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8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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Settlement or Closing Statement

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NRO Bulletin - Weekly email from the Neighborhood Rep Organization

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

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NEXT NEW RESIDENT ORIENTATION:

Thursday, May 21
Club Fair, 8:30 a.m.

CA Presentation, 9:15 a.m.
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Sun City Texas veterans share why Memorial Day is special to them, and remind us why it should matter to all Americans and to people everywhere who value freedom.

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Nature enthusiasts and hikers will delight in the Good Water Loop trail that circles Lake Georgetown, and a second trail is federally designated as a national recreation trail. It's all in our backyard.

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FITNESS CENTER NEW RESIDENT ORIENTATION

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COMMUNICATIONS

Wednesday, July 8, 9:30 a.m., CCAN

COVENANTS

Wednesday, May 6, 9 a.m., CCAN

ELECTIONS

Thursday, May 21, 9 a.m., AC MR 3/4

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Friday, May 8, 9 a.m., AC MR 3/4

FINANCE

Tuesday, May 26, 1 p.m., AC MR 3/4

GOLF

Monday, May 18, 3 p.m., AC MR 1/2

LANDSCAPED MAINTAINED HOMES

Wednesday, May 6, 10 a.m., AC MR 3/4

MODIFICATIONS

Thursday, May 7, 8:30 a.m., CCAN
*Open at 10 a.m.

Thursday, May 21, 8:30 a.m., CCAN

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As needed

PROPERTY & GROUNDS

Tuesday, May 12, 1:30 p.m., AC MR 1/2

Tuesday, May 26, 3 p.m., AC MR 1/2

SPORTS

Monday, May 18, 8 a.m., AC MR 1

WILDLIFE

Wednesday, May 6, 3 p.m., AC MR 1/2

Other Committees or Task Forces:

NEIGHBORHOOD REPS

Wednesday, May 20, 9:30 a.m., CCF/G

COPS

Tuesday, May 5, 9:30 a.m., AC MR 1/2



Stay Safe, Sun City

Submitted by the
Georgetown Police Department

Creating strong passwords

It is worth the time it takes to create strong and secure passwords, especially for financial institutions or credit card sites. An easily cracked password is like an unlocked front door; it can leave your personal and financial information vulnerable to hackers.



Ideally, a secure password looks something like this: **g2rB6#eee04**. Though it contains letters, it does not form a word. It contains numbers, but not in sequence. It contains a symbol and consists of more than eight characters in total. It does not contain any personal information, such as your name, your family members' names, your birthdate or your current address.

If you have multiple accounts to secure (and most people do), how will you remember each of your passwords and the accounts which they secure? Start by making a list of your user names and passwords for each account. Store this list on your computer in a deceptively titled folder – consider titling this folder something most hackers probably wouldn't want to open, like "Constipation" or "Clog Dancing." Then, save this document as an ENCRYPTED document.

To encrypt your document, click the "File" tab, located on your toolbar at the top of the page. A menu of possible actions will appear. The second box on the right-hand side of this menu will read "Protect Document;" click this box. When a drop-down menu of options appears, choose "Encrypt with Password." You will be asked to create a password. Once you have entered your password, save the now-encrypted document. From here on out, you will be asked to give the password in order to view this document.

Obviously, your document password must be memorable. Security questions are often good options for encrypted document passwords – things such as your third grade teacher's last name, your high school mascot or the town where you met your spouse. Remember, it must be at least 8 characters long. Adding numbers will enhance the security of this password.

With a little effort and some encryption, you can keep from picking up unwanted hitchhikers on the information freeway.

MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY HOURS

On Monday, May 25, all CA facilities will be open except for the CA Business and Communications offices.



Let's Communicate!

Jim Romine, Executive Director

Safety in Sun City Texas

It is natural for all of us to want to feel safe and to seek out secure areas when deciding where to live. This is one of the reasons that Williamson County, Georgetown and Sun City Texas are such popular choices for the many individuals moving to our area.

From time to time, the question comes up: How safe are we? While none of us can predict the future, I am confident in our safety as a community. With this in mind, I would like to focus on the many ways we are safe and blessed to be in Georgetown and especially in Sun City Texas.

With a long-standing reputation for being tough on crime, Williamson County is known among criminals as a place not to get caught – a plus for those of us who want to follow the rules and be safe! Our friends at the Georgetown Police Department, under the leadership of Chief Nero and Assistant Chief Tchida, have done a wonderful job shaping the Department and keeping an eye on the city, of which we are no small part (Sun City makes up over 20% of Georgetown's population). They have continued to respond to our needs as they arise, and we have developed a great working relationship with them. I would, of course, be remiss if I left out our friends at the Georgetown Fire Department and Chief Sullivan, who respond daily to our emergency calls and have partnered with us on many events over the years.

Looking within our community, we have been blessed with wonderful volunteers who have shaped our Emergency Management Committee (EMC) and the safety programs they have developed. Many of these programs have received local, state and national accolades. The EMC developed the Sun City Texas Emergency Management Plan (approved by the Board in 2012) aimed at preserving of the life, safety, wellbeing and property of Sun City Texas residents in the event of an emergency or natural disaster. To support this plan, the EMC conducts yearly evacuation drills, the most recent of which was held in March of this year. They have developed great working relationships with the city, who not only participates in these drills but is also in the process of working our plan into one of their own. I encourage any residents who have never read this plan to do so!

Another factor contributing to the safety of our community is the Citizens on Patrol Program, otherwise known as COPs. These volunteers log thousands of hours each year, patrolling our streets, assisting with special events, providing support for

our evacuation drills and deterring bad guys from scouting out our homes. As Chief Nero has said, the presence of the COPs program has definitely contributed to the low crime rate in Sun City Texas. In fact, Georgetown has even launched a similar program with the same name! The COPs is a subcommittee of the Emergency Management Committee (EMC).

Another subcommittee of the EMC is our Firewise Program. This skilled group has achieved national recognition for its work within our community as it makes us safer from wildfires and flooding. The Firewise Group offers free home ignition zone assessments to all homeowners in our community. This assessment evaluates many fire risks around the exterior of the home and provides recommendations on how to better protect your home or yard from fire.

While Sun City Texas is not immune to all safety threats, we have been blessed with a great municipality that takes these matters seriously and are fortunate to have such generous volunteers whose time and talents create a safer haven for us all.

Be safe and take care,

Jim

JOINT GENERAL and SPECIAL ELECTIONS EARLY VOTING SCHEDULE

Through Saturday, May 2
8 a.m. to 6 p.m.; NO Sunday Voting
Monday, May 4 and Tuesday, May 5
7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

ELECTION DAY

Saturday, May 9, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Location, all voting: Cowan Creek Amenity Center
Walburg Room or voting location of your choice

For more information: www.wilco.org

Board Member Views Submitted by Glynn Hatley, Vice President

Wow – What a ride!

It's hard to believe four long years have passed since I wrote my first article as a candidate, out delivering flyers and asking for your votes. I have said it before, but thanks again for your votes and support. These past few years, my life has been filled with Sun City and I have enjoyed every minute of it. I am very proud to have had the privilege of being one of your representatives on the Sun City Texas Board of Directors.

This experience has given me the opportunity to meet many new friends. Working with such extremely bright, devoted residents contributes mightily to one's wellbeing – you are truly a great gathering of people. As for those of you whom I have not yet had the chance to meet, stay tuned!

Let's look at some of the things that have occurred over these past few years:

- With our continued growth, traffic has increased, and Williams Drive simply ain't what it used to be.
- A newly opened golf course has now become an important part of daily Sun City life!
- Led by an outstanding group of residents and staff, Firewise has enabled us to be safety pioneers within the nation's fire safety community.

- Dedicated residents and staff have spent innumerable hours developing plans to make Sun City Texas' non-potable water supply more self-sufficient, even adding 12 new wells to our campus.
- The redecorated Putters is successfully up and running.
- Plans are now being made to update and renovate our beautiful Oaks facility.
- Our financial condition remains excellent and our monies well managed.
- We have a helpful staff second to none!
- And now, the biggest event of the times: under Brent Baker's excellent leadership, Pulte's expansion of our campus and facilities will be rolled out in the years ahead!

Of course, this is just the tip of the iceberg, and I am pleased to have been a part of it all. While I haven't been able to please everyone all of the time, you can know I always did what I thought was in your best interest. If I missed on a couple (and I did), well, I gave it my best shot.

Hope to see you around the campus.

"The Hat"

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Upcoming Board Workshops and Meetings

Workshops and Meetings held quarterly

 **WORKSHOP**
 Thursday, May 14
 1 p.m., SCB, Live on Channel 79

RESIDENT DIRECTORS' OPEN SESSION
 Wednesday, May 20, 3 p.m., CCG

 **MEETING**
 Thursday, May 28
 1 p.m., SCB, Live on Channel 79
 Board Agenda and Minutes are posted online at www.sctexas.org > Resident Home Community Association Info > 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. All Board Workshops and Meetings are posted on the website following the Meeting under Communications > Videos.

2015 Resident Director election

Submitted by Katie Sutton, Director of Administration and Human Resources

Election Day is almost here! Two pre-qualified candidates will be running for two upcoming vacancies. State law requires HOAs to allow for write-in candidates; therefore, an election must be conducted. Furthermore, homeowners shall elect resident Board members, as per Sun City Texas governing documents. Included in this edition of the *Sun Rays* are campaign inserts for each of the pre-qualified candidates. Residents have had the opportunity to learn about the candidates, their qualifications and backgrounds via Special CA Blasts, Channel 79 interviews, and access to candidate websites via www.sctexas.org.

The Elections Committee has mailed out one ballot to the owner of each lot. Each mailing contains: ballot with instructions, candidate statements and a small return envelope.

There are two vacancies for resident directors on the SCTXCA Board of Directors. You may vote for up to two of the candidates listed by placing an "X" in the box beside your candidate's name, or your two selections may be a combination of listed candidates and write-in candidates. There is no limit on the number of terms a Board member may serve.

Per state law, a ballot must be signed in order to be valid. To protect your privacy, a third party has been hired to remove ballots from the envelope and tally results. Ballots should be marked, signed by the homeowner in the allotted space and inserted into the small return envelope. Please remember to verify that the return address information printed on your return envelope is correct. Ballots should be returned either by mail, in person or at the ballot boxes at Cowan Creek and the Social Center monitor stations before the end of the balloting period on May 28 at 1 p.m.

If you will not be at your Sun City residence to receive a mailed ballot, please provide the Community Association with a correct mailing address for your ballot. Begin checking your calendars for the dates of your trips or other obligations to determine how election dates might affect you. If you do not receive a ballot in the mail or it becomes lost, additional ballots will be available at the Member Services Desk.

2015 ELECTION SCHEDULE

Learn about the BOD candidates on Channel 79 at 8 a.m. daily and on the website. Watch a video featuring a 5-minute presentation from each candidate.

Monday, May 4: Ballots mailed to all homeowners

Thursday, May 28: Ballots accepted at the Monitor Stations until 1 p.m., or you may bring it with you to the Annual Member Meeting at 3 p.m., Social Center Ballroom. (Ballots will be counted during this time.)



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Sun City Wildfire Preparedness Day

Submitted by Sun City Texas Firewise Group



Join us on Saturday, May 2 as Sun City Texas joins wildfire-conscious communities across the nation in Firewise's National Wildfire Preparedness Day.

We will meet at the Cowan Creek Amenity Center at 9 a.m. for refreshments and a safety briefing, after which we will remove small Ashe Junipers (cedar) trees that have grown up in the area. At approximately 11:30 a.m., we will enjoy a hot dog lunch at the Cowan Creek Pavilion.

Closed toe shoes, long pants, gloves and a hand-held pruning tool are needed for this moderately physical activity. The more volunteers we have, the greater the area we will cover, so join us as we continue our work to protect our community from the dangers of wildfires. Please RSVP at www.sctexas.org > Resident Home.

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Resident Directors' Open Session

Wednesday, May 20, 3 p.m., CCF/G

The Resident Directors' Open Session is an excellent opportunity for residents to discuss, with the Resident Directors, matters listed on the May Board Workshop Agenda prior to their taking action on the items during the May 28 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, May 21,

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.

Emergency Medical Information Forms

Submitted by Ken Tupacz, Vice Chair, Emergency Management Committee



The Emergency Medical Information Form is intended to provide important medical information to first responders and emergency room personnel. Should emergency medical services and/or ER attention be required, this information will help care providers to administer appropriate treatment.

When completing an Emergency Medical Information Form, you should first consider any serious medical issues you may have as well as any medications you are taking. You should also consider worst case scenarios, like incapacitation or an inability to communicate with first responders. In such a situation, this form would become your voice, conveying any critical medical information.

If you choose to complete this form, you must do two things: First, place the decal enclosed with your form in a window or conspicuous location within your entryway - first responders are trained to look for this decal on entryway windows. Second, keep your completed form either on or inside your refrigerator, preferably in a zip lock bag, so that it can be readily located by first responders. Having noticed the decal in your entryway, EMS will know to look for the completed form on or in your refrigerator.

Unless you are one of the fortunate residents taking only a vitamin pill, you may wish to consider using this form. The information about your prescribed medications, vitamins or other supplements in the hands of first responders and emergency room personnel could save your life. Many residents

make a second copy of the form to take with when traveling. Both forms should be placed in your zip lock bag. You may also want copies of your health insurance card(s), any Advance Directive (also known as Directive to Physician or Living Will) and a photo of yourself (e.g., driver's license or ID card). Should you (and your significant other) be incapacitated in an emergency, the Emergency Contact Information Form (when completed) will allow the neighbor/friend in possession of the form to notify the contacts you have identified about your status, location of hospital, phone contact information, etc. All Sun City residents should see the value in completing this form and ensure a neighbor receives a copy.

Both forms are available online via computer in the Emergency Management Committee portion of the Sun City Texas web site. These forms can be filled out, saved to your computer and easily updated if information changes. Should you not have access to a computer, paper copies of these forms may be obtained at the Social Center and Cowan Creek Monitors Desks. Window decals are also available at the Monitors Desks. "We are all about neighbors helping neighbors."

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.

Flying the Stars and Stripes

By Chuck Graham

The purpose of this article is to provide information concerning the protocol related to flying the United States flag.

The U. S. Congress has specified the rules pertaining to display and care of the United States flag in U. S. Codes Title 4 and 36. These rules, commonly referred as “The Flag Code”, are basically:

- Always fly the U. S. flag with respect and in the place of honor.
- The U. S. flag is never dipped in honor of anyone or anything. No other flag is displayed above the U. S. flag – in accordance with international protocol.
- When displayed with other flags, the U. S. flag is either on the right in a line of flags, in the center if in front of a line of flags, or in a position above other flags.
- When displayed in a hall or auditorium, the U. S. flag is to the right of the podium.
- The flag is displayed only during daylight unless properly lighted, and is not displayed in inclement weather unless designed for weather.
- Never allow the flag to touch the ground.

At the Welcome Station at Sun City Texas, the U. S. flag is displayed on the right since the flags are in one line. At the corner of Del Webb and Sun City Boulevards, the U. S. flag is displayed in the center since the center flag pole is in front of the other two flag poles. At the Veterans Memorial, the flag is in the center since it is higher than the six service flags. The U. S. flag displayed on a staff attached to the house at a resident’s home should be to the right of any other flag as you face the street.

The U. S. flag is flown at half-staff by order of the President upon the death of principal figures of the U. S. government, or by the Governor of a state in the event of the death of a present or former official of the State government. Quite often the President’s directive specifies the U. S. flag be flown at half-staff at federal buildings and on federal installations leaving some discretion as relates to other locations.

The U. S. flag is also flown at half-staff on May 15 – Peace Officers Memorial Day; the last Monday in May – Memorial Day; July 27 – Korean Veterans Day; September 11 – Patriots Day, and December 7 – Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day. Members of the Veterans Memorial Advisory Group lower and raise the flags at the Welcome Station while the Pulte staff does the same for the flags in front of the sales center. When the U. S. flag is at half-staff, all other flags at that location are also flown at half-staff.

Additional information concerning the U. S. flag can be found on the Internet at www.usflag.org.



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Bits of info from Ginny's Desk

Submitted by Ginny Wagner, Community Standards Supervisor

May is usually the last good time for painting the exterior of your home until fall. If you need help with determining the current scheme of your home (which is required when repainting the same color), log onto the website and click on Departments & Hours, then Community Standards, and then choose Paint Schema. If you don't know your Series, click on House Models and find your model under its Series. The Series will tell you which schemes to choose from in order to replicate your home's original design. We suggest you locate which of the available schemes feature your accent or pop-out color and work from there. Another option is to think about whether the stucco is darker or lighter than the trim and in which family of colors your house is painted (i.e. browns, blues or greys). Most paint color schemes for homes built in the last two years are available on file.

COMMON AREAS

Common areas exist not only for our

visual enjoyment but also to serve as drainage easements, preventing floods during heavy rainstorms. Some of these drainage easements are protected by the state and some are federally designated. Use of these for other purposes can lead to fines from local and federal authorities. Our staff is educated in how to maintain these areas for the protection of the entire community.

MEMORIAL DAY

Memorial Day is the last Monday in May – this year, it falls on May 25. We always have a wonderful presentation at the Veterans Plaza to honor our fallen heroes. For those who choose to fly the American Flag in honor of Memorial Day, remember to follow the procedures for flying our flag with honor. These are listed in the Design Guidelines on pages 58-60.

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

Gone for the summer? Forward your Sun Rays!

If you are leaving town for the summer and want to have your *Sun Rays* forwarded to you, please change your address to your new, temporary location at the CA Member Services Office. The magazine will be sent to the new address by first-class mail. If you have questions about this process, please contact the Communications Office.

The *Sun Rays* is also available online at www.sctexas.org.

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- Scroll down the page to order house numbers

Do you know about Citizens on Patrol (COPs)?

Submitted by Susanne White, COPS volunteer

- COPs patrols from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. and is manned by your neighbors.
- That's 14 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 day a year, helping to keep Sun City safe.
- COPs patrol on all holidays.
- 40% of COPs volunteers are women.
- In February alone, COPs drove approximately 5,800 miles in Sun City – that's almost 500 hours of driving!
- The COPs office staff volunteered approximately 2,100 hours during 2014.
- COPs has an Emergency Response Team (ERT), which helps in events such as the tanker spill.
- 10% of COPs Emergency Response Team volunteers are women.
- COPs provides traffic control volun-

teers for Memorial Day, Veterans Day, Fourth of July Parade, Shred Day, Resource Guide/Directory distribution and other events as needed.

- COPs needs more volunteers as drivers, observers and office staff.
- COPs encourages husband and wife teams.
- COPs asks a minimum of four hours per month.
- COPs provides a FREE uniform (shirt and hat) and FREE training!
- COPs allows you to patrol based on your schedule.

Be a COP! Volunteer just four hours a month in two-hour shifts. You can drive, staff the office (from your home) or maintain cars (gas up, take in for service or to the car wash). Call the office at 512-966-1362, Monday through Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

May Schedule: Landscaped Maintained Homes

NEXT LMH MEETING

Wednesday, May 6, 10 a.m., AC MR 3/4

APRIL SCHEDULED LANDSCAPING MAINTENANCE

Weekly Mowing • Monthly Irrigation Check
Shrub Pruning • Weeding of Bed Areas
Insect & Disease Monitoring

QUESTIONS OR SUGGESTIONS

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

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

Veteran burial benefits

Submitted by J. Paul Comola, Central Texas State Veterans Cemetery (CTSVC) Outreach Volunteer, 512-819-9953

Are you a veteran of any branch of the U.S. Armed Forces? Did you receive an honorable discharge from active duty? If you can answer yes to both of these questions, then you and your spouse are probably eligible for an incomparable benefit provided by the State of Texas – burial at a State of Texas Veterans Cemetery. The Texas program allows you to pre-register to reserve a space. Internment is at no cost for the veteran and minimal cost for the spouse. The benefit includes: burial space, concrete liner for casket, grave opening and closing, engraved headstone and perpetual care. For cremated remains, you may choose in-ground internment, Columbarium Wall internment, or distribution of ashes in the Scattering Garden.

Veterans interested in this benefit should review their eligibility with a veterans cemetery representative, since misinformation continues to keep many eligible veterans from applying. For further information and to arrange an appointment, you may call the Central Texas State Veterans Cemetery in Killeen at 254-616-1770 or Sun City Texas resident J. Paul Comola, CTSVC Outreach Volunteer, at 512-819-9953. Paul has all the required forms and will assist you with pre-registration. You will need a copy of your DD214 and your marriage certificate.

A visit to the Central Texas State Veterans Cemetery before completing the paperwork will allow you to see the high



caliber of the facility. The cemetery is located about 13 miles north of Florence on SH 195 (easily accessible from either of the Sun City exits from Sun City Boulevard), and is open to the public daily from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Water Matters

Submitted by Carlton M. Mathis, Sun City Texas Water Management



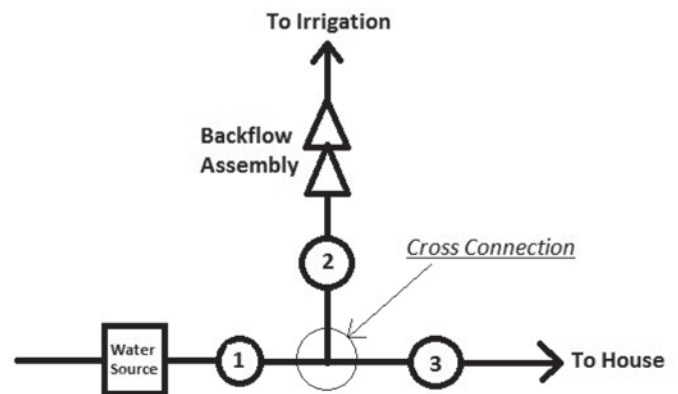
When an irrigation system is properly designed and installed, it supplements naturally occurring regional rainfall. Installation begins with a cross connection into the house supply line, downstream of the water meter and emergency isolation valve. Another isolation valve is installed

following the emergency valve, ensuring irrigation water is kept separate from house water without supply interruption. A third isolation valve allows homeowners to terminate water supply to the house while on vacation.

Just beyond Valve 2, state law requires the installation of a backflow assembly. Backflow is a reversal in the normal flow of water within a potable water system. There are a number of scenarios which can create backflow, and without a prevention device, water can unexpectedly reverse and enter the drinking supply. Of the various valve types available, the most commonly used is the Double Check Valve Assembly.

Because it is difficult to irrigate an entire property all at once, areas are divided into hydro-zones. These hydro-zones are organized by head types, plant material, turf, sun, shade and (in some instances) soil quality. Once these zones are determined, head placement and connection to the zone valves can begin. State law stipulates that irrigation heads must be located in a head-to-head formation, in which each head is required to throw water at least as far as the next closest head. This ensures best and most uniform possible coverage.

The brain of an irrigation system is the controller. The controller determines when and for how long each hydro-zone is



allowed to run, based on the attributes of each zone. A simple interface will allow users to program watering days and start times and offer the capacity to operate all the installed electric valves independently.

A range of rain shut off devices (required by state law) are available, ranging from simple to complex. Basic models will interrupt your programmed irrigation schedule when enough measurable precipitation has been recorded, while more advanced devices make calculations based on recent to future weather conditions. Only one is needed to complete the system, but I have found that using a combination of rain, soil moisture and freeze sensors to be the most effective for water conservation.

