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NEW RESIDENT MEMBERSHIP

PHOTO ID CARDS:

Member Services Office
2 Texas Drive • 512-948-7720
Monday through Friday
8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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

If you purchased a new home:
Registration Form, Settlement or Closing Statement

If you purchased a resale:
Settlement or Closing Statement

Rental: Lease Agreement

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Tuesday at 2 p.m., Cowan Creek
Tuesday at 7 p.m., Texas Drive
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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.

CA Staff emails/phone - see pages 4 and 5

NEXT NEW RESIDENT ORIENTATION:

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

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



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CHARTERED CLUBS (NON SPORTS)

Thursday, January 8, 2 p.m., AC MR 3

COMMUNICATIONS

Wednesday, January 14, 9:30 a.m., CCAN

COVENANTS

Wednesday, January 7, 9 a.m., CCAN

ELECTIONS

Thursday, January 15, 1 p.m., AC CR

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Friday, January 9, 9 a.m., AC MR 3/4

FINANCE

Tuesday, January 27, 1 p.m., AC MR 3/4

GOLF

Monday, January 26, 3 p.m., AC MR 1/2

LANDSCAPED MAINTAINED HOMES

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MODIFICATIONS

Thursday, January 8, 8:30 a.m., CCAN

*Open at 10 a.m.

Thursday, January 22, 8:30 a.m., CCAN

NOMINATING

As needed

PROPERTY & GROUNDS

Tuesday, January 13, 1:30 p.m., AC MR 1/2

Tuesday, January 27, 3 p.m., AC MR 1/2

SPORTS

Monday, January 19, 8 a.m., AC MR 1

WILDLIFE

Wednesday, January 7, 3 p.m., AC MR 1/2

Other Committees or Task Forces:

NEIGHBORHOOD REPS

Wednesday, January 21, 9:30 a.m., CCF/G

COPS

Tuesday, January 6, 9:30 a.m., AC MR 1/2



Stay Safe, Sun City

Submitted by the
Georgetown Police Department

Con Games and Fraud Schemes

Most people feel they are too smart to be conned, but the fact is, people from all walks of life are defrauded every year! By educating yourself on some common scams, you can avoid falling victim to fraud.

CON GAMES

Pigeon Drop – A stranger approaches, informing you about finding a large sum of money and they want to share it with you – provided, of course, you can front some “good faith” money. This tactic – often seen in scam emails and with very tight time restrictions – comes out of the blue. Before agreeing to anything, ask yourself: why would a stranger reach out to *you* before contacting their own friends and loved ones?

The Obit Column Sting – In their most vulnerable time, surviving spouses may suddenly receive bills for phony debts, purchases, etc. Do not allow these “charges” to go unresearched! According to the Federal Trade Commission (FTC), surviving family members typically are under no legal obligation to resolve the debts of the deceased, and are protected by the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act (FDCPA) from aggressive or abusive collectors (this includes collection agencies, consolidators, and lawyers). If suspicious bills arrive in the mail or aggressive “collectors” start phoning following the passing of a loved one, notify the FTC immediately.

The Pyramid Scheme – Pyramid schemes always follow a predictable formula, offering you the opportunity to make a high return on a small investment, provided that you ask others to do the same. In reality, only those running the schemes make any money, while you (and anyone you convinced to invest along with you) lose out big. Always research opportunities thoroughly before handing over your money.

FRAUD SCHEMES

Medical Fraud – Beware of any offer promising a “miracle cure” or specialized medications without a doctor’s prescription. See your physician when health issues arise, and be sure to ask exactly what you will be charged and what your out-of-pocket costs will be. Never sign blank insurance forms, and never give your insurance/Medicare information to anyone other than those who have provided you with medical services.

Foreign Lotteries – Playing a foreign lottery through the mail or over the phone is a violation of U.S. law, plain and simple, and you can rest assured that you have not won any contests that you never entered in the first place. Depositing strange “prize winnings” will not only provide scam artists with direct access to your bank account – it will leave you holding the bill when your bank fines you for overdrafts and bounced checks.

Recovery Fraud – Targeting former victims of fraud, scam artists pose as legitimate organizations, promising to recover lost finances – for an advanced fee or donation, of course. No legitimate consumer or

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Let's Communicate!

Jim Romine, Executive Director

2015, Here we go!

The holidays are past and we're kicking off another exciting year here in Sun City Texas! I hope everyone had a great holiday season. We have a lot planned for the year, and I am thrilled to have this opportunity to share a few of these plans with you.

LANDSCAPING ENHANCEMENTS

Per the budget process approval, we will be spending a considerable amount of time and money enhancing the landscaping along Del Webb Boulevard. Work will begin just south of Berry Creek Bridge on Del Webb, and advance out toward Williams Drive. Much of this work involves replacing necessary turf, changing landscaped bed configurations, reducing irrigation when possible and generally improving aesthetics. I hope everyone will appreciate the changes to this area and, please know, we have more years of work ahead to complete Del Webb Boulevard.

NEW WEBSITE

The unveiling of our new website is coming up quickly, ready to provide residents with greater ease and access to our community's information. Scheduled to launch in February, this project has been in the works for some time and I am confident our residents will love it! I would like to take this opportunity to thank Krystal Wilson, Rob McFall and everyone who worked so hard to get this site up and running.

EXPANSION

The expansion of Sun City Texas continues to be the buzz of the community, and I encourage all residents to stay engaged with the process. When requested, please complete expansion-related surveys and provide input on what you might like to see included in our community. Keep in mind, however, that we will be responsible for the financing and maintenance of projects once the developer is gone.

SAFETY

With the help of the Emergency Management Committee, we will continue to ensure everyone's safety and plan for the unexpected disasters we hope never to face. Our COPs will continue to patrol our community and our Firewise efforts will continue reducing fuel loads in our Common Areas. While we take pride in being a safe community, we will never let down our guard. The EMC will continue to provide informative articles and friendly reminders on the importance of safety and proper planning.

STAFF COMPENSATION

Over 150 employees keep our community running, day in, day out. To ensure we are compensating these individuals properly, we will be contracting with a third party to perform a compensation study, determining where we are today and where we need to be. This Board-supported project has budgetary funds allocated in 2015, and our goal will be to conduct such studies every five years.

ARTICLE 13 INSPECTIONS

To ensure our community continues to look good and property values remain strong, the Community Standards team will continue inspections of all homeowner property in Sun City Texas, confirming adherence to the protocol laid out in Article 13 of the Design Guidelines. By the end of 2014, approximately 2500 homes had been inspected. Note: non-compliance issues are addressed privately with the homeowners.

GOLF COURSE PROJECTS

Our golf team will continue to work with the Golf Committee to ensure that maintenance projects on our three great courses are completed in a timely and cost-efficient manner. Major focus areas will include tree trimming, sand replacement of Legacy Hills' greenside bunkers, cart path drop-off mitigation, enhancement of decomposed granite areas and resolution of drainage issues. Also, our golf team will continue working toward Audubon Certification for our three courses.

There are many more projects and plans in the works for 2015, but I hope this short list has given you an idea of what's to come! Happy New Year to all,

Jim

Holiday Closures

Wednesday, December 31 (New Year's Eve)

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

Thursday, January 1 (New Year's Day)

All CA facilities closed except Golf.

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

Happy 2015!

