WASTE DROP-OFF SITE

The Williamson County Recycle Center is open to the general public on Thursdays and Fridays, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and on Saturdays from 8 a.m. to noon. It is open by appointment only on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. For additional information, please

visit the website www.mytexasshw.com or call 512-864-3240. Please note that the Recycle Center DOES NOT accept electronic waste.

Residents are able to obtain vouchers from the Georgetown Municipal Complex, 300-1 Industrial Avenue, and the Collection Station, 250 W.L. Walden Drive.

The vouchers allow City of Georgetown residential utility customers with active accounts to dispose of household hazards at the Williamson County Recycle Center at 495 CR 156, which is northeast of Georgetown on FM 971.

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.

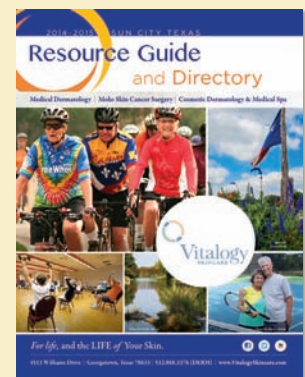
Update your info!

The Communications Department will be printing the next Sun City Texas Resident Directory in May, and we want to be sure that your information will be correct so that all your friends and neighbors can contact you. The Resident list used in the printed directory is pulled from the Online directory; therefore, it is very important to make sure your information is correct on the Sun City Texas website.

- Go to www.sctexas.org
- Log in with your member ID and password
- On the Resident Home page, look for the Update My Profile window on the right side of your screen and click on the orange link
- Click on Edit My Info to correct your information

Your information will be displayed. **(Note: Each person in a household has his/her own separate profile.)** Review the information to see if it is correct; if not, please correct the information. If you need further assistance, go to the Member Services Office and someone can make the change or give you a form to fill out to get the change made for you.

If you plan to change your email provider in the next year, **do it now** so that your information will be correct in the new Directory!



Calling all Board Candidates!

Submitted by Katie Sutton, Director of Administration and Human Resources

It's that time of year again, when we put out the call for candidates for the Sun City Texas Community Association Board of Directors. Any resident may file to run for one of the two open seats. Directors Preston and Hatley are completing their terms and are eligible to run again.

If you are interested in becoming a candidate, you may pick up an Application to Serve as Director of SCTXCA in the Member Services Office. These packets, which include all the necessary forms, will be available beginning Monday, March 2. Be prepared to include a brief, one-page biography with your application. You may have your picture taken at the Member Services Office, or you can include a personal photograph.

The first day that a candidate can file (turn in an application) will be Monday, March 16; the last day will be the close of business on Tuesday, March 31, 2015. Per the requirements in the Voting and Election Policy, a Candidate Forum is scheduled for 9 a.m. on Wednesday, April 22, so that all residents will have an opportunity to hear from the candidates and submit questions. The Elections Committee will be mailing out one ballot to the owner of each lot. These ballots are scheduled to be mailed on Monday, May 4. The Elections Committee will provide additional details to the community as the filing period approaches. The ballots must be returned by the owner, either in person or by mail, before the end of the balloting period, which is two hours before the beginning of the Annual Meeting on Thursday, May 28.

If you will not be at your Sun City residence during these times, please provide the Community Association with a correct mailing address for your ballot. Begin checking your calendars for the dates of your trips, etc., and when the election dates might affect you. The Voting and Elections Policy is posted on the Sun City Texas website and provides all necessary information concerning the election process. There will be more information in future issues of the *Sun Rays* and the weekly Communicator. Please contact the Elections Committee at elections@sctexas.org or Katie.Sutton@sctexas.org (512-948-7704) with any questions you may have about this very important annual process.

2015 ELECTION SCHEDULE

Monday, March 2:	Applications available
Monday, March 16:	Candidate filing period begins
Tuesday, March 31:	Filing period ends
Wednesday, April 22:	Candidate Forum, 9 a.m., Social Center Ballroom
Monday, May 4:	Ballots mailed to all homeowners
Thursday, May 28:	Members Annual Meeting at 3 p.m. to finalize all counting of ballots. Ballots will be accepted at the Monitor's Desk until 1 p.m.

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Water Conservation Methods: Soil Amendments

Submitted by Catrin Dubois, Landscape Superintendent

During the renovation of the Social Center landscape three years ago, we began testing a soil enhancement product to improve water retention. The product promised faster turf growth which would reduce the amount of water we might normally use on such a project by drawing its own moisture from the atmosphere. Since newly installed sod must be kept continually moist until roots are set, we gave it a try.

After prepping the soil for new turf, we added the fine powder with a drop spreader, following the product instructions. I got some of the powder on my arm and noticed it turning wet almost immediately. Despite this small sample of evidence, we were skeptical of the label's promises (as anyone who has ever been disappointed by a product can understand). Not wanting to lose our new sod investment, we began watering the usual three times per day, but it didn't take long for us to notice the turf becoming overly-soggy and the early signs of fungus development. We reduced our watering to a minimum level, and found that not only did we get the fungus under control, but a healthy root system was quickly established.

Our skepticism proved to be unwarranted – in three years, we've had no complaint and enjoy a turf that is lush and green in appearance, as well as reduced use of water and fertilizer.



TESTING ON LANDSCAPED MAINTAINED HOMES

To evaluate the benefits of the soil amendment product on existing turf, we decided to test it on select Landscaped Maintained Homes. As per the product's instructions, we began by mowing the lawn short, almost scalping it (you want to see soil), and providing heavy aeration with lots of holes in the ground which is essential for absorption by the ground. Once again, we applied the product with a drop spreader according to product instructions, followed by a thorough watering to activate the product. After only a brief period of time, we were able to see great results even in very shallow lawns, which held color when watered as infrequently as one day per week.

When the City restricted irrigation to two days per week in 2014, we found our soil holding moisture steadily. With a soil moisture sensor in place, we were

able to monitor a surprising reduction in our scheduled gallons of water used (as mentioned last month, the key to success is a combination of proper product application, smart settings on controllers, and correct soil sensor calibration).

SUGGESTIONS FROM YOUR CA LANDSCAPING TEAM:

Based on our experiences, we can share these suggestions with you:

- Get a quote from an experienced lawn care professional early in the year.
- Your professional lawn care expert can access products directly from distributors and perform all steps required to ensure your lawn looks great and you see water savings.
- Budget and don't take short cuts.
- Install sensors in spring to reap savings of the spring rains.
- Always get comparison quotes before making a final decision on how to spend your hard earned money.
- Get feedback from fellow residents who have already had experience with various products.
- For the Do-It-Yourselfer: there are several soil amendment and wetting agents available at your local home improvement and garden retailers such as AquaSmart™, Miracle-Gro® or perlite.
- Always follow label directions, do not over water and don't use a rotary spreader when a drop spreader is specified, as powder products may blow away.
- Keep track of your scheduled gallons of water and your actual gallons used during the year to see how quickly your investment is paying off.

Sun City is doing its best to conserve resources for the future generations. If we can take it another step further, we could be the poster child for other HOAs.

Yours in landscaping,

Catrin

February Schedule: Landscaped Maintained Homes

NEXT LMH MEETING

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

FEBRUARY SCHEDULED LANDSCAPING MAINTENANCE

Cut, Edge and Trim • Fertilization and Pre-Emergent
Monthly Irrigation Check • Weeding of Bed Areas
Insect and Disease Monitoring • Mulching • Tree Canopying

QUESTIONS OR SUGGESTIONS

Email: **David Longacre** - david.longacre@sctexas.org

Email: **Aaron Johnson** - aaron.johnson@sctexas.org

New Sun City Texas Website Coming February 12!

Join us at our new website address: www.sctexas.org

The NEW Sun City Texas website will launch February 12 at a new address: www.sctexas.org.

This launch will also include new microsities for Chartered Clubs and Neighborhoods.

Your Resident Website Administrators have been training and updating Club and Neighborhood microsities since early January in preparation for the new website unveiling.

Before the new website launches, we look forward to offering residents a tour of the new Community Association website and showing you some of the exciting features.

Please join us for a 45 minute tour on one of the following dates:

WEBSITE TOURS FOR SUN CITY TEXAS RESIDENTS:
 Thursday, February 5, 8:30 a.m. SCB
 Thursday, February 5, 10 a.m. SCB
 Friday, February 6, 9 a.m. CCGT/FL
 Friday, February 6, 11 a.m. CCGT/FL

Beginning February 12, when you login to the new website you will be directed to your "Resident Home" page. From this page you can:

The screenshot shows the Sun City Texas Resident Home page. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for Business Directory, Sun Rays Magazine, Contact Us, and LOG OUT. Below this is a secondary navigation bar with links for Resident Home, Lifestyle & Activities, Clubs & Neighborhoods, Fitness, Golf, and Communications. The main content area features a large banner image of bluebonnets with the text "Welcome Back, Emily" and a "Book a Tee Time" button. Below the banner are links for My Profile, Account Statements, Resident Directory, and My Neighborhood. The page is divided into several sections: a left sidebar with links like My Profile, My Preferences, Account Statements, Resident Directory, My Neighborhood, My Memberships, CA CALENDAR, and COMMUNITY MESSAGE BOARD; a central "Garage Sale" announcement for Saturday, April 11; and a right sidebar with buttons for MY RESERVATIONS, TEE TIMES, and BUY TICKETS, followed by an "Upcoming Events" section listing an Elections Committee Meeting and an NRO Meeting on January 21st. Callout boxes with arrows point to these various elements, explaining their functions.

- View and update your Resident Profile
- Change your password in My Preferences
- Search for neighbors in the Resident Directory
- View your current Chartered Club memberships
- Book a Tee Time
- Purchase tickets and club memberships

Bits of Info from Ginny's Desk

Submitted by Ginny Wagner, Community Standards Supervisor

With spring approaching, it is a good time to take a look around your yard to see which plants need to be replaced. Our highly successful Waterwise and Firewise programs suggest using native plants, which require less water and are of a non-oily nature. Exhibit G, found on the website under Documents (Community Association Info > Documents > Design Guidelines) features a new spreadsheet listing plants and their suitability in various areas.

Don't forget to use the photo binder our Garden Club has assembled to help when choosing plants. This binder is available at the Social Center and Cowan Creek

Monitors' Desks. As long as the size of the bed, material for the edging, and one plant per 100 square feet guidelines are followed, an application isn't necessary, even if you are changing out the edging of the bed. Just remember to keep all plants under 36" in the sight triangle of a corner lot and at least twenty feet from the rear perimeter of a golf course lot.

A number of landscape project worksheets have been developed by the Community Standards Office to help you with landscape projects that require a B-1 Application Form. The worksheets can be downloaded from the website, picked up from our office or emailed

to you at your request. They condense the Design Guidelines requirements, providing a simple checklist to ensure everything is provided for the Committee's review.

Valentine's Day is Saturday, February 14. As per page 55 of the Design Guidelines, decorations may be displayed for seven days prior to and seven days after the holiday. Feel free to put out hearts, flowers, and flags with cupids beginning February 7 until February 22!

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

COPs Update

By Susanne White

By now, you have probably heard of Austin's hands-free ordinance, which made texting while driving illegal as of January 1. Hopefully, you learned of this law from the newspaper or a friend and not from an officer issuing you a ticket!

Violating this new law is a Class C Misdemeanor and offenders will be hit with a hefty \$500 fine. Seem excessive? Well, perhaps you haven't been paying attention. In the last three years, distracted driving has been responsible for more than 22,000 crashes and claimed 82 lives in the Austin area alone. According to TxDOT, one out of every five crashes in Texas is caused by a distracted driver, and in 2013, 459 Texans died as a result of these accidents.

So what, exactly, constitutes "distracted

driving"? The list may surprise you:

- Texting
- Using a cell phone for any reason*
- Eating and drinking
- Talking to passengers
- Grooming
- Reading, including maps
- Using a navigation system
- Watching a video
- Adjusting a radio, CD player or MP3 player

* Hand-held cell phone use while driving is permitted only for contacting police about an emergency, accident or crime. Austin is currently leading the state in an effort to refocus on the task of driving. If some gadget diverts your attention from driving your car, truck, golf

cart or bicycle, or endangers the safety of a driver, passenger or bystander, it's illegal in Austin. More than 20 other cities (including San Antonio) have local ordinances prohibiting or limiting cell phone use and texting.

Texas does not yet have a statewide ban on cell phone use, but we do have a number of restrictions – bus drivers transporting children and novice drivers (those with learners' permits) are barred from using cell phones (hands-free or otherwise) while driving. Handheld phone use is also restricted in school zones.

If you travel with an electronic device, consider investing in one that's hands-free or which supports hands-free accessories. This will allow you to keep in touch while lowering your risk of distraction. And no matter what device you use, remember: stay safe, drive alert. That's what COPs do, always looking out for your safety!

COPs (Citizens on Patrol) needs you! Volunteer just four hours a month – drive, office staff (from your home, our cell phone) or perform maintenance tasks (gas up vehicles, take in for service or a car wash). Please call 512-966-1362, Monday–Friday 9:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.



IN THE EVENT OF INCLEMENT WEATHER

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

Armadillos

Submitted by the Wildlife Management Committee

Armadillos are prevalent in Sun City Texas. The most common armadillos in our area are the Texas species, the nine-banded armadillo; this species has a distinct shell casing made from bone and it has two large-shell casings covering the shoulders and rump with seven to nine bands in the middle. Usually, the male is a little larger than the female; both have short legs but can move very quickly. They have strong claws and a long, tapered tail, 14 to 17 inches long that is completely covered by bony rings. Armadillos use their tails to help jump three to four feet into the air when surprised.

Armadillos are solitary, nocturnal animals with large eyes, poor vision, and are most active before dawn and, occasionally, at dusk. They can dig burrows up to seven feet deep with their snouts and sharp claws. They use these tools to loosen the soil and then use their long, sticky tongues to catch insects, especially worms and grubs, which are their favorite food.

They can cause trouble by digging up



yards and golf courses and can be categorized as a nuisance because of the damage they can inflict on greens. If you spot an armadillo digging on your property, call a local pest control company for help in removing it. The Community Association does not provide assistance with removing armadillos. The best protection against armadillos, especially if grubs are found in your yard, is to eradicate the grubs. Products for grub eradication are: (1) Bayer Advanced Grub Control; (2) Omni Grub Killer; and (3) Bayer Complete Insect Killer.

Sources: Google, Wikipedia, and Texas Parks and Wildlife.

Clarifications

Submitted by Jaime Calder, Production/Communications Editor

It has come to our attention that our January 2015 article, *Manfred Reimann's Escape from East Germany*, contained several errors and understatements. We would like to amend the following issues:

- Manfred Reimann is the author of two fiction novels, *Chasing the Sun* and *Singed by the Sun*, not non-fiction works, as previously stated. Both are influenced by Reimann's experiences and do use events from the author's life in both East and West Germany. These works, authored under the pen name Patric Sanders, are available via the Amazon Kindle app.
- The danger of the Stasi secret police force cannot be understated as an ominous, ever-present force in day-to-day East German life. Friends, coworkers, and neighbors were all possible contributors to the Gestapo-inspired

force, which contained an estimated 500,000 informants.

- We would like to clarify that Manfred Reimann's high school did not offer English classes of any kind, and that he only learned the language on account of his father, who secured him private lessons from a retired teacher. Reimann's English education was further supplemented with blacklisted Western novels and through broadcasts from the American Forces Network (AFN Berlin), which broadcast the forbidden rock 'n' roll hits of Elvis, Buddy Holly, and Fats Domino.



Manfred Reimann

Water Matters

By Carlton M. Mathis, Water and Native Area Manager

With colder, wetter weather in this winter's forecast, I hope that all irrigation systems have been



turned to their "off" positions. If you feel that you must water, the city will allow up to two days of watering per week, based on your address. Exact guidelines can be found at their website (water.georgetown.org).

Last winter, several yards were unintentionally turned into ice gardens because irrigation controllers had not been adjusted. This could easily have been avoided if controllers had been shut off prior to the cold front's arrival. Keep yourself abreast of current weather forecasts, and you can save thousands of gallons of water each year.

New Hours for WOW!Mobile

On Tuesday mornings, the hours of operation for the WOW!mobile stops are as follows:

- 9-10:30 a.m.
Texas Drive, by Farmers' Market
- 11 a.m.-noon
Cowan Creek Amenity Center parking lot

For more information, please contact Michele Harber, Community Outreach Librarian, Georgetown Public Library, wow@georgetown.org, 512-930-8130 x7152

Purchase your tickets for CA Sponsored Events at www.sctexas.org or at the Member Services Office.
Tickets for activities listed for the first time will be available Monday, February 2, at 8 a.m.

Activities with Jenny



Beginning with the People's Choice dance on Friday, April 17, whenever you purchase country western dance tickets, you will notice a new dance floor layout. The line dancing area will be at the front left of the ballroom opposed to the back left of the ballroom. Also marked on the diagram will be suggested seating for singles.

For our CA sponsored dances we reuse many of our centerpieces (vases/lights/floral arrangements). To keep down the cost of the events for the CA and also to keep down the cost of the tickets for you, we ask that you not take home the decorations. Please leave them intact on the tables. While some clubs and organizations hold drawings for their centerpieces at events, we do not do that since the arrangements are repurposed from event to event. Thank you for helping us with this matter!

Movie: *Divergent*

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.

Nonprofits Fair

Friday, February 20, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., SCB, FREE!



Be sure to mark your calendars for the upcoming Nonprofits Fair. Traditionally, we have more than 40 nonprofits participating. Talk to representatives of area organizations to see what services are available and whether there is a cause you are interested in supporting. Have a nonprofit that is near and dear to you that you would like to see participate? Have the organization contact Dick Baker at dick.baker@sctexas.org for registration information.

Horticulture Club Open House - NEW!

Saturday, February 21, 2-4 p.m.
Sun City Gardens, 141 Sun City Blvd.
Rain Date: Sunday, February 22, 2-4 p.m.



The Sun City Horticulture Club would like to invite all Sun City residents to an Open House on Saturday, February 21 from 2-4 p.m. at the Sun City Gardens, 141 Sun City Blvd. Come by the Gardens for a tour of our nursery, orchard, vineyard, and herb garden. Check out our computer-operated greenhouse. Find out why the Horticulture Club is one of the best clubs in Sun City. Refreshments will be served.

"Best of Follies"

Monday, February 23 - Saturday, February 28, 7 p.m., SCB, \$15 pp
Contact: Cindy Wright, omcindy@aol.com



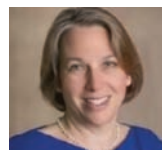
This year's "Best of Follies" will celebrate highlights from 16 years of Sun City Follies. With only one exception, AcTAG has produced a community Follies every year since 1998. Looking back at the DVD's of the past productions, we continue to be amazed at the talent Sun City offers, and we are proud to showcase the best of these performances.

Selecting numbers from over the years has been a long process involving prior directors, our music, dance, and comedy teams and, finally, the many Sun City residents who auditioned to perform those numbers anew. We believe the result will be a "Show of Shows," and we invite you to celebrate the outcome with us!

"Best of Follies" will run from February 23 - February 28 at 7 p.m. in the Ballroom. Director: Linn Ratcliff. Music Director: Rosemary Byers. Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased online, in the Member Services Office and at the door when available.

Protecting Mood, Memory and Cognition - NEW!

Presented by Lea Kraus Kadima Chapter of Hadassah
Wednesday, February 25, 7 - 9 p.m., CCF/G - \$5 pp*



This talk will focus on interventions that can help preserve mood, memory, and cognition including genetic risk factors for depression, cognitive impairment, and how vitamins and other things can help. Dr Hausman-Cohen has presented informative programs to Sun City residents numerous times. You don't want to miss this presentation.

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.

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*To RSVP, make checks payable to "Hadassah" and mail to: Laurel Kupperman, 115 Trinity Lane, Georgetown, 78633.

Walk-ins welcome if room is available. Open to all Sun City residents. Refreshments will be served. For more information, call Mary Ann Lish, 512-864-2425.

○ 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 is available at the Monitor's Desk through Thursday, February 26. There are also informational handouts at the Monitor's Desk.

VAC "Meet the Artist" Art Show - NEW!

Sunday, March 1, 2 p.m., AC, FREE



The Visual Arts Club presents its annual "Meet the Artist" Art Show and Reception Sunday, March 1 from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Activities Center. This event showcases original, affordable artwork in a variety of mediums. You will find oils, watercolors, acrylics, Chinese brush, pastels and more! Come and enjoy light refreshments and demonstrations while you meet the artists and view the show, which runs through Friday, April 17.

○ Matt Barber - Easy Listening Performance

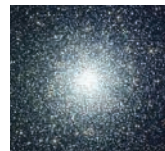
Wednesday, March 11, 7 - 8 p.m., SCB, \$10 pp
 Reserved Seating by Tables



Born in Peoria, Illinois, Matt took a deep interest in singing at the age of 10, listening to his father Mark, a radio announcer on Oldies 101.3 KUUL-FM in Davenport, Iowa. Matt Barber sings easy listening songs from the 1940s -1990s. He travels around the world performing songs reminiscent of Glenn Miller and Tommy Dorsey.

○ Astronomy Lecture - NEW!

Star Clusters presented by Ken Van Lew
 Monday, March 16, 9 a.m., SCB, \$5 pp
 Open Seating Theater Style



Ken Van Lew will give a lecture on how stars tend to be gregarious. Although there are a few free-floating stars that don't even belong to a galaxy, most stars do orbit a galaxy center.

Globular clusters are composed of older yellow stars that orbit above and below the halo of the Milky Way. Galactic clusters are stars that group together and orbit only in the plane of the Milky Way disk.

○ Yale's Society of Orpheus and Bacchus A Cappella Music Performance

Wednesday, March 18, 7 - 8:15 p.m., SCB, \$10 pp
 Open Seating, Theater Style



This Ivy League group harmonizes jazz, rock, and a cappella barbershop and they will perform two thirty-minute sets with a 15 minute intermission in between. They have serenaded the sunset on the shores of Aruba and the President's Chief of Staff at the White House. Their tight-knit harmonies and unique sense of humor, combined with 76 years of experience, make a delightful performance for all to enjoy.

○ Spring Vendor Fair - NEW!

Friday, March 20, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., SCB & SCPL



The event that brings local area businesses to your backyard! Enjoy meeting the newest business owners in Georgetown and the surrounding area and make contact with those who have served Sun City for years! Come shop and talk, or just stop by!

Spring Plant Sale - NEW!

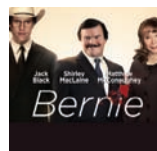
Saturday, March 21, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Sun City Gardens, 141 Sun City Blvd.



The Horticulture Club will hold their Spring Plant Sale on Saturday, March 21 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Sun City Gardens, 141 Sun City Blvd. Shrubs and bedding plants, perennials and annuals, vegetables and herbs will be for sale. There will be drought-tolerant and deer-resistant varieties available, with a focus on Texas native and adapted plants. Come early for the best selection. Back To Nature Cotton Burr Compost, hardwood mulch, and the club's own brewed compost tea will also be for sale.

○ Movie: *Bernie*

Wednesday, March 25, 6 p.m., SCB, \$5 pp
 Rated PG-13; 104 Minutes, Offbeat Comedy
 Reserved Seating by Tables



In small-town Texas, an affable mortician strikes up a friendship with a wealthy widow, though when she starts to become controlling, he goes to great lengths to separate himself

Events continued on the next page

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EVENTS

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from her grasp. Starring: Jack Black, Shirley MacLaine and Matthew McConaughey. Soda and snacks will be provided, feel free to bring your own beverages and snacks.

○ **Movie: *Unbroken* - NEW!**

Wednesday, April 1, 6 p.m., SCB, \$5 pp
Rated PG-13; 137 Minutes, Biography, Drama, Sport
Reserved Seating by Tables



After a near-fatal plane crash in WWII, Olympian Louis Zamperini spends a harrowing 47 days in a raft with two fellow crewmen before he's caught by the Japanese navy and sent to a prisoner-of-war camp. Soda and snacks will be provided; feel free to bring your own.

○ ***Riders on the Orphan Train* - Musical Ballads - NEW!**

Wednesday, April 8, 7 p.m., SCB, \$8 pp
Reserved Seating by Tables



The one-and-a-half-hour multi-media presentation, *Riders on the Orphan Train*, tells the story of the 250,000 orphans and unwanted children who were put on trains in New York between 1854 and 1929 and sent all over the United States to be given away.