Skunks: The good, the bad and the ugly

Submitted by Steve Kelley, Wildlife Management Committee

Springtime is well underway in Sun City Texas, and as we enjoy the many spring flowers we should not forget the wildlife inhabiting our beautiful landscape as well. Our unique environment, with its golf courses, manicured lawns and houses, abundant water and natural areas, provides habitat for many species of wildlife. One of our most common – albeit least sighted – inhabitants is none other than the striped skunk. Scientifically referred to as *Mephitis mephitis*, this name is derived from the Latin word *mephitis* which, as you might guess, means “stench.” As anyone who has been within proximity of a spraying skunk can testify, it didn’t take a lot of creativity to come up with that name.

You may have noticed a seemingly large number of skunks hit by vehicles during March this year. As the scent of spring flowers (and female skunks) fills the air, male skunks turn to romance. Being the non-faithful philanderers they are, skunks are always on the trail of another partner. Unfortunately, these slow-moving mammals don’t hit the trail very quickly, making them prime targets for moving vehicles.

Following the February/March mating season, skunk couples part ways. Sixty-three days after courtship, one to ten baby skunks (called kittens) will enter the world. Occasionally a female will have more than one litter per year, but it is not common. Skunk kittens are born blind and do not open their eyes for three to four weeks. At six weeks, you may witness a small train of skunks, mother in the lead and youngsters scurrying behind as they venture out on their first



foraging trips.

From a wildlife management perspective, skunks in Sun City are considered beneficial. Many residents never see a skunk, though they may be right in your front yard in the middle of the night. Skunks feed on insects (including scorpions), amphibians and lizards, small mammals such as mice and rats, and even small snakes. They also are capable of killing and eating poisonous snakes. With their potent defensive spray, skunks have few natural enemies. Automobiles are likely their greatest threat, resulting in an average life span of three years.

People should avoid setting live traps anywhere skunks dwell. Not only does Sun City Texas prohibit wildlife trapping by individuals, but skunks are not easy to deal with when trapped and unhappy.

Pest control companies will charge up to \$200 to dispose of a trapped skunk.

While skunks can transmit rabies if infected, they are far from common carriers in our area - that honor belongs to our abundant population of bats. Two to three cases of rabid skunks are recorded annually by Williamson County.

Wildlife Management recommends residents recognize skunks as a natural part of our environment and discourages the setting of live traps. If you see a skunk, keep a safe distance and leave it alone. Nocturnal animals, skunks are not aggressive unless sick with rabies or distemper. If anyone witnesses a skunk behaving erratically in daytime hours, you should report it to Georgetown Animal Control at 512-930-3510.



I am so happy to reside in Sun City Texas, which so appropriately honors our nation's veterans. Therefore, having been taught to not volunteer for anything except service to country, I gladly volunteer to serve the Sun City Texas Veterans' Memorial Advisory Committee. I am grateful for family, friends, fellow US Coast Guard members and veterans and all other armed forces service members who have served our great nation! We honor them all through Memorial Day celebrations. Semper Paratus!

JAMES LEE ROBINSON
CAPTAIN, U.S. COAST GUARD (RETIRED)

Veterans' Voices



As a retired Colonel in the Army Nurse Corps, to me Memorial Day is an important holiday that remembers those service men and women who gave the ultimate sacrifice for the freedoms we and millions around the world enjoy today. I was deployed in Saudi Arabia during Desert Shield/Desert Storm, so I truly appreciate the sacrifices needed to keep our country free. Today is a day to honor their memory, their families and our great country. I am proud to be an American! God bless America!

CHRISTINE INOUE

I have been privileged, on two occasions, to visit the American Cemetery in Normandy, the final resting place for about 19,000 men and women who paid the price for all Americans at a time when our country was in danger from the Germans, Italians, and Japanese. I could sense and feel the bloodshed on Omaha Beach. I could imagine the fear my family members and others must have felt as soldiers fought the war from ships, were dropped by parachutes on to enemy soil, and made bombing flights over Europe. It was a time in history when we were a melting pot of people, with only one purpose: to preserve and save the American experience as was defined by our American forefathers, who, with great personal risk, put in motion the formation of the United States of America.

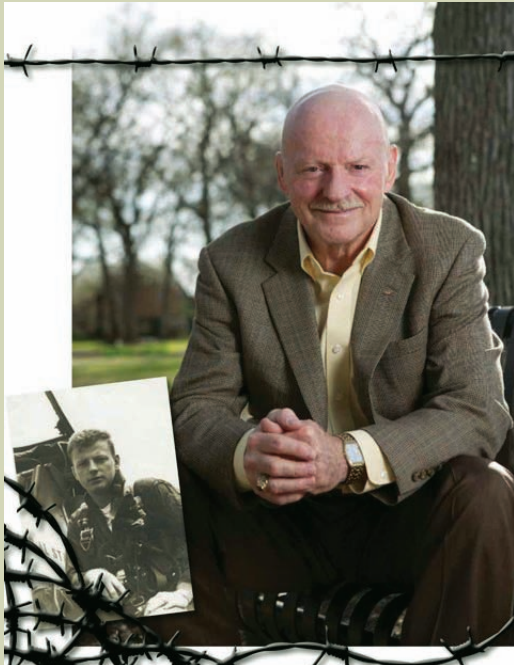
RALPH L. MASON

Memorial Day ceremony and band concert

Concert: Sunday, May 24, 7 p.m., VMP

Ceremony: Monday, May 25, 9:30 a.m., VMP

The annual Memorial Day Ceremony, honoring the men and women of our armed forces who have given their lives in service to our country, will be held at the Veterans Memorial Plaza on Monday, May 25. The ceremony will begin at 9:30 a.m. and will include a guest speaker. Music will be provided by the 36th Infantry Division Band of the Texas Army National Guard and the Village Elementary School Choir. Additionally, a fly over will be performed by Falcon Flight, a Texas-based formation flying team. The 36th Infantry Division Band from Camp Mabry in Austin will also present a concert at 7 p.m. on Sunday, May 24. The band will perform with a variety of big band sounds and patriotic “flag waving” tunes at the Georgetown-Williamson County Veterans Memorial Plaza at Sun City. The public is invited to both events.



Memorial Day? So what? Why remember? So we can have a holiday? No! So old soldiers, sailors and marines can be honored? No! (Although all that is a part of it.) Rather, it is because remembering is critically important, and we’re not good at it!

Remembering has always been difficult for people. Scripture tells us over and over that the ancient Israelites had trouble remembering - even with numerous admonitions commanding them to “remember.” They kept forgetting. We are no different.

A recent YouTube clip showed a college student in the street asking others simple questions about our country’s history: “Who won the civil war? From whom did we win our independence?” Most people didn’t know the answers - and they didn’t have gray hair to blame it on! As philosopher George Santayana said, “Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it.” There is much in the past that we need to remember and pray will never be repeated!

In the United States, we stand on the shoulders of those who have gone before us. Many, many who went before us served, fought and died so that we might continue to live and breathe in freedom. Memorial Day is one attempt to help us remember - and remember with gratitude - that “freedom isn’t free.”

DAVE CAREY

When I was a kid, Memorial Day was the beginning of summer. It was a three-day weekend at the Jersey Shore. That all changed when I attended my first military funeral at the ripe old age of 15. The brother of one of my classmates died in one of the first battles of Vietnam. There would be so many more to come.



The Memorial Day holiday provides us with the opportunity to stop and remember those who paid the ultimate price for our freedom; a day to honor every man and woman who died in service to our country. I believe, along with my husband, Mike, that for most Veterans participating in a Memorial Day Ceremony is a very cathartic experience. A bittersweet moment in time when we remember, say thank you and heal. My eyes always fill with tears and my heart always swells with pride!

TRUDY GLACKIN



Having served in Korea during 1952–53, and Vietnam/Thailand in 1967–68, Memorial Day is very special for me.

Along with remembering all those who served our country from WWI to the present, I certainly remember three close buddies who I served with in Korea who lost their lives when the aircraft they were on crashed on takeoff at Tachikawa Air Base, Japan on June 18, 1953, with no survivors. The aircraft was a Globemaster 11 C124. At the time it was the worst air disaster in history, killing all 129 onboard including seven crew. The passengers were Air Force and Arms troops returning to Korea after their five-day R&R in Japan.

JOHN W. WOOD, SR.
MSGT, USAF, RET.
PAST VICE CHAIR, VMAG

During the WW II years, I lived in the Pocono Mountains of Pennsylvania with my family. My Uncle Michael had been drafted into the Army at an early age. My mother received a call from him stating that he had been alerted for overseas duty. At the time we did not know this was in preparation for the Normandy Invasion. My mother and I took a train to Garfield, New Jersey to see him before he was deployed overseas. After a few days' visit, we were saying goodbye to him. As he shook my hand, in the palm of his hand was a \$20 dollar bill folded up into the size of a postage stamp. I was fifteen years old and it was the first time I had seen a \$20 dollar bill. Sadly, my Uncle Michael was killed on the first day of the Normandy Invasion and I will never forget my last handshake with him.

TIM TIMKO

We remember because, on our behalf, warriors go to the sound of the guns. They go not knowing if they will find victory or death. They go because they know their brothers are there.

PATRICK MCCASLIN





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While growing up, I associated Memorial Day with no school and fun. After serving in the United States Navy, side by side with other individuals dedicated to preserving freedom and the American way of life, I now observe Memorial Day with great reverence for the countless sacrifices American men and women have selflessly given when called to serve. The real voyage of discovery is not in seeking new landscapes, but in having new eyes! *“To remember is to honor.”*

JOE NICHOLS

Memorial Day to me is etched in stone. From the age of nine in 1939 until I flew the nest in 1951, I marched in all the Memorial Day parades in Missoula, Montana. The flowers of springtime in the Rockies exploded. Lilacs, daffodils, iris all over the place. Everyone in town was in the parade or watched it. Just about always it consisted of the American Legion with its forty and eight motif, red poppies, the VFW Drum and Bugle Corps in blue tunics, red pants and blue helmets, the high school and university bands, Cub and Boy Scouts, ROTC, Sheriff's Posse with their flags, Shriner go-carts, the 1st Bn, 4th Infantry from Fort Missoula (before they were deployed to Alaska in late 1940) and Montana National Guard after 1947.

The parade halted momentarily where it crossed the bridge and 21 salutes were rendered by a squad with O3 Springfields as a wreath and a bevy of poppies were tossed into the waters. Then on again it went down to University Avenue where it dispersed. Patriotism and the smell of flowers ruled the day. No one said “thanks for your service.” They had all been, were in or about to go in. All American families had much to be thankful for even in the depths of the Depression, and expressed their remembrance quite civilly at the memorials not just for the troops but for all the deceased.

World War I was still quite in evidence. A lot of my teachers were war widows from that one and I recall in the third grade we learned “In Flanders Fields” and sang “Over There” and “The Rose of No Man's Land.” Only 48-star American flags were in evidence and were all over the place.

And, I might add, the people who organized the parades and festivities had taken it on the chin in the first war and at Pearl Harbor, launched 6,000 ships, built tens of thousands of war planes, tanks and vehicles, put on 12 million uniforms and all planted Victory Gardens – and, as an afterthought, brought outrageous enemies to their knees. Over 200,000 found their names on the memorials.

God Bless America.

**GERALD WILCOMB
COLONEL, FIELD ARTILLERY
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*We cherish too, the Poppy red
That grows on fields where valor led,
It seems to signal to the skies
That blood of heroes never dies.*

MOINA MICHAEL, FOUNDER OF THE MEMORIAL POPPY, 1915

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 **Friday, May 1, at 8 a.m.**

Activities with Jenny

Buses, buses, not enough buses! For our CA bus outings we get questions such as: “Why can’t a second bus be added to this event?” “Why didn’t you plan for two buses?” “We want to go; can’t you just add a second bus?”



Answers: There are many factors involved in planning CA bus outings, and most residents are surprised to know that our planning to provide top-notch trip experiences begins at least six months in advance. We need that amount of lead time in order to make necessary reservations not only for bus availability, but also for large group reservations from the smallest to the largest venues. At our monthly trip leader meetings we discuss potential bus outings and especially the ‘what ifs’ that they entail. For example, we examine whether the venues can accommodate two buses; we try to predict if an outing will warrant resident interest for two buses; and we determine if there are volunteer trip leaders available to manage two buses.

Even with years of combined experience around the table, as you know, we have no crystal ball and we do not always get it right! Not long ago we purchased enough tickets for two buses on two different dates for the Broadway Show *Once*, and those buses did not fill. Recently we purchased only one bus load for *Celtic Woman* because two years ago the demand for that show was not great. Surprisingly, this year it sold out in one day, and many of you are requesting that we add a second bus.

It is our desire to meet the demand and accommodate your requests. However, now that you have a snapshot into our planning process, we hope you understand that adding a second bus is not a simple matter. You are welcome to send me an email with your interests (especially those upcoming events that you feel would warrant a second bus). But please remember, we are planning at least six months in advance!

“Beauty by the Yard”

The Seventh Annual Sun City Garden Tour

Saturday, May 2, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Sunday, May 3, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

\$12 pp (Ticket is good for both days)



Presented by the Sun City Garden Club, the tour includes seven Sun City yards and the Horticulture Gardens in full spring bloom. Net proceeds benefit Brookwood in Georgetown

(BIG), Annunciation Maternity Home, the Georgetown 4H Club and the Junior Master Gardeners of Williamson County. Advance tickets, at \$12 each, are good for both days and are available through Friday, May 1, online at www.sctexas.org; at the Sun City Member Services Office, 2 Texas Drive; and at the Georgetown Visitor Center, 103 West 7th Street. On the days of the tour, tickets will be \$15 at the door. Tickets are non-refundable.

Check in at The Oaks at Legacy Hills Golf Course, 301 Del Webb Boulevard in Sun City for directions and a wristband, which provides admission to each of the yards. At The Oaks, there will be a complimentary lemonade and coffee shop. A silent auction will be ongoing, featuring potted plants designed and arranged by Garden Club members. Allow two hours to take the tour.

○ Donald Braswell II - world performer

Wednesday, May 6, 7 – 8:30 p.m., SCB, \$12 pp

Open Seating Theater Style



Returning to Sun City! If you heard him before, you will want to hear him again! Donald Braswell II performs an all-in-one act that guides you through his inspirational life story with classical songs/opera/Broadway and story-telling. He tells of his youth and meeting an interesting but questionable NY character that reminded him of Frank Sinatra. He then finishes the story with his style of *Fly Me to The Moon*. His rendition of *Blue Suede Shoes* will have you dancing in your seat. The most moving part of his show is when Braswell transitions into *You Raise Me Up* or *Unchained Melody* – this is the moment when you will see why he was a Top 5 Finalist on *America’s Got Talent*.

○ Health Fair

Friday, May 8, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m., SCB, FREE!

Twice a year our health fair brings health care professionals



and health-related businesses to your door step. Come see who will be here for the Spring Health Fair! A lecture series is offered in the Texas Room, with industry health care experts.

The following companies will be presenting: Seton Medical Center, Pain Specialists of Austin, Texas Vein & Vascular, Austin CyberKnife and Be Well MD.

Health Fair Lecture Series continued on the next page

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Health Fair Lecture Series Schedule

- Seton Medical Center: 9 a.m.
Is Your Bladder Controlling Your Life?
- Pain Specialists of Austin: 10 a.m.
- Texas Vein & Vascular: 11 a.m.
Understanding Your Vascular Health
- Austin CyberKnife: noon
CyberKnife Technology: Non-Invasive Treatment in Five Days or Less
- Be Well MD: 1 p.m.
How to Talk to Your Doctor

○ **Movie: *The Hundred Foot Journey***

Rated PG, 122 minutes, Comedy Drama
Wednesday, May 13, 6 p.m., SCB, \$5 pp
Reserved Seating by Tables



The Kadam family leaves India for France where they open an Indian restaurant directly across the road from Madame Mallory's Michelin-starred eatery. Madame Mallory's icy protests escalate to all-out-war between the two establishments. Starring Helen Mirren. Complimentary snacks and soda provided. You may also bring your own food and beverages.

Magnificent Mud

Creative Clay & China Club First Annual Juried Show
Saturday, May 23, 2-6 p.m., ACA, Free



The Creative Clay and China Club is proud to announce the debut of *Magnificent Mud*, the club's first juried show, on Saturday, May 23 from 2 until 6 p.m. in the Activities Center Atrium. All are welcome to attend and browse through the works of art created by club members. All categories of clay and china will be represented and some pieces will be offered for sale. Refreshments will be served.

○ **Memorial Day ceremony and band concert**

Concert: Sunday, May 24, 7 p.m., VMP
Ceremony: Monday, May 25, 9:30 a.m., VMP



The annual Memorial Day Ceremony, honoring the men and women of our armed forces who have given their lives in service to our country will be held at the Veterans Memorial Plaza on Monday, May 25. The ceremony will begin at 9:30 a.m. and will include a guest speaker. Music will be provided by the 36th Infantry Division Band of the Texas Army National

Guard and the Village Elementary School Choir. Additionally, a fly over will be performed by Falcon Flight, a Texas-based formation flying team.

The 36th Infantry Division Band from Camp Mabry in Austin will also present a concert at 7 p.m. on Sunday, May 24. The band will perform with a variety of big band sounds and patriotic "flag waving" tunes at the Georgetown-Williamson County Veterans Memorial Plaza at Sun City. The public is invited to both events.

○ **Movie: *The Judge***

Rated R, 141 Minutes, Drama
Wednesday, May 27, 6 p.m., SCB, \$5 pp
Reserved Seating by Tables



Big city lawyer Hank Palmer returns to his childhood home where his father, the town's judge, is suspected of murder. Hank sets out to discover the truth and, along the way, reconnects with his estranged family. Starring Robert Downey Jr. and Robert Duval. Complimentary snacks and soda provided. You may also bring your own food and beverages.

Cajun Night at Putters Patio - NEW!

Presented by the Sun City Cajun Club
Saturday, May 30, 5 p.m., Putters Cafe



The Sun City "Kiss Me I'm Cajun" club is sponsoring Cajun Night at the Putters Café patio featuring live music by Charles Ray Thibodeaux and the Austin Cajun Aces. This event is open to all Sun City residents; you need not be a club member. For additional information, visit our website at www.sccajunclub.com or contact club organizer Ron Scarborough at 512-943-9450 or email sccajunclub@aol.com.

○ **Movie: *Grand Budapest Hotel***

Wednesday, June 3, 6 p.m., SCB, \$5 pp
Rated R, 100 minutes, Comedy and Drama
Reserved Seating by Tables



This quirky movie is beautifully done with each scene similar to looking into a painting. Winner of four Oscars, this is a story of the adventures of Gustave H, a legendary concierge at a famous hotel from the fictional Republic of Zubrowka between the first and second World Wars, and Zero Moustafa, the lobby boy who becomes his most trusted friend. Snacks and beverages are included in your ticket price.

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○ **Movie: *The Queen***

Wednesday, June 10, 6 p.m., SCB, \$5 pp
Rated PG-13, 103 minutes, Drama
Reserved Seating by Tables



After the death of Princess Diana, HM Queen Elizabeth II struggles with her reaction to a sequence of events nobody could have predicted. Helen Mirren won an Oscar for best performing actress in a leading role for this 2006 film.

Snacks and beverages are included in your ticket price.

○ **Home and Garden Show - NEW!**

Friday, June 12, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., SCB
Save the date! More info to come in June Sun Rays.

Auditions for *An Evening of Short Plays* - NEW!

Wednesday, June 17, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., CCAN and
Thursday, June 18, 9 a.m. to noon, CCAN

Auditions will take place on June 17 and 18 for ACTAG's production of *An Evening of Short Plays*. There are 7 plays: *Hello Ma*, *One Question*, *Whatever You Say*, *A Bench in the Park*, *She Needs Me*, *May I Recommend the Crows* and *Dinner with Friendly Neighbors*.

Directors for these plays are Judy Dargis, Steve Huth, Patrick Henry and Patrick McElhinney.

Rehearsals begin in late June; the performances are in the Atrium for two consecutive weeks: August 12 through 15 and August 19 through 22.

○ **Performance: Sieker Band - NEW!**

Wednesday, July 15, 7 - 9 p.m., SCB, \$10 pp
Reserved Seating by Tables



The Sieker Band brings bluegrass, even the banjo, to new heights. After playing Bluegrass Music in Europe for several decades Rolf and Beate Sieker now live in Texas where they created their own

sound influenced by Texas fiddlin' and songwriting. In 2008 the Siekers were inducted into the Gatesville Country Music Hall of Fame. They have recorded five albums, two in Nashville, Tennessee and three in Berlin, Germany.

○ **Performance: The English Brothers - NEW!**

Specializing in Cowboy Music & Bunkhouse Humor
Friday, July 24, 7 - 8 p.m., SCB, \$15 pp



Open Seating, Theatre Style

The English Brothers have created a memorable show featuring the best hand clappin', knee slappin' music and comedy in the Lone Star State. All native Texans,

The English Brothers will engage you as they perform classic western tunes such as Cool Water and Ghost Riders in the Sky. Their unique genetic vocal blend accompanied by pure acoustic instrumentation will take you back to the sounds of the great singing cowboys like the Sons of the Pioneers, Roy Rogers, and Gene Autry. All will be amused by the brothers' bunkhouse comedy that is sure to make for an entertaining show you won't soon forget.

○ **Boutique Bazaar -**

Shopping Extravaganza! - NEW!

Friday, August 7, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m., SCB
Save the date! More info to come in June Sun Rays.

○ **Fourth Annual Fashion Swap - REDESIGNED FOR 2015! - NEW!**

Friday, August 7, 12 - 2 p.m.
(exact times to be assigned) Texas Room



Be a part of Sun City's swap on Friday, August 7 – an addition to our already popular annual Boutique Bazaar. This year's swap has been redesigned! After three years of jewelry-swapping, this year's swap will be all about scarves, belts, and handbags.

Do you have gently used items that seemed like a good idea at the time? Look through your closet and drawers for 'nearly new' trendy scarves, fashionista belts, and versatile handbags – anything from small clutches to oversized totes.

This swap is for fun! Dollar value of items will not be taken into consideration. This will be a one-for-one swap.

How to participate in the Swap:

- Bring your gently used items to Lifestyle & Activities office from July 6 – July 17, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. You must present your items to Jenny Phillips or Jan Crutchfield to be inspected for acceptance or rejection. Acceptable items will be gently used, fashionable, clean and of good quality. No more than 3 items will be accepted. No jewelry will be accepted.
- The sooner you turn in your items to Jenny or Jan, the earlier will be your time slot for day-of admission into the swap room. (When you turn in your items, you will receive a ticket for day-of participation. In late July you will receive an email with detailed instructions including your precise day-of admission time slot – sometime between 12 and 2 p.m.)

Any items remaining at the end of the day will be donated to a local thrift store.

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2014 Oscar Nominations MONTH

Tuesdays and Wednesdays in the ballroom at 6 p.m.
 Complimentary snack and beverage!

○ **Movie: *Boyhood***

165 minutes, Rated R
 Tuesday, July 7, 6 p.m.

Reserved Seating by Tables, SCB, \$5 pp



Filmed over 12 years with the same cast, *Boyhood* is a groundbreaking story of growing up as seen through the eyes of a child named Mason who literally grows up on screen before our eyes. *Boyhood* is both a nostalgic time capsule of the recent past and an ode to growing up and parenting.

○ **Movie: *The Theory of Everything***

123 minutes, Rated PG-13
 Wednesday, July 8, 6 p.m.

Reserved Seating by Tables, SCB, \$5 pp



The Theory of Everything is a 2014 British biographical coming of age romantic drama film directed by James Marsh and adapted by Anthony McCarten from the memoir *Travelling to Infinity: My Life with Stephen* by Jane Wilde Hawking, which deals with her relationship with her ex-husband, theoretical physicist Stephen Hawking, his diagnosis of motor neuron disease, and his success in physics.