Once a year, Sun City residents elect representatives to our Board of Directors. This year, members Glynn Hatley and Gary Preston are faced with the difficult choice of retiring or running for reelection. We eagerly await their decisions.

On Wednesday, January 21, the Election Committee will conduct a candidate information forum for those interested in running for the Board, as well as for those who just want to learn about the process. The forum begins at 1 p.m. and will be held in the Georgetown-Florence Room at Cowan Creek.

Since its inception, our community has been blessed with many outstanding individuals ready to step up and serve on our Board of Directors. Their foresight, knowledge and dedication to Sun City has enabled us to become one of the premiere retirement destinations in America. We look forward to continuing this tradition as we enter a new and exciting phase of our development.

I encourage each and every one of you to consider giving back to this place we call home. I have been on the board for seven months and have absolutely no regrets. Yes, there are times when things get busy - especially during budget season! But it is not an all-consuming endeavor. Our Staff and the Finance Committee do an excellent job of preparing a thoughtful budget package which we as a Board must approve. Even though we are still

under the control of the Developer, we are frequently allowed to make decisions that affect us without Pulte placing pressure on the Board to do their bidding. We need to continue our history of having capable and thoughtful Board participation by you, the residents of Sun City. All we ask is that you plan on doing your best to ensure our future is as bright as our past has been. I hope to see many of you at the Election Committee Forum on January 21!

Stay Safe, Sun City *Continued from page 6*

government agency will ever charge a fee, and more importantly, they won't contact you if you haven't reached out to them first.

If it seems too good to be true, it probably is.

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- Federal Trade Commission** - www.ftc.gov

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Upcoming Board Workshops and Meetings

Workshops and Meetings held quarterly



WORKSHOP

Thursday, February 12
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RESIDENT DIRECTORS' OPEN SESSION

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



MEETING

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

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

Nominating Committee 2014 Fall Cycle Report

This cycle we had forty-two applicants file for twenty CA Advisory Committee openings. Two candidates withdrew their applications, and two did not meet the minimum requirements to serve. These numbers were down significantly from the spring cycle. We hope this decrease was attributable to the heavy interest in the Expansion Task Force, whose recruitment process coincided with the normal fall cycle.

The Nominating Committee interviewed thirty-eight Sun City residents. Of the nine incumbents who reapplied for second terms, all were approved by the Board of Directors to continue serving. Of the thirty-eight interviewees, twenty-nine were men and nine were women. The Board of Directors appointed fourteen men and six women to our committees.

Of the thirty-eight interviewees, twenty-three have been residents for five or fewer years, nine had been residents for six to ten years, and the remaining six had resided in Sun City for over ten years.

This Committee is dedicated to recommending the very best candidates to the Board in the most impartial and fair manner. It has been our goal to make the experience as pleasant as possible for candidates. Meetings between the Nominating Committee and candidates are intended to be casual and informal - it should not be regarded as a "job interview." We are all volunteers, and all Committee members have undergone the same process, so we know how applicants feel.

The Nominating Committee encourages you to become involved in your community by giving a few hours of your time to serve on an advisory committee. The wealth of talent and experience offered by residents of Sun City is a valuable resource to our staff and Board.

If you are interested in serving on a committee, attend meetings. Agendas, including meeting dates and locations, are noted on our website. Many committees have subcommittees and/or groups on which you could volunteer. By attending meetings and becoming involved now, you automatically become a better candidate for a committee seat in the future.

The Nominating Committee and I would be remiss were we not to acknowledge the staff, especially Ann Dodson, Katie Sutton and Jim Romine, for their support, assistance and advice. They do a super job, and we thank them.

It has been a privilege and pleasure to serve on this Committee over the past four and a half years. I thank each and every Committee member who participated during my tenure. Also, I must acknowledge two special Committee members, the late General Sandy Meloy and the late Mr. Kent Buikema. Both of them, true gentlemen, gave great leadership to our community. To have been able to sit beside them on our Committee was very much an honor and is something I will always remember and cherish.

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Calling all Candidates!

Submitted by Katie Sutton, Director of Administration and HR

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

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

The first day that a candidate can file (turn in an application) will be Monday, March 16; the last day will be the close of business on Tuesday, March 31, 2015. Per the requirements in the Voting and Election Policy, a Candidate Forum is scheduled for 9 a.m. on Wednesday, April 22, so that all residents will have an opportunity to hear from the candidates and submit questions.

The Elections Committee will be mailing out one ballot to the owner of each lot. These ballots are scheduled to be mailed on Monday, May 4. The Elections Committee will provide additional details to the community as the filing period approaches. The ballots must be returned by the owner, either in person or by mail, before the end of the balloting period, which is two hours before the beginning of the Annual Meeting on Thursday, May 28.

If you will not be at your Sun City residence during these times, please provide the Community Association with a

correct mailing address for your ballot. Begin checking your calendars for the dates of your trips, etc., and when the election dates might affect you. The Voting and Elections Policy is posted on the Sun City Texas website and provides all necessary information concerning the election process. There will be more information in future issues of the *Sun Rays* and the weekly Communicator. Please contact the Elections Committee at elections@sctexas.org or Katie. Suttton@SCTexas.org (512-948-7704) with any questions you may have about this very important annual process.

2015 ELECTION SCHEDULE

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

Carbon Monoxide Dangers

Submitted by Dan Dodson, Emergency Management Committee



Carbon monoxide (CO) often is called the invisible killer. Odorless, tasteless and colorless, this gas is created when

fuels burn incompletely. CO can build up in the home when fuel-burning appliances (such as furnaces, stoves, hot water heaters and fireplaces) are used improperly or without correct ventilation. Cooking equipment can also serve as a source of CO, as can exhaust from motor vehicles.

Easily absorbed by the lungs, CO robs you of life-giving oxygen by displacing the oxygen in your blood. Symptoms of CO poisoning are similar to those of the flu, including headaches, fatigue, nausea, dizzy spells, confusion, and irritability. Sustained exposure can result in

unconsciousness and, eventually, death. Seniors, individuals with compromised immune systems and those with heart and lung problems are particularly vulnerable.

The Consumer Product Safety Commission recommends that every home have at least one carbon monoxide detector installed near the sleeping area. Unlike smoke alarms, which trigger when smoke is detected, a carbon monoxide alarm triggers based on CO exposure over a period of time, ensuring occupants are alerted before they begin to experience symptoms.

Never ignore a CO alarm. If it sounds, don't panic. Press the "Mute" button to quiet the alarm temporarily. Move outdoors or to an open window. Call 9-1-1 from the fresh air area and wait

for emergency personnel to arrive. Leave the CO alarm where it is, as emergency responders will want to check it when they arrive. Do not re-enter your home until the emergency responder has arrived, your home is aired out and your CO alarm returns to normal operation. Carbon monoxide risks can be lowered by having your fuel-burning home equipment inspected by a professional every year. Never use an oven to heat your home. Do not operate an automobile engine inside a closed garage. With minimal safeguards and some common sense, you can easily protect your family and yourself from carbon monoxide poisoning in the home.

Sources - National Fire Protection Association and First Alert

Campaign Information Workshop

Wednesday, January 21, 1-3 p.m.
 Cowan Creek Georgetown/Florence Rooms
 RSVP Deadline: Friday, January 16

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

This workshop will provide residents with the knowledge to:

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

If you would like to become a candidate or work on someone's campaign, the workshop will provide you with:

- A campaign calendar containing events to attend and things to do.
- Tips on choosing a team and running a successful campaign.