The presentation is comprised of original music, an audio-visual presentation of archival photographs and interviews with two surviving orphan train riders (a man who came to Berryville, Arkansas and a woman who came to Greenville, Texas). The presentation is followed by a dramatic recitation from the new novel *Riders on the Orphan Train* by Alison Moore.

After the presentation, there will be an informal discussion led by Alison Moore and Phil Lancaster about the origin and demise of the largest child migration in history and the part it played in the formation of the American Dream.

○ **Garage Sale - NEW!**

Saturday, April 11, 8 a.m. - 12 noon, SCPL
\$45 Booth Space



Is it time to get rid of things you no longer need or use? Do you have things cluttering your home and garage?

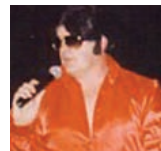
Twice a year, Sun City Texas hosts a public garage sale. The Garage Sale is a great event for shopping, buying and selling household items. All Garage Sale spaces are the size of a parking space. Select and purchase your space online or at the Member Services Office.

- All spaces are \$45 and include a table.
- Set-up time for booths is Friday, April 10, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- No setup or vehicle traffic in booth area on Saturday morning.
- Security officers will be onsite to patrol the sale area from 3 p.m. Friday to 8 a.m. Saturday; however, the safety and security of your sale items cannot be guaranteed.
- It is advisable to cover all items due to weather hazard.
- For donation pick up, call Dick Lesh, 512-864-2499.

NO EARLY SALES! Garage Sale set-up time is on Friday, April 10 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Garage Sale is open for shoppers on Saturday, April 11 from 8 a.m. to noon. We will not allow any set up on Saturday morning and no items will be sold prior to 8 a.m. Saturday, April 11. These rules were designed with safety in mind for all participants and the rules will be enforced.

Nostalgia Impersonations - Comedy Show - NEW!

Wednesday, April 29, 7 p.m., SCB, \$10 pp
Reserved Seating by Tables



Randy Riggle is back and this time he is doing hilarious impersonations with clean humor and observations on everyday life, and material that has been performed at such places as the Flamingo and MGM Grand Hotels in Las Vegas to the world famous IMPROV comedy clubs throughout the U.S. He has opened for Jerry Seinfeld, Dennis Miller, Kenny Chesney, Ellen DeGeneres, and Jerry Lewis.

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		

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Valentine's Day Dance

Off the Record - Rock N Roll

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
 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.

The Eggmen - '60s Cover Band

Friday, March 6, 7 - 10 p.m. SCB, \$10 pp
 Reserved Seating by Tables



I'm a Believer that you will enjoy John, Tommo, Nigel, Basil, and Davy, collectively known as The Eggmen. The Eggmen not only sound like the Beatles, they dress, speak and perform like the Fab Four as well. The Eggmen play authentic instruments, including amps by Vox; guitars by Rickenbacker / Gretsch Epiphone / Hofner etc. and drums by Ludwig (vintage mid-sixties). Their Liverpudlian accents and vocal abilities are without equal. The Eggmen have won Best Cover Band ten times from the Austin Chronicle Music Awards. Come out and dance the night away.

RESERVED SEATING BY TABLES

Selection by table number only

OPEN SEATING

General admission; no advance table or seat selection

Somewhere in Texas

Friday, March 27, 7 - 10 p.m., SCB, \$10 pp
 Reserved Seating by Tables



Yee-haw!! Somewhere in Texas is bringing hits to our ballroom ranging from Bob Wills through today's country favorites. They bring the best in vocals and instrumentation and a beat that's gonna lead you straight to the dance floor. You are gonna wanna "*Stay a little longer; dance all night, dance a little longer.*"

**Little Beverly and the Shades
 - Oldies - NEW!**

Friday, April 3, 7 - 10 p.m., SCB, \$10 pp
 Reserved Seating by Tables



This local band loves to play '50s and '60s rock-and-roll dance music. They came to Sun City in 2014, and the crowd asked for them to come back. Come listen and dance as this six-piece band plays some of your favorite tunes.

**People's Choice -
 Country Western - NEW!**

Friday, April 17, 7 - 10 p.m., SCB, \$10 pp



Reserved Seating by Tables

People's Choice is back with their high energy dance music. They have been playing to audiences around Texas for decades and they are one of Sun City's most requested bands. People's Choice knows what type of music we like and how to mix up the night!

DANCE ETIQUETTE

Dance powder, dust or wax is **NOT** allowed on our Social Center Ballroom floor. These substances cause the floor to be very slippery and dangerous.



OUTINGS

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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 Betty Werner. Congratulations, Betty!! 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.

Once - Bass Concert Hall - Austin

Dinner on Your Own

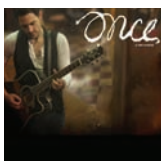
Wednesday, February 25

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

OR

Sunday, March 1, \$90 pp

Depart SCPL 3:45 p.m.; Return 10 p.m.



1 Join us for an evening of fun at the award-winning musical *Once*. This musical has entertained audiences nonstop during its three year history and has won eight Tony Awards including Best Musical in

2012. With no glorious staging or special effects, *Once* uses a minimalist approach designed for you to relate more personally with the actors. The only stationary set is a bar with scene changes accomplished with lighting and props. The actors are also musicians and even provide all the live music for the play.

This romantic performance intertwines the story of personal love and musical dreams. *Once* is a Guy-Meets-Girl story with

unlikely partners. Guy is a depressed Irish musician recovering from a break up, and Girl is a precocious Czech pianist in a complicated relationship. Watch these two develop as characters and musicians until the very end of the story. More information is available on the website www.oncemusical.com.

Prior to the performance, we will stop at The Domain in Austin for dinner on your own.

Ticket cost includes transportation and orchestra seating.

Volunteer Trip Leaders:

Mary Hoverson (February 25)

Bobbi Heuss (March 1)

Texas History - San Antonio

Mission Concepcion, Briscoe Western Musuem, The Alamo

Lunch on Your Own

Thursday, March 5, \$53 pp

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



2 Texas victories in Gonzales, Goliad, and San Antonio during the fall and winter of 1835 make up the first part of the Texas Revolution; the second phase centers on the Mexican invasion of Texas. Taking the Presidio

La Bahia and then San Antonio de Bexar brought the wrath of General Santa Anna to bear upon the Texans, leading to the ultimate price for freedom at the Battle of the Alamo.

Explore these historical sites: Mission Concepcion – site of the first major engagement of the revolution; The Briscoe Western Museum – home to an amazing diorama depicting the battle at the Alamo, plus a collection of Western art and artifacts; and The Alamo – the shrine to Texas Independence.

We will make a morning coffee stop at Buc-ee's. At 12:30 p.m. enjoy 'lunch on your own' at The River Center Mall.

After lunch we will see the IMAX movie, *The Price of Freedom - Battle of the Alamo*. A short walk across the street brings us to our self-guided audio tour of The Alamo and a Q & A session with an Alamo historian.

Ticket cost includes transportation, entrance fees, movie, and audio tour.

Volunteer Trip Leader: Jerilee Prather

ASO - Russian Composers - Long Center - Austin

Dinner - P. F. Chang's

Friday, March 6, \$108 pp

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



Join us for a wonderful evening as the Austin Symphony Orchestra features some of the greatest Russian composers ever to put notes to paper. Guest performer will be the lovely and extremely talented pianist Olga Kern. The

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Washington Post commented, “Her electricity at the keyboard is palpable, and though she generates from the music itself, as it flows through her fingers it takes on fresh voltage that is unmistakably hers.”

Program includes: Shostakovich’s *Festive Overture*; *Baba-Yaga* by Anatoly Liadov; Rachmaninoff’s *Rhapsody on a Theme of Paganini*; *Overture on Hebrew Themes* by Prokofiev, and Tchaikovsky’s *Francesca da Rimini*.

Our evening begins at P. F. Chang’s where we will be treated to Chicken Lettuce Wraps, Crab Wontons, Spicy Chicken, Sesame Chicken, Mongolian Beef, Crispy Honey Shrimp, Egg Drop Soup and assorted desserts.

We will arrive at the Long Center in time for Bob Buckalew’s pre-concert talk at 7:10 p.m.

Ticket cost includes transportation, dinner, pre-concert talk, and performance.

Volunteer Trip Leader: Valerie Weis

John Mellencamp – Bass Concert Hall – Austin
Sunday, March 8, \$110 pp
Dinner on Your Own
Depart SCPL 4:30 p.m.; Return 10:30 p.m.
Ticket Purchase Deadline: Monday, February 23



According to Texas Performing Arts, “Grammy-winning musician John Mellencamp has touched the heart and souls of music listeners and influenced American culture with enduring song. He is also one of the most successful live concert performers in the world.

“A man with a conscience, he used his visibility and influence to advocate an issue that hit close to home and became one of the founding members of Farm Aid, an organization that began in 1985 to raise awareness about the loss of family farms. The Farm Aid concerts have raised over \$45 million to promote a resilient family farm system of agriculture.”

Prior to the performance, we will stop at The Domain in Austin for dinner on your own. Choose from a myriad selection of restaurants including California Pizza Kitchen, Cru, Daily Grill, Gloria’s, Maggiano’s Little Italy, North, and Urban.

Ticket cost includes transportation, orchestra seat tickets, and link to a digital download of Mellencamp’s new album, *Plain Spoken*.

Volunteer Trip Leader: Flo Zydowicz

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Cajun Country Tour - Lafayette, LA

Monday, March 9 - Saturday, March 14

\$670 pp double occupancy; \$760 pp single occupancy

Depart The Oaks Monday 8 a.m.;

Return Saturday 5 p.m.

Ticket purchase deadline: Friday, February 20



This is the trip you have heard about from your friends and neighbors - Cajun Country - Land of Bon Temps. Enjoy the food, see the alligators and the egrets; visit plantations,

historic homes and swamps.

Monday: Stops along the way to LA – The Village Market, St. Carmine, TX; lunch at Golden Corral, Beaumont (included); afternoon stop in Jennings, LA to play with an alligator or two. After hotel check-in at the Wingate by Wyndham in Lafayette, dinner at Prejean's (included).

Tuesday: Acadia Cultural Center, Jean Lafitte National Park for a movie and museum visit; lunch in Vermillion Ville at La Cuisine (included); Mouton House at the Lafayette Museum; Borden's Ice Cream Shoppe; dinner on your own at Deano's pizza.

Wednesday: Second longest bridge in the US; McGee's Landing; lunch on your own at Crawfish Town USA (includes tour and demo of crawfish cleaning and preparation); Longfellow-Evangeline State Historic Site; dinner at Don's Seafood (included).

Thursday: Konriko Rice Mill; Shadows-on-the-Teche, an antebellum sugar plantation; lunch at Bon Creole (best Poboys in Louisiana); Avery Island tour of the Tabasco Factory and Country Store; dinner on your own.

Friday: Bayou Teche museum; Delcambre Canal shrimp docks; lunch at Jefferson Restaurant (Choices: seafood gumbo and chef salad; chicken and sausage gumbo and 1/2 loco turkey sandwich; crawfish bisque and ¼ muletta); Rip Van Winkle Gardens; Joseph Jefferson plantation home; dinner on your own.

Saturday: Back to Sun City

Ticket cost includes transportation, hotel, admissions to all venues, daily breakfasts, four lunches and two dinners.

Volunteer Trip Leader: *Judy Schlobohm*

Texas History - Gonzales

Lunch -Which Wich Box Lunch

Wednesday, March 18, \$53 pp

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



On October 2, 1835, eighteen townsmen, forever linked with heroes of the revolution, stood on the banks of the Guadalupe River and refused to give up their small cannon to the Mexican Army.

The Texians carried a battle flag showing a cannon on a white background with words that would echo through the years, "Come and Take It."

Explore the beginnings of the Texas Revolution touring these famous sites: Gonzales Memorial Museum built to commemorate the Immortal 32 who died at the Alamo; Gonzales Battlefield where the first shot was fired and the battle began; the Braches plantation home and the Sam Houston Oak where Sam Houston received news the Alamo had fallen and gave orders to begin the Runaway Scrape; and the Hamon Church in Pioneer Park where the ghosts of former congregations are said to gather as visitors settle into the pews.

Independence Park will be our noon stop for a box lunch from Which Wich. Select a sandwich choice when purchasing tickets. Options: roast beef with cheddar; ham with Swiss; OR turkey with pepper jack. Wheat bread, lettuce and tomato for all sandwiches; chips, cookie, condiments and bottled water included. We will also make a morning coffee stop at Buc-ee's before our tours begin.

Ticket cost includes transportation, tours, and lunch.

Volunteer Trip Leader: *Jerilee Prather*

Houston - Ridiculous to Sublime! - Two Night Overnight

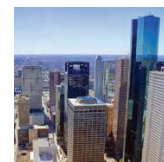
Thursday, March 26 - Saturday, March 28

\$336 pp double occupancy; \$426 pp single occupancy

Depart SCPL Thursday, 9 a.m.; Return Saturday, 4 p.m.

Ticket Purchase Deadline: Friday, February 27

(limited to 40 passengers)



Not an ordinary tour, come see "Hidden Houston" as well as some of the great attractions that made this city famous.

Thursday: Lunch stop at Chappell Hill BBQ (included) in Brenham for your choice of meat and sides. Then we visit Bayou Bend, the enchanting home and gardens of Ima Hogg. Then it is the opposite extreme as we see the outside of a house totally covered in beer cans! Finally we will go to a huge Asian market where you can experience a grocery that sells things you may have never seen before. Dried squid, anyone? Our hotel for two nights is the Memorial City Westin Hotel. Connected to a large shopping center via a sky walk, you will have your choice of restaurants for dinner on your own – everything from fast food to upscale dining.

Friday: After breakfast at the hotel (included), we head to the National Museum of Funeral History, which contains a fascinating collection of funeral objects, including old hearses. At our next stop, half of our group will go to lunch at Treebeards Restaurant, located within a church. Meanwhile, the other half will enjoy a docent-led trip to underground Houston, a tunnel system running for miles under the city and housing

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businesses and restaurants. An elevator ride to the top of the tallest building in the city will provide a panoramic view of Houston. We will switch venues so that both groups get to eat and tour the underground. Afterwards, we will return to the hotel, where you may choose to go to Town and Country mall or to a restaurant near the hotel for dinner on your own.

Saturday: After hotel breakfast (included) we will go to the Houston Museum of Natural Science. It will be a glorious finale to our trip, because following this we will head home to Sun City! Ticket cost includes transportation, hotel, tour admissions, 2 breakfasts, and 1 lunch.

Volunteer Trip Leader: Bobbi Heuss

Fredericksburg, and Wild Seed Farm

Lunch on Your Own

Tuesday, March 31, \$25 pp

Depart SCPL 8:30 a.m.; Return 6:30 p.m.



2 Gardeners, shoppers and history buffs will find something of interest on this trip! Our first stop is Wild Seed Farms for a leisurely tour of the grounds. Visit the nursery; check out the award-winning

wildflower seeds, garden accessories, specialty foods, and many other items. Pick up wildflower seeds to scatter or plant around your home. After ninety minutes at the Farms we will then leave for downtown Fredericksburg for lunch on your own, shopping at the over 150 shops and enjoying the sites this award winning town has to offer. There are many choices for lunch and comfortable areas for sitting and people watching while you make new friends, and there will be plenty of storage on the bus for your purchases.

Save room for pie and coffee! After touring Fredericksburg we will stop for "Pie Happy Hour" at the famous Blue Bonnet Café in Marble Falls.

Ticket cost includes transportation only.

Volunteer Trip Leader: Cheryl Jakubowski

Hangar Hotel/Garrison Distillery - Fredericksburg - NEW!

Lunch on Your Own

Wednesday, April 1, \$37 pp

Depart SCPL 7:45 a.m.; Return 6 p.m.



1 What could be nicer on a spring day than a drive through bluebonnet country? First we will visit the Hangar Hotel in Fredericksburg, a one-of-a-kind hotel that looks like an airplane hangar from WWII on the city airport grounds.

Once inside, take a step back in time to the 1940s as we tour the opulent rooms, the Observation Deck where we can watch

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- **Christmas in New York and the Hudson Valley**
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Radio City Christmas Spectacular, Broadway Show, 9-11 Museum, Statue of Liberty, Ellis Island, West Point, FDR Home and Library and the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park.



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“fly-ins,” and the old-time Airport Diner.

Our next stop will be the Fischer and Wieser Culinary Store with its many fine sauces and jellies. Lunch will be on your own along downtown Main Street. A map and tips on places to eat will be provided.

After lunch, we will head to Hye, Texas for our “Sit and Sip” guided tour of the Garrison Brothers Distillery. Garrison’s Cowboy Bourbon was named micro whiskey of the year in 2013. We will tour the stillhouse, smell the corn and observe the barrel barn.

Ticket cost includes transportation and tours.

Volunteer Trip Leader: Ellen Mire

Texas History -

Washington-on-the-Brazos - NEW!

Lunch - Martha’s Bloomers

Thursday, April 2, \$56 pp

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

Ticket Purchase Deadline: Wednesday, March 25



As the forces of General Santa Anna laid siege to the Alamo, a courageous group of Texas men gathered in a small rough-hewn building on the banks of the Brazos River to write a new constitution and declare

Texas independence from Mexico. Hear the story of “Where Texas Became Texas” at Washington-on-the-Brazos, a story of quill pens and Bowie knives.

Our story begins at Fanthorp Inn State Historic Site, a wonderfully preserved example of a 19th century country inn and stagecoach stop. Yes, Sam Houston did sleep here, as well as Robert E. Lee and Ulysses S. Grant.

Lunch is next at Martha’s Bloomers – an amazing combination of home and garden décor, gourmet food items and beautiful tea room. Choose one of the following plated lunches when you purchase your ticket: Chicken salad croissant sandwich with tomato bisque soup and peach cobbler OR Honey ham croissant sandwich with garden potato soup and cherry cobbler. Coffee or tea and a little browsing are included with your lunch.

We finish our story at Independence Hall, where 59 Texas delegates stood their ground and pushed through fear and uncertainty to create an independent Texas Republic. Our visit includes a 35-minute program followed by a tour the Star of the Republic Museum, an award-winning museum featuring the history of ordinary Texans and extraordinary events.

Ticket cost includes transportation, tours, and lunch.

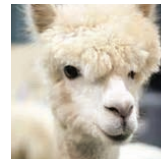
Volunteer Trip Leader: Jerilee Prather

Peeka Alpaca Ranch and Blue Bell Creamery - Burton and Brenham - NEW!

Lunch on Your Own

Tuesday, April 7, \$34 pp

Depart SCPL 7:30 a.m.; Return 5:30 p.m.



Andean mythology says that Alpacas were loaned to us by the gods, to be left on earth for only as long as they were properly cared for and respected. Today we explore this lore and learn more about these wonderful creatures

as we tour the barns and wool rooms with the owners of Peek a Ranch. Tucked into the rolling hills of Burton, this ranch is home to more than sixty fuzzy Alpacas, each named for their unique bloodlines and individual personalities. Petting and feeding is allowed and springtime means “little ones,” so don’t forget your camera. After our tour there will be time for perusing the Ranch Store for alpaca yarns, clothing, and gifts.

Note: We will make a stop in Carmine at The Village Market for coffee before going out to the Peek a Ranch.

After Peek a Ranch, the historical courthouse square in Brenham is our stop for lunch on your own. Maps for the cafés, shops and historical attractions will be provided.

Save room for dessert, because the Blue Bell Creamery is our final destination. Following a short film and a guided tour of the plant, we will be treated to a scoop of delicious Blue Bell ice cream.

Ticket cost includes transportation, tours, and ice cream.

Volunteer Trip Planner: Jerilee Prather

The Last Five Years - Penfold Theater - Austin - NEW!

Thursday, April 9, \$40 pp

Depart SCPL 6:15 p.m.; Return 10:30 p.m.



The Last Five Years is a play that received critics’ acclaim as “flawless,” “the sort of production that audiences are lucky to see – unique, intimate, beautiful, painful, and wonderful,” “a piece with feeling, sophistication,

and great entertainment value,” and one in which “every disappointment registers in vivid, personal detail.”

This is the musical story of the five-year relationship between Jamie, a rising novelist, and Cathy, a struggling actress, who get married and discover that their passions and priorities often collide. In an interesting form of presentation, Cathy tells her story starting at the end and working toward the beginning, and Jamie tells his story from the beginning working toward the end. The only time the two players directly interact is during their wedding song when their timelines intersect. The small venue of the Penfold allows us to respond to the characters as if we know them personally.

Ticket cost includes transportation and play. Only 25 tickets will

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be sold for this special evening.

Volunteer Trip Leader: Bobbi Heuss

ASO - Violin and Cello - Long Center - Austin - NEW!

Dinner - Carmelo's

Friday, April 10, \$113 pp

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

Ticket Purchase Deadline: Thursday, April 2



The Austin Symphony Orchestra once again presents an outstanding program, this time featuring Bolivian-born violinist Jaime Laredo and American-born cellist Sharon Robinson. For 35 years, the storybook

romance of this impressive duo has been expressed in every facet of their lives. Joyous and sophisticated music making, both separately and together, has earned them many devoted fans the world over. Combining international careers and a multifaceted home life both in Vermont and Ohio, theirs is a bond of both close personal affection and strong dedication to music.

The program will include Antonin Dvorak's *Czech Suite in D Major*; Andre Previn's *Concerto for Violin and Cello*, and *Enigma Variations* by Sir Edward Elgar.

The evening begins with dinner at Carmelo's, a favorite of Sun City symphony attendees. Carmelo's combination of lasagna, tortellini with cream sauce, and rigatoni with meatballs, followed by a luscious dessert, is sure to please. Soft drink, tax and tip are included.

We will arrive at the Long Center in time for the always enjoyable and informative pre-concert talk by Bob Buckalew.

Ticket cost includes transportation, dinner, pre-concert talk, and symphony program.

Volunteer Trip Leader: Valerie Weis

Crimes of the Heart - Fredericksburg Theater - NEW!

Lunch on Your Own

Sunday, April 12, \$50 pp

Depart SCPL 9:30 a.m.; Return 7 p.m.



Known for "Off Broadway Experience in the Charm of the Hill Country," Fredericksburg Theater Company presents *Crimes of the Heart*, a story about the ties that

bind and the ties that lead to crimes of passion.

The story begins in a small Mississippi town where the three Magrath sisters have gathered to await news of their dying grandfather. Lenny, the oldest, is unmarried and has no prospects on the horizon. Meg, the middle sister, is back after a failed singing career, and Babe, the youngest, is out on bail after shooting her husband. Their troubles, grave and yet somehow hilarious, are highlighted by their priggish cousin Chick and by the young lawyer who is trying to keep Babe out of jail while helplessly falling in love with her. Winner of the 1981 Pulitzer Prize, the big-hearted, zany, imaginative production will linger in your mind long after the curtain comes down.

Before the matinee, there will be time for lunch on your own and shopping in downtown Fredericksburg. Following the show we will make a stop at Wild Seed Farms for drinks and treats.

Ticket cost includes transportation and matinee.

Volunteer Trip Leader: Mary Hoverson

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Texas Independence Trail - San Felipe to San Jacinto - NEW!

The Hampton Inn - Rosenberg

Wednesday, April 15 - Friday, April 17

\$329 pp double occupancy;

\$428 pp single occupancy

Depart Cowan Creek Parking Lot Wednesday 7 a.m.

Return Friday 6:30 p.m.

Ticket Purchase Deadline: Tuesday, March 24



 Take a journey along The Independence Trail from San Felipe to San Jacinto. Visit the sites and hear the stories of the men and women who pioneered a new republic, forged a legendary spirit and created the Lone Star State of Texas.

Wednesday - Our story begins in Goliad at Presidio La Bahia, the world's finest example of a Spanish frontier fort and the most fought-over fort in Texas history. Next we visit the Fannin Monument, hear the story of the Angel of Goliad and explore the 1749 Mission de Espirito Santo.

At Fannin Creek Battle Grounds, site of the Battle of Coletto Creek, we will have a Which Wich box lunch (included). Choose from the following: Ham with Swiss OR Roast Beef with Cheddar OR Turkey with Pepper Jack. All sandwiches are on wheat bread with lettuce and tomato; chips, cookie and bottled water included.

After lunch we will drive through old town Victoria, hear a story of French settlement and stop for ice cream (included). The Hampton Inn in Rosenberg hosts our two-night stay and includes hot breakfasts each morning. Dinner is on your own at the Brazos Town Center with a nice array of restaurants and shops.