○ **Movie: *Birdman***

119 minutes, Rated R
 Tuesday, July 14, 6 p.m.

Reserved Seating by Tables, SCB, \$5 pp



A washed-up actor, who once played an iconic superhero, battles his ego and attempts to recover his family, his career and himself in the days leading up to the opening of his Broadway play.

○ **Movie: *Selma***

128 minutes, Rated PG-13
 Tuesday, July 21, 6 p.m.

Reserved Seating by Tables, SCB, \$5 pp



A chronicle of Martin Luther King's campaign to secure equal voting rights via an epic march from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama in 1965.

○ **Movie: *The Imitation Game***

114 minutes, Rated PG-13
 Wednesday, July 22, 6 p.m.

Reserved Seating by Tables, SCB, \$5 pp



During World War II, mathematician Alan Turing tries to crack the enigma code with help from fellow mathematicians.

○ **Movie: *Wild***

115 minutes, Rated R
 Tuesday, July 28, 6 p.m.

Reserved Seating by Tables, SCB, \$5 pp

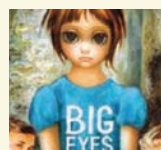


A chronicle of one woman's 1,100-mile solo hike undertaken as a way to recover from a recent catastrophe.

○ **Movie: *Big Eyes***

106 minutes, Rated PG-13
 Wednesday, July 29, 6 p.m.

Reserved Seating by Tables, SCB, \$5 pp



A drama about the awakening of the painter Margaret Keane, her phenomenal success in the 1950s, and the subsequent legal difficulties she had with her husband, who claimed credit for her works in the 1960s.

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CA-SPONSORED DANCES

Purchase your tickets for CA Sponsored Events at www.sctexas.org or at the Member Services Office.
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Shakedown – Cover Band

Friday, May 1, 7 – 10 p.m., SCB, \$12 pp
 Reserved Seating by Tables



This dynamic band of talented musicians with decades of performing experience includes female and male lead vocalists who have a wide range repertoire from '80s songs, groovy '70s disco/soul tunes that make you want to get your boogie on, timeless '60s classics that bring the house down, as well as country favorites. They know how to throw a great dance party for all to enjoy.

Country Connection – Country Western Band

Friday, May 15, 7 – 10 p.m., SCB, \$10 pp
 Reserved Seating by Tables



Listen to your favorite country tunes as the Country Connection provides all the classics for your dancing feet. This band tours around the Austin area and has performed at places like Coupland Dance Hall and the Cotton Club.

Weldon Henson – Country Western Band

Friday, May 22, 7 – 10 p.m., SCB, \$10 pp
 Reserved Seating by Table



Weldon Henson *is* Country Music. He grew up in Humble, Texas and resides in Austin. His shows are all about the dancers and demanding energy from them to keep his show going while he plays swing, 2-step, waltzes, authentic polka and brand new honky-tonk music. Sun City never disappoints Weldon's band and Weldon Henson never disappoints Sun City.

Almost Patsy Cline – Country Band

Friday, June 12, 7 – 10 p.m., SCB, \$10 pp
 Reserved Seating by Tables



This award-winning country band is coming to the Sun City Texas Social Center Ballroom. Dust off your cowboy hats, shine up your boots and get ready for some fun! The Almost Patsy Cline Band, official goodwill ambassador of Bandera, Texas, is bringing some good ol' country music.

In addition to music from the Patsy Cline era, the band offers a wide variety of music including classic country, classic rock and pop. Great to dance to or just listen and enjoy the music you know and love.

RESERVED SEATING BY TABLES

Selection by table number only

OPEN SEATING

General admission; no advance table or seat selection

DANCE ETIQUETTE

Please remove all your trash from your table at the end of the evening. Place empty cans and bottles in the recycle bin. Return the water pitchers and ice buckets to the hospitality table.



Sun City Acronymns

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|------------|--------------------|------|----------------------------|------|--------------------------|------|---------------------------|
| 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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Key to Outings

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

- 1** Level 1 - Light Activity  Bus trip over approx. 3 hours
- 2** Level 2 - Moderate Activity  Overnight stay
- 3** Level 3 - Active Activity  Walking - Expect a walking tour or a large venue
-  Meal provided  Walking and steps
-  Requires climbing in and out of a boat  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 Ken Phipps. Congratulations, Ken! 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.

Austin Symphony Orchestra - Long Center - Austin

Dinner - Trio Restaurant
Friday, May 29, \$127 pp
Depart SCPL 4 p.m.; Return 10:30 p.m.
Ticket Purchase Deadline: Thursday, May 21



1  Join us for the finale of the Austin Symphony Orchestra Classical series. On the program is the US premiere of *Tanzende Faune (An Orchestra Play)*, Op. 21 by Carl Orff. Also on the program is *Hymn to the Sun* from the opera *Iris*, by Pietro Mascagni, who is most well-known for his opera, *Cavalleria Rusticana*. However, the highlight of the evening will be the performance of Orff's famous *Carmina Burana*, sung by Chorus Austin and Chorus Austin Children's Chorus. Orff composed this work in the 1930s, putting to music 24 Latin poems written by students and clergy in the 12th and 13th century for travelling scholars. The pieces are mostly bawdy, irreverent, and satirical. The single song *O Fortuna* (the Roman

goddess of luck and fate) from the movement *Fortuna Imperatrix Mundi*, is often heard in popular films. You don't want to miss over 150 musicians performing this colossal piece of music.

Before the performance we will enjoy a leisurely meal at Trio Restaurant at Four Seasons Hotel. Menu includes Trio's mixed salad, their famous pork chop, mashed potatoes, asparagus and dessert. Soft drink, tax and tip included.

After dinner, we will arrive at the Long Center in time for the informative pre-concert talk given by Bob Buckalew.




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

Volunteer Trip Leader: Valerie Weis

The Illusionists - Jones Hall - Houston

Dinner - Birraporetti's
Wednesday, June 3, \$132 pp
Depart SCPL 1:30 p.m.; Return 12:30 a.m.



2    Get ready! *The Illusionists - Witness the Impossible* have completed their blockbuster Broadway show and are coming to Houston. This mind-blowing spectacular showcases the jaw dropping talents of seven of

the most incredible illusionists on earth. Five magicians, one mentalist and one escapologist will keep you spellbound. Witness stunning acts of grand illusion, levitation, mind-reading and disappearance. This is a magical, mystery tour de force described as incredible, astounding, amusing, mystifying, perplexing and challenging that will keep you on the edge of your Orchestra Center seats (Rows M, N and O), 50 feet from the stage.

On our way to Houston, enjoy fun games with HEB gift certificates as prizes. Upon arriving in Houston, we will enjoy a delicious dinner at Birraporetti's in the theater district. This restaurant, established in 1974, has blended Italian cooking with a traditional Irish pub atmosphere. In our private banquet room, dinner begins with the Mista house salad and garlic bread. Entrée choices (to be selected at the restaurant): Lulu's Classic Lasagna, Capellini Primavera or Classic Grilled Chicken Alfredo. Dessert choices: Tres Leches, Chocolate Mousse or Tiramisu. Beverages include iced tea, coffee and sodas. Cash bar with our own bartender with 7 oz. pour wine specials and domestic beers.

Note: After dinner, we walk about 1½ blocks to Jones Hall for the show.

After the performance, you may close your eyes on the way home trying to figure out, "How did they do that?"

Ticket cost includes transportation, dinner, and show.

Volunteer Trip Leader: Anita Reed

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ASO - Rodgers & Hammerstein - Palmer Event Center - Austin

Dinner On Your Own
 Friday, June 5, \$68 pp
 Depart SCPL 6 p.m.; Return 10:30 p.m.



3 To start our evening, you may select something to eat at the Palmer Event Center or bring your favorite food dish or dessert to enjoy this Austin Symphony Orchestra concert in a cabaret style setting. **Note: NO alcoholic beverages can be brought into this venue.**

According to the Austin Symphony, “Thrill to the brilliant music of this legendary team with songs from their celebrated collaborations, featuring music from *South Pacific*, *The Sound of Music*, *State Fair*, *The King and I*, *Carousel* and *Oklahoma!*” Ticket cost includes transportation and concert.

Volunteer Trip Leader: Flo Zydowicz

Gingerbread Trail - Waxahachie

Lunch On Your Own
 Saturday, June 6, \$55 pp
 Depart SCPL 7 a.m.; Return 6:30 p.m.



2 Join us for the 47th annual Gingerbread Trail and Tour. The trail features five private homes that celebrate the architectural styles of Victorian, Gothic Revival, Queen Anne and Gingerbread, all built

at the turn of the century when cotton was king. Trolleys will take us from the courthouse square to each home where docents stand by to give you the inside scoop on history, restorations and local ghost lore.

Your festival ticket also includes the following: a tour of the 1895 Courthouse – one of the top photographed structures in Texas; the Ellis County Museum – home to all things historical; the Classic Wheels on the Square – a vintage automobile show; and the Art, Crafts and Antique Fair at Getzendaner Park. You will be provided with a tour map, itinerary of festival events, and the location of shops and restaurants – all within a casual stroll of the courthouse square. Our bus will take us out to the park at 2:30 p.m. for the art, craft and antique portion of the festival. Revisit the past, sample festival treats, or treasure hunt for art and antiques – it’s all along the Gingerbread Trail.

Note: We will make a morning coffee stop at Slovacek’s in West. Ticket cost includes transportation and festival ticket.

Volunteer Trip Leader: Jerilee Prather

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New Mexico – Land of Enchantment – Ruidoso and Carlsbad

Sunday, June 14 – Friday, June 19

\$780 pp double occupancy;

\$900 pp single occupancy

Depart The Oaks Sunday 8 a.m.; Return Friday 5 p.m.

Ticket Purchase Deadline: Friday, May 22



3  Looking for a temporary escape from the Texas heat? Ruidoso, high in the Rocky Mountains of southeastern New Mexico, has mild weather and is great for enjoying the outdoors and the natural wonders

that abound.

Sunday: Travel day to Ruidoso. Upon arrival at the beautiful Inn of the Mountain Gods, you will be greeted by a stunning lobby featuring a sweeping view of the snowcapped mountains, lake and championship golf course. There is an indoor pool, fully equipped work-out facility, multiple restaurants, casino and other activities. Optional golfing available; if interested, contact the trip leader.

Monday: Our day begins visiting the Three Rivers Petroglyphs site, one of the largest and most interesting petroglyphs sites in the Southwest. More than 21,000 glyphs of birds, humans, animals, fish, insects and plants, as well as numerous geometric and abstract designs are scattered over 50 acres of the Chihuahuan Desert. These petroglyphs date back to about 900 - 1400 AD and were created by Jornada Mogollon people who used stone tools to remove the dark patina on the exterior of the rock. A small pueblo ruin is nearby and Sierra Blanca towers above to the east. The trail distance is about ½ mile. **Be sure to bring sunscreen.** Water will be provided.

From here we tour the Spencer Theater which houses the largest permanent exhibit of Chihuly glass in the Southwest.

In the afternoon we will go to The Ruidoso Downs Race Track for the races. Dinner will be on your own at The Cattle Baron.

Tuesday: Our first destination is Cloudcroft, a 110 year old

unique mountain community that combines modern life amenities with its heritage as a pioneer village. There will be time to stroll the main street followed by a buffet lunch at The Lodge with a rich and cultured past.

Next we go to Pistachio Groves/Heart of the Desert Vineyard for a winery tour.

Our final stop will be at White Sands National Monument where you can climb the dunes. **(L)**

Wednesday: This is a day for history. Lincoln Historic Site is a unique community frozen in time – the 1870s and 1880s. Made famous by one of the most violent periods in New Mexico history, today’s visitors can see the Old Lincoln County Courthouse with museum exhibits that recount the details of the Lincoln County War and the historic use of the “House” as store, residence, Masonic Lodge, courthouse, and jail. Walk in the footsteps of Billy the Kid, Pat Garrett, and other famous and infamous Wild West characters. Trace the events of 1878 through the Courthouse and the Tunstall Store, with their preserved 19th-century atmosphere.


From here we take in Fort Stanton. Built in 1855 and used as a base of operations against the Mescalero Indians, it was later used as a tuberculosis hospital, CCC camp and internment camp. From the fort, we will make a stop in downtown Ruidoso. Our day ends with a real Western evening of dinner and entertainment at the Flying J Ranch. **(D)**

Thursday: We travel to Carlsbad Caverns which includes a natural limestone chamber, the Big Room – the third largest chamber in North America and seventh largest in the world. After touring the caverns it is on to Fort Stockton to spend the night at Hampton Inn.

Friday: After a brief driving tour of Fort Stockton, we will head home to Sun City. **(B)**

Ticket cost includes transportation, lodging, 1 breakfast (B), 1 lunch (L), 1 dinner (D), and admission to all attractions.

Volunteer Trip Leader: Judy Schlobohm



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**Impressionism and The Caribbean
- Blanton Museum - Austin**

Lunch - The Carillon
Tuesday, June 16, \$52 pp
Depart The Oaks 9 a.m.; Return 2 p.m.
Ticket Purchase Deadline: Thursday, June 11



The word *impressionism* causes us to think of colorful ocean scenes, picnicking in the park and 'Gay Paree' dancing. The Blanton Museum has put together a remarkable exhibit filled with the impressionist art of Monet,

Homer, Pissarro and the star of the show, Francisco Oller. Emerging from San Juan in the 1840s, Oller became one of the world's finest impressionist painters combining his San Juan influence along with the Parisian style, bringing Puerto Rico into the art world.

After viewing the exhibit, we will have an elegant lunch at the high-end Carillon, New American Grill (included). The setting combines dark wood with cream-colored arches and expert service. You will be treated to their luncheon buffet with everything you can imagine served in a sophisticated manner. You will not come away hungry.

On the way home, we will drop in at the new Whole Foods Market at the Domain for a short peek.

Ticket cost includes transportation, museum entrance, and lunch.

Volunteer Trip Leader: *Ellen Mire*

**Cedar Park Pro Rodeo -
Cedar Park Center**

Dinner On Your Own
Saturday, June 20, \$48 pp
Depart SCPL 5 p.m.; Return 9:30 p.m.



Spend the evening enjoying the sport that Texas is famous for! We will take a short bus ride to Cedar Park to watch bull riding, roping, barrel racing, just to name a few events. Cowboy or Cowgirl UP!

Our first stop will be before the event at the Cedar Park Town Center. Here you may choose your dinner on your own from among restaurants such as BJ's Brewhouse, Zoe's, Chipotle, In-N-Out Burger, PDQ, Mike's Subs, Pieology Pizzeria, or Costco.

Ticket cost includes transportation and rodeo ticket.

Volunteer Trip Leader: *Cheryl Jakubowski*

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Open Monday - Thursday

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

Esther's Follies - Austin - NEW!

Dinner - Cantina Laredo
 Thursday, July 16, \$72 pp
 Depart SCPL 4:45 p.m.; Return 10:30 p.m.



1  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 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

Shopping Trip - Barton Creek Mall - Austin - NEW!

Monday, July 20, \$27 pp
 Depart SCPL 9:30 a.m.; Return 3:30 p.m.



1  Calling all shopaholics and movie lovers! Escape the heat! Ride the bus to Barton Creek Mall in Austin. More than 180 specialty shops and anchor stores, including Nordstrom,

Dillard's and Macy's await you. If you prefer to skip shopping, you can still escape the July heat and go to the AMC 14 Theater located inside the mall to catch a movie. Mall maps and movie listings will be provided on the day of the trip.


Ticket cost includes transportation only on the small bus without the usual amenities.

Volunteer Trip Leader: Ellen Mire

Sophisticated Ladies - Zach Theater - Austin - NEW!

Dinner on Your Own
 Wednesday, July 22, \$96 pp
 Depart SCPL 4 p.m.; Return 11 p.m.



1  Step back in time to the infamous Speak Easy era of The Cotton Club – a time of gangsters and bootleggers, a time when jazz was hot, and the musical legacy of Duke Ellington was born. Over 25 musical hits including “It

Don't Mean a Thing If It Ain't Got That Swing,” “Take the 'A' Train,” and “Mood Indigo,” along with snappy costumes, fancy dancing, excellent singing and lots of showbiz panache will have you jumpin' and jivin'. Sophisticated Ladies opened on Broadway to rave reviews and eight Tony nominations. It's a sheer razzle-dazzle of a production and all that jazz!

Our pre-show stop for dinner on your own will be at The Arboretum, with your choice of P. F. Chang's, Brio's Tuscan Grille, The Cheesecake Factory or Five Guys Burgers and Amy's Ice Cream.

Note: This is a small group trip, limited to 27 tickets on the Clark Mini Coach.

Ticket cost includes transportation and orchestra theater seats.

Volunteer Trip Leader: Jerilee Prather

MAY PROGRAMS

Learn about the BOD Candidates

Daily 8 a.m. through May 27
Video featuring a 5-minute presentation from each candidate

Sit-n-Fit (pre-recorded)

Tuesdays / 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.
Fridays and Saturdays
10 a.m. and 2 p.m.
See Fitness Calendar for live classes.

News & Views

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

What's on Channel 79?

Tune in to Channel 79 for the latest information on upcoming events in both Sun City and the Georgetown area, as well as important notifications. In addition to Sit-n-Fit and News & Views, Channel 79 also broadcasts the following:

- Sun City Texas Town Halls, Board Meetings and Workshops
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- Veterans Memorial Plaza engraved brick contact information
- Blood Drive information
- City of Georgetown Police Department Take Me Home Program info

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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.

MAY PROGRAM SCHEDULE

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

May Focus: Veterans Remembered

MAY 4 - 9

Representatives from the Festival of the Arts promote their spring event; we talk to Sun City veteran Ed Hark; our Volunteers of the Week are "The Cookie Commandos."

MAY 11 - 15

Our veteran of Sun City is Gerald Wilcomb and the Volunteer of the Week is Joanne Harrah.

MAY 18 - 23

An overview of the Memorial Day ceremony is presented; our key staff interview is with Fitness Director Michelle Mason; our Volunteers of the Week are the "Friends of the Library."

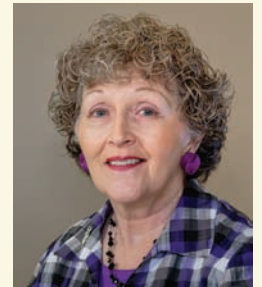
MAY 25 - 30

Our Music: Life Long Love guest is Deb Lepeard; the Spotlight shines on Sun City Veteran Allan Warnes, who served in WWII, Korea and Vietnam. Our Volunteer of the Week is Gaz Green.

NEWS & VIEWS STAFF

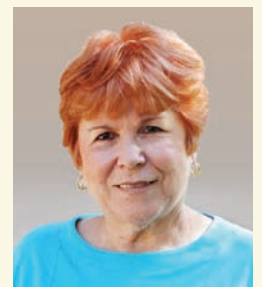


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Hours of operation

Week Days:

6 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Weekends

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 hours

For Kids Ages 4-15 years

MAY - SEPTEMBER

10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Outdoor Pool

Children's age restrictions

Children under the age of four, per the CA Rules/Reg., are not allowed at the pools or in the Fitness Centers.

Mr. Etiquette



Be frugal with the Gym Wipes - Why use two when one will do?

Remember, Mr. Etiquette is watching.



Fitness Center Lecture

Is your bladder controlling your life?

Thursday, May 21, 1 p.m., SCB, \$1 pp

Guest Speaker: Dr. Vivian Aguilar



Dr. Vivian Aguilar

Join us for a great and practical lecture on female incontinence, where Dr. Vivian Aguilar will explain signs, symptoms, factors contributing to this condition and available treatment options.

Get your \$1 ticket at the Fitness Center Front Desk today!

Sun City Texas Fitness Center

Lighten Up for Life Weight Management Mini Program Begins May 13

- Lose Body Fat
- Weekly Weigh-Ins
- Monthly Group Meetings
- Discount on Group Fitness
- Healthy Recipes and Resources
- Support and Progress Tracking

Mini Program begins Wednesday, May 13, 9:30 a.m., Social Center Ballroom
Program cost: \$55

**LOSE WEIGHT!
FEEL GREAT!**

Register today at the Fitness Center Front Desk. For information, call Whitney Alexander at 512-948-7753 or email whitney.alexander@sctexas.org



Bill Soula
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Before

Bill
Lost 40 lbs

Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

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

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

♣ **Splash Dance**
8 a.m. - Marnie

Cardio Sculpt
9:15 a.m. - Leslie

♣ **Aqua Fit**
9:15 a.m. - Louise

♣ **Aqua Conditioning**
10:30 a.m. - Amy

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

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

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

♣ **Aqua Fit Lite**
1:45 p.m. - Anna

Pilates
2 p.m. - Peggy

Gentle Yoga
3:15 p.m. - Anna

Beginner Yoga
4:45 p.m. - Amanda

Effortless Posture
6 p.m. - Marika

♣ **Fun/Fit Aqua**
6 p.m. - Beth

Neck & Shoulders
7:15 p.m. - Marika

Sunrise Yoga
6:30 a.m. - Amanda

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

♣ **Fun/Fit Aqua**
8 a.m. - Amy

Low Impact
9:15 a.m. - J.B.

♣ **Aqua Fit**
9:15 a.m. - Louise

Strength
10:30 a.m. - Marilynn

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

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

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

Beginner Zumba
1 p.m. - Taryn

♣ **Aqua for Balance**
1:15 p.m. - Julie

Intermed. Zumba
2 p.m. - Taryn

Meditation Breath
3:15 p.m. - Jenny

Integral Yoga
4:30 p.m. - Linda

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

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

Low Impact
8 a.m. - Allison

♣ **Splash Dance**
8 a.m. - Marnie

Cardio Sculpt
9:15 a.m. - Leslie

♣ **Aqua Fit**
9:15 a.m. - Louise

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

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

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

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

Abs & Back
1 p.m. - Nancy

♣ **Aqua Fit Lite**
1:45 p.m. - Anna

Pilates
2 p.m. - Peggy

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

CW Dance JB/Gregory
5 p.m. 2-Step

♣ **Fun/Fit Aqua**
6 p.m. - Beth

Tai Chi
7:15 p.m. - Larry

Sunrise Yoga
6:30 a.m. - Rhonda

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

♣ **Fun/Fit Aqua**
8 a.m. - Amy

Low Impact
9:15 a.m. - Allison

♣ **Aqua Fit**
9:15 a.m. - Louise

Strength
10:30 a.m. - Marilynn

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

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

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

Tai Chi
12:50 p.m. - Louis

♣ **Aqua for Balance**
1:15 p.m. - Julie

Zumba Toning
2 p.m. - Taryn

Meditation 2
3:15 p.m. - Jenny

Hatha Yoga
4:30 p.m. - Amanda

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

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

Low Impact
8 a.m. - Beth

♣ **Splash Dance**
8 a.m. - Marnie

Cardio Sculpt
9:15 a.m. - Leslie

♣ **Aqua Fit**
9:15 a.m. - Louise

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

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

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

Stretching 101
1 p.m. - Beth

♣ **Aqua Fit Lite**
1:45 p.m. - Anna

Pilates
2 p.m. - Peggy

Gentle Yoga
3:15 p.m. - Anna

Pilates
9 a.m. - Nancy / Allison

♣ **Fun/Fit Aqua**
9:15 a.m. - Beth

Step Plus
10:25 a.m. - Leslie

MAY FITNESS CALENDAR

TEXAS DRIVE

KEY

♣ *Aqua classes are identified by a droplet.*

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

Power Cycle
6:30 a.m. - Marnie

Beginner Yoga
8 a.m. - Amanda

Cycle Express
9:15 a.m. - Victoria

♣ **Slim Down Aqua**
9:30 a.m. - Ann

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

♣ **Fun/Fit Aqua**
10:30 a.m. - Donna

Beginner Pilates
11:45 a.m. - Anna

♣ **Coached Lap**
11:45 a.m. - Donna

Beginner Strength
1 p.m. - Donna

Senior Boot Camp
2 p.m. - Leslie

Basic Step
3:15 p.m. - Leslie

Beginner Pilates
4:45 p.m. - Anna

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

Indoor Cycling
6:30 a.m. - Jan

Power Pilates
8 a.m. - Marnie

♣ **Aqua Fit**
8:45 a.m. - Leslie

Intermediate Pilates
9 a.m. - Marnie

Step Express
10 a.m. - Leslie

♣ **Aqua Motivation**
10:30 a.m. - Amy

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

Chair Yoga
12:15 p.m. - Jenny

♣ **Beg. Lap Swim**
1 p.m. - Donna

Beginner Cycle
1:30 p.m. - Michelle

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

Circuit Training
3:30 p.m. - Donna

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

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

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

Gentle Movement for Cancer Survivors
7 p.m. - Marika

Power Cycle
6:30 a.m. - Marnie

Beginner Yoga
8 a.m. - Anna

Cycle Express
9:15 a.m. - Victoria

♣ **Slim Down Aqua**
9:30 a.m. - Ann

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

♣ **Fun/Fit Aqua**
10:30 a.m. - Donna

Beginner Pilates
11:45 a.m. - Anna

♣ **Coached Lap**
11:45 a.m. - Donna

Beginner Strength
1 p.m. - Donna

Senior Boot Camp
2 p.m. - Leslie

Basic Step
3:15 p.m. - Leslie

Beginner Yoga
4:45 p.m. - Anna

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

Indoor Cycle
6:30 a.m. - Jan

Power Pilates
8 a.m. - Marnie

♣ **Aqua Fit**
8:45 a.m. - Leslie

Intermediate Pilates
9 a.m. - Marnie

Step Express
10 a.m. - Leslie

♣ **Aqua Motivation**
10:30 a.m.