To learn more about this event:

- Go to www.setxca.org.
- Click on Site Index.
- Click on Campaign Workshop Agenda.

For questions and to RSVP, contact Smcneil214@gmail.com.

Bonita Loop Trail Clean-up Hiking Club keeps it looking great

Sun City is enthusiastic to see the new developer-installed hiking trails, but the Bonita Loop is a particularly special treat! Extending from the Tranquility Trail and maintained exclusively by members of the Sun City Hiking Club, the Bonita Loop is looking pristine following the Hiking Club's November 2014 clean up. If you have not yet hiked this nice trail, you may want to check it out and burn some holiday calories.



Pictured, left to right: Dave Byrnes, Mark Whittier, Susan Hannah, Vikki Alpher, Carolyn Turney (seated in truck bed), Steve Bratton, Gary Massaglia and Terry Pinkston.

Not shown: Reg Bessmer, Kathy Herring, Kathy Corbett, Tom Chornock and Ray Welch.



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Water Conservation Methods: A Test of Two Products

Submitted by *Catrin Dubois, Landscape Superintendent*

When it comes to keeping your turf and landscape alive and looking good during a Texas summer, the wealth of available products can make it hard to know where to invest your dollars. Should I install a SMART irrigation controller? Should I irrigate with spray heads or drip? Should I add a soil moisture sensor to my system? Should I change my soil's profile? Should I replace turf with hardscape? And what exactly will be my return on investment should I choose to make major changes?

In an effort to resolve these questions, we, at the CA Landscape Department, would like to share some of what we've learned in our ongoing effort to find effective and affordable landscaping solutions. Over the past year, we have been testing two products, the pros and cons of which we would like to discuss. We'll start with an amendment to our existing irrigation system.

Probably you are aware of the little plastic rain sensor on your roofline which shuts off irrigation during a rain event. Ever wonder if it does what it's supposed to do? A simple check after a rain event will give

you the answer. Open your controller after a rain event, and you'll find a little red light, along with the notification "Irrigation Suspended by Rain Sensor." Of course, your rain sensor switch must be in the "ON" position in order to work properly.

What if you want to check it right now, with no rain in sight? Simply get out your garden hose and get the rain sensor wet! The light will come on when the sensor interrupts the circuit. Generally, these rain sensors hold up well, but upgraded sensors recently have been put on the market. Consider investing in a wireless Rain/Freeze sensor.

PROS

The wireless sensors can be situated in the perfect location along the roofline, away from the controller. Make sure there are no tree limbs overhanging the device and that the sensor is facing north (and please let the professional get on the ladder).

The Rain/Freeze sensor also will suspend irrigation in the event of a freeze. When temperatures drop to 38 degrees, the irrigation system will not be allowed to run. Should you forget to cut your system

off, no one will pay to skate on your lot's new ice rink.

CONS

One common complaint about the rain sensor prevails: It dries out quickly in wind and sun. So, while an inch of rain may fall and thoroughly saturate the soil, the irrigation system will still run on the next scheduled day unless the controller is physically turned off. What is the solution to this problem?

Just as your rain sensor suspends irrigation during rainfall, devices known as "Soil Moisture Sensors" will suspend irrigation while soil is already wet. Sensors range from wired to wireless, and one product even has a built-in freeze sensor. Should you opt to add the soil sensor to your lot's irrigation system, we suggest not disconnecting your rain sensor. Rain sensors save gallons during a rain event, just as a soil sensor saves gallons after a rain. Overall, it's more savings for you when sensors are used in combination.

Over the past year, we have been collecting data on 35 Maintained Homes equipped with both sensors. During 2014's mild summer, we saw plenty of rain events and great results. Perhaps most amazing was the soil sensor's ability to pick up on a heavy morning dew and, calibrated and set correctly, save irrigation water.

The new city ordinance for new landscape construction requires a soil moisture sensor to be installed along with existing rain sensors. Installation of this product is fairly simple, but is best left to a professional with the experience and know-how to troubleshoot issues.

Expect an average investment of around \$200-230 for an average water savings of 30% (though in some of our test homes, we saw up to 60% savings, on average). The more rain we receive, the bigger the savings. Once all is dialed in, you can leave town for up to six months, confident in your conservation.

Now: What if you could increase your soil's moisture holding capacity, leaving it wetter, longer? Until our article continues in February, we'll say only this: Aqua Smart!

Landscaped Maintained Homes News

Submitted by *David Longacre, LMH Technician*

Happy New Year! What is going on in the Landscaped Maintained Homes? TCB is working on the perennial cutbacks of dormant plant material which was missed due to December Christmas lights. TCB will also continue to perform monthly irrigation checks, weed control beds and apply mulch to maintain a two inch depth throughout. Pruning and canopy lifting for building clearance will be performed in February and March on any installed trees.

Aaron and I will continue to monitor landscapes and start planning for spring replacements. Water wise and drought tolerant plants will continue to be utilized, as well as the implementation of xeriscaping principles where applicable.

January Schedule: Landscaped Maintained Homes

NEXT LMH MEETING

Wednesday, January 7, 10 a.m., AC MR 3/4

JANUARY SCHEDULED LANDSCAPING MAINTENANCE

Monthly irrigation check - Weed control in beds
Insect and disease monitoring - Mulch application

QUESTIONS OR SUGGESTIONS

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

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

Bits of Info from Ginny's Desk

Submitted by Ginny Wagner, Community Standards Supervisor

Happy New Year! Please continue to enjoy your decorations until January 15, which is the deadline for taking down holiday decorations.

If you are changing or modifying the outside appearance of your residence, you will need approval from the Modifications Committee, which can be obtained by way of an application (this excludes projects listed in the "No Paperwork" table of the Design Guidelines.) To locate the Design Guidelines on the website, please go to www.sctxca.org and log on with your Member ID and password. Choose "Site Index" at the top of the menu, then, under "D", choose Design Guidelines for the most recent version.

If the change you are contemplating is a paint project, you will need to submit a Form B-2 for any color changes.

Remember to map the color sample in the paint chip binder if your shade isn't a custom reproduction pulled from the binder. You will also want to submit a color chip so that the Committee can decide if the color is close enough. Be sure to use the paint only for its intended use (i.e. accent for shutters, stucco for garage door and stucco, trim paint colors for fascia, etc.).

Please use a Form B-1 for any other modification.

When you bring the completed application with attachments to the Community Standards Office, we will review the form and make sure all the required information is submitted, helping to make a successful outcome more likely for your modifications.

This year, the Modifications Committee

will meet in the Andice Room at Cowan Creek on the first and third Thursday of each month (excepting January, in which the meetings will be the second and fourth Thursday). The deadline for application submittal remains the same as before: noon on the Friday prior to the meeting.

When your project is approved, you will receive a permit via email, attached to your approval message as a PDF file. Your permit need only be posted while the work is ongoing. Upon completion of the project, you can dispose of the permit as you wish. The CA staff will inspect your project within roughly six to eight weeks following approval.

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

A message from COPs

By Susanne White

Happy New Year, Sun City – we're here to help keep you safe!