Thursday - Today's story begins in Richmond at The George Ranch Historical Park, a 23,000-acre working ranch settled in 1824 as part of Stephen F. Austin's original colony. Visit three homesteads, hear tales of early Texas and enjoy a chuckwagon BBQ lunch (included). Next is the Fort Bend Museum, including a tour of the cottage of Jane Long, considered the Mother of Texas. Before dinner you may rest at the hotel or take a short ride to the Baps Shri Swaminarayan Hindu Mandir, a masterpiece of intricate design and the first traditional Hindu temple of its kind in North America. Sugarland Towne Square is our destination for dinner on your own and offers a wide array of international dining choices and specialty shopping.

Friday - The final story takes place at The San Jacinto Monument, Museum and Battleground in Houston. Take a ride to the top of the monument for a bird's eye view of the historic battleground, explore the exhibits, and see the movie *Texas Forever! The Battle of San Jacinto*. Lunch is on your own in Katy. Choices: Panera Bread, Applebee's or Thai Cottage. After lunch, we will visit San Felipe de Austin, the social, economic and political center for the

original "Old Three Hundred." See where it all began and walk the path that led to Texas Independence.

Ticket cost includes transportation, 2 hotel nights with breakfasts, 1 box lunch, 1 BBQ lunch, 1 ice cream, and all admission fees.

Volunteer Trip Leader: *Jerilee Prather*


Wildflower Center and Barton Creek Mall - Austin - NEW!

Lunch on Your Own

Wednesday, April 22, \$32 pp

Depart SCPL 8:45 a.m.; Return 4 p.m.



 At the mention of the name "Lady Bird," bluebonnets and wildflowers immediately come to mind. Learn about the founding of the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center, the importance of native plants, and the water

conservation program on our docent-guided tour. After the hour-long tour, you will have time to wander on your own and shop for gifts, books and much more. As a bonus, the bluebonnets should be in full bloom.

After our history lesson of the Lady Bird Center, we travel to Barton Creek Mall where you are free to have lunch on your own or shop in one of their 180 stores. Anchor stores such as Nordstrom, Dillard's and Macy's await you. If you prefer, the AMC 14 Theater is located inside the mall, so you may want to enjoy a movie. Mall maps and current movie showings will be provided. You will have 2 ½ hours to roam.

Note: Bring a hat, water bottle and comfortable shoes for the outdoor wildflower tour. Many of the paths are over uneven gravel.

Ticket cost includes transportation and Wildflower Center entrance and tour.

Volunteer Trip Leader: *Ellen Mire*


Esther's Follies - Austin - NEW!

Dinner - Cantina Laredo

Thursday, April 23, \$72 pp

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



 Enjoy a delicious dinner and a hilarious show! Dinner will be a true taste of authentic Mexican cooking at Cantina Laredo. A special fajita buffet includes their famous fresh guacamole along with salsa, chips and

chili con queso followed by beef and chicken fajitas with all of the trimmings. You will be able to make your fajitas just the way you like them. Dessert choices are Mexican apple pie or a Mexican brownie. There will be ample time for you to purchase a beverage of your choice from the cash bar. Consider the special Sun City \$3 Casa Rita to complement your dinner with a Texas flair!

After dinner we will go directly to Esther's Follies for non-stop

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laughter. This show is a good mix of skits related to timely current events, magic that will amaze you, great music and incredible costumes – all with a Texas-sized sense of humor. The material is always fresh and funny. 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

All the Way - Zach Theater - Austin - NEW!

Dinner on Your Own

Saturday, April 25, \$98 pp

Depart SCPL 1 p.m.; Return 5:30 p.m.

Ticket Purchase Deadline: **Friday, April 10**



1 Remember *All the Way with LBJ*? This Tony Award-winning play deals with the larger-than-life character of Lyndon B. Johnson negotiating his role as President after Kennedy’s assassination. See Johnson as a

complicated, vulnerable, and emotionally needy man interacting with some of America’s most influential historical figures such as Martin Luther King, Jr., J. Edgar Hoover, George Wallace, Hubert Humphrey, and Robert McNamara. The setting is 1964, when the legislature was grappling with a massive civil rights bill and Vietnam loomed and divided the country. Using down-home, off-color humor, Johnson knew how to make deals, swap favors, twist arms, and employ blackmail-like techniques. Known to run roughshod over people as he felt necessary, he played whatever part it took to win the day. The playwright says, “It’s a play about the morality of politics and power,” and wonders, “How much leeway does a good intention give you to violate the law?” See the action unfold from November 22, 1963 up until the Democratic National Convention in 1964.

Following the matinee, we will stop at the Domain where you

can choose from a variety of restaurants for dinner on your own. Eat with your friends or join a group of us who will dine together.

Ticket cost includes transportation and orchestra seating.

Volunteer Trip Leader: Bobbi Heuss

Gault Archaeological Tour - near Florence - NEW!

Lunch - Schoepf’s BBQ - Belton

Monday, April 27, \$42 pp

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



We are going to Gault! You may have seen articles about the Gault Site in the *Austin American Statesman* as well as in our own *Sun Rays*. Right here in Central Texas,

this nationally and internationally acclaimed archaeological site is known for its huge number of artifacts from the Clovis culture, dating from about 11,000 years ago. Over 2.6 million artifacts from the site shed new light on the society of these oldest known people in the Americas.

The site had a long history of archaeological abuse, including paid digging and looting, and much of the upper strata was irreparably damaged. Thankfully, that is in the past, and the remaining area is now protected. We will get to walk through the excavation site and hear about its history and present-day expectations from Dr. Clark Wernecke, Executive Director of the Gault School of Archaeological Research. Dr. Wernecke has the gift of making his narrative interesting and entertaining as well as informative. After our visit to Gault, we will go to Schoepf’s in Belton for BBQ lunch.

Note: There will be much walking on this trip with no places to sit down and rest.

Ticket cost includes transportation, tour, and lunch.

Volunteer Trip Leader: Bobbi Heuss



Acting the part: The Follies of AcTAG

By Mike Gullickson

Fern Smith, Terry DuBoise and Kay Ward

PHOTOS BY SHERRY MCRAE

This year's Follies will feature highlights from shows between 1998 and 2014, otherwise known as *Best of Follies*. I'm not supposed to let you know the program (it's very hush, hush), so I won't mention All That Jazz or The Colors of My Life or What A Wonderful World we live in here in Sun City. In fact, I'll keep it a secret in Hernando's Hideaway.

The Follies consists of music, dance and comedy. It is age appropriate, which means you'll have some "mature" laughs and likely sing along with a few old favorites. Unfortunately, you'll have to save your dancing for home. The Follies is a long-running tradition in Sun City, with over 137 folks regularly participating. For this year's "Best of" show, rehearsals have been ongoing since the first of November, with performers taking only a two-week break at the holidays throughout that time. Rosemary Byers, who began as a co-director back in 2007, is serving as musical director. Linn Ratcliff directs.

The Follies is produced by the Sun City Texas Actors and Theatre Arts Guild (AcTAG), however, auditions for Follies are open annually to all who wish to perform. Those not satisfied by one performance a year should consider a full AcTAG membership, which offers participation in at least three full plays



Mike and Sherry Witte

per year. The spotlight-averse (set designers, lighting techs, seamstresses etc.) are also encouraged to consider joining. To learn more about AcTAG, contact Donna Sandercock at 512-240-4530 or grumpie@aol.com. *The Best*

of Follies will run February 23 through 28. Tickets are on sale now, online and at the Member Services Office, for \$15 each. A limited number of tickets available at the door, but once they're gone, they're gone, so buy yours now!

FEBRUARY PROGRAMS

Sit-n-Fit (pre-recorded)

Tuesdays / 10 a.m. & 3 p.m.

Fridays & Saturdays

10 a.m. & 2 p.m.

*See page 31 for live classes.

News & Views

Monday through Saturday

9 a.m., noon & 4 p.m.

BOD Workshop

Thursday, February 12, 1 p.m.

Rebroadcast at 6 and 8 p.m.

BOD Meeting

Thursday, February 26, 1 p.m.

Rebroadcast at 6 and 8 p.m. and

Wednesday, March 4 at 6 p.m.

What's on Channel 79?

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- Sun City Texas Town Halls, Board Meetings and Workshops
- New Resident Orientation dates and times
- Veterans Memorial Plaza engraved brick contact information
- Blood Drive information
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News & Views

News & Views is a weekly resident-produced TV show about people and events in Sun City Texas. Have ideas for interVIEWS? Send an email to newsandviews@sctexas.org.

FEBRUARY PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Broadcast Monday through Saturday at 9 a.m., noon and 4 p.m.

FEBRUARY FOCUS: Love and Marriage

FEBRUARY 2 - 7

We are promoting the ACTAG 2015 Follies production - after looking back over the years, they are bringing us the "Best of Follies."

FEBRUARY 9 - 14

We meet our 60-plus anniversary couples for 2015.

FEBRUARY 16 - 21

The Assistance League promotes "Bells, Books and Brunch," an event to be held in March.

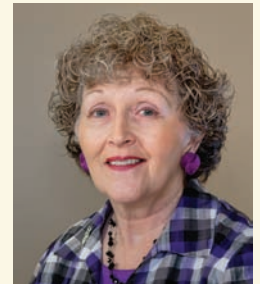
FEBRUARY 23 - 28

Our monthly spotlight shines on a great couple from Sun City Texas.

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Week Days:

6 a.m. to 9 p.m.

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Saturday: 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Sunday: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

New Resident Fitness Orientation (Required)

Cowan Creek | Tuesdays, 2 p.m.

Texas Drive | Tuesdays, 7 p.m.

No need to pre-register.

New members are required to attend Orientation prior to using the Fitness Centers or the swimming pools.

Fitness Center Information Line

512-948-7755

Pool and hot tub closings, class cancellations, inclement weather and other pertinent information updated throughout each day.

Children's Swim Time

For Kids Ages 4-15 years

OCTOBER - MARCH

1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Daily

Indoor Pool

Children's Age Restrictions

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

Mr. Etiquette



"Please take all cell phone conversations outside unless you want us to listen and join in."

Remember, Mr. Etiquette is watching.



Fitness Lecture

Spine Health: Back to the Basics



Friday, February 27, 2 p.m., SCB

Purchase your \$2 ticket today at either Fitness Center.

Dr. Glenn Harper of Seton Brain & Spine Institute Neurosurgery will be the guest speaker.

Topics:

- Learn about contributing factors of back pain
- Explore treatment options from non-invasive to surgical intervention
- Discover lifestyle modifications to optimize treatment

Stay on Track with your New Year's Resolutions

Don't let your New Year's resolutions end in January this year. At the Sun City Texas Fitness Centers, we know you can accomplish your objectives; we see people meeting and exceeding their goals every day. We want you to continue the New Year right and feel the power, strength and the "high" from the release of endorphins that occurs when you have the right workout plan. The Fitness Centers have all the tools you need for success. Whether you are interested in weights, cardiovascular machines, fitness classes, aqua exercise, weight loss programs or a nice relaxing massage, we have you covered! Not sure where to start? That is why we are here! Come to a Fitness



Center Orientation, Group Fitness Tutorial, free Equipment Demonstration, or schedule a consultation with a personal trainer to achieve your goals for 2015.

Group Fitness Tutorial

Monday, February 9, 10 a.m., Cowan Creek

In the Group Fitness Tutorial, Sun City Texas Group Fitness Coordinator Whitney Alexander 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.

Personal Training Tutorial

Monday, February 9, 9 a.m. Cowan Creek

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

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Slim Down Workout 7:15 a.m. - Donna	Sunrise Yoga 6:30 a.m. - Rhonda	Slim Down Workout 7:15 a.m. - Donna	Sunrise Yoga 6:30 a.m. - Rhonda	Slim Down Workout 7:15 a.m. - Donna	Pilates 9 a.m. - Nancy / Allison
Low Impact 8 a.m. - J.B.	Balance Body 8 a.m. - J.B.	Low Impact 8 a.m. - Allison	Balance Body 8 a.m. - J.B.	Low Impact 8 a.m. - Beth	Fun/Fit Aqua 9:15 a.m. - Beth
Splash Dance 8 a.m. - Marnie	Fun/Fit Aqua 8 a.m. - Kathy	Splash Dance 8 a.m. - Marnie	Fun/Fit Aqua 8 a.m. - Pat	Splash Dance 8 a.m. - Marnie	Step Plus 10:25 a.m. - Leslie
Cardio Sculpt 9:15 a.m. - Leslie	Low Impact 9:15 a.m. - J.B.	Cardio Sculpt 9:15 a.m. - Leslie	Low Impact 9:15 a.m. - Allison	Cardio Sculpt 9:15 a.m. - Leslie	
Aqua Fit 9:15 a.m. - Louise	Aqua Fit 9:15 a.m. - Louise	Aqua Fit 9:15 a.m. - Louise	Aqua Fit 9:15 a.m. - Louise	Aqua Fit 9:15 a.m. - Louise	
Aqua Conditioning 10:30 a.m. - Kathy	Strength 10:30 a.m. - Marilynn	Sit-n-Fit 10:30 a.m. - Peggy	Strength 10:30 a.m. - Marilynn	Sit-n-Fit 10:30 a.m. - Peggy	
Shape & Tone 11:45 a.m. - Leslie	Twinges 'n Hinges 10:30 a.m. - Ann	Aqua Conditioning 10:30 a.m. - Allison	Twinges 'n Hinges 10:30 a.m. - Ann	Shape & Tone 11:45 a.m. - Leslie	
Aqua for Balance 12:30 p.m. - Julie	Gentle Breath Yoga 11:45 a.m. - Joy	Shape & Tone 11:45 a.m. - Leslie	Gentle Breath Yoga 11:45 a.m. - Joy	Aqua for Balance 12:30 p.m. - Julie	
Sit-n-Fit 12:50 p.m. - Peggy	Adv. Aqua Fitness 12 p.m. - Leesa	Aqua for Balance 12:30 p.m. - Julie	Adv. Aqua Fitness 12 p.m. - Leesa	Stretching 101 1 p.m. - Marilynn	
Aqua Fit Lite 1:45 p.m. - Anna	Beginner Zumba 1 p.m. - Taryn	Abs & Back 1 p.m. - Marilynn	Tai Chi 12:50 p.m. - Louis	Aqua Fit Lite 1:45 p.m. - Anna	
Pilates 2 p.m. - Peggy	Intermed. Zumba 2 p.m. - Taryn	Aqua Fit Lite 1:45 p.m. - Anna	Zumba Toning 2 p.m. - Taryn	Pilates 2 p.m. - Peggy	
Gentle Yoga 3:15 p.m. - Anna	Circuit Training 3:15 p.m. - Donna	Pilates 2 p.m. - Peggy	Circuit Training 3:15 p.m. - Donna	Gentle Yoga 3:15 p.m. - Anna	
Pelvic Floor 4:45 p.m. - Marika	Aqua for Balance 3:30 p.m. - Julie	All Levels Yoga 3:15 p.m. - Anna	Aqua for Balance 3:30 p.m. - Julie		
Sleep Better 6 p.m. - Marika	Integral Yoga 4:30 p.m. - Linda	CW Dance JB/Gregory 5 p.m. 2-Step 6 p.m. Foxtrot -	Yoga for Joints 4:30 p.m. - Amanda		
Fun/Fit Aqua 6 p.m. - Beth	Men's Pilates - Beg. 5:45 p.m. - Nancy	Fun/Fit Aqua 6 p.m. - Beth	Men's Pilates - Int. 5:45 p.m. - Nancy		
		Tai Chi 7:15 p.m. - Larry			

Power Cycle 6:30 a.m. - Marnie	Cycle Express 6:30 a.m. - Jan	Power Cycle 6:30 a.m. - Marnie	Cycle Express 6:30 a.m. - Jan	Power Cycle 6:30 a.m. - Marnie	Cycling 9 a.m. - Leslie
Beginner Yoga 8 a.m. - Kristen	Power Pilates 8 a.m. - Marnie	Beginner Yoga 8 a.m. - Kristen	Power Pilates 8 a.m. - Marnie	Beginner Yoga 8 a.m. - Kristen	
Cycle Express 9:15 a.m. - Victoria	Aqua Fit 8:45 a.m. - Leslie	Cycle Express 9:15 a.m. - Victoria	Aqua Fit 8:45 a.m. - Leslie	Cycle Express 9:15 a.m. - Victoria	
Slim Down Aqua 9:30 a.m. - Ann	Pilates 9 a.m. - Marnie	Slim Down Aqua 9:30 a.m. - Ann	Pilates 9 a.m. - Marnie	Slim Down Aqua 9:30 a.m. - Beth	
Step-n-Sculpt 10:30 a.m. - Leslie	Step Express 10 a.m. - Leslie	Step-n-Sculpt 10:30 a.m. - Leslie	Step Express 10 a.m. - Leslie	Step-n-Sculpt 10:30 a.m. - Leslie	
Fun/Fit Aqua 10:30 a.m. - Donna	Aqua Motivation 10:30 a.m. - Pat	Fun/Fit Aqua 10:30 a.m. - Donna	Aqua Motivation 10:30 a.m. - Pat	Fun/Fit Aqua 10:30 a.m. - Ann	
Beginner Pilates 11:45 a.m. - Anna	Cycle-n-Sculpt 11 a.m. - Leslie	Beginner Pilates 11:45 a.m. - Anna	Cycle-n-Sculpt 11 a.m. - Leslie	Beginner Pilates 11:45 a.m. - Anna	
Coached Lap 11:45 a.m. - Donna	Chair Yoga 12:15 p.m. - Jenny	Coached Lap 11:45 a.m. - Donna	Hatha Flow Yoga 12:15 p.m. - Jenny	Beginner Strength 12:45 p.m. - Don	
30-Min. Strength 1 p.m. - Donna	30 Min. Cycle 1:30 p.m. - Whitney	30-Min. Strength 1 p.m. - Donna	30 Min. Cycle 1:30 p.m. - Whitney	Balance & Strength 2 p.m. - Donna	
Senior Boot Camp 2 p.m. - Leslie	Strength & Stretch 2:15 p.m. - Jan	Senior Boot Camp 2 p.m. - Leslie	Strength & Stretch 2:15 p.m. - Jan		
Basic Step 3:15 p.m. - Leslie	Meditation Breath 3:30 p.m. - Jenny	Basic Step 3:15 p.m. - Leslie	Meditation 2 3:30 p.m. - Jenny		
Beginner Strength 4:45 p.m. - Don	Slim Down Series 4:45 p.m. - Beth W.	Beginner Cycle 4:45 p.m. - Don	Slim Down Series 4:45 p.m. - Beth W.		
	Senior Boot Camp 5:45 p.m. - Leslie	Beginner Yoga 5:45 p.m. - Anna	Senior Boot Camp 5:45 p.m. - Leslie		
	Aqua Boot Camp 5:45 p.m. - Beth W.		Aqua Boot Camp 5:45 p.m. - Beth W.		

FEBRUARY FITNESS CALENDAR

TEXAS DRIVE

KEY
 Aqua classes are identified by a droplet.
 Shaded classes require a special rate, as well as pre-registration.

COWAN CREEK

February 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!

30 minute Cycle

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 1-1:30 p.m. • CC
8 classes for \$22, February 3-26

A quick and great workout on indoor cycling bikes, which means a huge calorie burn in a low-impact, joint friendly environment. This class is great for beginners and avid cyclists who just want a quick ride. Series taught by Whitney.

Abs and Back Series

Wednesdays, 1-1:30 p.m. • TD
4 classes for \$12, February 4-25

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.

Aqua Boot Camp Series

Tuesdays and Thursdays
5:45-6:30 p.m. • CC
8 classes for \$24, February 3-26

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 and Fridays
12:30-1:30 p.m. • TD
12 classes for \$36, February 2-27

OR

Tuesdays and Thursdays
3:30-4:15 p.m. • TD

8 classes for \$24, February 3-26

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. • CC
4 classes for \$12, February 6-27

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. • CC
4 classes for \$12, February 4-25

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. • CC
4 classes for \$12, February 2-23

OR

Fridays, 12:45-1:30 p.m. • CC
4 session series for \$12, February 6-27

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. • CC
4 classes for \$16, February 4-25

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. • TD
4 classes for \$12, February 3-24

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 Yoga Series

Tuesdays, 12:15-1 p.m. • CC
4 classes for \$12, February 3-26

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 and Thursdays, 3:15-4 p.m. • TD
8 classes for \$24, February 3-26

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,

SERIES CLASS LOCATIONS KEY

TD - Texas Drive Fitness Center
CC - Cowan Creek Fitness Center

medicine ball, 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 and Wednesdays
11:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m. • CC
8 classes for \$24, February 2-25

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

Hatha Yoga Series

Thursdays, 12:15-1:15 p.m. • CC
4 classes for \$12, February 5-26

Hatha Flow uses breath to link a series of yoga poses in a flowing sequence. Students in this class should have previous experience with yoga postures and principals. Series led by Jenny.

Intermediate Zumba Series

Tuesdays, 2 - 2:50 p.m. • TD
4 classes for \$12, February 3-24

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

Meditation, Breath and Movement Series

Tuesdays, 3:30-4:30 p.m. • CC
4 classes for \$12, February 3-24

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 mediation exercises, and deep relaxation. Series taught by Jenny.

Meditation, Breath and Movement Series 2

Thursdays, 3:30-4:30 p.m. • CC
4 classes for \$12, February 5-26

Building on principles and techniques of meditation, this class is intended for students with an existing meditation practice. This class can be taken in addition to, or as an advanced version for graduates of the Level 1 Meditation Series on Tuesdays. Series taught by Jenny.

Pelvic Floor Series - Feldenkrais Method

Mondays, 4:45 - 5:45 p.m. • TD
4 classes for \$28, February 2-23

A slow moving, methodical class to strengthen the muscles around the pelvic floor. Series is based on the Feldenkrais method. Participants should be able to get on and off the ground. The class will be led by Marika, a Feldenkrais Practitioner®.

Pilates for Men Series - Beginner

Tuesdays, 5:45 - 6:45 p.m. • TD
4 classes for \$12, February 3-24

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. • TD
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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 and Thursdays
5:45-6:45 p.m. • CC
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Athlete of the Month *By Lynda Dufour*

Kent Denton is a Texan, born and bred. A tall, strapping man at the age of 71, he was reared in the small town of Merkel and educated at Abilene Christian University. He's an avid outdoorsman with a fondness for hunting and fishing, a family man with a particular soft spot for his six grandchildren, and a fan of Blue Bell Ice Cream.

"I like food in general," says a smiling Kent, patting his belly. He admits his fondness for food is the reason he managed to pack on 30 extra pounds during his career as a pharmaceutical sales representative with Upjohn. Sixteen years retired, the scale had climbed to 230 before he began working out with Sun City Personal Trainer Don Moore three years ago. Today, Kent's weight is down to 209, thanks to twice weekly workouts with Don at the Cowan Creek Fitness Center.

Kent says he sought the guidance of a personal trainer not just to lose weight, but also to tone muscles and rebuild stamina, core strength and mobility. As an added benefit, he's seen a notable improvement in both his blood pressure and cholesterol numbers. Right from the start, Don's expertise helped him pinpoint a weaker right leg, the result of a painful high school football injury.

"Kent has always been consistent in his training, so he is a great example for others," says Don. "A very important aspect of remaining healthy and improving one's mobility and balance is to exercise consistently. Exercising under the direction of a personal trainer ensures that people will work out in an effective and safe manner. I've created thirty-minute sessions for Kent that work the major muscle groups in his body. He has improved not only his overall strength but his health as well."

Don also notes the importance of an active lifestyle. "Kent has not become sedentary in his retirement," he adds. "As a trainer, I don't subscribe to the 'no pain, no gain' theory, but I do tell clients to 'use it or lose it.' Kent has adhered to that counsel."

According to Kent, Don keeps him focused and motivated to "build on his success" and not relapse to unhealthy habits. "Don changes my routine and keeps it interesting," says Kent. "That helps me accomplish my goals



Kent Denton

Personal Trainer: Don Moore

and keeps me moving forward. Exercise just helps me feel better in general. I always feel refreshed and have a great sense of accomplishment."



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Low Impact Aerobics

By Mike Gullickson

OK, so let's start out by saying *low impact* aerobics does not mean *low workout* aerobics. While you begin the series working at your own level, the goal is to raise your heart rate, working your way up to an increased level of health and fitness over time. Over what period of time depends on the person – as for yours truly, I was slumped down on the bench in 15 minutes, attempting to look like I was taking notes but mostly seeming like a tuckered out wimp trying to escape the rigors of class. My wife, however, managed to keep up with the other participants, and now plans to take the class whenever possible.