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

Chair Yoga
12:15 p.m. - Jenny

♣ **Beg. Lap Swim**
1 p.m. - Donna

Beginner Cycle
1:30 p.m. - Whitney

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

Circuit Training
3:30 p.m. - Donna

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

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

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

Power Cycle
6:30 a.m. - Marnie

Beginner Yoga
8 a.m. - Amanda

Cycle Express
9:15 a.m. - Victoria

♣ **Slim Down Aqua**
9:30 a.m. - Beth

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

♣ **Fun/Fit Aqua**
10:30 a.m. - Ann

Beginner Pilates
11:45 a.m. - Anna

Beginner Strength
12:45 p.m. - Whitney

Balance & Strength
2 p.m. - Donna

Cycling
9 a.m. - Leslie

COWAN CREEK

NEW CLASS ALERT!

30 Minute Strength is now Beginner Strength - Mondays and Wednesdays - 1 p.m. at Cowan Creek

30 Minute Cycling on Tuesdays and Thursdays at Cowan Creek at 1:30 is now called Beginner Cycling

May Class Series – Sign up today!

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

Abs and Back Series

Wednesdays, 1-1:30 p.m. • TD

4 classes for \$12, May 6-27

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 Nancy.

Aqua Boot Camp Series

Tuesdays and Thursdays

5:45-6:30 p.m. • CC

8 classes for \$24, May 5-28

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

13 classes for \$39, May 1-29 **OR**

Tuesdays and Thursdays

1:15-2 p.m. • TD

8 classes for \$24, May 5-28

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

Fridays, 2-2:45 p.m. • CC

5 classes for \$15, May 1-29

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

Beginner Cycling Series

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 1:30-2 p.m. • CC

8 classes for \$20, May 5-28

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 Michelle & Whitney.

Beginner Lap Swim Series

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 1-1:45 p.m. • CC

8 classes for \$24, May 5-28

This 45-minute class includes swimming technique and lap swimming for improved

fitness and cardiovascular health. Classes led by Donna.

Beginner Pilates Series

Mondays, 4:45-5:35 p.m. • CC

4 classes for \$12, May 4-25

An introductory pilates class to develop balance, flexibility, and core strength with focus on abdominals, back and improving posture. Participants should be able to get on and off the floor. Series taught by Anna.

Beginner Strength Series

Fridays, 12:45-1:30 p.m. • CC

5 session series for \$15, May 1-29

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 Whitney.

Beginner Yoga Series

Mondays, 4:45 - 5:45 p.m. • TD

4 classes for \$16, May 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 Amanda.

Beginner Yoga Series

Wednesdays, 4:45-5:35 p.m. • CC

4 classes for \$16, May 6-27

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, May 5-26

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, May 5-26 **OR**

Thursdays, 12:15-1 p.m. • CC

4 classes for \$12, May 7-28

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

SERIES CLASS LOCATIONS KEY

TD – Texas Drive Fitness Center

CC – Cowan Creek Fitness Center

taught by Jenny.

Circuit Training Series

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

8 classes for \$24, May 5-28

Crunched for time, but want to lose inches and burn fat? Circuit training is the workout for you. Circuit training works the entire body, using dumbbells, medicine 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

Mondays and Wednesdays

11:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m. • CC

8 classes for \$24, May 5-28

This 45-minute class includes swimming technique and lap swimming for improved fitness and cardiovascular health. Attendees should already know how to swim the basic strokes; crawl, backstroke, and breast stroke. Classes led by Donna.

Effortless Posture Series

Mondays, 6 - 7 p.m. • TD

4 classes for only \$28, May 4-25

The Effortless Posture classes in movement education will help participants find the posture that's right for you. Learn how to re-organize the musculature of your body through a more efficient use of your skeleton. Participants should be able to get on and off the ground. The class will be led by Marika, a Feldenkrais Practitioner®.

Gentle Movement for Breast Cancer Survivors

Tuesdays, 7-8 p.m. • CC

4 classes for \$4, May 5-26

A gentle class intended for the women who are/have recovered from the diagnosis and/or treatment of breast cancer. Participants should be able to get on and off the ground. The class will be led by Marika, a Feldenkrais Practitioner®.

Hatha Flow Yoga Series

Thursdays, 4:30-5:30 p.m. • TD

4 classes for \$12, May 7-28

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 taught by Amanda.

Intermediate Zumba Series

Tuesdays, 2 - 2:50 p.m. • TD
4 classes for \$12, May 5-26

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 1

Tuesdays, 3:15-4:15 p.m. • TD
4 classes for \$12, May 5-26

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, 3:15-4:15 p.m. • TD
4 classes for \$12, May 7-28

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.

Neck and Shoulders Pain Relief Series-Feldenkrais

Mondays, 7:15-8:15 p.m. • TD
4 classes for \$28, May 4-25

Do you have neck and shoulder pain? Learn to banish that pain with the easy, gentle movements of the Feldenkrais Method®. Class is taught by Marika Hicks, Feldenkrais Practitioner®. Participants should be able to get on and off the ground.

Pilates for Men Series - Beginner

Tuesdays, 5:45 - 6:45 p.m. • TD
4 classes for \$12, May 5-26

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
4 classes for \$12, May 7-28

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

Mondays and Wednesdays
5:45-6:45 p.m. • CC
8 classes for \$24, May 4-27

OR
Tuesdays and Thursdays
5:45 - 6:45 p.m. • CC
8 classes for \$24, May 5-28

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

Slim Down Series

Tuesdays and Thursdays
4:45-5:30 p.m. • CC
8 classes for \$24, May 5-28

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

Stretching 101

Fridays, 1 - 1:45 p.m. • TD
5 classes for \$15, May 1-29

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

Tai Chi Series - All Levels

Wednesdays, 7:15-8:15 p.m. • TD
4 classes for \$18, May 6-27

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Group Fitness tutorial

Monday, May 11, 9:45 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, come join us!

Personal Training tutorial

Monday, May 11, 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 about our personal training sessions and the trainers.

Athlete of the Month

By Lynda Dufour

Wheel of Fortune and Jeopardy are Barbara Wood’s favorite television shows.

How ironic, when you consider that her own spin at life’s wheel of fortune landed her in a world of jeopardy. The 83-year-old survived cancer and the partial removal of a lung only to barely survive a head-on car wreck in 1998 that left her with a broken wrist, a broken collar bone, broken ribs, and a shattered ankle. “My whole life changed,” says Barbara, who was an avid tennis player and umpire until the accident left her confined to a wheelchair for six months. “I had to learn how to walk again, and that is when I really started using the Fitness Center. I went to water aerobics classes six days a week.”

As Barbara got older, more misfortune spun her way when she developed osteoarthritis in both knees. Walking became precarious again, and two years ago she turned to Sun City personal trainer Judy “JB” Baier for strength training before attempting a successful double knee replacement surgery. She continues to train with JB three times a week at the Texas Drive Fitness Center.

“We had our work cut out for us,” says JB, who, in collaboration with Scott & White Physical Therapy, helped Barbara progress from a wheelchair to a rolling walker and eventually to walking with a cane. “Barbara becomes stronger each day,” she adds. “She has mastered more machines and has increased her flexibility and range of motion. You can bet she’ll be walking into the Fitness Center without assistance from anything or anyone very soon.”

Barbara and her husband of 60 years, John, moved to Sun City Texas in 1997, six years after she retired from her job as a computer systems analyst with the Veterans Administration in Austin. The Texas Drive Fitness Center is her “second home,” she says, and JB is her “inspiration.”

The inspiration is mutual. “Barbara is an extremely active,

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outgoing, energetic person who has handled an overwhelming turn of events,” says JB, who is now helping Barbara find the strength to deal with the latest issue jeopardizing her health -- the first stages of Parkinson’s disease. “Our training sessions continually evolve,” she adds. “I selected Barbara as our Athlete of the Month because of her determination to be as healthy as possible, no matter what circumstances come her way.”



Integral Yoga

By Jaime Calder

In a dimly lit room within the Fitness Center on Texas Drive, a shoeless group of Sun City Texas residents sit cross-legged on mats. At the front of the room sat Sevika Linda Ward, registered yoga teacher. Bringing her hands to her chest and placing her palms together, she nods a greeting to her class. After nodding in return, the group begins with a chant.

“Om Shanti. Om Shanti. Om Shanti.”

The mantra – which means “peace” – is repeated in unison as part of the group’s meditation process, during which participants turn their thoughts away from events outside of the room and focus instead on the activity at hand.

Appropriately titled Integral Yoga, Linda aims to help her students make yoga a daily part of their everyday lives. With an emphasis on breathing techniques, mindfulness and physical well-being, students of Integral Yoga engage in sustained poses which gently stretch and strengthen the body, improve balance and flexibility, and cultivate a lasting sense of composure and relaxation.

Following their brief meditation session

at the top of the class, Linda leads the group in their first series of asanas – or poses. Participants move at a comfortable pace, transitioning from seated to standing to bending positions in gradual yet uninterrupted motions. As she guides the class, Linda alternates between demonstrating instructed asanas and gently assisting those students needing a little extra support in moving from one position to the next. Participants breathe slowly and deliberately as they move in to and out of each stance, taking time to note points of tension or weakness they may encounter and allowing themselves to take pause and acknowledge how their bodies feel.

You may have heard that yoga is the Sanskrit word for union – however, an alternate translation defines yoga as “to yoke,” the way one would yoke a powerful creature to better serve a useful purpose. As Integral Yoga participants harness together their minds, bodies and emotional health, they may find this definition is the one best suited for a practice that guides them in healthy, positive ways long after they’ve left their mats.

Integral Yoga

Tuesday
4:30 p.m.

Texas Drive Fitness Center

Integral Yoga stretches and strengthens the body and improves balance and flexibility. Meditation promotes relaxation and composure.

Questions?

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

Integral Yoga takes place every Tuesday at 4:30 p.m. in the Texas Drive Fitness Center. This class is ongoing and requires just one class ticket. No preregistration required.



Red Cahall: Soldier, Spy, Survivor

By Sandy Nielsen

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Red Cahall, a resident of Sun City Texas for 10 years, fought in the Korean war, provided covert activities to the Allied powers in Europe, and is a cancer survivor. He says he still has more to do.

Throwing a couple of blankets atop some old corn stalks, Red Cahall paused to consider the temperature. It must have been 20 or 30 degrees below zero in that North Korean cornfield, yet the Army's requisition for winter clothing and sleeping bags had not yet caught up with his battalion. Red was exhausted. Donning as many clothes as he could, the young man settled in for the night, not knowing his life was about to change forever.

Red Cahall has lived in Sun City Texas with his wife, Phyllis, for 10 years. Having left school after the ninth grade, he joined the army in 1948, just three days after his 17th birthday. He was assigned to the Allied occupation forces in Japan,

where he was given special privileges due to his athletic abilities, and spent most of his time in sports training and competitions. It wouldn't be long before he would realize how dearly the lack of focus on military training would cost him and the thousands of Americans who would soon be embroiled in a conflict few saw coming.

In June of 1950, North Korean forces crossed the 38th parallel into South Korea. Within weeks, 19-year-old Red found himself making an amphibious landing with his battalion on the east coast of the Korean peninsula, slogging ashore through the shallows with 60 pounds of gear, weapons and ammunition strapped to his back.

Although his battalion didn't encounter much initial resistance, it wasn't long before they were advancing north toward Unsan, a North Korean county along the Chinese border. As the battalion marched its way through the cold, forested region, the soldiers had no idea they were about to engage in one of the most devastating battles of the Korean War.

In the small hours of the night, artillery, firing fast, roused Red from his cornstalk bed. He knew he was in trouble. Scrambling to his unit, Red found himself dodging Chinese submachine guns capable of firing off 900 rounds per minute. Bullets sprayed over the road like water from a garden hose while nearby

explosions rendered him temporarily blind. As he threw himself to the ground, Red never even saw the grenade rolling under his chest.

Without warning, Red was blown to his feet, his gun still in his hand. Pierced by shrapnel, struggling to breathe and unable to lift his right arm, Red was alive. Two bandoliers of ammo strapped across his chest had absorbed and deflected the worst of the blast. Rolling into a ditch, chaos and fighting continued around him – he expected a Chinese bayonet in his gut any moment.

“I had never been to church until I joined the Army,” says Red, “and they marched me to church every Sunday.” But in that moment, it was the Lord’s Prayer that came to his mind.

Suddenly, appearing out of the chaos, a medic with a stretcher jeep screeched to a halt and loaded him in, departing as swiftly as they had appeared over a painstaking route through Chinese forces to the closest MASH unit for care. Red grins when he remembers the nurses’ first order of business. The nurses stuck what looked to be a bicycle pump up each arm and shot clouds of DDT between his clothes and skin. “We’d been weeks in the field,” he says, and lice were a very real issue.

There was no delicate removal of what turned out to be 81 pieces of shrapnel

in his body. In the kind of “meatball surgery” made famous by the TV series *MASH*, plugs of flesh riddled with confetti-like shrapnel were gouged out, over and over. When the job was done, Red was flown back to Japan for three months of recovery.

But Korea wasn’t done with him just yet. The Army desperately needed fighting men, and Red was ordered back to the same platoon and company he had left. Of the 800 men in his original battalion, fewer than 200 had survived the massacre at Unsan.

It was Red’s next injury - shrapnel in his ankle - that finally got him out of Korea for good. Following a brief break from the military, during which he got married and had three children, Red found himself reenlisting and training in counter-intelligence. He was so successful in his work that during one assignment in Vietnam, Red had to be transferred out due to a late-night attempt on his life. Back in the States, he received additional training in the art of safe cracking, and began doing background investigations on people under consideration for government jobs with top-secret clearances. One individual was a music teacher President Johnson wanted to hire for his daughter.

In his final military assignment, Red put his safe-cracking expertise to use as a “lock man” for Supreme Headquar-

ters Allied Powers Europe (SHAPE) in Belgium. “I was tailing people and putting bugs in places that would create an international incident if they were known,” he recalls proudly. Although Red loved the work, he gave it up for his 11-year-old son who didn’t want him to travel anymore. He retired as a Master Sergeant with two Purple Hearts and a Bronze Star for Valor.

Red worked another 18 years as a civil service employee at Darnall Army Medical Center at Fort Hood, functioning as an admitting clerk.

A total of 33,000 Americans and 415,000 South Koreans died during the three-year Korean War. Some estimates put the North Korean and Chinese casualties at over 1.5 million. Korea was not the only narrow escape in Red’s life, however. He counts 14 times when an accident or event could have killed him and didn’t, the most recent of which occurred 13 years ago when several skin cancers led doctors to tell his family that he only had six months to live.

“I pray every night on my knees because I know God has given me life,” he says, adding that he doesn’t want anyone to think he’s a hero. “What I did wasn’t something that required great courage; it was just something that had to be done.” And according to Red, he must still be here because God has more for him to do.

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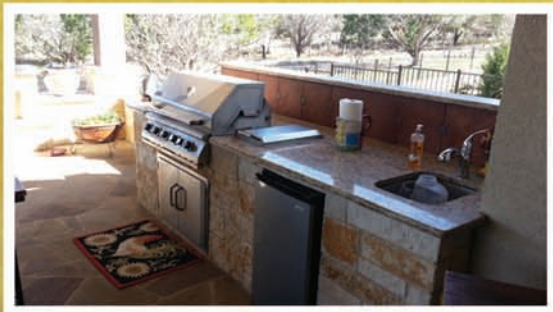
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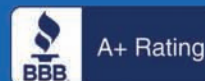
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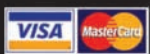
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Chelsea: Determining tee time requests

Submitted by the Golf Committee

As most of our golfers know, Chelsea is Sun City Texas' online system for requesting and processing tee times for our three golf courses. A success for some time, Chelsea can now be accessed quickly through the new Sun City website. Tee time requests and information is just a click away on the right side of the resident home page. The system works exactly the same way that it did on our old website. Occasionally, questions arise about how this system actually processes our requests and determines the tee times for each day's play. The following is a reprint of a previously published description of how Chelsea determines and prioritizes tee time requests.

The Chelsea Tee Time system is designed to provide an equitable distribution for all tee time requests. Several steps are taken to ensure equitable distribution:

Step 1: All requests are randomly assigned a number between 0 and 66,000.

Step 2: All requests are separated into two categories:

Request Category One is comprised of residents without guests.

Request Category Two is comprised of residents with guests.

Each Request in Category One is given a tee time before the placement of Category Two begins. If there is a request with three linked groups and

one of those groups has a guest, all three groups are placed in request Category Two.

Step 3: Request Category One is placed according to the randomly assigned number given in step one. The program begins with the lowest number first and proceeds in that fashion, low to high, until all requests in Category One are placed.

Step 4: Request Category Two is placed in the same fashion as Category One.

If you are a resident who plays golf and you are not in the Chelsea Tee Time system, please feel free to visit one of the golf shops to answer questions utilizing this effective tool.

WGA 9-Hole Group *Submitted by Kempa Rider*

Recently, the Expansion Task Force on Golf gave our group a chance to provide suggestions on how to improve the current courses, should funds become available. All members were encouraged to send any thoughts to our President, Betty Ann Preston, who would compile and present a report to the Task Force. We definitely appreciate being given this opportunity and hope many took advantage of the offer.

The new website is proving to be an outstanding tool for communication, and all are encouraged to spend at least a little time studying it. A striking addition is the "Notice" section, which pops out in red when the WGA-9 site is accessed. Here, members can see important announcements and achievements at first glance! The information section

for new members has also been another real plus. As you know, some golf rules have been adapted for our group, so if there are any questions about rules or procedures, you can find the answers on our website. There is now a new rule being highlighted every month.

Our club is really trying to get all members to upload a picture on their individual profile. Instructions are also explained on our page. With 159 members, there is no way we all know each other, so just imagine how wonderful it would be to be able to look at a picture when we are trying to figure out who we are paired with that week.

Our fun two-day Eclectic Tournament was held last month, but results are not available at the time of this writing. Please look for them to be detailed in

the June *Sun Rays*.

This month the very popular Sun Bowl Invitational Golf Tournament is scheduled for May 19. Our theme is "It's a Beach Par-Tee in the Sun!" We hope for another Chamber of Commerce Day. The weather conditions the past two years have been delightful! Over 50 guests from surrounding clubs come to have a lot of fun while playing in a scramble with us. Breakfast and lunch are provided along with a lot of door prizes and other awards. Registration opened on April 13 and will close on May 7. Please note: the field fills up really fast!

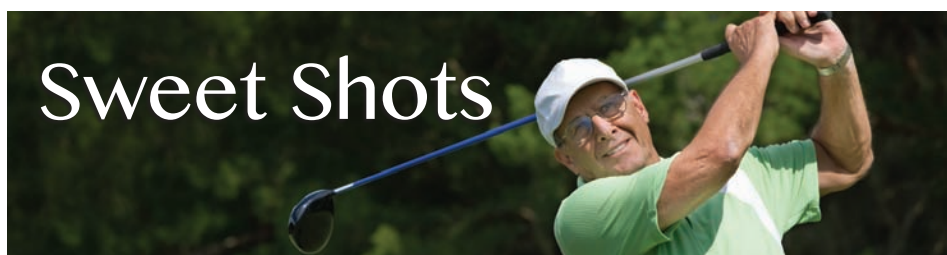
Anyone interested in knowing more about the WGA-9 can find information on the website or by contacting Betty Ann Preston at bapreston@gmail.com.



Access Chelsea easily on the new website

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

One of the benefits of the new Sun City website is its synchronization with Chelsea. By simply logging on to the CA website, resident golfers will also sign in to Chelsea. To access Chelsea, follow these easy steps: First, navigate to the CA website at www.sctexas.org. In the upper right hand corner, click on Resident Login and provide your login credentials. Once logged into your Resident Home page, click on Tee Time Requests (Chelsea) on the right side of the screen, which will take you to the main Chelsea home page. Here, resident golfers can request and book tee times, as well as review upcoming tee sheets. If you have any questions, please contact a member of the Golf Shop Staff.



| Date | Name | Witnessess | Shot | Hole |
|---------------------|----------------------|--|--|-----------|
| LEGACY HILLS | | | | |
| 03.06 | Paul Mucci | Roger Marlow, Howard Hill, Tom Williams | Eagle | 7 |
| 03.15 | Nancy Ulery | Peggy Gaston, Sue Brazell | Eagle | 13 |
| 03.16 | Nelson Stubblefield | Jim Brandewie, Tom O'Brien, J. Walker | SHOT AGE OF 79 | |
| 03.16 | Rich Petro | Dave Williams, Bob Crandell, John Hefley | ACE 100 yds 8 Iron | 12 |
| 03.22 | Ron Conrad | Don Neff, Fella Kerr, Roger Marlow | Eagle | 10 |
| 03.24 | Terry Howarth | Susan Schroder, Elaine Swint, Elaine Mason | Eagle | 18 |
| 03.25 | Bill Winkler | Rob Hontz, Dennis Bryson, Dennis Hohn | Eagle | 10 |
| 03.29 | John Johnson | Dickie Smith, Jim Hoverson, Ron Hackleman | Eagle | 10 |
| 03.29 | Terri Pender | S. Schroeder, C. Danials, P Miller, S. Rice | ACE 113 yds 8 Iron | 4 |
| 03.28 | Mike Alton | Jon Uhl, Steve Otterstedt, Bobby Lockwood | Eagle | 10 |
| WHITE WING | | | | |
| 03.10 | Bill Boersema | Max Booe, Sam Cleveland, Vic VanAudenhove | ACE 142 yds 6 Iron | 17 |
| 03.17 | Ege Reichert | Terry Howarth, Vickie Grafton, Cathereine Danial | Eagle | 3 |
| 03.28 | Fella Kerr | Dale Fell, Mike Kondelis | Eagle | 4 |
| 03.28 | Mike Kondelis | Dale Fell, Fella Kerr | Eagle | 9 |
| COWAN CREEK | | | | |
| 03.03 | Jim McDonald | Bryce Hedger, Bobby Lockwood | Eagle, Shot Age, Ace (Yard./Club) | 9 |
| 03.10 | Dennis Bryson | Wayne Brown | ACE 130 yds 9 Iron | 10 |
| 03.03 | Wayne Collins | Lendol Diehl, Dick Murdock, Jim VonDervellen | SHOT AGE OF 73 | |
| 03.14 | H. David Bell | Damon Bell, Chimeleck, Tryforos | Eagle | 9 |
| 03.15 | Con Rourke | Dale Keith, Jerry Keith, Charles Smith | SHOT 85 AGE OF 86 | |
| 03.15 | Ed Bailey | Nanci Doran, Charlie Goodson, Brock Burington | ACE 149 yds 5 Iron | 16 |
| 03.24 | Jim Bumpus | Bob Tolley, Bruce Woods | Eagle | 3 |
| 03.28 | Al Lingor | Don Erler, Fred Grafton | Eagle | 17 |



MGA Board Meeting Monday, May 4, 2 p.m., AC

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MGA News *Submitted by Jeff Morgan, President, MGA Board of Directors*

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Have you noticed how more and more activities in life require computers, tablets and smart phones? The MGA is no different! In late March, the Spring Member-Member required all participants to use the MGA's new microsite to register for the tournament, identify a partner and indicate a belt and shirt size (as part of the tournament's tee gifts) - all by simply logging into Sun City's new website.