COPs, or Citizens on Patrol, is a large part of the reason Sun City has the lowest crime rate in Georgetown. Our highly visible cars patrol day and night, deterring those with bad intentions and helping to keep residents safe.

COPs started in 1998, when some residents, intending to supplement Neighborhood Watch groups, proposed to the Executive Director a Citizens on Patrol effort. The original heroes (of whom there are too many to name) collaborated with the Georgetown Chief of Police and Training Officers to hash out a plan,

stressing that volunteers were to observe and report without getting involved or being put in harm's way. Over 103 recruits volunteered for the cause!

Del Webb, very concerned about safety and security, made COPs possible. They leased a patrol van, while the very supportive Georgetown Police Department supplied some of the equipment used. As COPs grew, a second van was leased in 2000, followed by the donation of two patrol vehicles by Don Hewlett, providing a significant savings to the Community Association. SCTXCA is still responsible for insurance, fuel, and any damage to the vehicles, but manages to

cover these essentials on a budget of less than \$20,000 per year. Compare this to the estimated \$75,000 or more each year outside patrol services would cost.

Over the years, hundreds of residents have been COPs for some period of time. New members are always needed! If you're a concerned citizen crazy about Sun City, we'd love to welcome you!

You will need:

- Valid driver's license
- Good driving record
- No criminal convictions

You won't have to confront, chase or challenge anyone. You don't have to uphold community standards. You won't have to carry a weapon, personally or in the car. You just might help find a lost person or pet...reward in itself!

COPs volunteer just 4 hours a month in 2-hour shifts. You can drive, staff the office (at home) or maintain cars (gas up, take in for service or to the car wash). Call the office for information: 512-966-1362, Monday–Friday 9:30 a.m.–5 p.m.



IN THE EVENT OF INCLEMENT WEATHER

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

Veteran Burial Benefits

Submitted by J. Paul Comola, CTSVC Outreach Volunteer, 512-819-9953

Are you an honorably discharged veteran from active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces? If so, you and your spouse are likely eligible for this incomparable State of Texas Veterans Cemetery benefit. Internment at the Central Texas State Veterans Cemetery-Killeen is at no cost for the veteran and minimal cost for the spouse. The benefit includes: space, concrete liner (for caskets), opening/closing, headstone, engraving and perpetual care. There are three options for cremated remains: Columbarium Wall; Scattering Garden; and In-ground Internment. Military Honors are arranged through your Funeral Director. Misinformation continues to keep eligible veterans from applying for this benefit, including:

- You must be a Texas resident: **False**
- My spouse cannot be buried there: **False**
- You must be killed in action: **False**
- You must be a disabled or retired veteran: **False**

Unlike the National System, the Texas program allows you

to pre-register. For information, call the CTSVC at 254-616-1770, or call the CTSVC Outreach Volunteer, Sun City Texas resident J. Paul Comola, at 512-819-9953 to arrange an appointment. Paul has all the required forms and will assist you with pre-registration. You will need a copy of your DD214 and marriage certificate. It is highly recommended that you visit the cemetery before completing the paperwork. A visit will help you understand the program and make you proud of this benefit that is available to veterans - a benefit you have earned!

The Central Texas State Veterans Cemetery is located about 13 miles north of Florence on SH 195 (out the Sun City Texas back gate and left on SH 195). All Sun City Texas residents are welcome to visit the cemetery, which is open to the public daily from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.



Veterans Memorial Advisory Group Leadership (VMAG) Transition

Submitted by Chuck Graham, Chairman, VMAG

In early 2002, eight Veterans presented the CA Board of Directors with a plan to build a Veterans Memorial. With the Board's approval, they raised the funds to build the Georgetown-Williamson County Veterans Memorial, officially dedicating it on Memorial Day, 2003. These veterans became the nucleus of the Veterans Memorial Advisory Group (VMAG), a sub-committee of the CA Property and Grounds Committee which oversees our Memorial and conducts the annual Memorial Day and Veterans Day ceremonies. Today, the VMAG has grown to 24 dedicated members, each committed to ensuring our service men and women, veterans, and their families are honored appropriately.

After almost 13 years, leadership of the VMAG is being passed to some younger veterans – some who aren't yet 80 years of age. A transition plan has been approved to reorganize the VMAG and improve its functionality. The change of leadership and the reorganization are effective as of January 1, 2015.

George Celis will serve as the new VMAG Chairman and Pat McCaslin will serve as the new Vice Chairman.



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George Celis, pictured above, will serve as the new VMAG Chairman and Pat McCaslin will serve as the new Vice Chairman. For more photos from the 2014 Veterans Day ceremony, see page 118.

Both George and Pat have considerable VMAG experience and possess the leadership qualities to direct the organization in the future. They replace Chuck Graham and John Wood, who have led VMAG for over a decade. Chuck and John will continue to serve as VMAG

members. The new Secretary will be Mark Hilton, and Richard Mee will be the Treasurer. Other VMAG members will serve as functional team leaders. We welcome these new leaders, who will ensure the Veterans Memorial continues to be a focal point in our community.

2015 HOA and Golf Rates

The 2015 Resident dues in the amount of \$1,090.00 were approved by the Board of Directors on November 20, 2014. Changes to payment options were due on December 15, 2014. Based on your payment elections, listed are the 2015 bank ACH draft amounts. If you have any questions, please contact Learhea Grant at 512-948-7713 or Learhea.Grant@sctexas.org.

The 2015 Golf rates were approved by the Board of Directors on November 20, 2014. ACH Billing option was due December 31, 2014. Items purchased after that date must be paid in full at purchase. If you have any questions, please contact Learhea Grant at 512-948-7713 or Learhea.Grant@sctexas.org.

SUMMARY OF 2015 HOA/LMH DUES & PAYMENT OPTIONS

	Annually	Quarterly ACH Bank Draft	Monthly ACH Bank Draft	Total w/Annual Dues	Total w/Quarterly Dues	Total w/Monthly Dues
HOA Dues	\$ 1,090.00	\$ 272.50	\$ 90.83			
Classic LMH	\$ 2,544.00	\$ 636.00	\$ 212.00	\$ 3,634.00	\$ 908.50	\$ 302.83
Garden 14A	\$ 1,476.00	\$ 369.00	\$ 123.00	\$ 2,566.00	\$ 641.50	\$ 213.83
Garden 24A	\$ 1,380.00	\$ 345.00	\$ 115.00	\$ 2,470.00	\$ 617.50	\$ 205.83
Garden 25	\$ 1,404.00	\$ 351.00	\$ 117.00	\$ 2,494.00	\$ 623.50	\$ 207.83
Garden 30	\$ 1,428.00	\$ 357.00	\$ 119.00	\$ 2,518.00	\$ 629.50	\$ 209.83
Cottage 24B1	\$ 1,020.00	\$ 255.00	\$ 85.00	\$ 2,110.00	\$ 527.50	\$ 175.83
Cottage 24B2	\$ 1,020.00	\$ 255.00	\$ 85.00	\$ 2,110.00	\$ 527.50	\$ 175.83
Cottage 33	\$ 1,044.00	\$ 261.00	\$ 87.00	\$ 2,134.00	\$ 533.50	\$ 177.83

2015 GOLF RATES

	Annually	1/4 ACH Billing	Months Billed
Annual Pass	\$ 3,147.00	\$ 786.75	Feb, March, April
Combo Pass	\$ 4,948.00	\$ 1,237.00	Feb, March, April
100 Rd Punch Card	\$ 3,024.00	\$ 756.00	Feb, March, April
50 Rd Punch Card	\$ 1,807.00	\$ 451.75	Feb, March, April
25 Rd Punch Card	\$ 961.00	\$ 240.25	Feb, March, April

Coyotes in Sun City

Submitted by the Wildlife Committee

Coyotes are a part of Sun City's wildlife. Urban and suburban coyotes, like urban deer, are symptoms of a broader issue resulting from the continued expansion of human housing and developments into what used to be open wildlife habitats. Particularly on the expanding fringes of large metropolitan areas, this trend increases the potential for encounters and conflicts between people and wildlife.