It was hard not to notice the excellent levels of fitness of the participants in this class, which can be attributed to the energetic intensity of the workout. If you're wondering where the "low" part comes in, you'll find it in fewer injuries and reduced strain the workout puts on your bones and joints (particularly the

hips, knees, spine and ankles). So while *low impact* aerobics *will* build endurance, improve strength and coordination, enhance mobility and balance, and boost your overall cardiovascular health, it won't leave you feeling injured, overwhelmed, or feeling like you've wasted your time.

On that last point, I have to say that I heartily agree! With music that gets you moving and a friendly instructor encouraging you to sashay, mambo, and march, march, march your way around the floor, this class will get your blood pumping, your calories burning, and (if you let it) your booty shaking.

The low impact aerobics class includes 45 minutes of warmup and continuous movement to music, followed by stretch and core exercises. Classes are offered Monday/Wednesday/Friday at 8 a.m. and Tuesday/Thursday at 9:15 a.m. It's a lively, interesting class with a lot of variety, sure to shake you up (or maybe just start you out) with a fun fitness routine.

Low Impact Aerobics
Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays
8 a.m.

Tuesdays and Thursdays
9:15 a.m.

Texas Drive Fitness Center

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Questions?

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



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My Dog Buddy

By David Clary

Editor's Note: Love comes in many forms; not to be underestimated is the special bond that exists between humans and their pets. Resident David Clary shares with us the story of his dog, Buddy.

It had been some time since my last dog had unexpectedly died and, as I missed having a dog, I decided to go to the local animal shelter in Tool, Texas - just to look around a bit.

I told the woman working at the shelter that I would like to see what kind of selection they had, so she took me back to the kennel area. As soon as she opened the door, what appeared to be hundreds of dogs of all sizes, shapes and colors immediately started jumping up and down against their fenced enclosures, barking, "Pick me! Pick me! Pick me!" All of them were vying for my attention - well, all of them except for one. There, laying off to the rear and pretending to be asleep

(but peeking with one eye to see what all the fuss was about), a single dog hung back. It wasn't a puppy, but it wasn't full-grown either. My guess was somewhere around three to four months old. With thick white hair (neither short nor long) and buff-colored ears, it observed without ever moving a muscle. Somewhat overwhelmed with all the dogs, I stepped back, took a deep breath, and decided to leave empty-handed.

All week long as I drove back and forth to work, I kept thinking about that one dog. The one who kept to himself, not a care in the world. When Saturday rolled around again, I decided to go back to the animal shelter to take another look. As before, all the dogs went into their routine, jumping up and down, barking, "Pick me! Pick me! Pick me!" And, as before, that one same dog lay quietly, pretending to sleep but watching care-

fully with one eye open.

I told the employee I wanted to see that one - the one back there keeping all to itself. She opened the gate to the kennel and told me to go ahead to the play yard out back, that she would meet me there. Minutes later, she came out with the pup. As soon as she set that dog down, it took off, lickety-split, running 90 miles an hour back and forth, non-stop, all around that yard. Finally, I hollered out, "Hey, Buddy! Slow down and come here so I can see you!" His big brown eyes sparkled. He had this funny smile on his face, and his tongue was hanging out his mouth. On our way home, I told him that was going to be his name - Buddy. There was already a nice kennel at home that I had built next to my storage barn when I built my house, ready and waiting for Buddy. It had a concrete pad, enclosed by a chain link fence, adjacent

to a huge oak tree that provided ample shade. The dog house matched my storage barn. My home sat on a channel of the lake, a heavily wooded property of about two and a half acres covered with huge oak trees. Buddy adapted quickly to his new surroundings.

I was amazed at how quickly Buddy learned the sound of my car, and how he was even faster to figure out when I'd be coming home from work. I could see him standing at the gate of his kennel before I even reached the corner of my street, his tongue hanging out and tail just a-wagging. As soon as I would open that gate, he'd be gone - running at lightning speed all over the property. One day, two cottontail rabbits were sitting outside the fence, gazing at Buddy. It was almost as if they were asking if he could come out and play. Buddy lay there dozing, but kept one eye on the rabbits, not overly concerned one way or the other. Later in the day, when I let Buddy out, he disappeared into the wooded lot next door. Abruptly, two cottontail rabbits came sprinting across the yard, Buddy just five seconds behind. They disappeared into the woods on the other side, only to reappear minutes later, Buddy still on the chase. This zigzag game of hide and seek quickly became a daily deal for all three creatures.

Buddy was a bright dog, and he knew there was more to the world than the wooded lots around him. I could search for him for hours, only to find him buried down to his rear in a nutria hole or armadillo den, trying to discover whatever might be inside. Other times, I'd find him blocks away, sitting on a neighbor's dock and barking at the fish. Though Buddy never had a worry in the world, he could sense when I was mad and make a break for the house, heading straight for his pen. There he'd sit, tongue hanging out, pretending to be asleep as though he had been there the whole time.

These adventures went on for many years, however, there came a day when I started noticing Buddy biting at his tail. Looking at it closer, I noticed something he'd clearly been after. I called my veterinarian. At the vet, they shaved the area, and concluded that a tumor was situated at the base of his tail. They suggested bobbing the tail to resolve the issue. Though I couldn't imagine Buddy without a tail, we decided it was the best option and scheduled the surgery for the upcoming Friday.

On the morning of the operation, I took Buddy in. The surgery would take a couple of hours and the vet had asked to keep him for observation. Later that day, I got a call - the veterinarian asked me to come back. As it turned out, when the vet shaved the whole area to prepare for surgery, he discovered that Buddy was riddled with cancers, making surgery a moot point. I asked him what options were available. The vet readily offered to get Buddy accepted to the A&M School of Veterinary Medicine, where veterinary students could try to resolve Buddy's illness with an assortment of "things." He would be kept there, in a cage, allowing students to work on him at their convenience, rather than me making trips back and forth. The vet informed me that I would probably get to visit him once in a while.

Buddy and I looked at each other. We both knew that this was not an option. Buddy wanted to enjoy being a dog as long as he could, and I wanted that for him as well.

Over the next few weeks, we carried on as best we could, though Buddy's energy was on a rapid decline. Neither of us could keep his sores clean, and it was becoming clear that the time was approaching.

Finally, I called the vet to make another appointment. I took off of work the whole week prior so Buddy and I could spend

just a few more days together. The day before his appointment, I told Buddy what to expect when we got to the vet, adding that I would be there with him the whole time. I filled up a tub with warm, soapy water to get him all gussied up. For once, he did not wimp out in water deeper than his feet.

On Friday morning it was time to go. Buddy knew that he always got to ride in the bed of the truck when we were going to the vet, and he headed straight for the vehicle. I helped him in. This time, however, my friend, Julie, came to drive the truck - I sat in the truck bed and rode alongside Buddy.

At the vet, Buddy was brought into the examining room, and I followed as usual. However, this time, the vet turned to me, saying, "David, this is where I draw the line. It is an emotional time and I do not allow pet owners in the examining room for this." I didn't know how to react or what to say, so I returned, dumbfounded, to sit in the waiting room. Several minutes later, the veterinarian came back out.

"David," he said, "Buddy won't let us near him." I replied, "I told him I would be there," and they showed me into the examining room. As soon as he saw me enter, Buddy calmed down. While we waited for the vet to administer the shot, I stroked his thick white hair. Buddy looked like he was pretending to be asleep, only this time, he didn't open his eye to see what all the fuss was about. I knew he was at peace. For weeks after I buried him, those two cottontail rabbits continued visiting Buddy's pen, sitting patiently as they waited for him to play. Fifteen years have passed since then, and I still find myself thinking about Buddy from time to time. Someday, I believe I will see him again. He'll be laying there, pretending to sleep, keeping one eye open to see what all the fuss is about.

February Tips for a Beautiful Water Wise Landscape

By Winola VanArtsdalen

Spring is coming! On average, the last frost date for our region is March 15, so begin trimming now (except oak trees) so as to have early jobs completed, giving you plenty of time to trim roses and perennials come late February and early March. Remember: you want to trim before new growth, so review information here and online, then get your tools sharpened and ready!

A great online resource is: <http://aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu/earthkind/landscape/proper-pruning-techniques/>.

For your health and your trees' as well, the best practice is to hire a certified arborist. Suggestions for trimming bushes and perennials are as follows:

WHEN TO TRIM

Evergreen: Best for shape when dormant in winter

Shrubs and Trees which Bloom on This Year's Growth (Vitex; crape myrtle): January and early February

Deciduous Trees and Shrubs (non-blooming): Late winter

Shrubs, Roses, Fruit Trees: Late winter/early spring

Spring flowering trees and shrubs (Roses): off season or after flower

Root-Hardy Shrubs: everything above ground when new growth seen

Fall Blooming Perennials (Mexican mint marigold; Copper Canyon daisy; Mexican bush sage): Trimming stopped by end of July

Because trimming stimulates growth, do not prune in late fall.

TRIM WITH PURPOSE

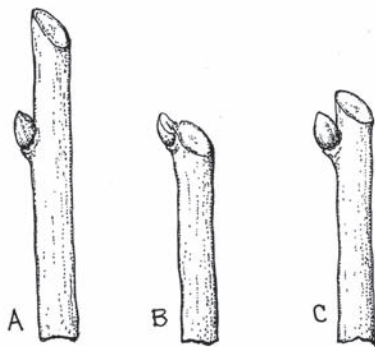
Trimming improves shape, bloom and plant structure. A shaped plant will be more attractive in your landscape and use less water. With spacing between plants, air circulation will reduce fungal disease and insect infestation.

TRIM TO MAINTAIN NATURAL SHAPE

First, remove old, damaged, and crossing branches from base. Then step back and allow the desired future growth shape be your guide. To rejuvenate an old, overgrown shrub, remove one-third of the oldest, tallest branches at or slightly above ground level before new growth starts. It is better to gradually renew a bush by removing a few branches annually than to harshly prune after many years' growth.

UNDERSTANDING PLANT GROWTH

When you trim, energy goes to other buds, which makes a more bushy plant. This is true with all plants. Cut on a slant 1/4" to 1/2" above a bud facing the direction in which you want new growth. (See illustration C below.) Do not leave a long stem stub, as it will die, turning brown and ugly.



FEBRUARY GARDENING TIPS

- Do not trim oaks now! The most dangerous time to prune oaks is February through June, as sap is moving at this time and beetles are at their most active.
- Clean up stray leaves, winter debris, and weeds, but avoid walking on or digging in wet soil to prevent compaction.
- Distribute pre-emergent on turf by February 15.



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.

- Late winter is good time to transplant perennials that you want to move to other areas. Thin seedlings of reseeding annuals and perennials to ensure proper spacing.
- Be sure all plants are mulched 2-3" with organic mulch to moderate temperature, slow evaporation and allow release of nutrients to plants.
- Before a freeze, water plants for hydration, but do not water during freezing temperatures.

Source: Texas A&M AgriLIFE Extension Service

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Dr. Zeh is the co-founder of Zoot Pet Hospital with his childhood friend, Jim Root. His parents were both animal lovers and benefactors of the Houston Zoo, so it was no surprise that he chose veterinary medicine as his career. Dr. Zeh owns 4 dogs, including a basset hound named Daisy (right).



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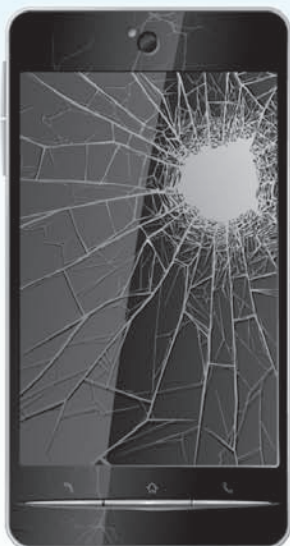
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Darrel Lubey saddles up at the mule corral. Riders were assigned mules and the rules of the ride were fully explained before heading out on their adventure.

Giddy Up, Mules!

By Jeanne Lubey

Jeanne and Darrel Lubey trek down the Grand Canyon

Editor's Note: In the fall of 2014, Jeanne and Darrel Lubey took off on a month-long tour of the western United States, visiting several national parks, including Grand Canyon National Park. The Sun City couple had previously visited the canyon several times, and Jeanne was interested in participating in a two-day mule ride to the bottom of the canyon.

"I thought it was just fascinating," she said, though it would take Jeanne several years before Darrel would share her zeal for the mule ride. Eventually,

Darrel relented, and the couple prepared for their adventure by exercising at the Fitness Center.

The mule ride journey is a downward trek to the bottom of the canyon but, because of the terrain, the couple was surprised by the number of uphill climbs required to reaching their destination. Jeanne is proud of her achievement. "This was an accomplishment," she said. "Almost as much so as getting my master's degree!"

SEPTEMBER 19, 2014

What an exhausting day, an experience

as vast and as grand as this canyon itself. We have yet to climb our way out of this giant hole and I have no idea how we can manage it, with or without a mule. Darrel is in worse shape than I. How do hikers do it?

We got up early in the morning, bushy-tailed and ready to meet at the mule corral. We were explained the dos and don'ts of the trip and offered every opportunity to back out. There were two wranglers, named Kevin and Alison, ten dudes, Darrel and myself. Each of us



FAST FACT: Four million people visit the Grand Canyon each year, but only 3,000 of them ride to the bottom.

Left: Jeanne looks perky before beginning the mule ride.

Below: A beautiful view looking down at the trails leading to the bottom of the canyon.

was assigned a mule - Darrel's mule was named Dusty, a big white guy, and I got a mule named Ike. I soon discovered that Ike wore a muzzle on account of his tendency to steal grasses from along the side of the trail.

We departed, Kevin in the lead and Alison following up at the tail of our train. Clip-clopping our way down Bright Angel Trail, the sun shone brilliantly. The canter of our mule's hooves as they struck the rocky trail provided an ever-present rhythm to our ride. I went over the wranglers' instructions in my head: Trust your mule. Stay together. Trust your mule. Don't lean right or left in the saddle if you want to stay on the cliff. Trust your mule. Use your mule motivator (riding crop). Stay together. So it went, clip-clop, all the way to the bottom of the canyon.

Three hours later, we had clipped and clopped our way into Indian Creek Gardens, an oasis halfway down the Canyon. Already weary riders, the break was a welcome relief. Hikers sat in clumps of humanity, too tired to lift their heads as we arrived. "Wet your heads and shirts at the mule tank," said Alison, and something told me I'd better do as told - they knew what was coming more than I. The break passed quickly and, just twenty minutes after arriving, we re-mounted our mules and set off into the valley below, already missing the shade of the yellow-green cottonwood trees.

Not even the ache of six hours on the back of a mule could dampen our spirits as we took in the exquisite beauty before

us, riding past two hundred foot high vertical cliffs pointing toward a blue sky. Kevin told us about the history of the canyon, pointing out petroglyphs left by ancient peoples and fault lines from tectonic plates. Turning a corner, we found ourselves ascending a mountain of vertical steps, daring ourselves to glance back at the chasm 2,000 feet below. Red-streaked rocks transformed to darker tones of gray and black, until the canyon walls resembled waves of

chocolate melting in the sun, dripping over stone sheets of gray-green and rust red. In every shift of the light the colors changed, and showed us yet another personality of the canyon.

Up and up, past jagged, scrambled-egg like pillars and over stony trails, we climbed, each step taken by Ike and his companions ringing out in the canyon. This was not a trail ride - it was an endurance test, a marathon, a fight against nature. Clambering up the narrow trail of Devil's Corkscrew, we held our breath as a 2,000 vertical drop to our left matched the 600 hundred foot cliffs on our right. At the aptly named "Jesus Corner", we saw before us nothing but air, and I recalled the advice of our wranglers from that morning: Trust your mule. I decided that Ike knew where he was going, and it was not down. The mule train

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Above: Riders glance over their shoulders at the steep drop-off along the primitive trail. Below: Jeanne Lubey painted this landscape of the Grand Canyon showing husband Darrel, and Kevin, one of the wranglers.

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forged confidently (obviously?) ahead, and as Ike walked the edge, I looked deep into the depths of the corkscrew to see the famed Devil's Furnace below.

After the arduous effort upward, imagine our surprise to discover that the descent would be even more painful! Some of poor Ike's steps were over a foot in depth. Shifting in the saddle helped to absorb the shock, but my knees still hurt. More accurately, my body hurt. I hurt so much, I didn't even notice the steady rise in temperature as we neared the bottom of the chasm and entered the Furnace.

Surrounded by hundreds of cragged formations, the Furnace is a narrow, funnel-like region, some portions barely wide enough for our mules to squeeze through. As we rode down the interior edge of the funnel, I felt as though we were being sucked into its depths. The air grew thicker and thicker, almost to the point of stifling until, finally, at the bottom, relief greeted us in the form of a 105 F breeze. Coupled with 90% humidity, I could see why it was known as a furnace! Another switchback, another turn, and suddenly the canyon opened before us



and at last we saw the Colorado River. Churning below us, wide and wild, it was filled with treacherous rapids and foolhardy rafters. But then, our journey had been no cakewalk, either.

I looked back to see Darrel not looking too frisky; in fact, I was plenty worried about him. I alerted Kevin, who immediately dismounted and poured cold water over Darrel's head and back. As Darrel hydrated, Kevin's radio crackled to life – a helicopter was preparing for lift off, and we were to stay put until further notice. The break was a welcome relief to us all. Across the river, the helicopter hovered over the canyon with a long rope dangling from its belly. We later learned a hiker had fallen,

and we had witnessed a rescue mission. Making our way to Phantom Ranch, where we would spend the night, Kevin kept a close eye on Darrel who, despite the exhaustion, would recover just fine with a meal and some rest. As we unwound for the evening, I was happy we could close our eyes and know we were in a good place.

SEPTEMBER 20, 2014

The next morning the alarm clock sounded at 5:30 a.m. To say we were sore and exhausted would have been an understatement, but there was breakfast to be had and we weren't going to miss it. We'd be heading up the South Kaibab Trail today, which, though three miles shorter than yesterday's trail, would be steeper by 400 feet.

Clip-clopping our way upward, we marveled at the vast expanse of the canyon. Over multiple switchbacks and hairpin turns, we learned the names of every pinnacle, butte, and shale, as well as terms for the various formations throughout the canyon. Ribbons of color streaked horizontal across the rocks, which were as varied and interesting as their hues. Diagonal lines intersected with vertical, perpendicular and even

horizontal lines, then disappeared, only to reappear unexpectedly, leaving my eyes disoriented as I tried to determine where one began and another ended. We passed enormous stones stacked one on top of another, like pancakes. Others sat balanced against each other, looking as though they might fall any minute. Light bounced across the canyon walls, changing shapes and colors without rhyme or reason. In the distance, a thunderstorm loomed.

The higher we climbed, the more we ached in places long forgotten. Even my stomach muscles were sore. Alison, one of our wranglers, said it was two weeks before the pain stopped for her, but the bone-aching fatigue took longer. We stopped often to rest our mules. Lugging us folks up and down this canyon was

hard work, and we appreciated every step they took.

As our mule train forged on, Alison pointed to a distant ridge some 900 feet above us. “That,” she said, “is where we are going.” Everyone groaned – I’m sure I even heard the mules groan. Carved into the side of a huge rock known as The Chimney, our trail looked like a zigzag line drawn right up the face of the enormous stone pillar. I felt sorry for my mule, but not as sorry as I was feeling for myself. Drawing closer, we were able to see tiny, ant-like people making their way up the side of the mountain. Our ascent began, and we became one of them, slowly clip-clopping our way to the stone peak. The wranglers told us ascending was easier than descending because gravity’s downward pull was

not as intense, but looking down the edge of this steep ridge, gravity seemed pretty intense to me.

Finally, on the last zag of the trail’s ladder, we reached the end of the last leg of our journey. Our party cheered, inspiring a crowd of nearby tourists to cheer as well. If they only knew where we’d been! Traversing the bottom of the Grand Canyon is like traveling to the moon and back – or at least, that’s how our bodies felt. We rode our mules to the barn in triumph, dismounting as our wonderful wranglers hummed “Pomp and Circumstance” and presented us with diplomas and a sincere handshake. We were now official members of The Order of Mule Skinners of the Grand Canyon, and we have the sheepskins to prove it!



GolfNow - What it is and why it's important

Submitted by the Golf Committee

Have you seen the TV commercial with the funny old Scottish man with the white beard who is trying to get a tee time? At the end of the commercial he always says in a strong Scottish accent, "Go Play!" That's an ad for an internet feature available nationwide called GolfNow.

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GolfNow is a website (GolfNow.com) that allows golfers to book tee times from the convenience of their home or mobile phone. Because the unused tee times are often less desirable times, the golf operation offers a discount to entice golfers to book these times. In general, the discount is 10-20 percent off of the normal public greens fees, giving interested golfers an incentive to book a time that would otherwise go unused.

The Sun City golf operation staff strives to offer resident golfers the lowest rates possible while still allowing for the appropriate maintenance of our three golf courses. GolfNow tee time bookings have played an important role in our operations budget, as it brings in roughly \$200,000 per year in revenue. Without this revenue source, the ability to offer the competitive pricing for resident golfers would be much more difficult. It should be noted that



GolfNow is a public website and Sun City resident golfers are able to book these times just like anyone else. Keep in mind, however, that all GolfNow tee times are controlled by the golf staff and are limited to non-prime times of day so that Sun City residents continue to get the highest priority on preferred tee times.

Taking Care of your Golf Courses

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

As we move into another exciting golf season, we should take a moment to ensure that we, as Sun City golfers, are doing what we can to help maintain our wonderful golf courses to keep them in the best condition possible. Little things like sanding divots, fixing ball marks, raking bunkers, picking up tees, and being mindful of golf cart traffic signs go a long way in helping the maintenance staff provide the best possible playing conditions; everyone is in favor of that!

MGA News

Submitted by Jeff Morgan President, MGA Board of Directors

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Warmer weather is just ahead of us and with it the start of the Men's Golf Association's major tournaments schedule for 2015. The initial competition will be the Spring Member-Member that will be conducted on Wednesday and Thursday, March 25 and 26; last year, this tournament had a full field of 300 players.

The MGA board of directors completed its 2015 planning session to put plans and programs into motion for the new year, which will include five major tournaments, weekly Play Day competition for both the 9-holer and 18-holer members, a joint WGA-MGA golfing event and the continuation of other fun and spirited tournaments. In reality, it is a two-year planning cycle in order to find volunteers, reserve golf courses and get commitments for

luncheon and dinner facilities.

Doug Kienitz, one of our MGA members, the golf writer for the Williamson County Sun newspaper and the past president of Texas Golf Writers Association, commented in a recent edition about a quote from a golfing communication that stated, "...playing slowly is the most common cause of aggravation and debate." We all realize that slow play is an ongoing challenge and the MGA will continue to address slow play issues for our events.

One other comment: we are working to further publicize our appreciation and thanks to our important sponsors of the MGA and the contributions they make to the MGA and our members. More will be forthcoming on this important topic.



CGA News

Submitted by Beth Lampman, CGA Communication Director

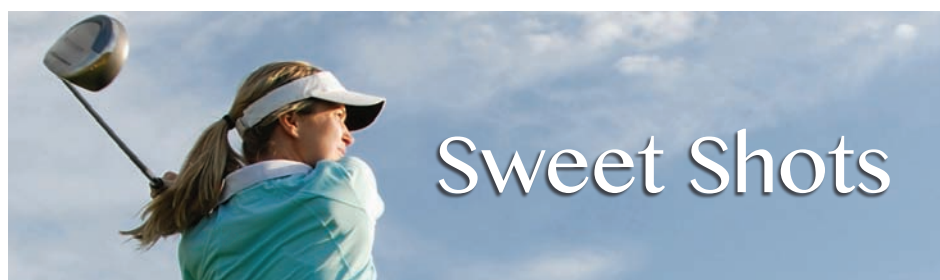
Happy Valentine's month!

The Couples Golf Association will play a Scramble for Four format (2 couples) on Saturday, February 14, at 1 p.m. at the Legacy Hills Golf Course with a shotgun start.

The CGA offers its members great fun, competition, camaraderie and socializing. We all enjoy the variety of game formats on our Saturday Play Days.

Our membership continues to grow! If you are interested in joining the CGA, details can be found at www.sctexas.org.