Of course, there were a fair amount of how-to emails sent to the membership, home visits by some of our more computer-literate for support and training, and calm, collected golfers yelling at their computers like they had ears!

When all was said and done, 290 members had successfully registered for the tournament. This jubilation then quickly turned to another thought: payment. While a few members used the

"old fashioned" way to pay (i.e. writing a check), most members decided to continue with the online adventure and paid electronically.

With 120 MGA events conducted each year, the use of electronic registration and payments is truly improving the efficiencies and accuracies for each event. Just like the invigorating feel of a long putt, there is another good feeling when one enters the MGA microsite, registers and pays for an event, then gets that successful confirmation email. Now it is time to play golf!

CGA News

Submitted by Beth Lampman, CGA Communication Director

The Couples Golf Association will have two play days this month.

On May 2 we will be at White Wing for an 8 a.m. shotgun. This will be a two couple (four player team) event: Count the lowest net score on the par-5s, the two lowest net scores on par-4s and the three lowest net scores on par-3s.

On May 23, we will have an 8 a.m. shotgun at Cowan for a one couple (two player team) event. Front Nine Scramble, Back Nine Low. On holes one through nine, post your team's gross score; on holes 10 thru 18, post your team's lowest net score. Combine these scores for a

total game score.

All CGA members are invited to a Memorial Day Lunch Social at Cowan Creek Pavilion on May 23 after the golf event. If you are a CGA member and unable to play golf on May 23 but available for the social in the afternoon, please go to the CGA website and sign up for the social part of this fun event.

The CGA offers its members great fun, competition, camaraderie and socializing. If you are interested in joining the CGA details can be found at www.sctexas.org. Our social play days are usually on Saturdays - come and join us!

WGA 18-Hole Group *Submitted by Bonnie Beauchamp*

Spring is in full swing and the weather is finally cooperating, bringing many ladies out to play in league. Our Tuesday play days have been packed with golfers and we wouldn't have it any other way!

Our next tournament is one of the membership's favorites, the President's Cup. It's such a great time to honor our past and present league presidents as well as our club history. The tournament is scheduled for Monday, May 18 at the White Wing Golf Course and Tuesday, May 19 at the Cowan Creek Golf Course. Our social will follow on Tuesday from 3- 5 p.m. at the Cowan Creek Amenity Center in the Florence/Georgetown Room. All league golfers are invited to attend; check the WGA 18-Hole chartered club website for details.

The next general membership meeting is scheduled for June 2 at Cowan Creek in the Jarrell/Walburg Room at 12:30 p.m. following league play. Our play day will be a fun, two-person team, Partner's Best Ball, with an 8 a.m. shotgun start at Cowan Creek Golf Course.

Many of our members have been spotted practicing at our wonderful facilities. Everyone is encouraged to get out and play during this sweet season that we call spring. We have new members joining every month and welcome all that would like to join us in this fun league. Please look at our chartered club website for all of the details. If you have any questions, please contact our Membership Chair, Paula Mockenhaupt, at 512-948-5148 or email pj143mac@gmail.com.

MAY PLAY SCHEDULES

CGA

4/18 1 pm, LH

WGA 9-HOLE

5/5 7:30 am, LH-B

5/12 8 am, CC-B
10:30 am Meeting, CCJ/W

5/19 Sun Bowl Tournament
9 am, LH-F/B
Breakfast, Oaks
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5/26 7:30 am, LH-F

WGA 18-HOLE

5/5 8 am, CC

5/12 7 am, LH

5/18 President's Cup
7:30 am, WW

5/19 7:30 am, CC
Social, 3-6 pm, CCF/G

5/26 7:30 am, WW

MGA 9-HOLE

5/6 CC-B

5/13 President's Cup
CC-F

5/14 CC-B

5/16 Awards Banquet, SCB

5/20 WW-F

5/27 LH-F

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Our Local Treasure: Lake Georgetown's "Good Water Loop"

By Kathy Corbett

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2015 Half-Marathoners take a break at tree-shaded Walnut Springs as they traverse the 13.5 miles between Overlook Park and Tejas Camp along the north shore of Lake Georgetown on the Good Water Loop.

Front row: Julia Reynolds, Jack Noble, Vikki Alpher, Mary Jane Berry, Gary Massaglia. Back row: Dave Alpher, Doug Steinke, Keith McDowell, Hanna Hooper. Not pictured: Kathy Corbett (photographer).

Not many places can boast a premier regional recreation trail along with a nationally recognized trail in their own backyard. Fortunately, Sun City Texas is not most places! A short drive from the latte line at Starbucks and the busy aisles of HEB, Sun City residents can find tranquility and solitude at Lake Georgetown and in the dense forests and prairie grasslands that border it. Although ringed by ever-increasing residential and commercial development, this treasured parkland under the direction of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is preserved for public enjoyment.

Hidden within the bustling, rectangular traffic corridor of Williams Drive, DB Wood Road, state Highway 29 and

Ronald Reagan Boulevard, the serene woodlands and bluffs surrounding the lake provide visitors with multiple trails to enjoy nature, including the Good Water Loop, which loops around Lake Georgetown. Also at the lake, hikers can access at Booty's Road Park the Randy Morrow Trail, designated by the federal government as part of the National Recreation Trails program.

GETTING ACQUAINTED WITH THE GOOD WATER LOOP

Renowned as a premier destination for hikers, trail runners and especially mountain bikers, the 27-mile Good Water Loop is featured in guidebooks and on outdoor websites. The trail is a favorite weekend escape for Central Texans but remains a well-kept secret locally and is

sparsely traveled on weekdays.

Probably the most fulfilling way to appreciate the natural beauty of Lake Georgetown is to experience it on foot. Winding around the lake, the Good Water Loop passes through prairie grasslands, bottomland hardwoods and stands of oak and Ashe juniper. Vista points along the forested high bluffs offer views of 1,300-acre Lake Georgetown below. Trail highlights include the natural springs dotting the landscape and the charming waterfall at Crockett Gardens. The area is home to deer, fox, raccoons and armadillos. Rare salamanders inhabit hollows springs, where sightings of feral hog activity are common.

Discovering evidence of the dinosaurs that once roamed the region requires

Bill Corbett and Paul Mack are among those hiking up a steep hillside out of one of the hollows which characterize the rugged terrain on the southern half of the Good Water Loop.

a scouting expedition up the limestone riverbed, where tracks can be spotted during low-water conditions. Signs of past habitation around the lake can be found. Alert hikers will notice plaques identifying historic burn rock middens and water crossings, and may even observe a modern-day rancher's Longhorn cattle and horses grazing amid the remains of an old stone springhouse and corral.

IDENTIFYING TRAIL SEGMENTS

Cedar Breaks Park is the most common starting point for the Good Water Loop, but there are multiple trailheads to choose from.

In order to identify short routes suitable for day hikes, the Sun City Hiking Club divided the Loop into nine segments of varying distances. Segments range from four miles to eight miles round trip. All segments of the trail, except for the first segment, are categorized as moderately difficult due to the rocky and occasionally steep terrain. Trail segments five and six can easily be shortened, if desired.

Access to the south side of Lake Georgetown is possible at both Cedar Breaks Park and Lost River, with two access points also available on the lake's



north side at Jim Hogg Park and Russell Park. In addition, trailheads are located on the Loop's east end at Overlook Park and on the west end at Tejas Camp.

The Sun City Hiking Club offers at least 20 hikes along the Good Water Loop annually. Each segment is offered twice, and specialty hikes are scheduled in January and March. The hiking club's members who hike all nine segments are dubbed "Loopers" and receive a laminated trail map to mark their achievement. Currently 23 club members have earned the Loper title.

Then there are the Marathoners, an

especially hardy group. Each spring since 2009, highly motivated and physically fit members have tackled the daunting challenge of hiking the entire circumference of the lake in one day, making them Marathoners. The determined hikers complete the route in 10 to 14 hours, averaging a brisk pace of 3 mph. Wearing headlamps, Marathoners hit the trail in the pre-dawn hours, departing from Overlook Park. So far 18 club members, male and female, have achieved Marathoner status.

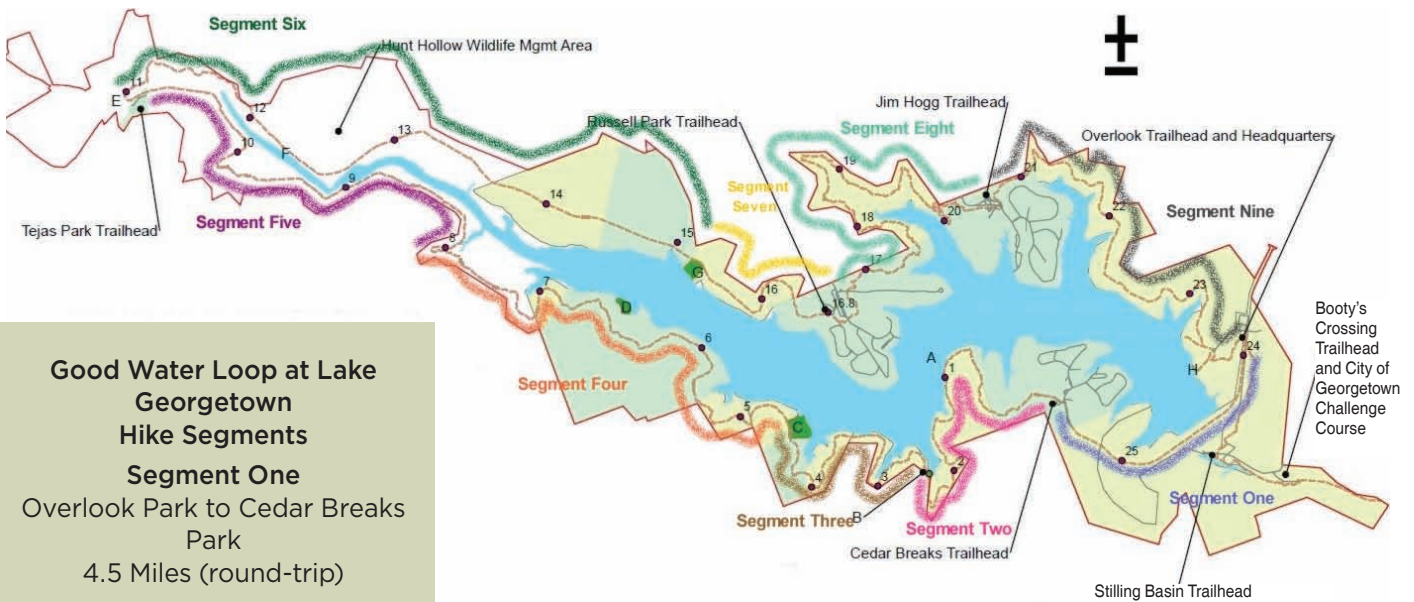
VENTURING FORTH!

There is no charge to hike the Good Water Loop, but common sense and good judgment are required! An ample supply of drinking water is essential, and hiking boots and trekking poles are highly recommended for the Good Water Loop's trail segments two through nine.

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Lake Manager Scott Blank confers with Rangers Brad Arldt and David Drain at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineer's Project Office at Lake Georgetown. The USACE staff works regularly with Sun City volunteer groups, such as the Hiking Club and the Hunting & Fishing Club, to bring about improvements to recreational facilities which it manages.



Good Water Loop at Lake Georgetown Hike Segments

Segment One

Overlook Park to Cedar Breaks Park

4.5 Miles (round-trip)

Segment Two

Cedar Breaks Park to Crockett Gardens

5 Miles (round-trip)

Segment Three

Lost River to Crockett Gardens

4.5 Miles (round-trip)

Segment Four

Lost River to Mile Marker 8

6.5 Miles (round-trip)

Segment Five

Tejas Camp to Mile Marker 8

6 Miles (round-trip)

Segment Six

Tejas Camp to Walnut Springs

8 Miles (round-trip)

Segment Seven

Russell Park to Walnut Springs

4 Miles (round-trip)

Segment Eight

Jim Hogg Park to Russell Park

7.5 Miles (round-trip)

Segment Nine

Overlook Park to Jim Hogg Park

7 Miles (round-trip)



Above: By offering day hikes throughout the year along nine different segments of the Good Water Loop, the Hiking Club has motivated its members to explore the entire route in manageable increments of four-to-eight miles.

Left: Gary Massaglia displays the trail map he and twenty-two other Hiking Club members have received after completing all nine segments in the Good Water Loop Hike Series.

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Depending upon the season, a hat and insect repellent can come in handy. Given the trail's isolation, individuals should hike with a friend and carry a cell phone in case of emergencies. To ensure that the experience is an enjoyable and safe one, each hiker is encouraged to evaluate his and her own fitness and endurance levels when selecting a route. Maps of the Good Water Loop are available at

the Corps' Project Office during business hours and online.

The Randy Morrow Trail, formerly known as the San Gabriel River Trail, is a Georgetown city trail. The trail runs from Booty's Road Park at Lake Georgetown to San Gabriel Park. Information about the trail can be found on Georgetown's website or obtained through the city parks department.

Visitation records for Lake Georgetown attest to the popularity of this local recreational gem. According to Lake Manager Scott Blank, more than 337,000 vehicles entered Corps property in 2014 alone. Trail runners, hikers, mountain bikers, birders, geocachers,

youth and Scout groups, campers, hunters, fishermen and kayakers alike gravitate to the lake and its surrounding woodlands.

Whether you opt for a leisurely sunset view from the lake or choose an easy or ambitious hike, the scenic destination of Lake Georgetown and outstanding trails are just down the road, waiting to be explored.

DISCOVERING A RIVER VALLEY

The San Gabriel River, whose north fork was dammed to form Lake Georgetown, has a rich historical past. While evidence indicates humans first pursued mammoth, bison and other large mammals in the San Gabriel River Valley at least 10,000 years ago, recorded history of the area did not take place until the arrival of Europeans 300 years ago. Much has changed since the Tonkawa Indians camped along the banks of the crystal clear river. The Tonkawa called the area Takachue



Marathoners Jack Noble, Keith McDowell and Mary Jane Berry are still smiling after 26-plus miles and twelve hours on the trail. “Friday the Thirteenth,” 2015, marked the fifth Marathon for veteran hikers Jack and Mary Jane, while new member Keith McDowell had tackled the day-long circuit around the lake for the very first time.

Pouetsu, or Land of Good Water. In 1716, a Spanish priest and explorer named the river Rio De San Xavier. By the time Williamson County was created in 1848, it was known as the San Gabriel River. By the 1850s, adventurous Anglo pioneers had made their way West. Rustic wagon crossings, commemorated by Texas state historical markers, are still visible along Lake Georgetown’s shoreline and bear the names of early settlers. Rugged hollows created by spring-fed streams were named not only for natural features (Sycamore, Cedar and Walnut Spring), but also for the enterprising individuals and families (such as Hogg, Box, Hunt and Sawyer) who utilized the “good water” of the San Gabriel River to build cabins, cemeteries, schools, mills, a church and a post office. In 1879, an industrious entrepreneur named James Knight established a riverside “truck” garden, marketing vegetables and the first strawberries grown in Williamson County. The ranchland along the river remained

basically unchanged until 1979, when the course of the San Gabriel River shifted dramatically.

IMPOUNDING THE RIVER

Frustrated by the river’s unpredictable flooding, residents of Georgetown’s growing community lobbied for protection. Following decades of study and debate, the plan to impound the river’s north fork became part of a major flood control measure for the Brazos River System. Constructed over a seven-year period by the U.S. Corps of Engineers, Lake Georgetown’s dam was dedicated on October 5, 1979.

Today, Lake Manager Scott Blank oversees the Lake Georgetown Project Office under the jurisdiction of the Fort Worth District of the Southwestern Division of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Lake Georgetown supplies water to the cities of Georgetown and Round Rock. The Corps maintains and operates Lake Georgetown’s extensive park facilities, which are open year-round.

**Marathoners
Good Water Loop at Lake
Georgetown
Sun City Hiking Club**

- Mary Jane Berry: 4/01/2010
4/01/2011
3/07/2013
3/07/2014
3/13/2015
- Ben Cardinal: 3/07/2013
- Cathy Corbell: 3/07/2014
- Lydia Hopkins: 4/01/2010
- Alice Hunt: 4/01/2012
3/07/2013
- Paul Mack: 4/01/2009
4/01/2011
4/01/2012
3/07/2013
3/07/2014
- Jack Noble: 4/01/2009
4/01/2010
4/01/2012
3/07/2013
3/13/2015
- Sue Morris: 4/01/2009
- Marcel Plourde: 4/01/2011
- Pam Redus: 4/01/2009
- Larry Robertson: 4/01/2012
3/07/2013
- Jim Schwoebel: 4/01/2011
- David Shiflet: 4/01/2009
- Doug Steinke: 4/01/2010
- Roddy Wilder: 4/01/2011
4/01/2012
- Jan Woolheater: 4/01/2009
4/01/2012
3/07/2013
3/07/2014
- Ron Yeck: 4/01/2011
- Hank Ziegler: 4/01/2011
4/01/2012

May tips for a beautiful Water Wise landscape

By Winola VanArtsdalen

Alone or in any style garden, herbs offer so many lovely possibilities, most aromatic and many delicious! The photo shown here is of the beautiful herb garden in the front of the Horticulture Club Gardens. Feel free to view in person any Thursday or Saturday morning 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. while the nursery is open selling plants and mulch.

Herbs! The word itself excites gardeners, craftsmen and chefs alike, offering numerous textures, colors and flavors for endless joy! My gardening mentor, Madalene Hill, co-author of *Southern Herb Growing*, with her daughter, Gwen Barclay, defined herbs as any plant that has or has had a use - that certainly broadens the field!

Bees, butterflies and other beneficial insects are attracted to herbs, and herbs have been used through history to keep away harmful insects. Leaves, seeds and roots can be used as flavoring agents. Dill not only lends a refreshing oomph to seafood and other sauces but also is a traditional ingredient in many pickling recipes. Not only can most herbs be grown year round (particularly relevant to Central Texas), but with only a few exceptions, deer avoid them. Hurrah!

With their wide choice for contrasts of color, shape and texture, herbs are extremely versatile in landscaping. Ideal for gardens formal and informal alike, it takes only a little exploration to discover the unlimited opportunities within your own environment. Perhaps you would enjoy using creeping thyme as

groundcover, or Artemisia 'Powis Castle' for a small, lacey gray bush, or even a bay laurel for a glossy, deep green tree. These plants do not have to be separated into a special area to be considered part of your herb garden. I have never had a designated herb garden, but have always grown and cooked with herbs.

When caring for herbs, the most important thing is to ensure good drainage. Some plants, such as lemon balm, prefer high shade, but few need rich soil. With good soil preparation, they never need over an inch of water a week, and require that much only in dry periods. All can survive with little or no water during drought. Trimming, like weeding, should be frequent, so use those fresh herbs often!

For further information on growing and landscaping with herbs, please consider *Using Herbs in the Landscape* by Debra Kirkpatrick, (out of print, but available online).

Another good resource is: http://aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu/organic/files/2011/03/E-561_growing_herbs_texas.pdf

MAY GARDENING TIPS

- Check your irrigation system monthly to be sure all is working properly, especially with the summer heat approaching.
- Water thoroughly, but only when needed. Thorough soaking: yes! Light sprinkling: no!
- Mulch, mulch, mulch!



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.

- Pinch back growth to encourage branching. Always dig weeds as soon as you see them.
- Unless you are willing to hand water, limit new plantings.

Turf:

- For healthy turf, keep blades sharp, never mow more than 1/3 the height and keep fertilizer to a minimum.
- Bermuda should already have been fertilized. Buffalo and zoysia can be fertilized late April to early May. Use a 1-0-0 ratio fertilizer at a rate of one pound of actual nitrogen per 1,000 square feet, using a slow release source of nitrogen. Water the lawn thoroughly after applying the fertilizer. If you spread top dressing, skip this fertilization, as it would be too much nitrogen.