The coyote is a native member of the dog family, weighing an average of 25-40 pounds and standing about 26 inches at the shoulder. Similar in size to a small German Shepherd, the coyote has long, slender legs, a bushy tail with a black tip, and large, triangular ears which are held erect. Coyotes have very acute hearing, and their sense of smell is highly developed. There is no mistaking the yellow eyes and black, round pupils. When moving through their habitat, coyotes typically do the "dog trot" or a gentle lope, but can gallop up to 35 miles per hour if pursued or chasing prey.

The food habits of coyotes are varied. They are omnivorous, and will feed on almost anything which can be eaten, including garbage, carrion, fresh meat



in the form of both wild and domestic animals and insects. Strong swimmers, it is not uncommon for coyotes to prey on frogs, fish, and snakes. Fruits and vegetables are commonly consumed in the autumn and winter months. Although their natural diet consists largely of rabbits, rodents, and carrion, coyotes will prey on poultry and smaller livestock. Urban and suburban coyotes have been known to eat human rubbish, and will catch cats and dogs, though the bulk of the coyote diet in both urban and rural areas is comprised of rodents. Experiments have shown that removal of coyotes results in a dramatic increase in rodent abundance.

As with any warm blooded animal, a coyote's bite carries a risk of rabies.

If you spot a coyote(s), avoid contact at all costs and move slowly out of the area. To be safe, follow these general rules:

1. Maintain pets on a leash at all times, especially when on walks on nature trails. Do not use extension leashes, as these are easily dropped or jerked out of your hand, allowing your dog to get too far ahead of you.
2. If you encounter a coyote while walking a small dog, pick up and carry the dog; this will prevent it from attacking in an effort to protect its owner.
3. Coyotes are attracted to dog food. Do not leave pet food dishes outdoors, as the coyote will eat any food left in the dishes and come to regard your yard as a source of food.
4. Ensure garage doors remain closed and trash containers covered when put out for pickup.
5. Use noise-makers or other scaring devices when coyotes are seen.

Sources: Exploring the Southwest Desert USA, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and Nature Works.

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

Activities with Jenny

Junior Camp 2015! What is Junior Camp? Junior Camp is a four-day camp for grandkids to attend. They get to experience many of the fun activities Sun City Texas has to offer including tennis, pickleball, bocce ball, ceramics, gardening, fishing and swimming. Breakfast and lunch are included. Unfortunately, due to the popularity of the camp, we do not have space for all grandkids to attend. Guidelines for camp participation are as follows: children must be 7 to 11 years of age at time of camp sessions, and their names must be selected on our drawing date (February 27). Our camp is not licensed to accommodate children with special needs. Each household can enter 2 grandkids' names (no duplications – no working the system) for one of the 2 weeks that we hold Junior Camp on campus. Only 160 grandchildren will be selected (80 each session), and you must select the session that you want. Cost for the camp is \$290 per child. For more information, see page 15 of the November 2014 *Sun Rays*.



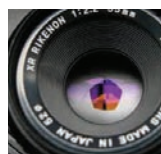
Entry Forms: Entry forms will be available from Friday, January 2 through Thursday, February 26 and will be located next to the drawing box on the Social Center Monitor's Desk at 2 Texas Drive. After completing your form, drop it in the drawing box.

Drawing: Friday, February 27 at 10 a.m. in the Social Center Ballroom (Attendance is not required; email confirmations will be sent.)

Camp Dates: Session 1: June 16 - 19 – 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.
 Session 2: June 23 - 26 – 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Photography Club of Sun City "Magic through the Lens" - NEW!

Monday, January 12 - Thursday, February 26
Reception: Sunday, January 18



Don't miss our Sixth Annual Competition Reception on Sunday, January 18, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Atrium in the Activity Center. This year's theme, "Magic through the Lens," includes eight categories, ranging from Cityscapes/Architecture to Land/Waterscapes. Approximately 110 beautifully framed pieces will be on display, so be sure to allow plenty of time to study them all before casting your ballot for the People's Choice Award. Ample refreshments will be available. This exhibit will run through Thursday, February 26. See you there!

N13 Mardi Gras Parade & Dance

Saturday, January 17
Parade: 10 a.m., Rio Grande Loop, Free!
Dance: 6:30-10 p.m., SCB., \$12.50 pp*



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

*Tickets for the dance are on sale now—contact Pam Helge at 512-863-7644 or pamhelge@yahoo.com to purchase tickets, or mail payment to Pam Helge, 106 Blanco Cove, Georgetown, TX 78633. Note: Tickets will not be sold through the Member Services Office, nor online through the Sun City ticketing system.

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

Sieker Band - Performance

Wednesday, January 21, 7 - 9 p.m., SCB, \$10 pp
Reserved Seating by Tables



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

Door to Door Comedy

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



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

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 Tickets for activities listed for the first time will be available **Friday, January 2, at 8 a.m.**

An Evening with Georgetown Mayor Dale Ross - NEW!

Presented by **Lea Kraus Kadima Chapter of Hadassah**
Wednesday, January 21, 7-9 p.m., CCF/G, \$5, RSVP
 (see below)



How will Georgetown keep its small-town values and manage growth in one of the fastest growing cities in Texas? How will Sun City fit into the equation? Mayor Dale Ross will discuss his vision for Georgetown and take questions from the audience. To RSVP, make checks payable to "Hadassah." Mail to: Laurel Kupperman, 115 Trinity Lane, Georgetown, 78633. Walk-ins welcome if room is available.

Sun City Dulcimers Benefit Concert - NEW!

Sunday, January 25, 3 p.m., The Worship Place, FREE



The Sun City Dulcimers will present their annual benefit concert for The Caring Place Food Bank on Sunday, January 25 at 3 p.m. at The Worship Place, 811 Sun City Blvd. Mark your calendars, folks! They want a full house to support this worthy cause! The Dulcimers are working hard to bring you an enjoyable afternoon of folk music. The concert is free, but please bring cash or non-perishable food items to support The Caring Place.

Movie: *The Book Thief*

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



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

Groundhog Day Sock Hop

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



The Groundhog Day Sock Hop is open to all Sun City residents. Music will be provided by Little Beverly & the Shades, who specialize in '50s and '60s rock-n-roll. Original recorded music will be played, too. '50s attire is optional. Door prizes and lots of fun are in store.

*Tickets will be available for purchase at 301 Monument Hill

Trail in Neighborhood 4 on Tuesday, January 6, from 1 to 4:30 p.m., and on Wednesday, January 7, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Make checks in the amount of \$10 per person payable to "PA Club of Sun City." Table selections are available, with ten seats per table. If you are unable to purchase tickets on sale dates, call Fran Jackson at 512-943-9033.