Come and join us; our social Play Days are once per month on Saturdays.



Date	Name	Witnessess	Hole	Shot
LEGACY HILLS				
12.05	John Viers	Past Sweeney, John Giles, Bob Bacon	10	Eagle
12.06	Buck Linscott	Tex Browne, Bob Shelton, Cliff Shoemake	1	Eagle
12.15	Rich Petro	Howard Lange, Adrian Moore	Shot 78 age of 88	
12.18	Becky Scofield	Pat Blankinship, Vicki Mathews, Mary Vanaudenhove	8	Ace 120 yds 4 HY
12.20	Andy Odom	Joe Ammerman, Jim Dugan, B MacCar	12	Ace 120 yds 8 Iron
WHITE WING				
12.04	Gene Dalton	B. Massad, G McCarthy, B. Lyday	10	Eagle
12.09	Steve Daigle	Joe DeVirgiliis, John Ness	1	Eagle
12.08	Bill Sterling	George Snead, Bob Pugh	Shot age of 83	
12.08	Garry Wolford	Bill Harrah, Charles VanDeraslice	7	Ace 145 yds 8 Iron
12.15	Bob Mathews	Bob Elam, Larry Woody, Larry Myers	11	Eagle
12.16	Butch Winter	Bill Huggard, Mike Meredith, Allen Graham	3	Eagle
12.19	Pat Blankinship	Margo Maddux, Pat Wagner, Vicki Alpher	7	Ace 120 yds 8 Iron
12.21	Cary Vanderpoel	Pat Blankinship, Margo Maddux, Bill Hatfield	1	Eagle
COWAN CREEK				
12.12	John Shultzbarger	Robonson, Devirgiliis	4	Eagle
12.03	Ron Romanowski	Bob Doshier, Tim Gentz, Henry Wood	5	ACE 135 yds 9 Iron
12.11	Gary Wood	Steve Hummel, Billy Porr, Mark Mills	9	Eagle
12.11	Dickie Smith	Don Neff, Fella Kerr, Regam Melanson	5	ACE 128 yds 8 Iron
12.11	Buck Linscott	Jon Uhl, George Sykes, Larry Spurlock	14	Eagle
12.18	Tom Korbitz	Holly Korbitz	5	ACE 120 yds PW
12.19	Wayne Mednick	Bill Schmitt, Dave Alpher, Wayne Brown	11	Eagle
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WGA 18-Hole Group *Submitted by Liz Gove*

The WGA 18-Hole golfers were sporting their festive attire and brimming with holiday cheer when they attended the 2014 year-end luncheon on Tuesday, December 16 in the Social Center Ballroom. Our Social Chairperson, Margo Maddux, and her committee outdid themselves with decorations and goodies for everyone at the tables. The caterers from the Cotton Patch provided a delicious lunch and Sheila Diller and Lee Mathews from the Golf Shop were thanked for their help with our league for the 2014 season. The club members also brought many items and monetary donations to support the Williamson County Children's Advocacy Center. Dr. Kristina Collins, MD, representing one of our most active sponsors, Vitalogy Skincare in Georgetown, gave a wonderful presentation on skin care for our active golfing ladies. Pictures of the event will be posted on our website for your viewing pleasure.

WGA 9-Hole Group

Submitted by Kempa Rider

Winter will be on its way out soon; spring is just around the corner. The bluebonnets will be popping up before we know it!

End of the year awards were presented at the Holiday Luncheon and went to: Geri Daskurdas and Flo Zydowicz for the fewest putts; Emily Eldridge for the most birdies; Jane Huffstutler for the most pars; Paula Elmers for participating in the most play days and Kathy Sutphin for being the most improved.

Awards for lowest gross and lowest net on all three courses, front and back, were also presented. Low gross was earned by Susan Myers, Kathy Brandewie, Margaret Katchel, Leona Luccia, Ann Hunter, and Sharon Buford. Jan Bradley, Sylvia Quillen, Elaine Cielo, Emily Eldridge, Patsy Miller, and Jami Dewees captured lowest net honors.

Our fabulous, friendly, energetic, hard-working Donna Betts was surprised by receiving recognition for both Ms.

The new Board for the 2015 WGA 18-Hole Group was introduced and are as follows: President, Terri Pender; 1st Vice President, Lee Southworth; 2nd Vice President and Play Day Director, Maro Maddux; Secretary, Cindy Hernandez; and Treasurer, Linda James. The ladies on the Board bring many years of experience to the club and look forward to a competitive, fun, successful year. New members should contact Paula Mockenhaupt, our membership representative, at pj143mac@gmail.com or 512-240-4273 and check our website for details concerning the club.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, February 3, after the Play Day; then, meetings will be held every other month on the first Tuesday of that month. Please refer to our website for the time and place of the meetings and also for any upcoming tournaments or socials.

We look forward to a wonderful 2015 season full of good weather and good golf!

Congeniality and Best Sportsmanship! The "Beach Baby" certificate went to Nancy Robohn, whose ball always seems to land in the sand. Elaine Carpenter, who has no idea how far she can hit, was given the title of "Slugger." The member who keeps everyone in stitches, thus being named the "Funniest Golfer," went to D. Rowe, while Roseanna Rule was crowned "Ms. Lucky Shot." Paula Elmers was named the "Mailman Golfer" because she plays in the rain, wind, sleet or snow!

Jane Arnold reported a hole-in-one shot at White Wing number seven on Sunday, October 26. Congratulations to the three gals who achieved this feat in 2014 - Jane, Roseanna Rule and Mary Tupacz! Our next meeting will be Wednesday, February 11, at 10:30 a.m. at Cowan Creek. We would like to see more members attend these informative meetings each month.

FEBRUARY PLAY SCHEDULES



CGA

2/14 1 pm, LH

WGA 9-HOLE

2015 schedule not available at press time

WGA 18-HOLE

2/3 8 am, CC
12:30 pm Meeting, CCJ

2/10 9 am, CC

2/17 9 am, WW

2/24 9 am, LH

MGA 9-HOLE

2/4 CC-F

2/11 CC-B

2/18 LH-F

2/25 LH-B

MGA 18-HOLE

2/4 LH

2/11 WW

2/18 CC

2/25 WW

2015 MGA TOURNAMENTS

Spring Member/Member

Wednesday, March 25

Thursday, March 26

President's Cup

Wednesday, May 13

Thursday, May 14

Awards Banquet

Saturday, May 16

Club Championship

Monday, September 7

Wednesday, September 9

Friday, September 11

Awards Banquet

Saturday, September 12

Fall Member/Member

Wednesday, October 7

Thursday, October 8

Member/Guest

Friday, October 30

Saturday, October 31

News from the SC Stacks

By Nancy Davis

Have you ever wondered, “What if?”

You’re not alone – in fact, an entire literary genre is devoted to the question. Popularly called “alternate history,” works of this genre explore how differently life could have been if even something as mundane as the weather had been just slightly altered. From chance encounters to battle outcomes, our present is dictated by a past which could easily not have happened.

Editor Robert Crowley has compiled a riveting collection of essays from historians exploring such possibilities. Titled *What If? Eminent Historians Imagine What Might Have Been*, this anthology features many writers popular in our library, including Stephen Ambrose, Caleb Carr, John Keegan, and David McCullough, exploring hypothetical shifts in history. What if Pontius Pilate *hadn’t* ordered Jesus Christ’s crucifixion, or if Abraham Lincoln decided against the abolition of slavery? What if the Allied invasion of D-Day had failed, or the Mongols succeeded in conquering Europe? These and other topics offer a very different look at world history as we know it. You can find this book in Dewey 900.

An interesting book I’ve been reading lately places its focus a little closer to home. Titled *Then Everything Changed: Stunning Alternate Histories of American Politics: JFK, RFK, Carter, Ford, Reagan*, author Jeff Greenfield presents an engaging series of alternatives so well written, they almost seem as though they truly were “the way it was.” This book is located in American History section,

Dewey 970.

Though many “What If” books are focused on the facts, alternative history works can be fictional as well. Along with co-author William B. Forstchen, Newt Gingrich has written a series of books about World War II, pitting Admiral Yamamoto against Admiral Halsey. Two of their books currently in our library - *Pearl Harbor* and *Days of Infamy* – are enjoyable reads for a journey down a fictitious (rather than historically factual) course.

Philip Roth (author of *The Human Stain* and *Portnoy’s Complaint*) has written several alternative histories, including *The Plot Against America*, in which Charles Lindberg defeats Franklin Roosevelt for the 1940 presidential election, only to open negotiations with Hitler and bring many troubles to American Jews. Quite a good, dramatic read from a Pulitzer Prize-winning author.

The *Ring of Fire* series by Eric Flint takes a different spin on the alternate history genre as time-travelers venture back to the Thirty Years’ War. Stephen King also explores this concept in his time-traveling novel, *11/22/63*.

Other authors of fiction to look for: Michael Chabon, Harry Turtledove, Seth Grahame-Smith, Stephen Baxter, Douglas Niles with Michael Dobson, Robert Conroy, and Peter Tsouras.

I have been fascinated by alternate history ever since I read a book on changes in U.S. and world history if the losing candidate in presidential elections had won. I don’t remember the name of the book; it



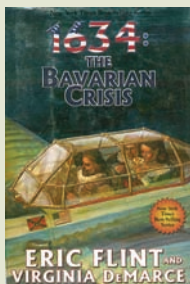
Nancy is the representative for the Sun City Texas Library. Questions? Email nkdavis9@suddenlink.net with “Library Column” in the subject line.

was a collection of short essays and didn’t go into a lot of detail as I recall, but it set off my thoughts into “what-ifs” that can be very interesting. Do you ever wonder what post-9/11 would have been like if Al Gore had been president? Even closer to home, would you be living in Sun City Texas if Sam Houston and the Texans had not won independence from Mexico? If Santa Anna had not surrendered (he had superior man-power and weapons, but he was with a prostitute at the time of attack), Mexico would have had much more land and resources and the United States would have been greatly diminished.

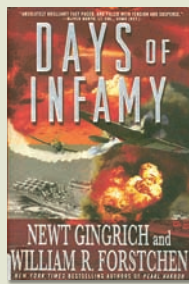
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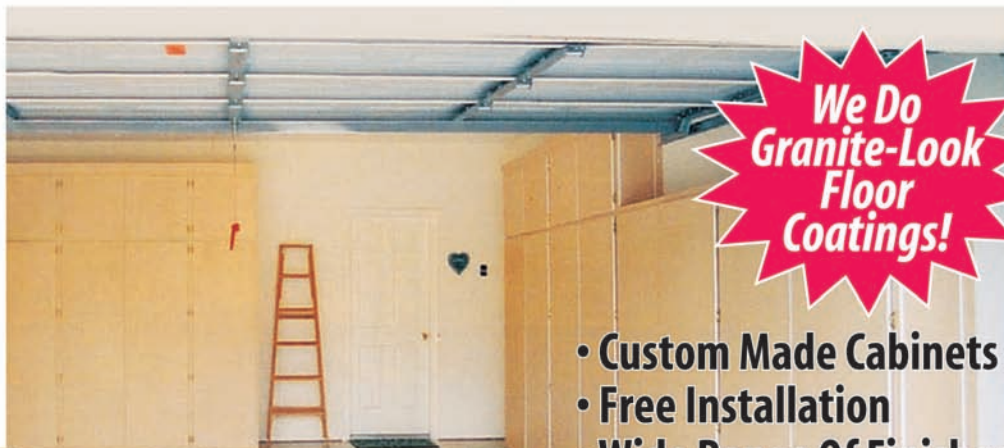
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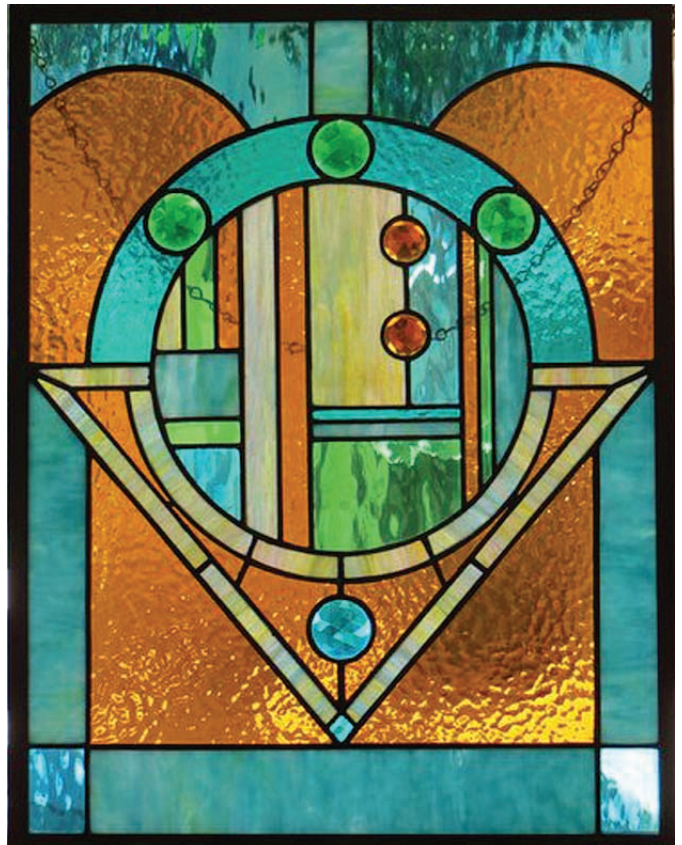


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Friday, February 20, SCB
9 a.m. until 1 p.m.



Horticulture Club Open House
Saturday, February 21
2-4 p.m.
141 Sun City Blvd.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
1	2 News & Views: "Best of Follies" 9am, Noon, & 4pm	3 News & Views (see 2/2) 9am, Noon, & 4pm Farmers Market 9am / SCPL COPs 9:30am / AC MR 1/2 Kiwanis Club 10am / SCB Sit-n-be-Fit 10am & 3 pm Chinese Feast Depart SCPL 10:30am Rotary Noon / CCFG
8 Knights of Columbus Bingo 5:30pm / SCB BJ Thomas Depart SCPL 5:30pm	9 News & Views: 60-plus Anniversary Couples 9am, Noon, & 4pm SAS Shoe Factory Depart SCPL 9:30am	10 News & Views (see 2/9) 9am, Noon, & 4pm Farmers Market 9am / SCPL COPs 9:30am / AC MR 1/2 Kiwanis Club 10am / SCB Sit-n-be-Fit 10am & 3 pm Rotary Noon / CCFG P & G 1:30pm / AC MR 1/2
15 Knights of Columbus Bingo 5:30pm / SCB	16 Sports 8am / CCAN News & Views: The Assistance League "Bells, Books and Brunch" 9am, Noon, & 4pm UT Symphony Orchestra Depart SCPL 4:30pm	17 News & Views (see 2/16) 9am, Noon, & 4pm Farmers Market 9am / SCPL Kiwanis Club 10am / The Oaks Maximizing Social Security Seminar 10am / CCAN Sit-n-be-Fit 10am & 3 pm Frankie Valli & the Four Seasons Depart SCPL 4:30pm
22	23 News & Views: Sun City Texas Couple 9am, Noon, & 4pm Recycle Center Tour Depart SCPL 9am Golf 3pm / AC MR 1/2 Follies - "Best of Follies" 7pm / SCB	24 News & Views (see 2/23) 9am, Noon, & 4pm Farmers Market 9am / SCPL Kiwanis Club 10am / SCB Sit-n-be-Fit 10am & 3pm Long Term Care Options Seminar 10am / CCAN Rotary Noon / CCFG Finance 1pm / AC MR 3/4 P & G 3pm / AC MR 1/2
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Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday	
4	<p>News & Views (see 2/2) 9am, Noon, & 4pm</p> <p>Covenants 9am / CCAN</p> <p>LMH 10am / AC MR 3/4</p> <p>Wildlife 3pm / AC MR 1/2</p> <p>Movie: Divergent 6pm / SCB</p>	5	<p>Modifications 8:30am / CCAN; Open at 10am</p> <p>News & Views (see 2/2) 9am, Noon, & 4pm</p> <p>Chartered Clubs (Non Sports) 2pm / AC MR 1</p> <p>Esther's Follies Depart SCPL 4:30pm</p> <p>Republicans 6pm / SCB</p>	6	<p>News & Views (see 2/2) 9am, Noon, & 4pm</p> <p>Sit-n-be-Fit 10am & 2 pm</p> <p>Chinese Cooking & Lunch 11am / The Oaks</p> <p>ASO - Karen Gomyo Depart SCPL 4pm</p> <p>Rain - Bass Concert Hall Depart SCPL 4pm</p>	7	<p>News & Views (see 2/2) 9am, Noon, & 4pm</p> <p>Sit-n-be-Fit 10am & 2 pm</p>
11	<p>News & Views (see 2/9) 9am, Noon, & 4pm</p> <p>La Belle - Bob Bullock Museum Depart SCPL 9am</p> <p>Communications 9:30am / CCAN</p>	12	<p>News & Views (see 2/9) 9am, Noon, & 4pm</p> <p>Estate Planning Seminar 9:30am / CCAN</p> <p>BOD Workshop 1pm / SCB</p>	13	<p>News & Views (see 2/9) 9am, Noon, & 4pm</p> <p>Emergency Management 9am / AC MR 3/4</p> <p>Sit-n-be-Fit 10am & 2 pm</p> <p>Valentine's Day Dance - Off the Record 7pm / SCB</p>	14	<p>♥ Happy Valentine's Day! ♥</p> <p>News & Views (see 2/9) 9am, Noon, & 4pm</p> <p>Sit-n-be-Fit 10am & 2 pm</p> <p>Three Redneck Tenors Depart SCPL 4pm</p>
18	<p>News & Views (see 2/16) 9am, Noon, & 4pm</p> <p>Neighborhood Reps 9:30am / CCF/G</p> <p>Resident Directors' Open Session 3pm / CCG</p> <p>Out of the Blue with Andy Thomas Dance 7pm / SCB</p>	19	<p>King Ranch Overnight Depart The Oaks 7:30am</p> <p>Modifications 8:30am / CCAN</p> <p>New Resident Orientation 8:30am / SCB</p> <p>News & Views (see 2/16) 9am, Noon, & 4pm</p> <p>Elections 9am / CCS</p>	20	<p>Nonprofits Fair 9am / SCB</p> <p>News & Views (see 2/16) 9am, Noon, & 4pm</p> <p>Sit-n-be-Fit 10am & 2 pm</p> <p>Third Friday International: Vietnam 1pm / ACA</p> <p>Pergolas, Patios & Outdoors Seminar 5pm / The Oaks</p>	21	<p>Texas Concealed Handgun License Class 8am / CCAN</p> <p>AARP Driver Safety Smart Driver Course 8:30am / CCW</p> <p>News & Views (see 2/16) 9am, Noon, & 4pm</p> <p>Democrats 9:30am / SCB</p> <p>Sit-n-be-Fit 10am & 2 pm</p> <p>Horticulture Club Open House 2pm / Sun City Gardens</p> <p>Blue Man Group Depart SCPL 3pm</p>
25	<p>News & Views (see 2/23) 9am, Noon, & 4pm</p> <p>Maximizing Social Security Seminar 10am / CCAN</p> <p>Zach Scott Tour and Play Depart SCPL 2pm</p> <p>Once the Musical Depart SCPL 4:15pm</p> <p>Protecting Mood, Memory and Cognition - Presented by Lea Kraus Chapter of Hadassah 7pm / CCFG</p>	26	<p>News & Views (see 2/23) 9am, Noon, & 4pm</p> <p>BOD Meeting 1pm / SCB</p>	27	<p>News & Views (see 2/23) 9am, Noon, & 4pm</p> <p>Junior Camp Drawing 10am / SCB</p> <p>Sit-n-be-Fit 10am & 2 pm</p> <p>CWT Vacations Seminar Noon / CCF</p> <p>Washington Update Seminar 2:30pm / CCJ</p>	28	<p>Mission San Jose & Governor's Palace Depart SCPL 7:30am</p> <p>News & Views (see 2/23) 9am, Noon, & 4pm</p> <p>Sit-n-be-Fit 10am & 2 pm</p> <p>Follies - "Best of Follies" 7pm / SCB</p>



February Activities

Educational

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- *Community property* and new Texas residents
- Are *death taxes* dead?
- How to *lawsuit-protect* your assets
- Is your estate plan *up-to-date*?

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How to Maximize Your Social Security Benefits

Tuesday, February 17, 10 a.m., CCAN

OR

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*InsuranceNewsNet Magazine (November 2012)

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Washington Update

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Char Hu, PhD is co-founder of Georgetown Living, a family of dementia-specific long-term care companies. Char is a former scientist whose previous research had implications for the understanding of Alzheimer's disease.

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The following special events are taking place in February and March.

AARP FREE TAX PREPARATION

AARP Tax-Aide Foundation offers income tax assistance to those 60 and older every Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. through April 10 at Cowan Creek Amenity Center. AARP membership is not required.

Please bring the following:

- Copy of last year's income tax return(s)
- W-2 forms from each employer
- Unemployment compensation statements
- SSA-1099 form if you were paid Social Security benefits
- All 1099 forms (1099-INT, 1099-DIV, 1099-B, etc.)
- 1099-misc. showing any miscellaneous income
- 1099-R form if you received a pension or annuity
- All forms indicating federal income tax paid
- All receipts or canceled checks if itemizing deductions
- Social Security cards or other official documentation for yourself and all dependents

GEORGETOWN SYMPHONY GALA

The Georgetown Symphony Society will present its third annual "Valentine Gala" fundraiser Friday, February 6, beginning at 6 p.m. in the Social Center Ballroom. Tickets are \$75 per person with reserved tables available for eight or ten. Full details available at www.gsstx.org.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BINGO

Bingo will be held on Sunday, February 8 and Sunday, February 15 in the Social Center Ballroom. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., games begin at 6 p.m. Cash prizes will be awarded. All proceeds are used to support various charitable activities. **Please, no children under age 7.**

For information, contact Joe Mullen at joemullen@suddenlink.net or 512-864-0825.

**PALACE THEATRE
JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR**

Georgetown Palace Theatre presents *Jesus Christ Superstar*, playing now through February 15. Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. Sundays at 2 p.m. General Admission: \$27; Seniors (55+): \$25; Children: \$11.

**GEORGETOWN
SYMPHONY SOCIETY**

The Georgetown Symphony Society presents the Round Rock Symphony, featuring internationally acclaimed pianist Anton Nel in a performance of Beethoven's *Piano Concerto No. 3*. Also included in the program will be *Symphony No. 5*, by Jean Sibelius. The Performance will take place on Sunday, February 15 at 4 p.m. at the GHS Klett Center for the Performing Arts. Tickets (Premium Seating \$30; General Seating \$25; Students \$5) are available at the Member Services Office, through www.TicketBud.com, or at the door. For more information, contact 512-864-9591 or www.gsstx.org.

**AUTHOR CHRIS TOMLINSON
AT THE GEORGETOWN
PUBLIC LIBRARY**

The Friends of the Georgetown Public Library's Hill Country Authors Series will feature author Chris Tomlinson on Friday, February 20, at 2 p.m. at the library. Doors open at 1:30 p.m. Tomlinson is the author of *Tomlinson Hill: Sons of Slaves, Sons of Slaveholders*, a non-fiction account of his Texas family's ownership and mistreatment of black slaves prior to, during, and after the Civil War.

Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$18 at the door, available at the Second-Hand Prose bookstore, located on the second floor of the library. Those interested may also contact Marcy Lowe at 512-868-8974. The library is located at 402 W. 8th Street in Georgetown.



EAGLE BY JOHN DRAKE

**PALACE THEATRE
ANYTHING GOES**

Georgetown Palace Theatre presents *Anything Goes*, February 27 – March 29. It's an evening of high notes, high stepping and hi-jinx on the high seas with this classic of musical comedy, featuring Cole Porter classics such as "It's De-Lovely" and "I Get a Kick out of You." Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. General Admission: \$27; Senior (55+): \$25; Children: \$11

**EASTVIEW HIGH SCHOOL
MULCH FUNDRAISER**

Support the Eastview High School Baseball program by purchasing bags of mulch during the team's annual fundraiser. Purchase five or more bags of brown or black mulch for delivery to your door on Sunday, March 15. Bags are \$6 each and cover two cubic feet. Order online at <http://patriots-baseball.com/patriot-baseball-mulch-fundraiser/>.