Source: Texas A&M AgriLIFE Extension Service



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| <p>3 Bingo in the Ballroom 6pm / SCB</p> <p>Sun City Garden Tour 11am - 3pm / Check-in at The Oaks</p> | <p>4 News & Views: Georgetown Festival of the Arts Veteran Ed Hark Volunteers of the Week: Cookie Commandos 9am, Noon, & 4pm UT Symphony Orchestra Depart SCPL 4:30pm</p> <p>Early Voting 7am-7pm / CCW</p> | <p>5 Tyler Spring Flower Tour Depart The Oaks 7:45am</p> <p>News & Views (see 5/4) 9am, Noon, & 4pm</p> <p>Farmers Market 9am / SCPL COPs 9:30am / AC MR 1/2 Kiwanis Club 10am / SCB</p> <p>Sit-n-be-Fit 10am & 3 pm Rotary Noon / SCB</p> |
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| <p>17</p> | <p>18 Sports 8am / AC MR 1</p> <p>News & Views: Memorial Day Ceremony Agenda Staff Interview: Michelle Mason Volunteers of the Week: Friends of the Library 9am, Noon, & 4pm</p> <p>Golf 3pm / AC MR 1/2</p> | <p>19 News & Views (see 5/18) 9am, Noon, & 4pm</p> <p>Farmers Market 9am / SCPL IRA Planning for Boomers Seminar 10am / CCAN</p> <p>Kiwanis Club 10am / ACA Sit-n-be-Fit 10am & 3pm Rotary Noon / The Oaks</p> |
| <p>24 Memorial Day Concert 7pm / VMP</p> | <p>25 Memorial Day <i>All CA Facilities open except for the CA Business Office</i></p> <p>Memorial Day Ceremony 9:30am / VMP</p> <p>News & Views: Music: Life Long Love Deb Lepeard Spotlight on veteran Allan Warnes 9am, Noon, & 4pm</p> | <p>26 News & Views (see 5/25) 9am, Noon, & 4pm</p> <p>Farmers Market 9am / SCPL Living One Day at a Time Seminar 10am / CCAN</p> <p>Kiwanis Club 10am / The Oaks Sit-n-be-Fit 10am & 3pm Rotary Noon / CCFG Finance 1pm / AC MR 3/4 P & G 3pm / AC MR 1/2</p> |
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| <p>6</p> <p> News & Views (see 5/4) 9am, Noon, & 4pm</p> <p>Covenants 9am / CCAN</p> <p>Landscaped Maintained Homes 10am / AC MR 3/4</p> <p>Wildlife 3pm / AC MR 1/2</p> <p>Donald Braswell 7pm / SCB</p> | <p>7</p> <p>Modifications 8:30am / CCAN Open at 10am</p> <p>Fort Hood Depart SCPL 9am</p> <p> News & Views (see 5/4) 9am, Noon, & 4pm</p> <p>CA Sponsored Travel Seminar: Christmas Markets 10am / ACA</p> | <p>8</p> <p>Health Fair 9am / SCB</p> <p>Emergency Management 9am / AC MR 3/4</p> <p> News & Views (see 5/4) 9am, Noon, & 4pm</p> <p> Sit-n-be-Fit 10am & 2 pm</p> | <p>9</p> <p>Election Day 7am-7pm / CCW</p> <p> News & Views (see 5/4) 9am, Noon, & 4pm</p> <p> Sit-n-be-Fit 10am & 2 pm</p> |
| <p>13</p> <p> News & Views (see 5/11) 9am, Noon, & 4pm</p> <p>Movie: The Hundred Foot Journey 6pm / SCB</p> | <p>14</p> <p> News & Views (see 5/11) 9am, Noon, & 4pm</p> <p>Estate Planning Seminar 9:30am / CCAN</p> <p>Investors Guide to Retirement Seminar 11:30am / CCAN</p> <p> BOD Workshop 1pm / SCB</p> <p>Celtic Woman Depart SCPL 4pm</p> <p>Republicans 6pm / SCB</p> | <p>15</p> <p> News & Views (see 5/11) 9am, Noon, & 4pm</p> <p> Sit-n-be-Fit 10am & 2 pm</p> <p>Country Connection - Dance 7pm / SCB</p> | <p>16</p> <p>Texas Concealed Handgun License Class 8am / CCAN</p> <p>AARP Driver Safety Program 8:30am / CCW</p> <p> News & Views (see 5/11) 9am, Noon, & 4pm</p> <p>Democrats 9:30am / SCB</p> <p> Sit-n-be-Fit 10am & 2 pm</p> <p>Viking River and Ocean Cruising Seminar 10am or 2pm / CCF</p> |
| <p>20</p> <p> News & Views (see 5/18) 9am, Noon, & 4pm</p> <p>Neighborhood Reps 9:30am / CCF/G</p> <p> Resident Directors' Open Session 3pm / CCG</p> | <p>21</p> <p>Modifications 8:30am / CCAN</p> <p> News & Views (see 5/18) 9am, Noon, & 4pm</p> <p>Elections 9am / AC MR 3/4</p> <p>New Resident Orientation 8:30am / SCB</p> <p>Esther's Follies Depart SCPL 4:30pm</p> | <p>22</p> <p> News & Views (see 5/18) 9am, Noon, & 4pm</p> <p> Sit-n-be-Fit 10am & 2 pm</p> <p>Weldon Henson - Dance 7pm / SCB</p> | <p>23</p> <p> News & Views (see 5/18) 9am, Noon, & 4pm</p> <p> Sit-n-be-Fit 10am & 2 pm</p> <p>Magnificent Mud: Creative Clay & China Juried Show 2pm / ACA</p> <p>Midtown Men Depart SCPL 4:30pm</p> |
| <p>27</p> <p> News & Views (see 5/25) 9am, Noon, & 4pm</p> <p>Movie: The Judge 6pm / SCB</p> <p>Bat Cruise Depart SCPL 6:45pm</p> | <p>28</p> <p> News & Views (see 5/25) 9am, Noon, & 4pm</p> <p> BOD Meeting 1pm / SCB</p> <p> Members Annual Meeting 3pm / SCB</p> | <p>29</p> <p> News & Views (see 5/25) 9am, Noon, & 4pm</p> <p> Sit-n-be-Fit 10am & 2 pm</p> <p>Medicare and Retirement Seminar 2:30pm / CCAN</p> <p>Austin Symphony Orchestra Depart SCPL 4pm</p> | <p>30</p> <p> News & Views (see 5/25) 9am, Noon, & 4pm</p> <p> Sit-n-be-Fit 10am & 2 pm</p> |

Educational

Texas concealed handgun license class

Saturday, May 16, 8 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., CCAN with shooting at 2:30 p.m.

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Financial

Estate planning basics & IRA/401K seminar

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Hosted by: The Greening Law Firm

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10-11 a.m.: Estate Planning Basics – Wills, Trusts, and Probate

11 a.m.-noon: IRA/401K – Five Beneficiary Options, Including Retirement Fund Trusts

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- Living Wills and Powers of Attorney
- Five options you have for IRA/401K beneficiary: advantages and disadvantages of each
- Estate planning for IRAs and life insurance proceeds

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Income investors guide to retirement

Tuesday, May 12, at 6 p.m., CCF or Thursday, May 14, at 11:30 a.m., CCAN

Hosted by: Shane Sullivan, Certified Financial Planner

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Shane Sullivan has been helping local investors create income for life retirement strategies for over 19 years as a practicing Certified Financial Planner.

In this monthly complimentary lunch or dinner presentation, Shane will share ideas on:

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- Tax-smart investment strategies

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Thursday, May 14, 9:30 a.m., CCAN

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- Who will care for *me* if I can't do it?
- Are *trusts* always better than *wills*?
- Do *out-of-state* documents work in Texas?
- *Remarriage* - protecting your estate
- *Divorce-proofing* your kids' inheritance
- *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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Six retirement account options every investor must know - an IRA planning workshop for boomers and retirees

Tuesday, May 19, 10 a.m., CCAN

Hosted by Steve Tatro, Upstream Investment Partners

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Join us for this workshop and learn the different retirement plan options available so that you can plan for a comfortable retirement. We will cover:

- Six different options for your retirement funds
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Medicare and your retirement

Friday, May 29, 2:30-3:30 p.m., CCAN

Hosted and presented by: Jim Bailey, CFP®

Jim is an Ameriprise Platinum Financial Services® Practice financial advisor with 26 years of experience.

During this complimentary educational seminar, you'll learn about:

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Jim will be hosting monthly seminars with new topics each month in 2015.

For more information, please call 512-527-9900, ext. #10, Denise.

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Health

Living one day at a time; renewing a fresh perspective

Tuesday, May 26, 10 a.m., CCAN

Hosted by: Georgetown Living

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Worrying about tomorrow's uncertainties and impossibilities, especially in a long-term care situation, is quicksand that grips our hearts with heaviness. Our hearts were not built to withstand the crushing load of tomorrow's uncertainties; we were designed to live one day at a time. As caregivers, we are keenly aware that our loved ones are counting on us to be strong. Therefore, in order to keep our hearts from melting and growing faint, we simply must understand our limits and maintain a fresh perspective. Marisa says, “Just give your entire attention to what is going on now, and don't get worked up about what may or may not happen tomorrow. That way you will be better able to deal with whatever hard things come up when the time comes.” Join Marisa Rickerson as she shares insights that will quicken your steps onward as you resolve to live one day at a time.

Marisa Rickerson is a speech-language pathologist who works

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in long-term care facilities with patients with dementia and their families. Marisa is also an author and speaker who facilitates mental, emotional, and spiritual well-being.

For more information contact Margo Hays: (512) 639-1238 or email at margo@gtownliving.com. Visit www.gtownliving.com for more information.

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N62 SPRING LUNCHEON

Mary Lohmann held a spring luncheon at her home for the ladies of N62 on Thursday, March 26. The ladies looked divine in their hats.

Alcoholics Anonymous

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

Al-Anon For friends and family related to alcoholics:

- Saturdays 11 a.m., Georgetown Church of Christ, 1525 W. University Ave.; Darlene, 512-868-0948.
- Mondays, 8 p.m.; meets at Georgetown White House, 1019 S. College Street, no contact currently.
- Mondays, 3:30 p.m., Scott & White Clinic, 4945 Williams Dr., Conference Room off the Lobby. Susan, 512-240-4289.
- Men's Group, Wednesdays, 7 p.m., Grace Episcopal Church, 1314 E. University Ave., Georgetown. Ken P. 281-543-8215 or Steve W. 512-943-8714.

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.

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).

Cardiac Support Group Meets on second Tuesdays at 10 a.m. at Seton Williamson, 201 Seton Parkway in Round Rock. Free cardiac yoga each Tuesday 11 a.m.

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 Drive. Contact Glenn Gray at 254-724-4090.

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

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. Caregiver Support Group meeting on second Thursday of the month at 2 p.m. at the same location. **Free** exercise, yoga and dance classes for movement disorders. Join us! For information, contact Mary Jane Berry at 512-240-4167; dberry3@suddenlink.net.

Post Polio Survivors The next meeting of the Post-Polio Support group will be our picnic on Thursday, May 28 at 11:30 a.m., near the bocce courts. Visitors welcome! Email LaNell at lanellchampion@yahoo.com or call 512-868-1427 for further information.

Prostate Cancer The Prostate Cancer Support Group will meet on Thursday, May 14, from 3-5 p.m. at the Scott & White Clinic conference room. A roundtable discussion will be held by members to review the status of prostate cancer treatments, past and future. Contact Ed Quillen for additional information at 512-943-0028 at equillen@suddenlink.net.

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.

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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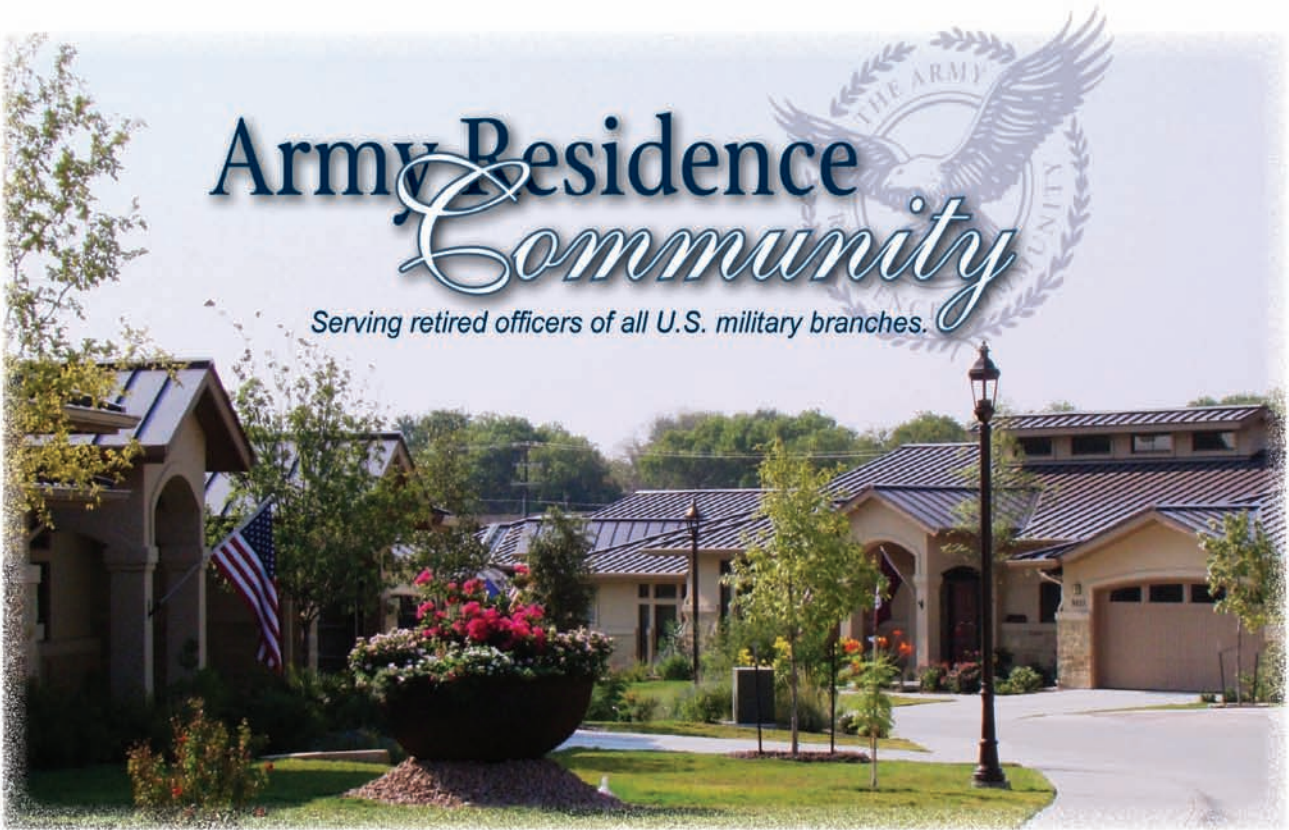
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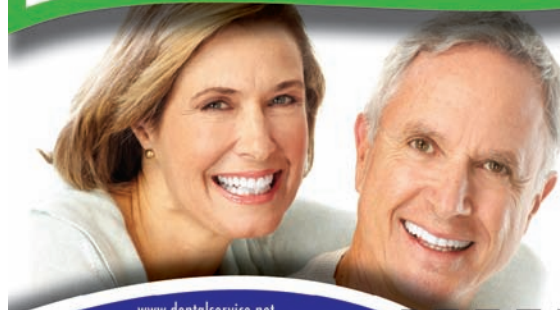
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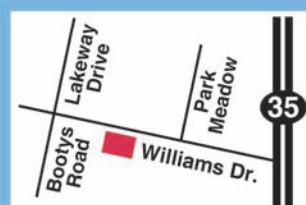
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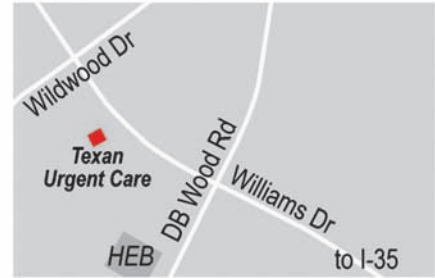
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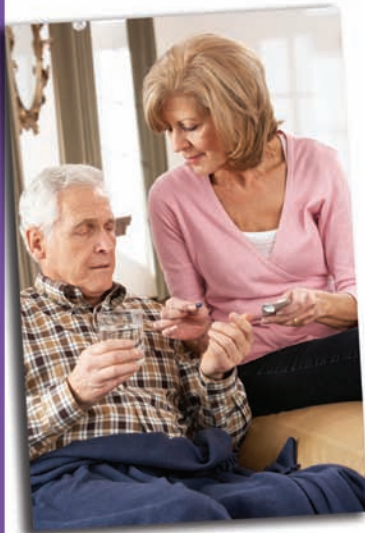
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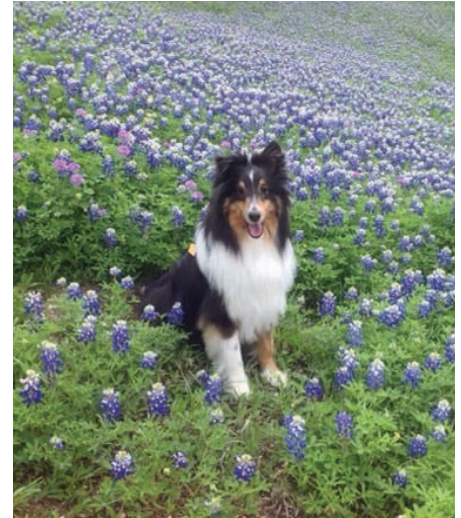
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Submitted by Mary Jo and Sonny Burton

SECOND ANNUAL ROTARY FEST

On Friday, May 29, the Georgetown-Sun City Rotary Club will host a charity fundraiser in the Social Center Ballroom consisting of a dinner, a dance, and a raffle. Music will be provided by the Austin Rock-A-Fellas.

The cost of this event is \$40 per person. Tickets will be sold every Saturday at Sun City Market, or by calling 520-548-2310. Proceeds from this event will go toward The Nest, The Locker, Assistance League, Backpack Buddies, and other youth programs in Georgetown and Jarrell. The raffle prize is a custom Yamaha golf cart or a \$6,000 VISA gift card.

MENTORING

By dedicating as little as 30 minutes a week with a student, you can improve self-esteem and encourage kids to stay in school, improve academic skills, and provide support for new behaviors, attitudes and ambitions. Opportunities are available at every GISD school. For information on summer orientation, training, and how you can make a difference in the life of a child, call:

George Wagner (Sun City Resident): 512-864-0641 or wagywagy@suddenlink.net
Laura Antoine, Mentor Director: 512-943-5175 or mentor@georgetownisd.org

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



Paired with Angels: The Sundancers

By Mike Gullickson

PHOTO BY SHERRY MCRAE

The Sundancers Club, made up of square dancers and round dancers, hold regular dances in the Social Center's ballroom and the Activities Center's atrium of Sun City Texas. Members and nonmembers are invited to attend the dances.

The Sundancers Club consists of square dancers and round dancers. Experienced volunteers, called "angels," assist new members as they learn the ropes and step in when a square is short a dancer. Hopefully, someday we'll all find ourselves paired with an angel, but that's a tale for that Big Dance Hall in the sky.

Square dancing was first documented by English author John Playford in his book "The English Dancing Master," published in 1651. Today, square dancing is the official dance of 19 states, including Texas, and is a dance form enjoyed worldwide. In some countries, it is considered "folk dancing."

Square dancing is a smoke free and alcohol free activity that emphasizes sociability, cooperation and following directions. Perhaps if our politicians were to learn a few basic steps, our government would get something done. Each square consists of eight people. Dancers follow the directions of a

caller. In the case of the Sun City Texas Sundancers, that caller is likely to be Brad Caldwell. A dynamic, funny and observant man, Brad has served as caller since the club's inception 18 years ago. If you don't feel like dancing, it's worth coming to a Sundancers gathering just to listen. Brad is entertaining all on his own, and who knows? You may just find your feet guiding you out onto the floor. Good reasons to consider taking up square dancing include:

- It's a mental exercise! Learning steps, following the caller and remembering right from left all keep your brain engaged.
- You'll get physical exercise moving around the floor.
- It's a social experience! Get out, meet new people and, just maybe, find yourself reacquainted with your spouse. (When is the last time you got all that from watching "Hoarders.")

From September through late March

and early April, the Sundancers offer square dancing lessons each Monday from 4:30-6:30 p.m. Those who complete the lessons are celebrated with a graduation party in the spring. Lessons cost \$50 a person, and though it is not required, most folks who take the lessons join the club.

Members dance on Mondays from 7-9 p.m. Club dues are \$12 annually, and there is an additional \$3 fee for all regular dances. In September, the club holds a fun night open to everyone, inviting all Sun City Texas residents to observe what the club is up to. Nonmembers are also welcome to drop in on up to three dances before joining, if they'd like to test the waters.

To contact the club, you can call James or Jeanne Blackwell at 512-863-7381 or email them at blackwellj@suddenlink.net. If the hospitality of the folks I spoke to is any measure of how comfortable you'll feel, it's definitely worth taking this group for a spin!

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

ALTERNATIVE HEALING: Friday, May 1, 1 p.m., ACA. Sandra Brougher, nutritional therapist, will be the guest speaker. All are welcome.

SOFTBALL: Saturday, May 2, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., Del Webb Field. The Sun City Warriors take on three area teams in this day-long softball tournament. Free admission; bring your lawn chairs.

CURRENT ISSUES: Friday, May 15, 10 a.m., CCG. A current event topic is discussed; listeners are welcome. Check the club website for May topic.

ASTRONOMY: Monday, May 25, 7 p.m., ACA. "Star-Gazing Opportunities at Sun City" - Ed Wiley tells how to take advantage of Sun City's favorable night sky viewing environment.

NATURE: Tuesday, May 26, 2:30 p.m., SCB. "Georgetown is Going All Green" - Georgetown Utility Department staff will explain the city's move to solar and wind power. All are invited.

Actors & Theatre Arts Guild

Business Meeting: May 4, 3 p.m., SCB

3rd Monday: May 18, 3 p.m., SCB

Board Meeting: May 25, 3-5:30 p.m., CCAN

CCAN

Spring Party: Saturday, May 30, 4-10 p.m., SCB

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, make-up 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, May 1, 1 p.m., ACA

Contact: Doug Willoughby,

512-819-0133 or dounjoan@gmail.com

The General Meeting will be held on Friday, May 1 at 1 p.m. in the Activities Center Atrium. Sandra Brougher, nutritional therapist, holistic health coach and owner of Renew Whole Health on Williams Drive, will be our speaker. Guests are always welcome at our meeting.

The **Wise Women Group** continues to meet each Wednesday at 10 a.m. at 103 Montley Trail to discuss the spirituality of aging using Joan Chittister's book, *Growing Old Gracefully*. New members welcome. For more information on this group and Spirituality Anonymous, call Mary Pat Morris at 512-869-8761.

The **Spirituality Anonymous Group** will meet Friday, May 15 at 7 p.m. at

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Cowan Creek. They discuss various topics related to contemporary questions about spirituality: how it affects our life, our attitude, our purpose and 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 Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays in the Atrium at 8 a.m.

The **Health Seekers Group** meets on Thursday, May 14 from 9:30-11:30 a.m. in AC Meeting Rooms 3 and 4. The group shares health related experiences and knowledge that will benefit the members in their journey seeking healing and wellness.

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

Amateur Radio Society (SCARS)

Wednesday, May 6, 7 p.m., CCF

Contact: Bob Frost, 682-667-6455; suncityhams@gmail.com

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 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.)

Weather Radio Programming: Wednesday, May 6, 6-7 p.m. Club members will be available to help Sun City residents program their weather radios.

Drop in! First Wednesday club meetings normally start at 6:30 p.m. with an informal meet & greet (an "eyeball QSO"). The formal business meeting starts at 7 p.m., topped off by a radio/tech presentation. This month, National Weather Service retiree Richard Stitt will present **Spring Weather in Central Texas**.

Aviation

Saturday, May 9, 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

**Saturday, May 23, 7-9:30 p.m., SCB
Members Free, Guests \$5**

Tea Dance

**Sunday, May 31, SCB
1:45-3:45 p.m.; social time 1:15-1:45 p.m.**

**Refreshments served
Members \$2, Guests \$5**

Social Dance

**Wednesday, May 27, 6-8 p.m., CCF/G
Members Free, Guests \$3**

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 feature recorded music for a wide range of dances, such as Fox-

trot, 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. You may bring your own special beverage. Hot and iced tea along with other light refreshments will be provided for the Tea Dance one 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 six weeks or so. This month it will be Wednesday, May 27. **Guests are very welcome to these dances – please come and dance with us!**

Dance Classes: We offer a variety of dance classes at various levels from beginning to advanced on Monday and Tuesday evenings 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 featuring recorded music. Additional fees may be charged for monthly dances featuring 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

What do Cinco de Mayo, Mother's Day and Memorial Day have in common? Not only do they all happen in May, but they are great days to drop by the Billiards Center and enjoy a friendly game of pool.

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, or visit the club's website.

New players and guests are always welcome to play with us. Members play at 1 p.m. Monday through Saturday during the winter months, and at 8 a.m. during warmer weather. We 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 SCTX online ticket system.

Once again we had one member roll a 5-point frame: Five-point frames are not easy to achieve as the competition keeps getting stronger. Congratulations go out to Steve Mellinger for his great score!

Bocce Fact of the Month: Five Court Lines are marked on the edges of the court. One line indicates the mid-point of the court. The pallino must pass this line when it is tossed at the start of each frame. Two lines are marked at each end of the court. The line closest to the end is the foul line. Players must remain behind the foul line when tossing the pallino and the bocce balls. The line between the foul line and the mid-point is the loft line. Bocce balls may not be in the air beyond the loft line.