Movie: *Divergent*

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



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

Chinese Cooking and Lunch with Dorothy Huang - SOLD OUT

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



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

"Best of Follies"

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



This year's "Best of Follies" celebrates the best of 16 years of Sun City Follies. Since 1998, AcTAG has produced an annual community Follies (excepting 2006, due to Ballroom renovations). Looking back at the DVD's of the past Follies, we continue to be amazed at the talent Sun City offers, and we are proud to offer the best of those shows.

Selecting the best numbers from over the years has been a long process involving prior directors, our music, dance, and comedy teams and, finally, the many Sun City residents who auditioned to perform those numbers anew. We believe the result will be a "show of shows," and invite you to celebrate the outcome with us. "Best of Follies" is directed by Linn Ratchliff with Rosemary Byers as the Musical Director.

Indicates CA sponsored event

EVENTS

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 Tickets for activities listed for the first time will be available **Friday, January 2, at 8 a.m.**

○ Junior Camp Drawing

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

If you plan to enter the drawing for your grandchild to attend Junior Camp, mark this date on your calendar. Though you are



not required to be present for your grandchild to “win,” this event will determine this year’s camp participants and wait lists for both sessions. The drawing box will be available at the Monitor’s Desk beginning January 2, 2015. For more information, please see page

15 of November’s *Sun Rays*.

○ Matt Barber - Easy Listening Performance - NEW!

Wednesday, March 11, 7 - 8 p.m., SCB, \$10 pp

Reserved Seating by Tables

Born in Peoria, Illinois, Matt took a deep interest in singing at the age of 10, listening to his father Mark, a radio announcer on



Oldies 101.3 KUUL-FM in Davenport, Iowa. Matt Barber sings easy listening songs from the 1940s -1990s. He travels around the world performing songs reminiscent of Glenn Miller and Tommy Dorsey.

○ Yale’s Society of Orpheus and Bacchus A Cappella Music Performance - NEW!

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

Open Seating, Theater Style



This Ivy League group harmonizes jazz, rock, and a cappella barbershop and they will perform two thirty-minute sets with a 15 minute intermission in between. They have serenaded the sunset on the shores of Aruba and the President’s Chief of Staff at the

White House. Their tight-knit harmonies and unique sense of humor, combined with 76 years of experience, make a delightful performance for all to enjoy.

○ Movie: *Bernie* - NEW!

Wednesday, March 25, 6 p.m., SCB, \$5 pp

Rated PG-13; 104 Minutes, Offbeat Comedy

Reserved Seating by Tables



In small-town Texas, an affable mortician strikes up a friendship with a wealthy widow, though when she starts to become controlling, he goes to great lengths to separate himself from her grasp. Starring: Jack Black, Shirley MacLaine and Matthew McConaughey. Soda and snacks will be provided, feel free to bring your own beverages and snacks.

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

Sun City Acronymns

AC	Activities Center	CCAM	Cowan Creek Amphitheater	CCW	Cowan Creek Walburg Room	SCPL	Social Center Parking Lot
ACA	AC Atrium	CCAN	Cowan Creek Andice Room	CTS	Tennis Courts	SCB	SC Ballroom
ACCR	AC Conference Room	CCAC	Cowan Creek Amenity Center	FC	Fitness Center	TR	Texas Room
AM	American Room	CCF	Cowan Creek Florence Room	FR	French Room	VMP	Veterans Memorial Plaza
GR 1,2,3	AC Game Rooms	CCG	Cowan Creek Georgetown Rm	HC	Horseshoe Courts	VAS	Visual Arts Studio
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BC	Bocce Courts	CCPL	Cowan Creek Parking Lot	LH	Legacy Hills Golf	WS	Wood Shop
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CC	Cowan Creek Golf	CCS	Cowan Creek Salado Room	SC	Social Center		

○ Indicates CA sponsored event

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Tickets for dances listed for the first time will be available Friday, January 2, at 8 a.m.

**Cowboy Nemo Band -
Country Western**

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



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

band including their fiddle player.

**Lonny Lynn Orchestra -
Ballroom Dancing**

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



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

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

**Mike Clifford and the Texas Aces Band
Country Western**

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



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

Valentine's Day Dance

Off the Record - Rock N Roll

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



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

RESERVED SEATING BY TABLES

Selection by table number only

OPEN SEATING

General admission; no advance table or seat selection

Out of the Blue with Andy Thomas

Country Like It Used To Be!

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



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

The Eggmen - 60's Cover Band - NEW!

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



I'm a Believer that you will enjoy John, Tommo, Nigel, Basil, and Davy, collectively known as The Eggmen. The Eggmen not only sound like the Beatles, they dress, speak and perform like the Fab Four as well. The Eggmen play authentic instruments, including amps by Vox; guitars by

Rickenbacker / Gretsch Epiphone / Hofner etc. and drums by Ludwig (vintage mid-sixties). Their Liverpoolian accents and vocal abilities are without equal. The Eggmen have won Best Cover Band ten times from the Austin Chronicle Music Awards. Come out and dance the night away.

Somewhere in Texas- NEW!

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



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

night, dance a little longer."

DANCE ETIQUETTE

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

OUTINGS

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Key to Outings

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


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

- Bus trip over approx. 3 hours
- Overnight stay
- Walking - Expect a walking tour or a large venue
- Walking and steps
- Bus is wheelchair accessible

- Meal provided
- Requires climbing in and out of a boat

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 Laraine Brown. Congratulations, Laraine!! 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.

Alison Balsam - ASO - Long Center - Austin - Dinner on Your Own
Friday, January 9, \$78 pp
Depart SCPL 4 p.m.; Return 11 p.m.



1 Join us for an evening with the Austin Symphony Orchestra, led by conductor Peter Bay. The performance includes Joseph Haydn's *Symphony No. 102 in B-Flat Major*; one of the London symphonies composed by Haydn at age 61. Also on the program is Manuel de Falla's *El Amor Brujo*, or *Bewitched Love*. The work is distinctively Andalusian in character and contains moments of remarkable beauty and originality.

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

Our evening begins at The Domain where you may dine on your

own at a restaurant of your choice. After a leisurely meal, we will go to the Long Center in time for the always informative pre-concert talk with Bob Buckalew.

Ticket cost includes transportation and concert.

Volunteer Trip Leader: Valerie Weis

Marvel Universe Live! - Alamodome - San Antonio

Dinner on Your Own
Sunday, January 25, \$72 pp
Depart SCPL 10:30 a.m.; Return 7:30 p.m.



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

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

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

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

Volunteer Trip Leader: Jerilee Prather

Violinist Karen Gomyo - ASO - Long Center - Austin

Dinner - Zed's Restaurant
Friday, February 6, \$112 pp
Depart SCPL 4 p.m.; Return 11 p.m.
Ticket Purchase Deadline: Sunday, February 1



1 The Austin Symphony Orchestra presents a wonderful evening of music by Dukas, Glazanov, and Sibelious with guest musician, violinist Karen Gomyo. Hailed by the *Chicago Tribune* as "a first-rate artist of real musical command, vitality, brilliance and intensity," Karen began public performances at the age of five. Later she studied

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on a full scholarship at the Juilliard School. She plays on the “Aurora, ex-Foulis” Stradivarius violin that was bought for her exclusive use by a private sponsor.