**WILLIAMSON COUNTY
GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY SEMINAR**

The Williamson County Genealogical Society's annual Seminar will be Saturday, March 21, at the First Methodist Church, 1004 N. Mays, Round Rock. Guest speaker George Morgan will cover topics including Sidestep Genealogy, Bits about Obits: Reading Between the Lines, Genealogy Orienteering: Using Maps to Find the Right Place, and Finding Your Ancestors with 150 Google Country Search Engines. For registration information, visit www.williamsontxgenealogy.org.

If your organization has volunteer or charitable opportunities, contact Nancy Snow at the email above.



Herb Worley takes a swing at the ball.

PHOTOS BY SHERI BRAINARD

Softball (Senior Co-ed Slow Pitch)

By Mike Gullickson

Calling their style of play “recreational, with a tinge of competitiveness,” the members of the Sun City Texas Softball Club (SCTSC) start their season in late February and continue play through May. Members take their play seriously, because while they want to have fun, they also want to win, and if I’ve learned anything in this life, it’s that we can’t all be winners.

Consisting of nine teams fielding eleven players each, the SCTSC presently boasts a total of 164 members – that is, until **you** join (yes, **you** reading this article, wanting to be a kid again, shagging flies and aiming your bat at the fences)! Everyone on the team gets a turn at bat. Everyone. Amazing! **Hitting is the best part!** Just think: even I can get my turn to strike out. The SCTSC plays by Senior Slow Pitch

Rules, which are specifically designed to minimize injuries. In Slow Pitch games, runners are encouraged to overrun bases, sliding is prohibited, and pinch runners are allowed for those with bad wheels (a baseball term for bad legs).

Both games and practices take place at Del Webb Field which, if you still haven’t been, you’re in for a pleasant surprise. It’s a first-class field, complete with shaded bleachers, water fountains, and a 100-foot Jumbotron (just kidding – though the field does feature softball players, live and in color, the way Abner Doubleday meant it to be).

Annual dues for softball club membership are an initial \$12, then \$10 for each subsequent season. For further information contact Thomas Davis at 512-843-9465 or trdavis101@gmail.com.



Scorekeepers Stan Flores and Pat Sampson



Manager Steve Leopard

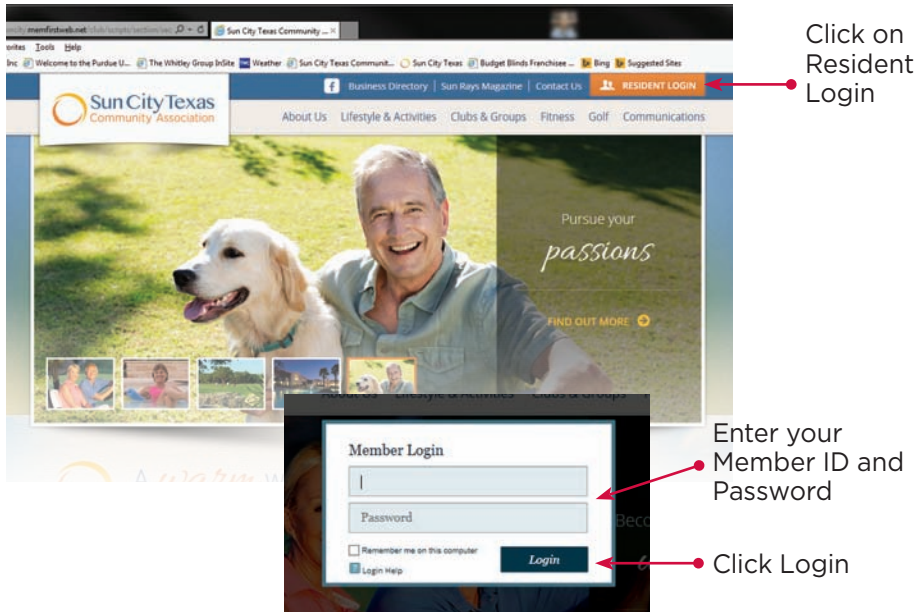


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It's easy to find all of the chartered clubs on the new Sun City Texas website! (Beginning February 12)

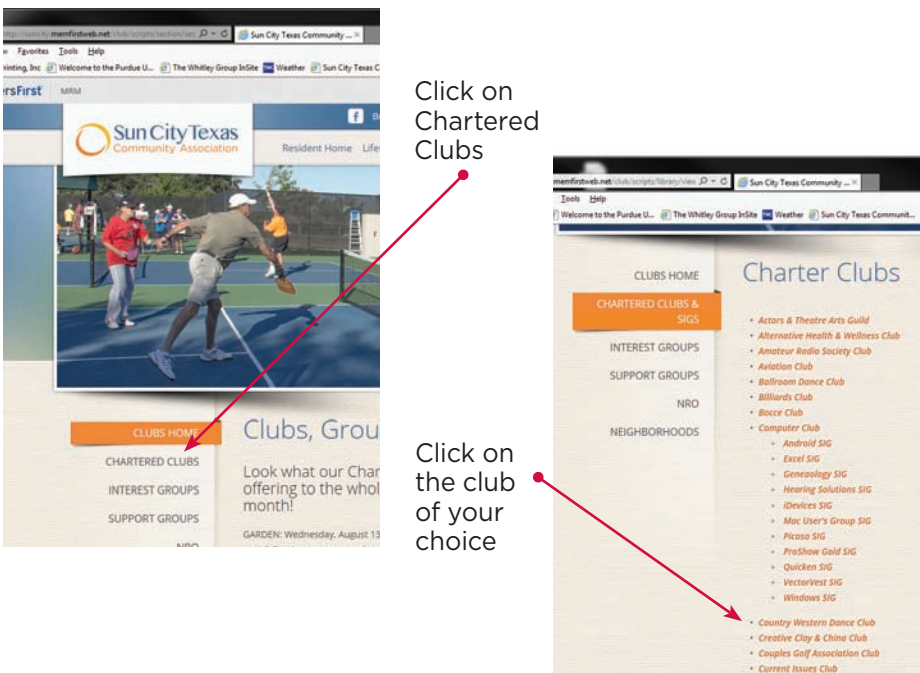
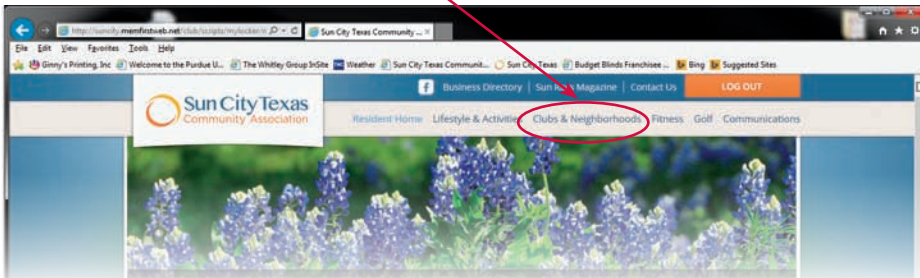
FOR FULL ACCESS TO CLUB WEBSITES, YOU MUST FIRST LOG IN:

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Actors & Theatre Arts Guild

Business Meeting: Monday,

February 2, 3 p.m., SCB

3rd Monday: February 16, 3 p.m., SCB

Board Meeting: Monday, February 23,
3 p.m., CCW

Contact: Donna Sandercock

512-240-4530, grummpie@aol.com

The Actors and Theatre Arts Guild is a chartered club and 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 enjoy and have fun with various activities. Come to any meeting and check us out. Membership is only \$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 them with animated fairy tales.

Alternative Healing & Wellness

Friday, February 6, 1 p.m., ACA

Contact: Doug Willoughby,
512-819-0133 or dougnjoan@gmail.com

The General Meeting will be held on Friday, February 6 at 1 p.m. in the Activities Center Atrium. Rick Mathes of the Egoscue Clinic in Austin will speak on The Egoscue Method of Pain Relief. Many people who suffer from back, leg or foot

pain may have structural problems that cause the pain. Rick's natural adjustments to the posture and alignment of the body give almost instant relief from the pains people suffer. Guests are always welcome at this meeting.

The **Wise Women Group** meets Wednesdays at 10 a.m. at 103 Montley Trail. They will be continuing the discussion about St. Francis, his love of creation and his teachings of our connection to the universe and to one another. Call Mary Pat Morris, 512-869-8761, for information.

The **Spirituality Anonymous Group** will meet Wednesday, February 18 at 7 p.m. at Cowan Creek. They discuss various topics related to contemporary questions about spirituality; how it affects our life, our attitude, our purpose, even our health. Guest speakers are invited to share their insights and participants are given an opportunity to join in lively discussions.

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

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

Amateur Radio Society (SCARS)

Wednesday, February 5, 7 p.m., CCF

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:

- First Wednesday monthly club meetings (January - November)
- Wednesday morning coffee and "tech-talk" group at City Market
- Second Saturday radio 'Fox Hunt' direction-finding field event
- "Open-shack" operating sessions

Members' benefits: Unique 24/7 access to SCARS' fully equipped ham shack with brand-new state-of-the-art HF/6m and software-defined(SDR) transceivers, and

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

FOREIGN LANGUAGE: Friday, February 20, 1 p.m., ACA. Third Friday International - Lynn Ellis will speak about Vietnam. All are invited.

NATURE: Tuesday, February 17, 2:30 p.m., SCB. "Nothing Works Like Natives" - Randy Pensabene discusses using low maintenance native plants in your landscape. All Sun City residents are invited - bring a note pad and pen!

ASTRONOMY: Monday, February 23, 7 p.m., ACA. All residents are invited to monthly Astronomy meetings. See page 96 for the February meeting presentations.

DUPLICATE BRIDGE: Wednesday, February 11, 1-6 p.m., CCS. The Duplicate Bridge club presents *Learn Bridge in a Day*, a five-hour national seminar for new players or as a refresher course. See details on page 93.

HORTICULTURE: The Horticulture Club will host an OPEN HOUSE for all Sun City residents on Saturday, February 21 from 2-4 p.m. at the Community Garden, located at 141 Sun City Blvd. near the softball field.

HUNTING & FISHING: Tuesday, February 10, 2 p.m., SCB. Fishing guide Bob Maindelle discusses finding and catching fish using the latest electronics.

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 & greet. A 30-minute business meeting follows. A radio/tech presentation tops off the evening.

Aviation

Saturday, February 14, 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

Monthly Dance
Wednesday, February 11,
Valentine's Dance, SCB , 7-9:30 p.m.
Members free - Guests \$10

Tea Dance
Sunday, February 22, SCB
1:45-3:45 p.m.; social time 1:15-1:45 p.m.
Refreshments served
Members \$2, Guests \$5
Contact: John Moore at 303-956-7646 or jjmoore@me.com

We have two regular dances each month: the monthly dance and the Sunday Tea Dance. Both dances will feature recorded 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.

Ice water, plastic glasses, and napkins will be provided for the regular monthly dance, and you can bring your own special alcoholic beverage. Hot tea and iced tea, and light refreshments will be provided for the Tea Dance on a Sunday afternoon each month. You are encouraged to bring your own special teacup and mix and mingle with other members of the Ballroom Dance Club. 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!**

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

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

February brings Valentine's Day, as well as our second annual "Sweethearts" mixed doubles tournament. Drop by on Saturday February 14 and see if there are any open spots for your team.

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 5:30 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

Play: Monday to Saturday, 8 a.m. and 1 p.m., BC
Contact: Russ Ruff, 512-639-1419 or email: bocceruff@suddenlink.net,

New players and guests are always welcome to come and play the great game of bocce with us. Members play at 1 p.m. Monday through Saturday during the winter months and are happy to teach the basics of the game to anyone interested. Membership dues for 2015 are \$12. Membership may be renewed or purchased through the Sun City Texas online ticketing system.

The latest bocce social league finished with these results: Dian/Don Webb took first place, Sally Avenie/Paul Wiener second and Vun/Hank Ziegler third.

The final tournament of the year was a single elimination tournament with the years' top eight scorers competing. Nick Drury came in first, Larry Hunting second and Janet Lull and Don Webb were tied for third.

Five point frames are hard to come by as once again no one was able to get more than four points in a frame.

Bocce Fact of the Month: Although bocce may be played on any relatively flat area such as a lawn, the more formalized game uses a court. The court is 60-90 feet long and eight to 12 feet wide with walls on all four sides to control the area of play.

Computer

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 payable to SCTXCA. To pay by mail, download the application from our website under the *Join Us* tab, and mail it along with your check payable to SCTXCA, 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.

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Country Western Dance

Sunday, February 15, 7-10 p.m., SC

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

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. You can go online to the Sun City Texas website under Clubs & Neighborhoods to pay dues or make your check out to SCTXCA and drop it off at the Member Services Office. For a Membership Application for the 2015 dance schedule, please go to the website. For more information, contact Caroline or Bob.

Couples Golf Association

Contact: Rick Phillips, 512-818-3384 or randsphill66@gmail.com

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

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, February 3, 10 a.m. in the Studio

Contact: Jamie Haymes, President, 512-863-0396.

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 via www.sctexas.org.

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.

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 5 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

Friday, February 20, CCG

Contact: Lou Snead, 512-350-4751 or PresidentSCCIC@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.

Research: Delve into the facts and fiction of each month's topic. Members may prepare for discussions through the Research Committee. Volunteers explore the upcoming topics, post information on the club's website and open each program with factual background for discussion.

Communication: Check the Sun City Texas for the club's calendars, research and topics.

Courtesy: All points of view and political affiliations are welcome. All participants are required to observe our Courtesy Guidelines.

Small Discussions Groups: Friday, February 6, 9 a.m., Jarrell Room (CCAC). Members come when they can for less formal, small group discussions. Topics vary, and may include local issues, program follow-ups and program preparation.

February 20 Program – "End of Life Issues" 9:45 a.m. Check-In; 10-11:30 a.m. Program, Georgetown Room, CCAC

Vendors: Jarrell Room, CCAC (check website for information)

A panel of experts will explore the medical, emotional and legal aspects of an inevitable point in everyone's life – death. Local vendors will be available before and after the presentation to provide information. Please check the website for times and participation.

Guests: Listeners are welcome. Guests are invited to observe the discussion. If time allows, guests may participate during the last 15 minutes. Please consider joining the club to participate in the discussions and gain access to the club's research. Annual dues are \$6.

Dance & Drill

Sun City Georgettes: Mondays, Texas Drive Fitness Center, 10:15 a.m.; Beginners on Wednesdays, Atrium, 10 a.m. Contact Marian Phillippi at 512-869-

8145, or marianphillippi9@gmail.com. Composed of a lively group of ladies who love to dance and perform around the Georgetown area. Drop by to watch them practice and learn more about how you can be a part of this exciting group.

Happy Feet Cloggers: Beginners 9:15-10:15 a.m., Advanced 10:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. each Friday in the ACA. Contact Dorinda Williams, 512-656-2043 or williamsda@suddenlink.net for more information.

Clogging is great fun, good exercise and helps to reinforce memory skills. We dance to various genres of music such as country, '50s and '60s and show tunes. Drop in and watch the Cloggers on Friday mornings.

Tap Dancing:

Beginners: Wednesdays, 1 p.m.
Intermediate I: Wednesdays, 2 p.m.
Intermediate II: Wednesdays, 3 p.m.
Advanced: Thursdays, 4 p.m.

All classes are held at the ACA. Contact Marijean Schindler at 512-869-4857 or marijean.schindler@yahoo.com. Tapping is super exercise, fabulous fun and full of so many great people. No experience necessary!

2nd Chance 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. The purpose of 2nd Chance Dance is to offer 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 routines. Come try it out and see if this class is for you!

Dominoes & Table Games

Contact: Ben Cardinal, 512-240-4179 or mredbird@suddenlink.net

The club offers a variety of card and board games seven days a week in the Activities Center Game Rooms (GR).

Annual dues are \$6. You may pay 2015 dues either online or by filling out a dues envelope available at the sign-in book in the Game Room during play. Make your check out to SCTXCA.

If you are not sure about joining our

club, come play as a guest for one of the activities.

Bid Euchre has been added to Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m. The full week's schedule is as follows:

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. Sheepshead, GR 1 and 2
7 p.m. Backgammon, GR 3

Wednesdays
7 p.m. Liverpool Rummy, GR 3
7 p.m. Euchre, GR 1 and 2
7 p.m. Bid Euchre, GR1 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. Your choice, GR 3

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

Duplicate Bridge

Contact: Paul Oltstad, 512-639-8441
An annual renewing membership is \$10.
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? Call:
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 or Barbara Jeppe, 512-591-7707

Thursday (ACBL sanctioned)
Dee Els, 512-864-0152

Bridge Lessons

Visit the Duplicate Bridge Club website at setxca.org or contact Betsy Lidgey at (512) 864-0745 or blidgey@verizon.net 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
January 6 - February 24

Bridge Basics 1 – An Introduction
Thursdays 9:30-11:30 a.m.
January 8 - February 26

Two over One Game Force
Tuesdays 10 a.m. to noon
March 3 – April 21

Bridge Basics 2 – Competitive Bidding
Thursdays 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a. m.
March 5 – April 23

Presenting *Learn Bridge in A Day*, a popular five-hour national workshop that introduces new players to bridge and/or serves as a refresher course. The workshop will be Wednesday, February 11 from 1-6 p.m. in the Salado Room at Cowan Creek Amenity Center. Cost: free. Contact Bonnie Dennis for registration and more information: email bonniedennis@suddenlink.net, or call 512-966-7781.

Eagle Boosters

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

The Eagles and Lady Eagles basketball teams have been playing their district games to gain an invitation to the state playoffs. The Texas Association of Basketball Coaches has ranked the girls' team as third 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

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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.

Lady Eagles Home/Playoff Basketball Games

Marble Falls February 3
 Vista Ridge February 10
 Bidistrict Playoff February 16-17
 Area Playoff February 19-21
 Regional Quarterfinal February 27
 Regional Semifinal February 27
 Regional Final February Feb 28

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

Eagles Home Basketball Games

East View February 6
 Dripping Springs February 13
 Visit our website to check game schedules, scores, and activities.

Fabric & Fiber

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. *Kathryn Hart, 512-868-8398.*

Fiber Art: 1st, 3rd and 5th Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m. to noon. *Linda Hillan, lhishere@yahoo.com*

Machine Embroidery: Mini-retreats every 2nd Friday and the Thursday before from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and on 5th weekends. *Betty Dvorak, 512-415-3512.*

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. *Lynn Hayes, 269-209-1700.*

Rubber Stamping & Creative Paper Arts: 1st and 3rd Thursdays, 9:30 a.m. to noon, and 4th Monday, 1 p.m. *Janice Mitchell, 512-943-9425.*

Rug Hooking: 1st, 3rd and 5th Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m. to noon. *Kathi Pinkston, 512-943-4808.*

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; Theresa Kittle, 512-864-2387.*

Sewing/Embellishment: Meetings, 3rd, 4th and 5th Wednesdays, 9:30-11:30 a.m.; Workday, 3rd Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. *Pat Stroup, 512-869-8557.*

Sit & Stitch: Mondays, 10 a.m. to noon. *Gail Rador, 512-975-4639.*

Spinning & Weaving: 1st and 2nd Tuesdays, 3rd, 4th and 5th Thursdays, 1-4 p.m. *Janet Payne, 815-979-8258.*

Foreign Language

Contact: Carol McAndrew,

Contact: Glenda Nuckols, grundy911@suddenlink.net

Third Friday International – Guest speaker Lynn Ellis will give a presentation on Vietnam on Friday, February 20, from 1-2 p.m. in the Activities Center Atrium. All are welcome.

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

If interested in learning Japanese, Chinese, Portuguese or Conversational Hebrew, contact Judy Harries, jbharries@juno.com.

French – Contact Marielle at mariellerimmer@yahoo.com.

German – Contact Ursula Pinner at jupinner@gmail.com

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

Italian – Contact Reeta Wadzeck at 512-591-7199. Beginning and Intermediate classes are being offered in 2015.

Russian – Contact Nancy Grafton at nancygrafton@sbcglobal.net. To brush up on your Russian, please sit in on our beginner classes, Fridays, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and then register for the fall 2015 intermediate class. Contact Nancy for

more information.

Spanish – SIG Director Ginny Hahn, hahngin@suddenlink.net. Curriculum Director, Judy Harries, jbharries@juno.com. We are offering Spanish 102 and 104, 202 and 204 plus Intermediate Conversation and Practice in February. See the NRO Bulletin for more information, or read descriptions of all our classes on the Spanish SIG website.

Club Dues: Full Year (January – December) \$10/person; Half Year (July - December) \$5/person. Join online through the CA ticketing system at www.sctexas.org or by check at the Member Services Office. Members may participate in all activities and language classes.

Garden

Wednesday, February 11, 12:30 p.m. (social), 1 p.m. (meeting) CCF/G

Contact: Carol Parsonage, carol.parsonage535@gmail.com

Meeting

It's not too soon to start checking local nurseries for plants you want to add to your landscape this spring. Perhaps you are considering roses but worry they might be too finicky or require too much work. According to February guest speaker Elizabeth Grieder, many heirloom roses are well-adapted to central Texas and can be relatively maintenance-free. These roses come in all sizes and colors and often have wonderful fragrance. Elizabeth, a Williamson County Master Gardener and rose enthusiast, oversees the Earth-Kind rose demonstration garden at the county Agrilife Extension Office, 3151 SE Inner Loop, Georgetown. Her presentation on "Heirloom Roses" will give you plenty of guidance and ideas for your landscape.

Membership

We invite all Sun City residents to join the Garden Club in 2015. Our monthly educational programs provide invaluable tips for a thriving Sun City landscape and our annual Garden Tour, the first weekend in May, helps support area charities. New and renewing members can pay their 2015 dues either at the meeting (bring a check made out to SCTXCA) or online on the Sun City Texas website. Individual dues are \$12, and a second person in the household can join for total

family dues of \$20.

February Yard of the Month

Congratulations to Jim and Donna Kotrla, 211 Scissortail Trail. A photo of their beautiful yard is in the "Around Sun City" section of this month's *Sun Rays*.

Hiking

Contact: Jan Woolheater, 512-868-5573 or suncityhiker@gmail.com

Join us on the trail! The Hiking Club will sponsor more than eighty 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 February include local hikes in Sun City and along Lake Georgetown's Goodwater Loop as well as destination hikes in the Taylor, Llano, San Marcos, Lampasas and Bastrop areas. Obtain details on this month's scheduled hikes and special events by logging onto www.sctexas.org. After accessing the Hiking Club site, click on a specific date on our Calendar.

Horseshoes & Washers

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

February 3, 1 p.m., ACA

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

Contact: President: Randall Brown, 512-508-8015 or randy.brown@suddenlink.net, New Members: Vern Gonion, 512-869-1129 or vrgonion@yahoo.com

The Club will host an **Open House** for all Sun City residents on Saturday, February 21 from 2-4 p.m. at the Community Garden, located at 141 Sun City Blvd. near the softball field. We will give tours of the entire Garden, including the herb garden, nursery, orchard, and vineyard. We will also explain how to rent one of our 265 raised garden beds, each with its own faucet providing water from our onsite water well. We plan to highlight our fully automated Greenhouse, which should be brimming with plants for our Spring Plant Sale. We want to acquaint Sun City residents with our Club, the Organic Gardens and all we have to offer.

Mark your calendars for our Spring Plant Sale on Saturday, March 21 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. This sale is a major fundraiser for the Club, to raise money for our operations. We will have an array of annuals and perennials, Texas Native and adapted plants and shrubs, vegetables and herbs, as well as compost, mulch and compost tea.

Hunting & Fishing

Tuesday, February 10, 2 p.m., SCB

Contact: President Jim Key, 512-943-9595 or jimkey7@gmail.com

Meetings: Our guest speaker will be fishing guide Bob Maindelle, who will discuss uses of the latest electronics in

finding and catching fish.

Membership: Annual dues are \$12 per person. Sign up and pay online through www.sctexas.org or at the Member Services Office. Contact John Pettitt, Membership Director, at 512-943-0618.

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

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

Hog hunting: Available year round. Contact DB 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: First Fridays, 9 a.m., featuring a variety of targets and scenarios. **Pistol Target Shooting:** First and third Wednesdays at Best of the West or Eagle Peak in Leander. 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.

Black Powder Shooting: Contact Larry Maltz, 512-869-7003 or pattilm@verizon.net.

Fly Fishing: Contact Bill Smith, 512-591-7016 or smith.williamr@yahoo.com.

Archery: Contact Bernie Long, 512-547-3056 or fbctrustee@yahoo.com.