Computer

Cyber Center Hours: MSa: 9 a.m. to Noon; TuWThF: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

www.sctxcompclub.org

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

Please note: Beginning May 1, the Cyber Center operating hours will extend to 3 p.m. on Fridays.

Join us! Dues are \$8 for each 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 and Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon and on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

We offer:

- Informational Meetings
- Weekly Newsletter
- Special Interest Groups
- Free Wi-Fi
- Instructional Classes
- Computer HELP FORUM
- Computer HELP CENTER
- Computer Lab
- Media Conversion

Check out our website – its always current.

Country Western Dance

Friday, May 8, 7-10 p.m., SCB

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

Monthly dances offer 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 website under Clubs and Interest Groups to pay dues, or make your check payable to SCTXCA and deliver it to the Member Services office. For the Dance Schedule, please check the website.

For more information, contact Caroline Willingham or Bob Ticer.

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, May 12 at 1 p.m. in the Studio

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

Come visit our studio behind the Fabric and 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.

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

Hand Building: For those who like to sculpt from scratch, red, white, low-fire and high-fire clays are available. Objects are fired in one of five resident kilns that are operated by experienced members. Beginners' classes are held frequently.

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

China Painting: Create your own designs on china. One room and one kiln

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are designated for painted china objects. Those interested in a beginning class should contact Doris DeWitte at 512-869-1971.

Notice: Several new and exciting classes are being offered in the spring. Check at the studio for announcements and scheduling.

Announcing the Creative Clay and China Club's First Show: On Saturday, May 23, the Club will hold its first art show in the Atrium from 2-6 p.m. Pieces will be rated by an independent judge and visitors will have the opportunity to vote for their show favorites as well. If you are looking for a gift, many of the pieces will be available for sale. Come enjoy refreshments and artistic expressions in 3D.

Current Issues

Friday, May 15, CCG

Check in: 9:45 a.m.; Program: 10 a.m.

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.

Program – Please check the club's website via www.sctexas.org

Research – Members choose the monthly topic at the first Friday Discussion SIG. Members volunteer to serve on the Research Committee and present background information on the club website and at the monthly program.

Discussions SIG – First Friday, May 1, Cowan Creek Amenity Center. The group begins at 9 a.m. and ends by 11:30 a.m. Members come when they can for as long as they can stay. Participate in less formal, small group discussions regarding topics ranging from the current issues affecting the world, nation, Texas and/or Sun City. At 11 a.m., the topic for the month's program is selected.

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

Courtesy – All points of view and political party affiliations are welcome. All

participants are required to observe the adopted Courtesy Guidelines.

Guests – 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

Contact: President, Marian Phillippi, 512-869-8145 or marianphillippi9@gmail.com

Sun City Georgettes: Mondays, Texas Drive Fitness Center, 10:15 a.m.; Beginners on Wednesdays, Atrium, 9:30-10:30 a.m.; performance groups 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.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. New members may join at the start of the Beginner Class, Wednesday, September 9.

Happy Feet Cloggers: Clogging is great fun, good exercise and helps reinforce memory skills.

Regular Classes: Fridays, 9:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

Beginner Classes: Fridays, 9:15 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.

Intermediate and Advanced Classes: Fridays, 10:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

All classes are held in the ACA. Contact Dorinda Williams at 512-656-2043 or williamsda@suddenlink.net for more information. We clog to various genres of music under the instruction of Terrie Gatton. Stop by to watch us practice on any Friday.

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 Jazz Dance:

Thursdays, Men's class, 1 p.m.; Beg./Int.

class, 2 p.m.; Adv. class, 3 p.m., ACA. Contact Georgia Medler, georgiedave@suddenlink.net or 512-864-2131.

Stay fit and have fun as you learn basic dance steps common to all forms of dance. Students will learn how to incorporate the basic steps into choreographed jazz routines. Come try it out!

Dominoes & Table Games

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

Bid Euchre is growing rapidly, joining "Traditional" Euchre Wednesdays at 7 p.m.

Monday night Hand & Foot Canasta continues to draw crowds at 7 p.m.; it is also played Sundays at 2 p.m. Beginners may get lessons (or refreshers) by appointment during the Sunday games – call Janet at 512-635-8206.

Katie Janssen will give Mah Jongg lessons Thursdays at 1 p.m. in Game Rooms 1 & 2 at the Activities Center. If you are interested in learning to play Mah Jongg, please give Katie a call at 512-864-3989. Good luck and have fun!

Dues are only \$6 per year, online or at the games

Sundays

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

Mondays

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

Tuesdays

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

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

7 p.m. Pinochle, GR 3

7 p.m. Sheepshead GR 1/2

7 p.m. Pennies from Heaven Canasta

Wednesdays

7 p.m. Liverpool Rummy, GR 3

7 p.m. Euchre, GR 1/2

7 p.m. Bid Euchre, GR1/2

Thursdays

1p.m. Mah Jongg Lessons, GR 1/2

1 p.m. Mah Jongg, GR 1/2

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

Fridays

7 p.m. Mexican Train Dominoes, GR 1/2

7 p.m. Pegs and Jokers, GR 3

7 p.m. Your choice, GR 3

Saturdays

9 a.m. Cribbage, GR 1/2

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

Duplicate Bridge

Contact: Paul Olstad, 512-639-8441

Five weekly games are played at the Cowan Creek Amenity Center.

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 web site at www.sctexas.org or contact Betsy Lidgley at 512-864-0745 or blidgley@verizon.net for lesson information and registration.

Commonly Used Conventions in the 21st Century

May 5 and May 12 – Salado Room

May 19 – Jarrell Room

May 26 and June 30 – Salado Room

Bridge Basics 1 – An Introduction

May 7 – May 21 - Walburg Room

May 28 – Salado Room

June 4-18 – Walburg Room

June 25 – Andice Room

A new **Beginning Duplicate Mechanics** class is being offered on June 2, 9, 16 and 23 from 6-8:30 p.m. in the Salado Room at Cowan Creek. Learn to use duplicate scoring, bidding boxes, electronic scoring and duplicate bridge etiquette. Come alone or with a partner. Contact Rita Wiegenstein at 512-591-7635.

Ever wanted to learn to play bridge? SCDBC will present **Learn Bridge in A Day**, a five-hour national workshop that introduces new players to bridge and/or refreshes the minds of players long absent from the game. This free event will be held Wednesday, June 10 from

8:30 a.m.–1 p.m. in the Salado Room at Cowan Creek Amenity Center. Contact Bonnie Dennis at bonniedennis@suddenlink.net or 512-966-7781.

Eagle Boosters

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

This has been an exciting year at Georgetown High School. Many of the teams placed high enough in the District standings to go on to the State Playoff Tournament, and several athletes received offers to play at the college level. District first and second all-star teams contained the names of GHS players. Several of our athletes received all-academic recognition for their superb performances on and off the field. Many wonderful memories were had while watching the athletes participate in their sporting events, boosters working the Jack Frost Tournament, enjoying the athletes and coaches at our meet and greet dinners and sitting in the stands while enjoying the fellowship with other boosters.

Do you consider yourself a sport enthusiast and enjoy watching live events? Please join us next year and have a wonderful time. As a new season of sporting events approaches, announcements will appear in *Sun Rays* or on the web page. A variety of sports are played over the school year, including baseball, softball, basketball, cross county, football, golf, lacrosse, power lifting, soccer, swimming, tennis, track and field, volleyball, and wrestling. The Eagle Boosters anxiously await the start of next season for these sports in the fall.

Membership is only \$10 per person. New members may join through June 30 for prorated dues of only \$5. Application form is on our website or call Jim Chapman at 512-863-0636.

Fabric & Fiber

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

Holiday Closures: April 4-6, May 25, July 4, Sept. 7, November 25-27, and December 23 - Jan. 4.

Studio Phone: 512-948-7667

NOTE: Changes in days and times are effective April 1. Check website for

planned projects or other special events for each SIG.

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

Beading/Jewelry: 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: 3rd Friday/Saturday/Sunday & 4th Monday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Betty Dvorak, 512-415-3512 .

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

Quilting: Meetings - Thursdays, 1-4 p.m.; Mini-Retreats - 2nd and 4th Friday – Sunday 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Workshops - 1st and 5th Mondays, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Lynn Hayes, 269-209-1700 .

Card Making: 1st, 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m. to noon. Janice Mitchell, 512-943-9425.

Rug Hooking: 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m. to noon. Kathi Pinkston, 512-943-4808.

Scrapbooking: 1st Friday, Saturday and Sunday and 3rd Wednesday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Renee Forster, 512-864-0988; Theresa Kettle, 512-864-2387.

Sewing/Embellishment: Meetings – 3rd, 4th and 5th Thursdays, 9:30-11:30 a.m.; Workday, 2nd Monday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Pat Stroup, 512-869-8557.

Sit & Stitch: 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 5th Mondays, 10 a.m. to noon. Gail Rador, 512-975-4639.

Spinning & Weaving: Wednesdays, 1-4 p.m. Nicky Buss, 512-868-0412.

Foreign Language

Contact: Glenda Nuckols, grundy911@suddenlink.net

Expand your horizons! Meet new people! Learn a language! Join the Foreign Language Club!

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

French – Contact Marielle at mariellerimmer@yahoo.com.

German – Contact Ursula Pinner at

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jupinner@gmail.com. Beginning and Intermediate classes, as well as a conversation class for intermediate and advanced speakers, are offered.

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

Russian – Beginning and Intermediate Russian language classes will be offered in the fall. Email Nancy Grafton at nancygrafton@sbcglobal.net to let her know which class you would like to attend and which days are not convenient for you. Day and time will be based upon interest and room availability.

Spanish – SIG Director Ginny Hahn, hahngin@suddenlink.net. Curriculum Director, Judy Harries, jbarries@juno.com. Spanish 102 and 104, 202, 203, 302 and 400 levels are offered in May. See the NRO Bulletin for more information or read descriptions of all our classes on the Spanish SIG website. Contact Judy Harries, jbarries@juno.com.

Japanese - If interested in learning Japanese, contact Judy Harries, jbarries@juno.com.

Chinese - A beginning Chinese class is being planned for the fall. More details to come.

Beginning Sign Language – Please contact Liz Stewart at flc.liz@suddenlink.net if interested.

Wanted: Teachers for beginning Portuguese, Japanese and other languages. If you have skills you would like to share with others, the FLC would love to hear from you. Club dues are waived for teachers. Contact Judy Harries at jbarries@juno.com.

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

Garden

Wednesday, May 13, Spring Social, 1 p.m., CCF/G

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

Meeting – Spring Social

For our May Salad Social, themed “Memories,” attendees should bring a picture of a favorite memory and a salad to share. Board members will bring desserts. There will be games, plants to share and plenty of door prizes. Visitors welcomed.

Club Website

Be sure to check the club’s website regularly for the latest on upcoming programs and field trips, as well as gardening tips and Plant of the Month/Yard of the Month information.

Garden Tour

The Seventh Annual Sun City Garden Tour is Saturday, May 2, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. and Sunday, May 3, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

The Sun City Horticulture Gardens and seven Sun City yards will be open both days to ticketholders. Garden Club members serve as monitors at every home and Horticulture Club members will be available at the Gardens to explain the various activities. The tour begins at The Oaks with a silent auction of potted plants, arranged by Garden Club members. Net proceeds benefit Brookwood in Georgetown, Williamson County 4-H and others. Tickets available until May 1 online or at the Sun City Member Services Office. Tickets will also be available for \$15 at The Oaks during the tour.

May Yard of the Month

The deep freeze we had this March played havoc with our Yard of the Month plans. As such, we are not featuring a May Yard of the Month, but will be back in June with another beautiful Sun City landscape.

Hiking

Email us at: suncityhiker@gmail.com

The Hiking Club has nearly 90 hikes planned in 2015 as well as four fun social events. We hike near, at the San Gabriel River Trail and the Lake Georgetown Goodwater Loop, and far, such as our Colorado Bend State Park hike and trips to the Enchanted Rock State Natural Area. Our hikes can be easy (about four

miles on level ground), challenging (as in 12 miles on rocky terrain) and everything in between. Special events in May include ten different hikes, including Pedernales State Park and Reimers Ranch County Park. Information about any hike can be accessed via the calendar on the Hiking website. Be sure to login as a resident before going to the club website. Our next general membership meeting is Tuesday, May 12 in the Atrium – all are invited. Interested folks are welcome to join us on an introductory hike. See you on the trail.

Horseshoes & Washers

Tuesdays and Thursdays 9 a.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 **9 a.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 9 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, email Tom Rice at rice4646@gmail.com.

Horticulture/Sun City Organic Gardens

Tuesday, May 5, 1 p.m., ACA

Nursery/Iris beds open every Thursday and Saturday mornings 9 a.m. to 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

If you wish to landscape with native Tex-

as plants but aren't sure what they look like, come to the Horticulture Gardens on Thursdays or Saturdays from 9-11 a.m. The Texas native plant/Rose Garden has demonstration plants for your viewing.

The Horticulture Gardens will be featured on the Garden Club tour on Saturday and Sunday, May 2 and 3. Come out and see the native plants, Iris and vegetable beds. Our member meeting this month will feature a presentation by a Williamson County Master Gardener entitled, "Vegetable Gardening this Month." All Sun City residents are invited.

Hunting & Fishing

Tuesday, May 12, 2 p.m., SCB

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

Meetings: Our program for May has not been finalized but will be communicated to the members before the meeting.

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 out 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 fcbctrustee@yahoo.com.

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

Sport Shooting: Club members organize events/outings at the Best of the West near Liberty Hill. **Skeet and trap shooting:** Thursdays, 8:30 a.m. **Pistol shooting** at a variety of targets in several scenarios: first Fridays, 9 a.m. **Pistol target shooting** (at Best of the West or Eagle Peak in Leander): first and third Wednesdays. Contact Bernie Long, Director of Hunting. **Rifle target shooting:** fourth Wednesdays; meet at the Cowan Creek Pavilion at 9:30 a.m. Contact Andy Attaway, alattaway@icloud.com.

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 fcbctrustee@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 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 America you've got talent! Our new professional karaoke system will make you sound like a Rock Star! Join us and have a great time singing, listening to the music or hittin' the dance floor. Open to everyone. No cover, ever. BYOB and snacks.

Karaoke events are every week, generally on Thursdays from 6-10 p.m.

Thursday, May 7..... CCF/G

Thursday, May 14..... CCF/G

Wednesday, May 20.....ACA

Thursday, May 28..... 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. The next board meeting will be held at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, May 19, in Meeting Room 1 at the Activities Center on Texas Drive.

Wednesdays – Ballroom (unless otherwise notified)

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

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

Intermediate: 2:30 to 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.

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

Pattern/Partner Dance: Contact SIG Director Betty Wyer at 512-869-8442 or 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

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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, May 26, 2:30 p.m., SCB (Note change to 4th Tuesday)

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

Georgetown is Going all Green!

Georgetown Utility Department staff will explain this move to solar and wind power and what it means for the city and its citizens. All Sun City residents are invited to this meeting.

Membership Dues for 2015 are \$12, and include our monthly programs, SIGs and Nature Notes. Learn about the natural world around us.

Special Interest Groups: See Club Calendar on the website

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

Astronomy: Micheal Starch, 512-868-1076; Ed Wiley, 512-688-1071.

Meeting: Monday, May 25, 7 p.m., ACA. Following Astronomy items of interest, Ed Wiley will discuss how to take advantage of our favorable viewing environment in "Star-Gazing Opportunities at Sun City." Open to all SC residents and their guests.

Birding: Karen McBride, txmotmot@gmail.com; Ed Rozenburg, 512-869-7303.

No meeting. Walks: Thursday, May 7 and Wednesday, May 20. Meet at LHPP at 7:30 a.m. to walk or carpool. Any changes TBA by email to Nature Club members.

Butterflies: Ed Rozenburg, 512-869-7303.

Meeting: Tuesday May 5, 2:30 p.m. AC MR 3/4, "Skippers, Part I." **Walk:** Wednesday, May 27. Meet at LHPP at 9:30 a.m.

Native Plants: Art Gibson, 512-943-0173. **No walks** scheduled. Watch for notices by email and on Club Calendar.

Rockhounds: Ed Cook, edcook3@gmail.com, 512-591-7572. **Meeting:** Tuesday, May 12, 4 p.m., AC MR 3/4. Betty Finley will present a program on glaciers. Come at 3:30 p.m. for coffee and conversation.

FREE REPTILE REMOVAL: See page 4.

Oldies but Goodies Dance

Friday, September 18, 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 open to any Sun City resident that enjoys dancing to those Oldies but Goodies. We have four dances per year which feature the classic sounds of the '50s, '60s and '70s. Our next dance will be held on Friday, September 18. Our final dance of the year will be on Saturday, November 14, when we will dance to the sounds of Little Beverly and the Shades, a rock-n-roll band specializing in the oldies from the '50s and '60s. All dances will be held in the Social Center Ballroom. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the dance begins 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 per person.

Pet

Thursday, May 7, 6:30 p.m., AC

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

Our general membership meeting will be held Thursday, May 7 at 6:30pm at the Activity Center. The featured speaker will be Dr. Wade Burton, DVM, who will speak on parasite protection for your dog and cat. Some of these parasites are hard to detect and can do serious if not fatal damage to your pet. Your pet will thank you for attending and you will have peace of mind knowing how to protect your ani-

mal from these unwanted parasites.

Many of the local animal shelters in our area offer "Seniors for Seniors" dog and cat adoption programs which match older or mature animals in homes with wise, mature adults. Most people don't realize the wonderful benefits of taking in a senior dog. These animals are usually housebroken and have gotten over chewing on your favorite shoes, sofas, rugs (puppies and kittens can be very creative in this area). They don't need the high level of activity that a young puppy needs in order to be socialized and healthy. There is something special you get back when you provide an older animal with a stable, permanent home in which to complete their lives. Please consider this option. Animals give us so much love.

The Pet Partner Workshop for handlers is on Sunday, May 3, from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., in the Activities Center. The workshop is for any dog/handler team that is preparing to take the Pet Partner Evaluation Test. Prior registration is required to attend.

Photography

Wednesday, May 6, 2 p.m., CCF/G

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

General Meeting: The May meeting will be on Wednesday, May 6, starting at 2 p.m. in the Georgetown/Florence Rooms at Cowan Creek Amenity Center. Visitors are welcomed. This month we will feature the fifth installment of our "Photography Improvement Program," focusing on the subject of "Gestures," as presented by Mr. Don Simpson. There will also 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 the club website.

Special Interest Groups: SIG meetings are held in the Photography Studio. Current SIGs are: Advanced, Competition, Lightroom, Nature, Novice, Beyond the Basics, Photoshop-CS-CC, Photoshop Elements, PSA and PSA-Print.

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.

Pickleball

Contact: Judy Swain, 512-417-0627 or sjs1007@verizon.net

The Pickleball Club recently completed its 4th Annual Spring Team Tournament. The key objectives of this event were to enable club members to gain tournament experience, have fun and make new member friends. The theme of this year’s tournament was European countries. Players proudly displayed outfits that reflected the country they represented.

Using USA Pickleball Association (USA-PA) skills criteria, 60 participating club members were assigned to one of 15 four-person teams. Each team was then pitted against others of the same skill level (beginner, intermediate, advanced) in a round robin format. Teams played best 2 out of 3 games – each game to 11 points with a win by 2 points. Each team member played in at least one game per round, while teams decided who played if a third game was needed. Total points won determined the winners. Awards were presented at a potluck dinner held at Cowan Creek Georgetown/Florence Room following the event.

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, we have a level of play suited to your needs. If this sounds like the game for you, contact our Player Development Director, Richard Bradley at rlbradley1963@gmail.com for more information.

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

Texas Hold’em No Limit Tournament

The Poker Club will hold a \$24 buy-in Texas Hold’em No Limit tournament on Tuesday, May 12. 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, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., GR3
 Thursdays, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., GR3
 Saturdays, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., GR3

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, express your interest by an email message to 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.

May schedule:

Sunday, May 3, SCB:

10:30 a.m. Fixed Winged Aircraft
 12:30 p.m. Rotor Craft
 2:30 p.m. Cars/Trucks

Sunday, May 31:

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, please visit our website via www.sctexas.org.

RV

Tuesday, May 19, 11 a.m.,

El Monumento Restaurant

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

The May meeting on May 19 at 11 a.m. will be at El Monumento Restaurant. Details will be sent to members at a later date.

Trips planned for 2015 include 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.

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We meet once a month except June, July and August when many of our members are away traveling. Interested residents can find membership and other information on the club website or from our contacts above.

Singers

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

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

The Singers have started rehearsals for their Independence Day concert, "America, I Salute You," to be held on Friday, July 3 at 11 a.m. in the Social Center Ballroom. Tickets will go on sale Monday, June 1 at the Member Services Office and online; seating will be reserved, so get your tickets early for the best selection. This is part of the 4th of July celebration held each year in Sun City. Join your neighbors and come not only to hear an uplifting concert but to join in the singing of some of our beloved patriotic songs – a wonderful way to honor those who have served or are currently serving our country.

Singers, please note there will be no rehearsal on May 19. New members are welcome to join the Singers when rehearsals for the Christmas concert begin in late August. All that is required is a love of singing and a commitment to attend most rehearsals.

Dulcimers - a SIG of Singers

We continue to make music together and perform in local nursing homes. Spring festivals have many of our members traveling to Irving, TX, Baton Rouge, LA and Palestine, TX.

Practice is every Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon, and every Tuesday from 6-8 p.m. in Rooms 3 and 4 of the Activities Center. You are welcome to visit. Free lessons are offered for interested parties in January and February. Please contact Jeanne Lubey for more information: 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.

Bridge begins at noon; players should arrive at 11:45 a.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, Room 1. Bridge takes place on Thursday in Room 3 and begins at 5:30 p.m.; players should arrive at 5:15 p.m.

Play News:

The following pairs made 7H on March 2: Donna Moore and Jean Hutmacher
Suzanne Miller and Wilton Thomas
Donna Moore and Flo Harlan made 7H on March 4.
Donna Moore and Anita Chaplin made 7H on March 18.

Softball

(Senior Coed Slow Pitch)

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

"You don't quit playing softball because you get old; you get old because you quit playing softball!"

We invite you to join us at 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 spring season will end May 29 with four games on Mondays and Thursdays, each starting at 9 a.m. 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. To view the Softball Club website, log in to www.sctexas.org, then select Clubs & Neighborhoods > Chartered Clubs > Softball Club from the menus.

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

Jukebox Mania – Music Across the Decades! Put on your dancing shoes and get ready for music from "your era" on Wednesday, May 20, beginning at 6 p.m. in the Social Center Ballroom.

Of course, the appropriate meal will be hamburgers with all the trimmings, potato salad and beans - and no one wants to miss the ice cream Sundaes!

Watch for more information in the coming weeks as you polish your dancing shoes and practice your moves.

Stained Glass

Potluck Supper Tuesday, May 12, 6 p.m., The Oaks

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

Our studio welcomes guests to come by and visit and observe the process of making stained glass or the kiln glass process. All work on display is for sale.

We offer classes on both processes. Check the studio or website for times.

There will be no club meeting in May, but we will have a potluck supper at 6 p.m. at the Oaks on May 12.

Our studio hours are from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Come see us.

Sundancers

Contacts: James & Jeanne Blackwell, 512-863-7381 or blackwellj@suddenlink.net; Howard & Betty Wagner, 512-931-0058 or hbwagner@suddenlink.net

The Sundancers square dance on Monday evenings and round dance on most Sunday evenings. All square and round dancers are welcome to come and join in the fun. The club dress code is casual.