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

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

Ticket cost includes transportation, dinner, and concert.

Volunteer Trip Leader: Valerie Weis

Rain - Bass Concert Hall - Austin

Dinner on Your Own

Friday, February 6, \$88 pp

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



Before the performance we will travel to The Domain where you may select the restaurant of your choice for dinner on your own. After dinner, we will head to the Bass Concert Hall to see *Rain: A Tribute to the Beatles*. As

the next best thing to seeing the Beatles, Rain performs the full range of the Beatles’ discography, including the most complex and challenging songs that the Beatles themselves recorded in the studio but never performed for an audience. Together longer than the Beatles, Rain has mastered every song, gesture and nuance of the legendary foursome, delivering a totally live, note-for-note performance in this multi-media concert that’s as infectious as it is transporting. From the early hits to later classics, this adoring tribute will take you back to a time when all you needed was love and a little help from your friends.

Ticket cost includes transportation and orchestra seat for performance.

Volunteer Trip Leader: Flo Zydowicz

BJ Thomas - One World Theater - Austin

Sunday, February 8, \$96 pp

Depart SCPL 5:30 p.m.; Return 10 p.m.

Ticket Purchase Deadline: Monday, January 26



Come enjoy an evening of music featuring BJ Thomas. Owing one of the most distinctive voices in American music, BJ has earned five Grammy Awards, 15 platinum and gold records and over 25 Top 40 Hits,

including *Hooked on a Feeling* and the million-selling *Another Done Somebody Wrong Song*. He is most remembered for singing the Academy Award-winning movie theme, *Raindrops Keep*

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Falling on My Head. Thomas straddled the line between pop/rock and country, achieving record breaking success in both genres, steadily building a growing legion of fans in a career that spans more than three decades.

Ticket cost includes transportation and concert.

Volunteer Trip Leader: Flo Zydowicz



SAS Shoe Factory Tour - San Antonio

Lunch at Paloma Blanca

Monday, February 9, \$49 pp

Depart SCPL 9:30 a.m.; Return 6 p.m.



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

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

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

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

Note: Ticket sales limited to 40 passengers.

Ticket cost includes transportation, tour, and lunch.

Volunteer Trip Leader: Bobbi Heuss

UT Symphony Orchestra - Bates

Recital Hall - Austin

Dinner at P. F. Chang's

Monday, February 16, \$47 pp

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



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

Following dinner we will go to the UT Bates Recital Hall to enjoy the amazing talent of the UT Symphony Orchestra with Maestro Gerhardt Zimmerman, Director of Orchestral Activities at UT-

Austin since 2006. The UTSO is a full-sized modern symphony orchestra with 60 to 90 performers, and it ranks among the top three percent of college orchestras. The repertoire for this evening was not announced at the time of this printing but from our past visits, this evening is sure to please all music lovers.

Austin is known as the "Live Music Capital of the World" and this evening will leave no doubt of how fortunate we are to have this exceptional talent so close to Sun City for all to enjoy!

Ticket cost includes transportation, dinner, and concert.

Volunteer Trip Leader: Anita Reed

USS Lexington - Corpus Christi - King Ranch - Kingsville

Friday Lunch at King Ranch

Thursday, February 19 - Friday, February 20

Double Occ \$188 pp

Depart The Oaks Thursday, 7:30 a.m.

Return Friday, 9:30 p.m.

Ticket Purchase Deadline: Thursday, February 5



3     We will travel to Corpus Christi with a rest stop on the way. Once in Corpus Christi, we will tour the USS Lexington Museum on the Bay. Nicknamed *The Blue Ghost* by the Japanese, this aircraft

carrier was reported sunk no less than four times during WWII. Self-guiding tours of the 910-foot floating naval museum involve climbing and steep stairways, so wear comfortable shoes. Aboard the ship is the MEGA Theater which will show the 22-minute movie *Fighter Pilot* for our group at 3 p.m. A coffee shop will have snacks available for purchase.

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

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

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

Volunteer Trip Leader: Flo Zydowicz

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Blue Man Group - Long Center - Austin

Dinner on Your Own

Saturday, February 21, \$90 pp

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



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

and a wildly outrageous experience that leaves the audience in a blissful, euphoric state. This unique theatrical experience is like nothing else.

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

Ticket cost includes transportation and orchestra seating.

Volunteer Trip Leader: Cheryl Jakubowski

Zach Theater - Tour and Play - Austin

Dinner on Your Own

Wednesday, February 25, \$102 pp

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

Ticket Purchase Deadline: Monday, February 2



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

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

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

Then we will go back to Zach's to see *Peter and the Star Catcher*. This is a five-time Tony award-winning play based on the book by Dave Barry and Ridley Pearson. Our outstanding seats in the center orchestra section will give us a great vantage point from which to see twelve actors portraying more than 100 characters. This is the story of a young boy who never grew up – the boy we later know as Peter Pan. Be prepared for ingenious stagecraft, a hallmark of any Zach production, and the limitless possibilities of imagination. What *Wicked* is to *The Wizard of Oz*, *Peter and the Star Catcher* is to *Peter Pan*.

Ticket cost includes transportation, tour, and play.

Volunteer Trip Leader: Bobbi Heuss

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Once – Bass Concert Hall – Austin – NEW!

Dinner on Your Own

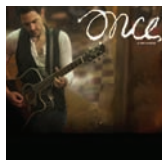
Wednesday, February 25

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

OR

Sunday, March 1, \$90 pp

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



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

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

This romantic performance intertwines the story of personal love and musical dreams. *Once* is a Guy-Meets-Girl story with unlikely partners. Guy is a depressed Irish musician recovering from a break up, and Girl is a precocious Czech pianist in a complicated relationship. Watch these two develop as characters and musicians until the very end of the story. More information is available on the website www.oncemusical.com.

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

Ticket cost includes transportation and orchestra seating.

Volunteer Trip Leaders:

Mary Hoverson (February 25)

Bobbi Heuss (March 1)

Mission San Jose and Spanish Governor's Palace – San Antonio

Lunch on Your Own

Saturday, February 28, \$32 pp

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



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

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

On our quest today, we will explore Mission San Jose - Queen of the Missions; enjoy lunch on your own in El Mercado, the original Market Square; tour The Spanish Governor's Palace, once the seat of Spanish rule in Texas; and visit San Fernando

Cathedral, America's oldest cathedral sanctuary. We will stand in history's footsteps at Military Plaza and learn the story of The Canary Islanders, the first Spanish settlers of San Antonio and The Chili Queens who brewed "soup of the Devil." For added Spanish flavor, we will include tales of Fiesta San Antonio, Battle of the Flowers and stop to see the world's largest Virgin Mary Mosaic. Finally, we will spend a little time strolling through the historical village of La Villita, home to shops and fine Spanish art galleries.

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

Ticket cost includes transportation and entrance fees.

Volunteer Trip Leader: Jerilee Prather

Texas History – San Antonio – NEW!

Mission Concepcion, Briscoe Western Musuem, The Alamo

Lunch on Your Own

Thursday, March 5, \$53 pp

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



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

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

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

We will make a morning coffee stop at Buc-ee's. At 12:30 p.m. enjoy 'lunch on your own' at The River Center Mall, hosting a wide array of restaurants from table service along the river to quick bites in the food court.