Kayaking: Contact John Digits, 512-869-4164 or kjdigits@suddenlink.com.

Investment Education

Contact: Will Saunders, 512-257-2137 or sandyren@suddenlink.net

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

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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

Contact: Mike Glackin, 512-635-0754 or mike.glackin125@gmail.com

Show Sun City you've got talent! Our new professional Karaoke System will make you sound like the Rock Star you are! Come on out and have a great time singing or just listening to the music and hittin' the dance floor. Open to everyone. No cover, ever. BYOB and snacks.

We host fun Karaoke events nearly every week, generally on Thursdays from 6-10 p.m.:

Thursday, February 5 CCF/G
 Thursday, February 12 CCF/G
 Thursday, March 5 CCF/G
 Thursday, March 12 CCF/G
 Wednesday, March 18 CCF/G
 Thursday, March 26 CCF/G
 Club Karaoke is open to new members. Dues are \$12 per year.

Line Dance

Wednesdays, Thursdays and Sundays; times vary

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

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 for the year. Five socials with special themes are held annually in the ballroom. Our first social of the year will be on Saturday, February 21.

Wednesdays – Ballroom (unless otherwise notified)

Beginner: 12:45-1:35 p.m.

Transition: 1:40-2:25 p.m.

Intermediate: 2:30-3:30 p.m.

Thursdays – CCF/G

Experienced-Transition/Intermediate: 9 a.m.

Intermediate-Advanced: 10 a.m.

Sundays – (1st, 3rd, 5th) CCF/G

Ultra Beginner: 1 p.m. (First Sunday only)

Beginner: 1:30 p.m.

Transition: 2:30 p.m.

Pattern/Partner Dance: Contact SIG Director Betty Wyer at 512-869-8442 or bettywyer2@verizon.net. Members meet in the Atrium from 6-8 p.m. on the first, third and fifth Thursdays of each month. 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

Wednesday and Saturday, 12:30 p.m.

Thursday, 6:30 p.m. AC, GR 1/2/3

Contact: Sharon Kyslowsky, skyslowsky@suddenlink.net

Come one, come all and join us in a game of Mah Jongg. The Sun City Texas Mah Jongg Club welcomes players of all skill levels. For those who want to learn the game, we have a great teacher, and our group consists of both social and tournament players. We have several tournaments and lunches throughout the year. Give us a try!

Men's Golf Association

email: sctxmga@gmail.com

Contact: Jeff Morgan, 512-591-7050 or jsmorgan815@gmail.com

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

Tuesday, February 17, 2:30 p.m., SCB

Contact: Bob Jensen, President, rdjensen345@gmail.com

Nothing Works Like Natives!

If you are new to Sun City, or if you are a long time resident, you know that our thin soil, dry climate, water rationing, and hungry critters make it a struggle to keep our yards looking good. Randy Pensabene has succeeded and will show us how to have an attractive, low maintenance landscape using native plants to lower water bills and to provide habitat. She'll describe some interesting and beautiful native plants and her favorite native plant resources.

Dues: \$12 includes monthly program on various topics and six Special Interest Groups.

Special Interest Groups: See Club Calendar on the website.

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

Astronomy: Micheal Starch, 512-868-1076 and Ed Wiley, 512-688-1071. Monday, February 23, 7 p.m., CC Florence Room. First, current Astronomy items of interest; then, Steve Barrett will present "Observing the Friendly Skies," about telescopes and star party adventures. Telescope equipment will be on display.

Birding: Karen McBride, txmotmot@suddenlink.net; Ed Rozenburg, 512-869-7303. **Meeting:** Tuesday, February 3, 2:30 p.m., AC MR 3/4. **Walks:** Thursday, February 5 and Wednesday, February 18. Meet at LHPP at 8 a.m. to walk or carpool.

Butterflies: Ed Rozenburg, 512-869-7303. See Club Calendar for information.

Native Plants: Art Gibson, 512-943-0173. **Talk:** Thursday, February 5, 1 p.m., AC MR 3/4. SIG Leader Art Gibson presents "Fleshy Fruits We Know and Love."

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

Meet: Tuesday, February 10, 4 p.m., AC MR 3/4. Micheal Starch presents "Revisiting the Clovis Culture, Climate, and Geology."

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Oldies but Goodies Dance

Saturday, April 11, 7 p.m., SCB
 Contact: Bill Smith, 512-591-7016 or
 wilsmithzz029@gmail.com

The OBG Dance Club is “Where the Young at Heart Dance to the Golden Oldies.” The club is a newly sanctioned CA Chartered Club and is open to any Sun City resident who would like to become a new member. We have four dances per year featuring the classic sounds of the ’50s, ’60s and ’70s. Our next dance will be on Saturday, April 11 featuring Little Beverly and the Shades, a rock-n-roll band specializing in the oldies from the ’50s and ’60s. Our fall dances will be on Friday, September 18 and Saturday, November 14 to recorded music. All dances will be held in the Social Center Ballroom. Doors open at 6:30 and all dances begin at 7 p.m. Dues are \$10 per person or \$15 per household. All dances are free to members. BYOB and snacks; ice and water will be provided. Non-members and guests are welcome to attend any dance at \$5 for recorded music dances and \$10 for live bands.

Pet

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

For those of you who enrolled in the three training classes that Ruth Olsen began last month, you are probably learning a lot about dog behavior as well as yourself. Usually, it is the owner who needs a little help along with the dog. Ms. Olsen also offers classes and certification for those pet owners who wish to form a therapy team with their dog. Email the pet club for more information.

The holiday toy and treat drive during December was a huge success. Thanks to you, over 100 lbs. of pet food, more than 150 toys, 48 custom made pet blankets as well as crates, carriers, towels, and other items were donated to local animal shelters. We cannot express how much the homeless dogs and cats appreciate your donations.

Our Pet Partners Therapy Dog teams completed over 1700 hours of volunteer work in 2014. We will continue to expand this community outreach program.

Training Tip: Training should be ongoing

throughout the life of your pet. There are countless opportunities during the day to train with your pet, even if it is only for a 10-second session. Begin with requiring your dog to follow one command, such as a simple “sit” just prior to putting down his food bowl. This teaches your dog that you (the Alpha dog) are in command and that all good things he receives comes from you. Most of all, it teaches the dog to *listen* and *react* to what you tell him to do.

Photography

Wednesday, February 4, 2 p.m., CCF/G

Contact: Cheryl Cook, President, 281-382-7760 or cjcook73@yahoo.com

General Meeting: The February meeting will be on Wednesday, February 4, starting at 2 p.m. in the Georgetown/Florence Rooms at Cowan Creek Amenity Center. Visitors are welcome. This month is the first of a series entitled “Photography Improvement Program.” This month’s subject is “Motion.” In addition, there will be some club announcements.

Photographs on Display: Members’ photos are exhibited at the Activities Center, Cowan Creek Amenity Center, The Oaks, the Photo Studio and on the club website.

Special Interest Groups: SIG meetings are held in the Photography Studio. Current SIGs are: Advanced, Competition, Lightroom, Nature, Novice, Photo-shop, PSA and Elements.

Field Trips: Monthly field trips offer members great photographic opportunities. There is a brief session prior to the field trip to discuss trip details and logistics; another get-together takes place after the trip to share experiences and photographs taken.

Membership: The 2015 dues are now payable online and are \$12 for the first person and \$5 for each additional family member. You may join through the Sun City Texas website, at the monthly general meeting or by contacting a board member.

Competition: The annual club competition and exhibit runs through February 27 at the Activities Center on Texas Drive.

Pickleball

Contact: Nancy Grafton, 512-417-0627
 or nancygrafton@sbcglobal.net

Pickleball is a fun, active game that combines the elements of tennis, badminton, and ping pong. Played on a doubles’ badminton court with paddles and a perforated plastic ball, all it requires are workout clothes, court shoes and a desire to play the game. Whether you are new to pickleball or are a seasoned veteran with tournament experience, you will find a level of play suited to your needs.

Our club offers a free introductory training class for beginners. It provides a fundamental overview of the skills needed to play the game. We also sponsor a Mentor Program, in which some of our more experienced players assist beginners with rule assimilation and suggestions on technique. Of course, the best way to become proficient at pickleball is to actually play the game. Courts 5 and 6 are reserved for beginner use every Monday and Thursday afternoon from 3 – 5 p.m. If this sounds like the game for you, contact our Player Development Director, Richard Bradley at RLbradley1963@gmail.com to sign up.

More experienced players can improve their skills by competing in league play and participating in advanced training. For more information, visit our website at www.sctexas.org. It contains a wealth of information including a link called “Club Hours.” This page lists the days, times and court assignment for ability groups, leagues and open club periods. You will also find web links to external sites with guidance on rules and strategy, as well as recommended vendors for new equipment.

Poker

Contact: Roland Schroeder, 512-869-0138; PokerClub@sctexas.org

If you like to play Texas Hold’em or Omaha High / Low, come and 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 the club. Dues for 2015 are \$10 per resident

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and that allows each member to participate in as many of the games as he/she desires.

Club Officers 2015

Club officers for 2015 were elected at the Annual Member Meeting held November 18, 2014. The officers are:

President Roland Schroeder
 Vice President Jim Rhoads
 Secretary/Treasurer Don Landry

Texas Hold'em No Limit Tournament

The Poker Club will hold a \$10 buy-in Texas Hold'em No Limit Tournament on Tuesday, February 10. 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

Thursdays, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., GR1/2

Omaha High/Low Schedule of Events

Mondays and Thursdays, 5 to 9:30 p.m., MR4

Saturdays, 12:30 to 4:30 p.m., MR4

Are you interested in learning how to play Texas Hold'em? If so, email PokerClub@sctexas.org.

Radio Control Modelers

Tuesdays, 7:30 a.m., CCF

Contact: Terry Palmer, President, rc.modelers@suddenlink.net

Newly retired or new to Sun City? Looking for a fun hobby that you never had time to pursue? Welcome to the RC Modelers. 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...lots of members, men and women, new to the hobby along with some seasoned hobbyists who will show you how. We're just over three years old and we've grown to over 160 members. We even have a computer-controlled flight simulator if you don't want to do the "live stuff." We "fly it" at the weekly meetings. Monthly we fly rotor craft, small

airplanes and run cars/off-road vehicles in the Social Center Ballroom and do other "fun stuff" at Berry Creek Pond.

February schedule:

Sunday, February 8, SCB:

10:30 a.m. Fixed Winged Aircraft

12:30 p.m. Rotor Craft

2:30 p.m. Cars/Trucks

Sunday, February 22:

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 driving range that is closed on Mondays. We 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 or sailing, stop by and say hello. For a Membership Application, go to our club website via www.sctexas.org.

RV

Tuesday, February 24, 5 p.m., Mel's Lone Star Lanes

Contact: Mike Moody, 512-864-7873 or rvclubpresident@gmail.com or George Santowski, 512-868-8458 or gjsant2000@yahoo.com

We will meet at Mel's Lonestar Lanes in February for a Mardi Gras celebration, where we will enjoy a Cajun-themed dinner featuring pecan crusted chicken in bourbon sauce, boudin stuffed pork loin and dirty rice. There will also be Cajun music, pictures from our recent RV Club trip to the Gulf Coast and beads, beads, beads for everyone!

Trips planned for 2015 include Schulenburg and 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 information and more on the club website or from our contacts above.

Singers

Rehearsals: Tuesday evenings, 6:40-8:30 p.m., SCB

Contact: Nancy Robohn, 512-943-9682 or robohnlpez@yahoo.com

Rehearsals continue for the Sun City Singers' spring concert, "With a Voice of Singing." Concert dates are Wednesday, April 15 and Thursday, April 16, beginning at 7 p.m. in the Social Center Ballroom both nights. A dress rehearsal will be held on Tuesday, April 14. This is a reserved seat event. Tickets will go on sale on March 2 for \$8 each – buy early for the best selection.

Singers, please mark your calendars for Tuesday, February 17 and February 24. We will be rehearsing at the Cowan Creek Amenity Center.

Dulcimers - a SIG of Singers

Members presented our Annual Benefit Concert for the Caring Place on January 25. The concert was a great success and, once again, we appreciate your generosity.

Now that concert preparations have ended, we will continue to present gigs at local nursing homes and enjoy making music together.

Practices are on Saturdays from 10 a.m.-noon and Tuesdays from 6-8 p.m. in Rooms 3 and 4 of the Activities Center. Visitors are welcome, and free lessons are offered in February. For more information, please contact Jeanne Lubey at 512-864-3459 or jlubey@msn.com.

Social Bridge

Contact: Dee Pokluda, 361-935-6124 or deecottonpatch@gmail.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:

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Contact: Membership Director Tom Davis, 512-843-9465 or trdavis101@gmail.com

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We invite you to beautiful Del Webb Field to watch and/or play one of the few spectator sports in Sun City Texas! Come and have some fun! Our grandstand cover makes watching games more comfortable and enjoyable.

Our informal winter season is underway with a single game at 11 a.m. on Mondays and Thursdays. Everyone plays during these games and the cost is only \$5 per player for the season. There are also regular practices and pick-up games at 10 a.m. on Tuesdays and Fridays. We invite all new and existing residents to check out our senior slo-pitch softball. There are also very active and self-supporting traveling teams, the Sun City Warriors, for the more competitive players.

You are invited to also check the Softball Club website and the club bulletin board at Del Webb Field for additional information, schedules and calendar of events.

Solos
**Solos Thirsty Thursdays, 5:30 p.m.,
The Oaks**

Contact: Jack Mercer, 512-635-5583 or jwmercer@suddenlink.net

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 \$20 and may be paid on the Sun City Texas website or at the Member Services Office. At Thirsty Thursday, we celebrate birthdays, have potluck meals and share in social activities. Bring your beverage of choice, a glass and let us welcome you to our family of friends.

Upcoming Social Event

Mardi Gras is coming to Solos on Friday,

February 20. Experience the food, music and revelry of New Orleans without leaving Sun City! Costumes, or at least masks, are encouraged. Let’s all go to “Bourbon Street” and party the night away! Watch your email for further information.

Stained Glass
Tuesday, February 10, 3 p.m., The Oaks

Contact: Wayne Nelson,
512-868-9044, nelsonavn@aol.com
Studio phone: 512-948-7662

The Club is looking forward to another busy year, with many active members working in a wide variety of glasswork medium including copper foil, kiln-formed, jewelry and mosaic. We are fortunate to have so many people of talent and creativity as members.

We welcome visitors during open hours, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. We will show you around and explain what goes into working with glass. Most of the work in the Studio is for sale, so keep us in mind when you are looking for a special gift.

Sundancers

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 – February 2, 9, and 16 dances are in the ballroom, and the February 23 dance is in the Activities Center Atrium. Each Monday, the Mainstream beginner class is from 4:30-6:30 p.m., the Mainstream (or Plus on February 23) workshop is from 6:30-7 p.m. Square dancing is from 7-9 p.m.

Round Dance Schedule: Regular Sunday dances – February 9 and 23 dances are in the Activities Center Atrium. Times: beginners from 2-4 p.m.; intermediates from 4:30-6 p.m.; and advanced from 6:05-7:30 p.m.

Class Half-way Dance: Like the Sundancers, the Killeen Kickers are holding Mainstream lessons. To celebrate the two groups having reached the half-way point in their lessons, the Sundancers will host a special half-way dance for both groups. Both club callers will share

the mike. Come out and share the fun and sociability of square dancing with our prospective new members. The dance will be in the ballroom, but at press time the February date had not been selected. Watch the club’s website for schedule updates.

Check out our website for pictures and video of club activities, plus the current schedule of dances, along with links to area square dance information. All square and round dancers are welcome to come and join in the fun. The club dress code is casual.

Table Tennis

Contact: Activity Director Richard Feinstein Pingtennis2015@gmail.com

Great news—Sun City Table Tennis Club members have all-day access to the Cowan Creek Salado Room every Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday. Additional hours also may be available if no other group has scheduled the Salado Room Tuesday through Thursday. If in doubt regarding access, check the weekly room schedule by logging on to www.sctexas.org and click on “Room Reservations” or check at the Cowan Creek Monitor’s Desk. These expanded hours will increase opportunities for organized activities, informal play, socialization and instruction. As before, tables, balls, and paddles are available in the Salado Room. Please log in (name and time) each time you play; the attendance book is on the counter in the Salado Room. The new Board of Directors (President Sharon Tillisch, Vice President Linda Curfs, Secretary Sheila Engel, Treasurer Susan Pendelbury, and Activities Director Richard Feinstein) will meet quarterly to provide leadership and direction for the club. Club members are encouraged to attend all open Board meetings. Check the club website for news, events, tournaments, photos and other related materials. Yearly dues are \$10 per person, payable via the Sun City Texas website or by taking a check to the Social Center.

Tennis Association

Bill Perkison, Communications Chair,
512-943-0557 or bill@perkison.com

Tennis at Sun City is for all skill levels and all playing schedules. Join us and let's play some tennis!

To reserve a court with your friends, use the daily court schedule posted on the bulletin board between courts two and three. But for the most fun, from USTA competition to attending fun socials, join some of our many other activities.

Try Open Tennis. It's doubles with no partners, no levels and a friendly coordinator to get you started. Play Monday and Wednesday evenings or Friday mornings at times posted on the court schedule on the bulletin board. Just show up and have fun!

Use the Tennis Game Finder. Locate other like-minded (similar skills, schedules, whatever) tennis players. Sign up cards are, again, on the bulletin board.

Participate in our tournaments and social activities. They are awesomely fun! How, you ask? How else, check the bulletin board!

Join Sun City Texas Tennis Association (SCTTA). This is a deal! Members get discounts on tournaments and social events and receive advance email notification of leagues, tournaments and socials. Joining is simple, go online at www.sctexas.org, buy a membership "ticket" or call Phil King at 512-240-5797, or get an application from the bulletin board. It's only \$12 a year.

Need more information? Call 512-868-6951 for George Price, resident tennis instructor, who'll be happy to guide you through the process of engaging in tennis at Sun City.

Visual Arts

Meeting: Tuesday, February 10, 3-5 p.m., CCF/G

Contact: Violet Nicklen, 850-543-7775
Studio Phone: 512-948-7661
Annual Dues: \$10

Membership in the VAC is open to all residents of Sun City. The Studio is open weekdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. for "open painting" except during scheduled classes. Class schedules, which vary by month, are posted on www.sctexas.org. Copies

are also available at the Studio. For further class information, contact Patricia Williams at 512-351-2029 or patriwillia@gmail.com.

Our meeting on February 10 will feature a portraiture demonstration by Sun City artist Sally Doran. Working in oils, Sally will discuss approaches to her upcoming class and allow potential enrollees an advance opportunity to experience her work. Beginning in March, Intermediate and Advanced students may work in oils, acrylics or pastels for the Wednesday class series, taking place between 9 a.m. and noon.

The annual "Meet the Artist" art show and reception will take place Sunday, March 1 from 2-5 p.m. at the Activities Center. Art will remain on display and offered for sale through Friday, April 17. As always, additional art hung in the Studio and at Cowan Creek Amenity Center is available for purchase (Visa and Master Card accepted).

The schedule for VAC Special Interest Groups meeting in the Studio is as follows:

First Saturday: Oriental Brush

Second Saturday: Large Paintings

Second Tuesday (6-7:30 p.m.): Red Dot

Third Saturday: Water Media

Fourth Saturday: Pastels/Drawing/Colored Pencils

Fourth Monday (6:30-8:30 p.m.): Zentangle

Women's Golf Association 9-Hole

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

Contact: Terri Pender, 512-864-2997 or terri@penderfamily.com

Play days are every Tuesday, alternating

between all three Sun City golf courses. Monthly meetings are held the first Tuesday of every other month. Please check the *Sun Rays'* Golf section or visit our website for dates, locations and monthly WGA 18-Holers news. We welcome any new or returning ladies interested in 18 holes of fun, competitive golf! New members must contact membership representative Paula Mockenhaupt at pj143mac@gmail.com or 512-240-4273. We're looking forward to a successful 2015, so please come join us.

Women Helping Others

Contact: Ruthie VanDeMoortel,
512-864-2384 or Nina Stancil,
512-868-1609

Women Helping Others (WHO) has become a Sun City chartered club! Neighborhood 43 is very proud of this accomplishment considering this group had a very small beginning in January 2010 in the home of Mollie Hoff. With 12 other N43 ladies attending, their intentions were to accumulate donations to help the local community.

Those original 12 WHO members had a vision for their work ahead, which read: "WHO is a cohesive group of people with a passion and purpose for caring, sharing and serving the extended community." In addition, their mission was to support existing charitable organizations with time, donations and assistance while fostering camaraderie, fellowship and inclusion.

In 2012, the Meals on Wheels (MOWs) organization was in financial crisis and had to create a waiting list for potential clients. WHO created various fund raisers and raised \$25,000, totally eliminating the MOWs waiting list for Sun City residents. This is when WHO became well-known in Georgetown!

In the past four years, WHO has supported many community needs, including those of children, seniors, victims of sexual assault and domestic violence, veterans, the disabled, those in financial crisis and homeless animals.

WHO is now chartered, and the growth opportunities will only increase. That first meeting in Mollie's home has blossomed into a blessing for Georgetown. WHO welcomes all Sun City residents.

Just call Ruthie VanDeMoortel, President, 512-864-2384 or Nina Stancil, Vice President, 512-868-1609. And, yes, men are welcome too!

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Board Meeting:

Wednesday, February 18, 9 a.m.

Membership Meeting:

Thursday, February 19, 9:30 a.m.

Contact: Jane Bonk, 512-948-7214 or jane.bonk@outlook.com

New members must sign up for Orientation and 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'd be happy to give you a guided tour of our facility, talk about your idea for a wood project, or just talk.

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 work on during the year, including "Toys for Tots," making wooden toys for less fortunate children at Christmas and "Camp Discovery," providing 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 from 6-9 p.m. and Tuesdays from 8:30-11 a.m.

Zoomers

Our newsletter is available via email.

Social Activities

Zoomers has many very active social groups with special interest 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)

Your fellow Zoomers event planners are working to create local day trips, two- to four-day trips to surrounding area events and longer trips around the United States and all over the world. Watch your Zoomers email for announcements of trips to Canada, Europe, and the Americas. All trips will be escorted by a Zoomers event planner.

ZIE (Inside Events – current members only)

Zoomers Inside Events is a social group under the Zoomers umbrella that hosts parties, dances, dinners, etc., all within Sun City. The first event, Casino Night, will be held on March 14. For those of you who like to gamble or would like to try, mark your calendar for a very fun evening! Look for more details on this event in your February Newsletter.

Sports Activities

The first Zoomers golf tournament for 2015 will be March 1. Watch your emails for sign up information.

Membership

Join or renew online or in person at the Member Services Office. Questions should be directed to Tom Greer at jtommyg@sbcglobal.net.



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NURSES WITH HEART

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- 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 4th Monday ea/mo, 1-3 p.m., Cowan Creek Andice Rm. 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 Meets 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.

Grief First & third 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 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 Monday, February 9 from 1-2:30 p.m., 2423 Williams Dr., Suite 101, LakeAire Shopping Center, Community Room A, Georgetown. Jim Meyer, PharmD, MS, CCN discusses treatment emphasizing nutrition, alternative and traditional medicine. 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. **NEW:** We now have a Care Partner Support Group meeting on second Thursday of the month at 2 p.m. at the same location. For information, contact Mary Jane Berry at 512-240-4167; dberry3@suddenlink.net.

Post Polio Survivors Meets Thursday, March 26, at 10 a.m. in the Scott & White Conference Room. FFI email LaNell at lanellchampion@yahoo.com, or call 512-868-1427.

Prostate Cancer The Prostate Cancer Support Group will meet Thursday, February 12 from 3-5 p.m. at Scott & White Clinic Conference room to hear Dr. Sandi Mistry discuss the role of da Vinci Surgery for prostate cancer. For additional information, contact Dr. Eanes at (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; Janet Liem, 512-868-8658; Maureen Vogl, 512-864-0689.

Stroke Survivors - Williamson County Stroke Support Group meets the 3rd Thursday of each month - 3:30 to 5 p.m. at the Scott & White Georgetown/Sun City Clinic - 4945 Williams Dr. Lee Mobley 512-657-1779 or Laura Trela 512-509-9432, ltrela@swmail.sw.org.