Square Dance Schedule

Plus Lessons: 5 to 6:30 p.m.

Workshop: 6:30 to 7 p.m.

Square Dance: 7 to 9 p.m.

All May dances are in the ballroom.

Workshops will be Mainstream on May 4, 11 and 18. Workshop on May 25 will be Plus Level.

May 11 is a special Red, White and Blue dance with Texas BBQ.

Round Dance Schedule

Beginners (phases 1 and 2): 2 to 4 p.m.

Intermediates (phases 2 and 3):

4 to 5:45 p.m.

Advancing group (phases 3 and 4):

5:45 to 7:30 p.m.

All May dances will be in the Atrium: May 3, 10 and 31.

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.

Table Tennis

Contact: Activity Director Tom Neely, 713-667-6795, tjn@sbcglobal.net

The Sun City Table Tennis Club has weekly access to the Cowan Creek Amenity Center Salado Room on every Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Monday, as well as other hours during Tuesday through Thursday, if the room has not been reserved. If in doubt, check the weekly room schedule on the Sun City website under room reservations/room schedule or at the Cowan Creek Monitor's Desk to determine if the room may be available Tuesday - Thursday. Tables, balls, and paddles are available in the Salado Room during scheduled days/hours and whenever the room is not being used for other events. Each time you play, please log-in (name and time) on the attendance book which

is on the counter in the room.

Our Board of Directors meets quarterly and provides 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 materials related to club activities and table tennis. Yearly dues are \$10 per person and can be paid on the Sun City Texas website or by bringing 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, May 12, 3 p.m., CCF/G

Contact: Violet Nicklen, 850-543-7775
Studio Phone: 512-948-7661

Annual Dues: \$10

The VAC welcomes any resident of Sun City to join and to explore their potential as an artist, whether beginners or professionals. Many of our instructors are members who have enjoyed careers in art before retiring to Sun City.

Classes in multiple mediums are held throughout the year. Sign-up for June classes begins in May, and the website provides a look at the class schedules as well as the teacher bios and supply needs for each class. Sign-up is now available online.

For original, affordable artwork in a variety of mediums, visit our exhibits at Cowan Creek, the Activities Center, the Social Center and the Visual Arts Studio.

With spring in full bloom, the General meeting will feature a demonstration by accomplished landscape artist Jimmy Longacre, whose emphasis is on the artist's interpretation of the landscape. He will teach a class in June focused on helping early to intermediate painters observe nature with a "painter's eye" and creating their own interpretation of the landscape through an easy to understand process. Come to the May meeting to see his work and hear of this fascinating approach.

The VAC has several Special Interest Groups, whose monthly gatherings in the Studio are as follows:

1st Saturday | Water Media

2nd Saturday | Large Paintings

2nd Tuesday (6-7:30 p.m.) | Red Dot
(members seek to improve the quality of recognition and sales of artwork)

3rd Saturday | Water Media

4th Saturday | Pastels/Drawing/
Colored Pencils

4th 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

Meeting: Monday, May 18, 11 a.m., The Oaks

Contact: Nina Stancil, 512-868-1609 or nstancil@aol.com

Women Helping Others (WHO) is a newly chartered Sun City club that welcomes all residents. We are a cohesive group with a passion and purpose for caring, sharing and serving the extended community. Our mission is to support existing charitable organizations with time, donations and assistance while fostering camaraderie, fellowship and inclusion. And yes, men are welcome, too.

We generally meet the fourth Monday of the month. However, the May meeting will take place on the third Monday, due to the Memorial Day Holiday falling on the fourth Monday. The agenda will include a business meeting and a presentation from a non-profit organization, followed by a salad luncheon. Members bring the salads and make a \$10 donation at each

meeting. Annual dues are \$10 and may be paid online or at the monthly meeting. Guests and prospective members welcomed - please let us know you are coming so we may welcome you! Our speaker in May is Eric Lashley, Georgetown Public Library Director.

We have some exciting goals for 2015 including learning arts and crafts that will be created and later sold, volunteering for Faith Lutheran Church's annual Meals on Wheels golf tournament and participating in the Christmas Meals on Wheels event. It will be a great year for WHO!

Woodworkers

www.sctxwoodshop.com

Shop phone: 512-591-7853

Shop hours: M-F, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Sat. 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Board Meeting:

Wednesday, May 20, 9 a.m.

Membership Meeting:

Thursday, May 21, 9:30 a.m.

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

New members: You must pay through the www.sctexas.org website or at the Member Services office. Use the Ticket section to pay the \$40 annual dues and the \$20 fee for the Orientation and Training. Please bring your ticket to the shop to sign up for Orientation & Safety Training.

We invite you to stop by the woodshop for a guided tour of our facility, to talk about your idea for a wood project, or to just chat.

The Woodworkers Club is open to all Sun City Texas residents. All new members are required to take the Orientation and Safety Class, as well as a one-on-one hands-on Safety Training Session. You do not need woodworking experience to be a member of the club.

Our training classes and extensive library (paper and digital) help our members plan projects and enjoy woodworking. We conduct orientation classes twice a month and enhanced classes quarterly.

We build wooden toys for "Toys for Tots" at Christmas and make "Camp Discovery" project kits for kids 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 and Crafts Fair in the fall. All members are welcome to participate in these worthy causes.

Special Interest Group

Woodcarvers: Beginners to Experienced - all are welcome. Contact Karl Fiedler at 512-818-4156 or karlandme@suddenlink.net for more information.

Woodcarvers meet each Monday from 6-9 p.m. and Tuesday from 8:30-11 a.m.

Zoomers

Our newsletter is available via email.

Social Activities

Zoomers has many very active social groups with special interests in books, table games, bowling, movies, dining out, gourmet cooking, wine and beer tasting. Contact Robin Pearlstein at social.zoomer2014@gmail.com for more information about Wine and Beer Tasting or Dining and Movies. Contact Helen Shields at helenshields@gmail.com for information about Cards and Table Games or Books and Bowling.

ZOE (Outside Events)

Our ZOE Volunteers are always busy setting up new and exciting venues for our Zoomers Members. We currently are working on quite a few day trips to various surrounding areas as well as booking great seats for coming attractions at several of our great performance halls. Our extended trips presently include a beautiful Danube cruise from Budapest to Prague, the Canadian Rockies, Scotland and Ireland and our annual Valentine Cruise in 2016. Our plans for great fall and winter programs are in the works, so check out our ZOE website for all upcoming events.

Sports Activities

Our May Golf Tournament is on Sunday, May 3. Watch your emails for sign-up information to play in our tournaments.

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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SHE ONLY HAS EYES FOR YOU

A female owl gazes out of its nesting box.

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PHOTO BY DAVID KING FINE ARTS

CHILI COOK-OFF

Members of the Twinges 'n Hinges Aqua Class held their first ever Chili Cook-Off competition in the home of Nancy Guynn and Ken Conahan. Nancy was voted the cook-off champion with her recipe for "Virgin Vegan Chili." Class members in attendance included: Back row, left to right - Ron Stringer, Bruce LaPota, Sue Pitkethley, Shirley Stringer, Carolyn LaPota, Erma Patton, Nancy Fronczak. Middle row - Bob Bohrer, Mary Ann O'Gorman, Elsie Bohrer, Mary Reid, Jan Geiger. Front row - Ann King (instructor), Nancy Guynn, Karlene Babij.

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PHOTO BY GAIL NICHOLS



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Above left: Longhorn in a field along Ronald Reagan Boulevard. Above right: Close-up of longhorn on Ronald Reagan Boulevard - note the expression on his face! Left: A lone red poppy sticks its head out among a path of bluebonnets. Above: Kempa Rider's dog, Taffy, poses in the bluebonnets.



Flora and Fauna

You can't beat springtime in Central Texas. Residents had their cameras and cell phones at hand and sent us beautiful snapshots of Mother Nature at her best. The photos on this page were taken by Tommy Aishman.



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BOWLING BUFFS

Pictured above are Sun City residents who bowl at Mel's Bowling Alley in Georgetown. Sponsored by Wriggley's Pub, the team got the nickname "Sun City Old Farts" from the young teams that they continually beat during Tuesday night team play. Their bowling averages are impressive: Don Hunt (215); Bill Moore (201); Joe Wickens (214); Stan Augustus (188); Joe Lish (191); Ray Bergman (201); and Ed Galvan (183). Not pictured is Keith Wanless (170).



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ZOOMERS CASINO NIGHT

Las Vegas came to Sun City as the Zoomers club enjoyed a Casino Night in the ballroom.

Right: a team of ducks follows a sailboat.



PHOTO BY JEFF HAHN

Regatta!

Recently, the Sun City Radio Control Modelers Club hosted the Region Five Victoria Sailboat Regatta on Berry Creek Pond. Fifteen to 20 radio controlled sailboats from around the state competed in 15 races.



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Horticulture Club Plant Sale

Shrubs, bedding plants, vegetables and herbs were for sale at the Horticulture Club's spring plant sale. Drought-tolerant and deer-resistant varieties of plants were available along with plenty of help, advice and muscle from willing club members.

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TOM TURKEY BY CHRIS MEYER

CANDY CANE LANE BATHROBE BEAUTIES

Left: These ladies from N22 Candy Cane Lane do water aerobics on Monday, Wednesday and Friday and come and leave the Fitness Center in comfy terry robes. Pictured are Mary Ellen Hanson, Pam Morrow and Pam Planck.

PHOTO BY LINDA DWYER



N10 SOUP AND SANDWICH PARTY

Twenty-seven N10 residents attended the annual Soup and Sandwich party at the Oaks. Everyone enjoyed meeting new neighbors and listening to updates on neighborhood happenings.

BOOK BAGS FOR KIDS

The Sun City Fabric & Fiber Club's Sewing & Embellishing Group was invited by Georgetown's Grace Episcopal Church to participate in a community service project. The church will present children's books to Annie Purl Elementary pre-school students to read during summer vacation, and Sewing & Embellishing has made a special book bag for each child.

The distribution occurs in May and Sewing & Embellishing has completed 90 bags for the students.

The Fabric & Fiber Club participates in community service activities year-round, so fabric donations are always welcome.



FIRST FISH

Ella Copeland, great niece of Terry Schroeder, caught her first fish at Cowan Creek Pond.



AIN'T IT SWEET?

Nancy Wyers of Neighborhood 34 poses with her brand new La Dolce Vespa scooter. Nancy's name was drawn from hundreds of entries as the winner of this brand new scooter at the JDRF (Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation) 2015 Promise Ball held in San Antonio on Saturday, March 28. Those in attendance from Neighborhood 34 were Nancy and Greg Wyers, Susann and Wayne Courtney and table hosts, Eileen and Rich Koskie. Also in attendance was Sheila and Gary Engel of Neighborhood 15.

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SOFTBALL SPRING SEASON OPENING DAY

Take me out to the ballgame... Excitement filled the air at the Softball Club's first game of the spring season. Above left: Mike Vaughan playing shortstop. Above right: Resident Perry Lee, better known as "Grumpy" by his grandson, Jackson. Below left: Gerald Barrow singing the National Anthem. Below right: Pat Larson batting.

learning can be fun!

AARP Driver Safety Program

Smart Driver Course

Saturday, May 16,
8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., CCW
Purchase your \$17 ticket online or
at the Member Services Office

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 nkdavis9@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 later than 1999.
- 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.

just for fun!

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 has formed 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

A monthly review of great works of literature – assigned readings of 15-90 pages are completed and a list of questions are discussed. Group One meets Sunday, May 10 at 5 p.m., AC, MR 1 to discuss Aristotle's *On Happiness*. Group Two meets on Saturday, May 9 to cover Freud's *Civilization and Its Discontents*.

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 Saturday, May 30 on the patio at Putters Café for our Cajun Night with live music featuring Charles Ray Thibodeaux and the Austin Cajun Aces. Everyone is welcome to this free event. For more information, check out our website at www.sccajunclub.com. 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

The Colorado Club is a group of former Coloradoans living in Sun City, and currently has over 100 members. Our next get-together will be Saturday, May 9, from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. at the Legacy Hills Park Pavilion. BYO picnic lunch, and come

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join us to make new friends and share our memories of Colorado. For more information or to be included on our email list, contact Devon at devonmail@suddenlink.net.

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 Thursday, May 7, in the Social Center Ballroom with refreshments beginning at 9:30 and the meeting at 10 a.m. The program will be presented by Judy Callaway Ostler, who will speak about "TXDAR - New Beginnings." Contact Regent Barbara Elrod, (512) 931-2484. *Patriots Pantry*, our new cookbook, sells for \$15 each or 2 for \$25. To purchase, contact Vice-Regent Sally Hunt at 512-868-5369.

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 kenwhipps@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: Jerry Faulkner, 512-868-1847.

Hadassah - SC Kadima

Hadassah is the largest women's Zionist 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 in June in celebration of King Kamehameha Day. Members will receive an e-mail notification with date and place.

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. Please contact Karen Meredith

Lindholm at hulagal98@hotmail.com or 686-1906, or Martha Toler marthann-toler@gmail.com or 868-3639.

Indiana

Please join other Hoosiers for the Indy 500 race party and potluck Sunday, May 24 at 11 a.m. in the Cowan Creek Amenity Center.

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

Are you an Iowa expatriate? Come join other Iowans on Monday, August 10 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the Georgetown and Florence Rooms of the Cowan Creek Amenity Center for a summer beverage tasting social. Bring a plate of finger food to share. Contact Pat Sampson at 512-863-8219 or pndsampson@gmail.com or Jan Miller at janandgael@suddenlink.net for more information.

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.

Latin/Hispanic

Are you Latin or of Latin heritage? Have you spent a number of years living in Latin America? If you are interested in meeting with others to practice Spanish or exchange cultural experiences in a casual social setting, contact Fran at 512-930-8180 or leftkrow60@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 Bunny Petty at bbpettytx@gmail.com or 512-864-0683 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 jlrams2002@yahoo.com.

New England

Hail to all who called New England home! Whether you're native born, a former resident, student, or just love the six-state region, we welcome you to join our group. We gather several times during the year for fun and fellowship (and usually food). If you'd like to be on the mailing list please contact: Gail Abend at gsabend@gmail.com.

New York

Yo, New Yorkers! Do you love the Big Apple? Did you leave your heart in the Empire State? Do you miss the New York accents you grew up with? If you are interested in meeting others who feel the same, let's get together! We meet four to six times a year at various venues, and

we are planning some fun events for 2015. For more information or to add yourself to our email list, contact Tom Olsen at 512-639-2085 or tolsen53@suddenlink.net. We look forward to meeting you.

Nurses

**Lunch and Learn Quarterly meeting
Friday, June 5, 11:30 a.m.,
The Worship Place**

Active and retired Sun City nurses meet for learning, networking and socializing. Requests for employed caregiver roles are declined. Our next quarterly meeting/potluck salad lunch is June 5, at 11:30 a.m. at The Worship Place. Come learn about our local blood bank services. Contact patclendenin@gmail.com to join and to receive our newsletter.

Ohio

The Ohio Club has had an active 2015! Members have enjoyed meeting other Ohioans while attending a Chili Cook-off, a Round Rock Express baseball game, a golf outing and Happy Hour get-togethers! Don't forget cheering for March Madness Ohio basketball teams! Save September 17 (Oktoberfest) and November 15 (Potluck) for our fall get-togethers! 2015 dues are \$10/pp; join now so you can participate in these fun socials! Contact Celia Olson at 512-948-7382 or email ohioctx@gmail.com.

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

sctexas.org > [Site Index](#) > SAR

The Alexander Hamilton Chapter of Sons of the American Revolution will meet on Saturday, May 9 at 11 a.m. at Mel's Lonestar Lanes, 1010 N. Austin Avenue. Our speaker will be Stacey Ingram Kaleb, a member of the Public Relations and

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Marketing staff of the Blanton Museum in Austin.

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

Blues music has been a strong influence of all American music styles since the early 1900s. Come be part of the Just the Blues group. There will be blues dances, blues dance lessons and trips to Austin blues clubs. To get on the list, send an email to justthebluessctx@gmail.com, or call Dennis at 512-686-1897.

Tai Chi & Chi Kung

Meet Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10 a.m. at the LHPP for a gathering of Tai Chi and Chi Kung practitioners to exercise and have fun. Open to all. Contact Don Mulvey at 512-917-3236 or dlmulvey@yahoo.com.

Texas Tech

Guns up, Texas Tech Red Raiders! Time to celebrate another great year of Red Raider sports. Contact Dr. Robert (Bob) Pinder at 512-864-0860 or pinrob@icloud.com.

Dr. Duane Nellis, president of Texas Tech University, will speak to our Georgetown TT group at a luncheon at Gumbos at noon, May 18. Mail or drop off your check for \$5 per person to Dr. Robert Pinder, 119 Juniper Berry Trail, Georgetown, TX 78633.

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, patwillia@gmail.com.

Wisconsin

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

We are looking for someone to make sure that our Wisconsin Group website is up to date. Call Loree Parker at 869-0319, Judy Weckerly at 868-3158, or Gail Roush at 943-0269 to volunteer or share your ideas for the group.

A fundraiser for The Locker featuring Mason Crosby will be held Thursday, July 9 at the Community Center in San Gabriel Park. The Wisconsin Club can get a table at this event; call John Schwebke for more information.

political

Sun City Democrats

www.suncitydems.org

Saturday, May 16, SCB

Coffee: 9:30 a.m.; Meeting: 10 a.m.,

Contact: Dwaine Boydston, President 512-431-4412 or dwaine.boydstun@gmail.com

Mike Collier, former candidate for State Comptroller, reports on the Republican's 2015 legislature fiscal policy and on the Democrat's 2016 campaign.

Mike Collier is a graduate of Georgetown High School and the University of Texas, where he received his undergraduate degree and MBA. As a business leader and financial professional Mike is keeping a close eye on Texas politicians to ensure they do right by taxpayers. He was our 2014 candidate for State Comptroller.

Republican Club of Sun City

rcsctx.com

Thursday, May 14, 6 p.m., SCB

Contact: Bill Harron, 512-864-3601 or BHarron@aol.com

A social period begins at 6 p.m. followed by dinner at 6:30 p.m. The program begins at 7 p.m.

The guest speaker will be Valerie Covey, County Commissioner Precinct 3.

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 Friday, May 8 to The Republican Club of Sun City, 1530 Sun City Blvd., Suite 120, Box 227, Georgetown, TX, 78633.

service organizations

Citizens Council at Sun City Texas

Contact: Steve Johnston, 512-591-7594 or drclean@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 meetings.

Classic Car Owners

www.gtacc.org

First Saturdays 8 a.m. at Smokey Moe's BBQ at Wolf Ranch

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Kiwanis Club of Sun City

Tuesdays, 10 a.m., Location varies

Contact: Dave Tolkan, 512-528-5470

Want to become involved in your community and help the children of Williamson County? Then join us each Tuesday to hear speakers of interest and meet neighbors who are working to benefit our local youth. Everyone is welcome, so come be an active participant in the Sun City Texas Kiwanis Club.

Sun City Shriners

Tuesday, May 19

Doors open 5:30 p.m.; Dinner 6 p.m.

Berry Creek Country Club

sctexas.org > Clubs & Groups > Interest Groups > Shriners Club

Contact: Jack Neal, 512-864-0237

The May meeting will take place on Tuesday, May 19 at the Berry Creek Country Club; doors open at 5:30, dinner is at 6 p.m. Contact Jack Neal, 864-0237, or Al Scholin, 864-9493, to make reservations.

Sun City Shrine Club is a unit of Ben Hur Shriners in Austin, supporting the Shriners Hospitals for Children who receive care at NO COST to them or their families. If you would like to learn more, please visit: www.shrinersinternational.org or www.beashrinernow.com.

Sun City Texas Rotary

Tuesdays, Location varies, Noon

Contact: Don Bender, 512-863-2179 or dpbender@suddenlink.net

It's May and time for the second Annual Rotary Fest. The dinner dance and raffle fund raiser will be held on Friday, May 29 in the Social Center Ballroom. The raffle and dinner dance tickets may be purchased every Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in front of City Market, or by calling 520-548-2310. The grand prize is either a custom Yamaha golf cart or a \$6,000 Visa gift card.

spiritual

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 third Tuesday of each month at 12:30 p.m., also at the Cowan Creek Amenity Center. For more information, email cs-georgetown222@gmail.com or call 512-943-2682.

Congregation Havurah Shalom

www.chstx.org

2nd and 4th Fridays, 7:30 p.m.

Contact: Linda Schaffer, President, 512-591-7000, 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.

Light of Christ Anglican Church

Weekly Bible studies are offered each week on Monday or Thursday at the homes of Sun City residents. No previous knowledge is required or expected as we explore together the Old and New Testaments in small sections. We meet from 7 to 9 p.m. with time for study, fellowship and refreshments. Due to construction at The Oaks, Sunday worship is held at City Lights Theater at 10 a.m. For information, contact Steve Pope, 512-591-7183 or frstevn2@yahoo.com.

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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Dr. Clemmons grew up in the Hill Country and has always been surrounded by animals. She has practiced equine medicine for a number of years and continues to do so today. She is also an avid equestrian and often competes with her horses when she's away from Zoot.

Dr. Clemmons and her husband share their home with two cats (Satchel and Simon), three dogs (Roxie, Tank and Yo-Yo), two horses (Flirt and Tuna), and L.C. the chicken. Dr. Clemmons' hobbies include competing in triathlons, half marathons and mountain bike racing.

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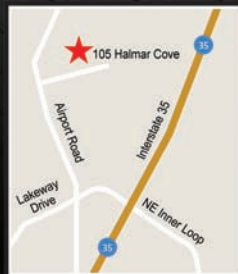
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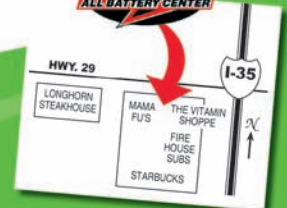


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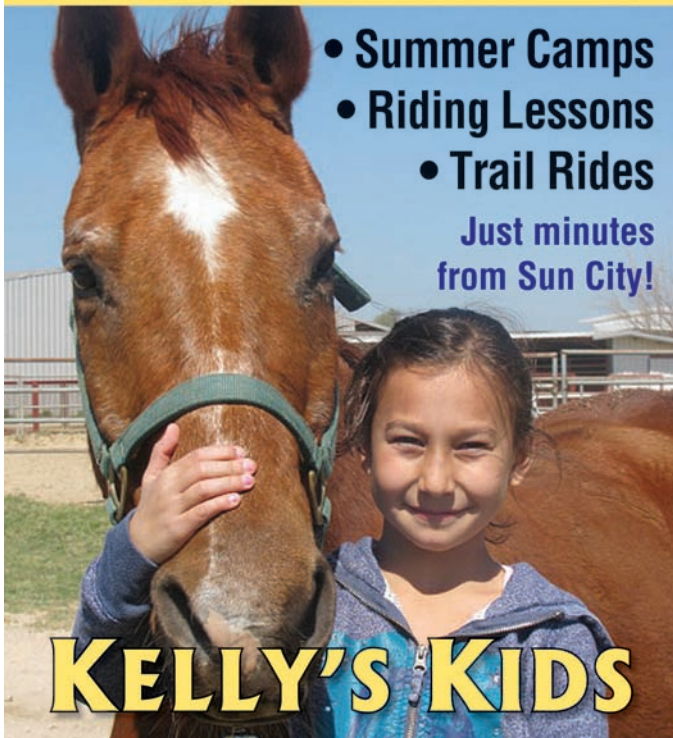
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