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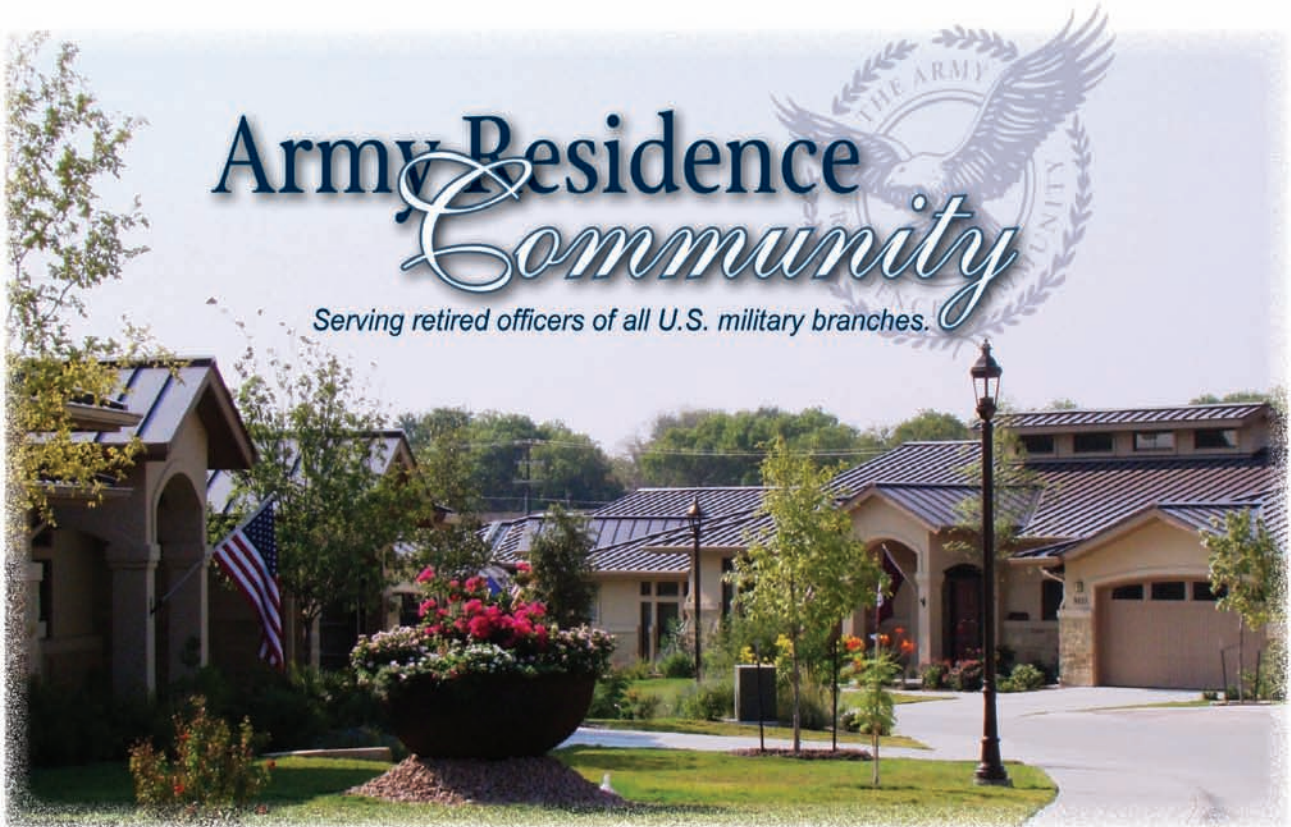


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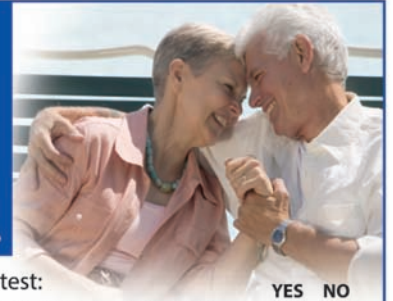
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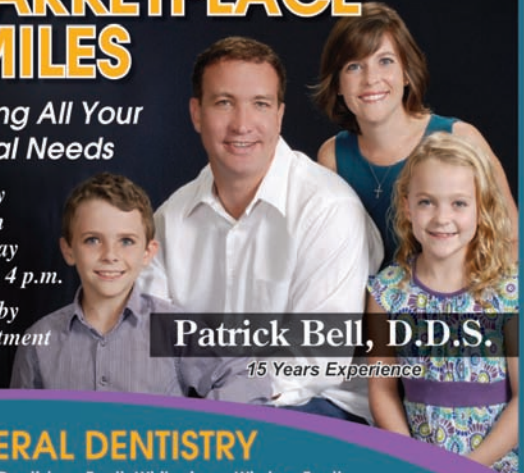
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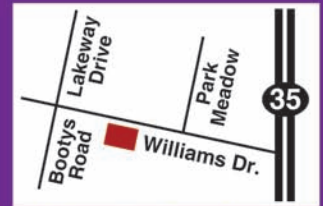
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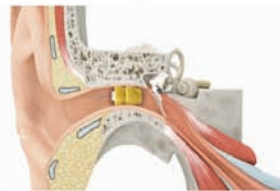
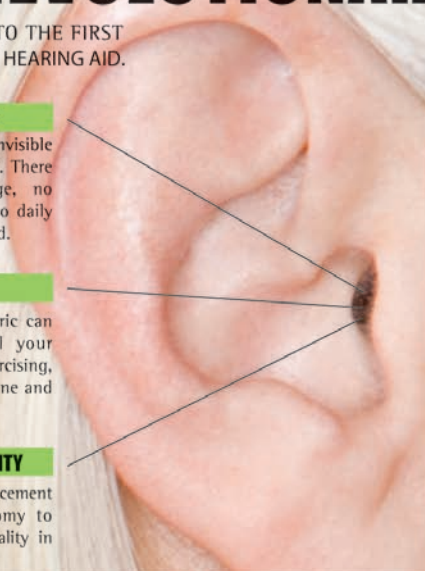
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The Poker Club held a Texas Hold'em No Limit tournament on December 19, 2014 with 30 members participating in the event. Congratulations to Roland Schroeder for winning the tournament with Louise Phillips placing second and Alan Bourdo placing third.

December Texas Hold'em Tournament:
2nd Place - Louise Phillips, 1st Place - Roland Schroeder, 3rd Place - Alan Bourdo



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GARDEN CLUB MAKES DONATIONS

PHOTO BY JUDY AISHMAN

Representatives from Williamson County 4-H and Master Gardeners, and Annunciation Maternity Home and Brookwood in Georgetown (BIG) attended the Garden Club's December meeting where they were presented with donation checks from the 2014 Garden Tour proceeds.



PHOTOS BY BARBARA LUNA

LOOK! HERE COMES ANOTHER ONE...AND THERE IT GOES!

These turkeys had a grand time on the fifth green at White Wing watching golfers tee off; the birds would watch the balls roll by, then begin grooming themselves. When the carts and golfers got to the green, off the turkeys went.



GEORGETTES TO PERFORM AT UT BASKETBALL GAME

The Sun City Georgettes are scheduled to perform at the University of Texas basketball game on Sunday, February 8 when the Longhorns take on the Baylor Bears.

Left, some members of the Georgettes model variations of outfits for the performance. Left to right: Sharon Myers, Diana Feagin, Betty Wyer, Karen Pavey.



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Granddaughter (left, Cheyenne Fryer, 14) and friend (right, Allison Itz, 14) stayed the night with resident Gini Carey in order to make holiday candies. Gini and her husband went out for a brief event and were surprised to return to 180 red plastic forks spelling out "HI" in their front lawn. The giggling girls copped to the prank, adding that they'd specifically used red forks for a festive, seasonal touch. "Lawn forking," apparently, is the new T-P'ing.

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FABULOUS FISH

Bill Smith caught this 5 pound, 4 ounce bass in Cowan Creek Pond.



PEACOCK BY JOHN DRAKE



LIGHTING THE WAY

2014 Georgettes Chairpersons Paula Sparks and Connie Stutters hand off a candle and gavel to 2015 Chairperson Marion Phillippi as new Board members stand by. The gavel and candle were passed along to the new Board to signify that they will “light the way” for all of the Georgettes in 2015. From left to right are: Connie Stutters (2014 chairman), Marion Phillippi (2015 Chairman), Paula Sparks (2014 Chairman), and 2015 Board members Julie Roberts (Vice Chairman), Pat Kessler (Secretary), Barbara Davis (Treasurer), and Betty Wyer (Dance Director).



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NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATION

Sun City residents rang in the new year with smiles at the CA-sponsored New Year's Eve celebration.



N10 friends partied at the 2014 New Year's Eve celebration in the Social Center Ballroom with the People's Choice Band. Dancers had a great time and filled the floor until the last song of the evening. Back row, left to right: Dennis Siple, Mike Marker, Phil Dorrah, Bob Waddell. Front row, left to right: Elinor Siple, Helen Marker, Barbara Dorrah, Penny Jones.



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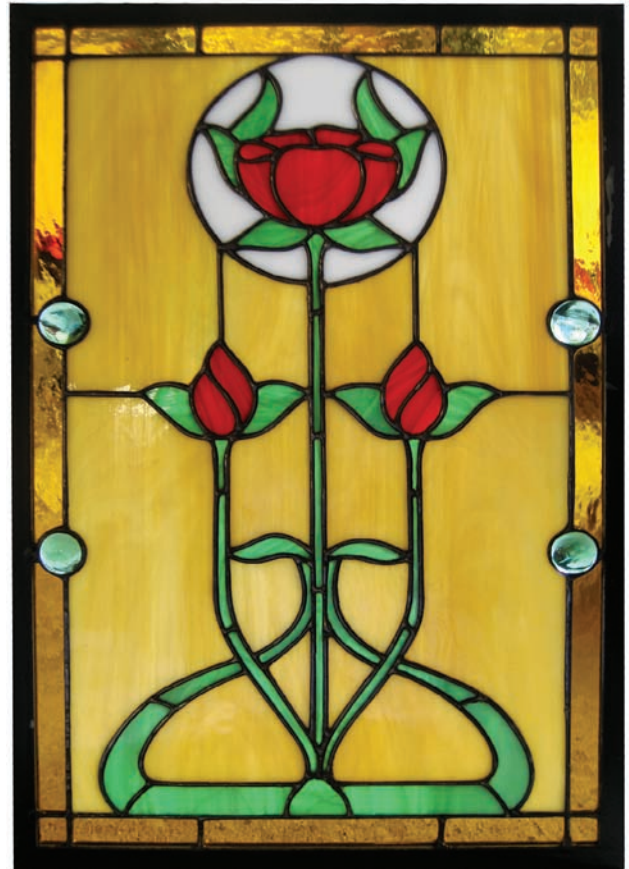
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Saturday, February 21,
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The AARP Driver Safety program offers the nation's first and largest refresher course designed specifically for older drivers.

The program consists of one (1) four hour session and costs \$17. The course helps drivers refine existing skills and develop safe defensive driving techniques. Both AARP members and non-members may take the course; **however, non-AARP members must pay an extra \$5 at the door. AARP members must bring their AARP card to avoid the additional charge.**

Upon completion of the course, graduates MAY receive a discount on their automobile insurance premiums. Please check with your auto insurance carrier to see what discount, if any, will apply.

AARP courses do not qualify for ticket dismissal in Texas unless you have previously contacted the appropriate court and received approval to take this course in place of a Defensive Driving Course.

Remember to bring your driver's license, AARP card and the ticket you purchased at the Member Services Office or online.

For more information, contact Herb Hainlen at HCHJLH@yahoo.com.

Friends of the Library

The library is closed for book processing from 8:30-11:30 a.m. on the first and third Tuesday of each month

Contact: Nancy Davis 512-863-5626 or nkddavis9@suddenlink.net

Guidelines for donated books and other materials:

- No encyclopedias, computer manuals, textbooks, large sets or large books.
- No VHS tapes or audio books on tape or jigsaw puzzles.
- Books must have the last copyright date or latest printing date after 1998.
- Videos and audio books must have copy-

right dated material.

- Magazines must be recent, no more than 3 months old.
- These restrictions are due to limited library space; unacceptable donations will be discarded or given to a charity.

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African/African-American Women

Sun City women of African and African-American descent meet monthly in an informal, friendly and fun gathering to connect with one another. Contact Rae Gill at 512-868-8688 or mraegill@verizon.net.

Antiques & Collectibles Lovers

Sun City Texas women with an abiding interest in antiques meet monthly in members' homes to enjoy a short program and share knowledge and love of antiques, vintage items, collectibles and historical sites. We also have a biannual fundraiser to benefit our local county museum. You are welcome to attend as a guest if you want to learn more about how our Questers group works. Contact Christy Glandt at 512-819-0912 or bcglandt@gmail.com.

Big Band Group

A Sun City based Swing Band is forming for musicians who love to play. Call Henry Savage at 970-819-2819 or 512-863-2317, or email hsavage39@gmail.com

Book Discussion

Contact: Bob Stockburger, 512-240-5573 or stuttgart822@yahoo.com

The Great Books Reading and Discussion group will meet twice in February. Group One will meet from 5-7 p.m. on February 8 in the Activities Center, MR 1 to discuss *Gulliver's Travels*, by Swift. Group Two will meet from 10 a.m. – noon on February 14 in AC MR 1 to discuss Kant's *Conscience*. Group sizes are limited to twelve participants. New members welcome. Contact Bob Stockburger at stuttgart822@yahoo.com or 817-999-3787.

Born In Texas

If you or your spouse were born in Texas and are not receiving the BIT Club emails,

contact Carolyn Heald at 512-819-9484 or carolynheald@aol.com.

Brits

Second Thursdays

The British Group meets monthly on the second Thursday of each month. If you are from the UK and would like to socialize with fellow Brits, please come and join us. Anglophiles are also welcome! Contact Angela and Norman Tucker at 512-240-4063 or tuckernorman@att.net for information.

Cajuns

www.sccajunclub.com

Come "pass a good time" with The Sun City "Kiss Me I'm Cajun" Club. Join us on March 29 at 6:30 p.m. in the ballroom for our 4th Annual Swamp Pop Night. Remember, you need not be born Cajun, but simply enjoy the unique Cajun joie de vivre – *joy of life*. Everyone is welcome. To subscribe to our newsletter, The Cajun Times, email Ron or Peggy Scarborough at sccajunclub@aol.com or call (512) 943-9450.

California

Third Wednesdays

Were you born in California? Lived in California? Visited California? Just like California? Then come and join us on the third Wednesday of each month for dinner. We're "laid-back" Californians, just eating and socializing. Call Jan Renfro at 512-863-2802 or email jren_tx@yahoo.com.

Chicago

We are about Chicago foods, including hot dogs (no ketchup), Italian beef sandwiches, pizza, gyros. We are about Chicago teams, memories, neighborhoods, pride. If you are from Chicago or have a connection or interest in the Windy City, we hope you will join us. We meet bi-monthly for good food, watching our Chicago teams, celebrations and more. Contact Linda at lindadwyer0503@gmail.com, or Jim at jjbonk@core.com.

Colorado

A new club is forming for former Coloradans living in Sun City. Join us Monday, February 9 from 6-8 p.m. in the Georgetown/Florence rooms at Cowan Creek. We'll have a social hour getting to know

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each other, and then spend some time deciding what sub-groups we want to form, how often we want to meet, and who is going to do what. For more information, contact Devon at devonmail@comcast.net.

Corvette Owners

Are you interested in joining other Corvette owners in a Sun City cruising group? Contact Kent and Susan Didriksen at 512-863-9206 or ksdidriksen@aol.com.

Cruisers

www.sun-city-tx-clubs.org

Have a motorcycle or scooter or dream of having one? Join the Sun City Cruisers. We meet for fellowship, story swapping, discussions on bikes and accessories, and planning for future group rides. Call Russ Miller at 512-863-9692 or email milinscon@suddenlink.net.

Cycling

www.suncityxcyclists.org

The Sun City Texas Cyclists have rides from cruising around Sun City to longer, faster rides over rarely traveled roads. New member rides are Saturday and Monday mornings. For more on our ride options, distances and pace, visit our website.

The Sun City Ordinarily Unruly Tandem Society (SCOUTS) invites tandem riders to join them for a ride in the wonderful countryside outside Sun City. Rides are every Tuesday and Thursday. Contact Karen Shawhan, k.l.shawhan@gmail.com.

Czech

If you are of Czech heritage and interested in meeting socially with other Czechs, contact Stephanie Matlock at stephanie_matlock@yahoo.com.

DAR - Robert Gilbert Livingston Chapter

Daughters of the American Revolution, The Robert Gilbert Livingston Chapter, will meet on Thursday, February 12 in the Atrium of the Sun City Activities Center, 1 Texas Drive. Refreshments begin at 9:30 a.m. and the meeting at 10 a.m. The program will be presented by Gabrielle (Gaby) Smith Hadyka, State Registrar of Texas, who will speak on "Becoming George Washington." Guests

are welcome. For further inquiry, contact Regent Barbara Elrod, (512) 931-2484.

Firefighters

Are you a former firefighter, either career or volunteer? If you're interested in casual gatherings with other former "smoke eaters" contact Ken Phipps at kenwphipps@gmail.com.

French Social

Born, lived or worked in French-speaking countries? Want to keep up the language? Join our group on the second Thursday of the month at 2 p.m. For the location, please contact Claudia Shelton by email at caugier26@yahoo.com.

Garland Groupies

If you previously lived in Garland, Texas and are interested in fun and fellowship with others who have lived there, you should become a member. Call Charlie/Margie Swearingen at 512-864-0306 or Ed/Bettye McCrary at 512-864-0471.

German

Second Thursdays, Noon

This spirited social club comprises native-born and German-Americans with a desire to share mutual experiences in all things Germanic; the language, peoples, culture, prevalent in its diverse regions. Interest is keen regarding the migration of German settlers to Texas and their contributions to the Lone Star state. Luncheons are on the second Thursday of each month, with dialogue in German and English. Contact: Dick Aull, 512-948-2911 or Ute Kelly, 512-863-9256.

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 next gathering will be held on Sunday, March 22, Prince Kuhio Day, at the Cowan

Creek Florence Room. Email Karen if you have not received email notification.

The Hawaii club consists of members who were born or raised in Hawaii, those who have lived or worked in Hawaii, or those who possess a real love for the state and its culture. Contact Karen Meredith Lindholm at hulagal98@hotmail.com or 512-686-1906, or Martha Toler at marthanntoler@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 bj-wolford@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, im-

prove 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 speant 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 and notification list, contact Will Wright at 512-240-4325 or mistagrouse@gmail.com.

Minnesota

If you are a former Minnesotan and interested in meeting other Golden Gophers, this interest group is for you. For more information and to be added to our mailing list, contact Chuck Kraby at txchask@aol.com or Cameron Kienenberger at 512-240-4209.

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

Nebraskans get together three to four times a year to share and celebrate. If you have a Nebraska Connection or just want to have one, please contact Jerry and 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 [\[gmail.com\]\(mailto:gmail.com\), or Pat Ford at 512-943-8503 or \[pat4door@yahoo.com\]\(mailto:pat4door@yahoo.com\).](mailto:gsabend@</p>
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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 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

**Lunch and Learn Quarterly meeting
Friday, March 6, 11:30 a.m.,
The Worship Place**

All Sun City nurses are invited - active and retired. Bring your brown bag lunch. Meet fellow nurses and increase your clinical knowledge. The topic and details will be announced in the newsletter. Contact patclendenin@gmail.com if you would like to be included in the roster.

Ohio

How can you meet other Sun City Ohioans? Join the Ohio Club! Ohio State fans gathered at Wriggley's on January 1 to watch the Sugar Bowl. You know the outcome! Suggestions are to meet quarterly; if you have suggestions for your Ohio Club or would like to be added to our emailing list, please contact Celia Olson 512-948-7382 or olson@dgolson.com. Next event announcement will be sent via email and available in print via the March *Sun Rays*.

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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of the American Revolution meets the second Saturday of each month, except February and September. The February meeting is a joint meeting with DAR and SAR, held at the Austin Women's Club, honoring George Washington's Birthday. If you believe you have a Revolutionary War Patriot ancestor, or if you are already a member and have not yet transferred, contact Harry Walden, 512-818-1379; 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 dmlulvey@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

Valentine's Dinner

El Monumento

Friday, February 6, 5:30 p.m.

Contact: Loree Parker, 512-869-0319 or loreetx@suddenlink.net

Take your valentine out to dinner early in February by reserving a place at the table with the Wisconsin group. We are meeting at El Monumento restaurant at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, February 6. Let Loree know if you are coming by emailing loreetx@suddenlink.net or call 512-869-0319 by February 4. Hope to see all of you Sun City Badgers fans. Our next gathering will be in April.

political

Sun City Democrats

www.suncitydems.org

Saturday, February 21, SCB

Coffee: 9:30 a.m.; Meeting: 10 a.m.,

Contact: Dwaine Boydston, President 512-431-4412 or dwayne.boydstun@gmail.com

The February program is: "Some reasons why the 'Greatest Generation' was Great and This Generation is Not So Great." The guest speaker is Professor Jeremi Suri.

Jeremi Suri holds the Mack Brown Distinguished Chair for Leadership in Global Affairs at the University of Texas at Austin. He is a professor in the University's Department of History and the Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs, and the author of five books on contemporary politics and foreign policy.

Republican Club of Sun City

rcsctx.com

Thursday, February 5, 6 p.m., SCB

Contact: Robert Fears, 512-863-6873 or iwriteag@gmail.com

The guest speaker will be Matt Miller, Managing Attorney of the Institute for Justice-Texas office. Miller will relate history and purpose of the Institute and present examples of their activities.

There is a \$16 charge per person for dinner. A check payable to "The Republican

Club of Sun City" must be mailed no later than January 30 to Bill Chiles, Treasurer, The Republican Club of Sun City, 1530 Sun City Blvd., Box 227, Georgetown, TX, 78633.

service organizations

Citizens Council at Sun City Texas

Thursday, March 12, 9 a.m.

Contact: Steve Johnston, 512-591-7594 or drcclean@suddenlink.net for location of meeting.

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 February are:

February 3 - Vista Ridge Robotics Team update

February 10 - Dianna Howard, Executive Director of Culinary History Institute

February 17 - Linda Day Performing Arts Foundation

February 24 - Leslie Janica, Executive Director of the Georgetown Project

Sun City Shriners

Tuesday, February 17

Doors open 5:30 p.m.; Dinner 6 p.m.

Berry Creek Country Club

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Contact: Jack Neal, 512-864-0237

Contact Jack Neal, 864-0237, or Al Scholin, 864-9493, to make reservations for our February meeting.

Sun City Shrine Club is a unit of Ben Hur Shriners in Austin, supporting the Shri-

ners Hospitals for Children, a system of 22 facilities that provide cutting edge pediatric care, burn care, as well as research and education to medical professionals. Children receive medical care at no cost to their families. Visit www.shrinersinternational.org or www.beashrinernow.com for more information.

Sun City Texas Rotary

Tuesdays, Location varies, Noon
Contact: Don Bender, 512-863-2179 or dpbender@suddenlink.net

The Sun City Rotary Club is part of an international organization that has as its motto "Service Above Self." As Rotarians, we participate in local and international humanitarian projects that provide educational, financial and medical assistance. If you are interested in joining an organization whose members have a common desire to make a difference, then consider checking out Rotary by attending one of our weekly luncheon meetings.

spiritual

Anglican Worship

Christ Church Sun City invites everyone interested in worshiping 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. Potluck 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: Linda Schaffer, President, 512-597-7000, 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.hcbcgt.com
Sundays, 8:30 a.m., CCAC
Contact: Senior Adults Pastor Dennis Keller, 512-496-8934 or dennisk@hcbcgt.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

An Interdenominational Church located at 811 Sun City Boulevard; established in Sun City Texas in 1998. Believers in Jesus Christ come from various denominations seeking to grow in faith, to nurture and care for each other, and reach out to the community and the world. Sunday services: 8:15 a.m. Praise and Worship; 9:15 a.m. and 11 a.m. Traditional Worship. For Bible Study and Ministry information, check www.theworshipplace.org, call 512-869-1310 or email twp@theworshipplace.org.

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See page 6 for current month meeting information for these committees.

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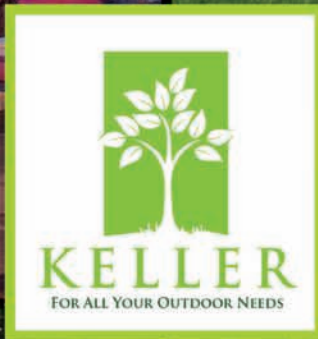
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