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

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

Volunteer Trip Leader: Jerilee Prather

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Tickets for outings listed for the first time will be available Friday, January 2, at 8 a.m.

Esther's Follies - Austin - NEW!

Dinner - Cantina Laredo
 Thursday, March 5, \$72 pp
 Depart SCPL 4:30 p.m.; Return 10:30 p.m.



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

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

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

ASO - Russian Composers - Long Center - Austin - NEW!

Dinner - P. F. Chang's
 Friday, March 6, \$108 pp
 Depart SCPL 4 p.m.; Return 10:30 p.m.



Join us for a wonderful evening as the Austin Symphony Orchestra features some of the greatest Russian composers ever to put notes to paper. Guest performer will be the lovely and extremely talented pianist Olga Kern. The Washington Post commented, "Her electricity at the keyboard is palpable, and though she generates from the

music itself, as it flows through her fingers it takes on fresh voltage that is unmistakably hers."

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

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

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

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

Volunteer Trip Leader: Valerie Weis

John Mellencamp - Bass Concert Hall - Austin - NEW!

Sunday, March 8, \$110 pp
 Depart SCPL 4:30 p.m.; Return 10:30 p.m.
 Ticket Purchase Deadline: Monday, February 23



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

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

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

Volunteer Trip Leader: Flo Zydowicz

OUTINGS

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Cajun Country Tour - Lafayette, LA - NEW!

Monday, March 9 - Saturday, March 14

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

Depart The Oaks Monday 8 a.m.;

Return Saturday 5 p.m.

Ticket purchase deadline: Friday, February 20

See online calendar for more detail.



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

homes and swamps.

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

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

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

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

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

Saturday: Back to Sun City

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

Volunteer Trip Leader: *Judy Schlobohm*


Texas History - Gonzales - NEW!

Lunch -Which Wich Box Lunch

Wednesday, March 18, \$53 pp

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



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

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

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

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

Ticket cost includes transportation, tours, and lunch.

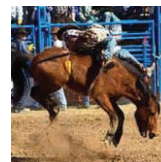
Volunteer Trip Leader: *Jerilee Prather*


Star of Texas Rodeo and Concert - Travis County Expo Center - Austin - NEW!

Lunch on Your Own

Sunday, March 22, \$55 pp

Depart SCPL 12:30 p.m.; Return 8 p.m.



 Hold onto your hats for a wild ride! After time on the midway, spend the afternoon enjoying the fourth largest indoor rodeo in the world. Watch bronco busting, roping, barrel racing, steer wrestling, and

those brave rodeo clowns. This is a ProRodeo All Star Series event so plan on watching some of the top performers in the world enjoying the official sport of Texas.

After the rodeo we will enjoy a concert sure to delight us all. At the time of this publication the artists have not yet been announced.

Lunch is on your own at the midway before the rodeo begins at 3 p.m. Refreshments will also be available during the event. If you have never had the chance to saddle up, jump on board, Partner.

Ticket cost includes transportation and admission to the fair, rodeo and concert.

Volunteer Trip Leader: *Cheryl Jakubowski*

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Dallas Blooms – Arboretum – Dallas - NEW!

Lunch – DeGoyler Restaurant

Monday, March 23, \$70 pp

Depart SCPL 7:45 a.m.; Return 6:30 p.m.



View one of the most spectacular floral displays in the country featuring over 500,000 blooms. An amazing tribute to spring, the Arboretum greets us with a collection of tulips, daffodils, pansies,

azaleas, thousands of other flowers, and cherry blossom trees.

We begin with lunch at the 21,000 square foot DeGoyler home built in 1940. The back of the home overlooks White Rock Lake and the tiered fountains of the Woman’s Garden, a popular wedding venue. Our luncheon features a salad trio – fresh fruit, chicken, and spinach salads with coffee or iced tea. Dessert is Kentucky Chocolate Cake. No menu changes.

After lunch you will have two hours to stroll the grounds and tour the DeGoyler home. You will be walking over uneven and gravel paths so wear appropriate shoes. This trip will go rain or shine. We will make rest stops going and returning at Slovacek’s Bakery and Deli in West.

Ticket cost includes transportation, entrance fee and lunch.

Volunteer Trip Leader: *Ellen Mire*

Jersey Boys – Bass Concert Hall – Austin - NEW!

Dinner – Pappadeaux Seafood Kitchen

Wednesday, March 25, \$122 pp

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



Jersey Boys is returning to Austin and we plan to make this a night to remember! Bet you will return home singing “Oh What a Night!”

First we will dine at Pappadeaux Seafood Kitchen with their famous salad served shortly after we arrive. When you purchase your tickets, select one of the following entrees: Ginger Salmon, a char-grilled fillet; Pan Grilled Tilapia, topped with toasted hazelnuts; Mixed Seafood Grill, a skewer of assorted char-grilled seafood, served with dirty rice; or Rosemary Chicken, a new selection receiving rave reviews. Dessert selections are vanilla cheesecake with fresh strawberries or chocolate cake. Coffee, tea, tax and gratuities are included. After dinner, we will go directly to the Bass Concert Hall to enjoy the record-breaking musical hit with orchestra level seating (Rows G – Q). *Jersey Boys* is a story about Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons. Discover how four blue-collar kids became one of the greatest success stories in pop music history. They wrote their own songs, invented their own sounds and sold 175 million records worldwide – all before they were 30! This

evening features hit songs, “Sherry,” “Big Girls Don’t Cry,” “Rag Doll,” “Oh What a Night,” and “Can’t Take My Eyes Off of You.”

Ticket includes transportation, dinner and orchestra seating.

Volunteer Trip Leader: *Anita Reed*

Historic City Tour – Mason, TX - NEW!

Lunch - Willow Creek Cafe

Thursday, March 26, \$52 pp

Depart SCPL 8 a.m.; Return 5:30 p.m.



Mason, known as the “Gem of the Hill Country,” is the only place in Texas where you can find our state stone, the blue Texas Topaz. Our tour begins at the Mason Square

Museum, full of artifacts and history and includes the largest topaz in North America, discovered right in Mason. Next we go to the top of the hill to scope out Fort Mason. A local docent will share its history, including that this was Robert E. Lee’s last post before joining the Confederate Army.

For lunch it is home cookin’ on the square at Willow Creek Café. Menu (no changes): grilled chicken, green beans and homemade yeast rolls; peach cobbler for dessert. Then we are off to Country Collectibles, where you can purchase a Texas Topaz or shop for other items.

Our tour ends with a wine tasting at Sandstone Cellars Winery – three red wines, a dessert wine and a port, or feel free to purchase a drink of your choice. Weather permitting, we will sit outdoors on their patio. On our travels we should be able to see bluebonnets.

Ticket cost includes transportation, entrance fees, lunch and wine tasting.

Volunteer Trip Leader: *Ellen Mire*

Houston – Ridiculous to Sublime! – Two Night Overnight - NEW!

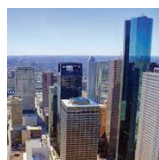
Thursday, March 26 – Saturday, March 28

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

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

Ticket Purchase Deadline: Friday, February 27

(limited to 40 passengers)



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

Thursday: Lunch stop at Chappell Hill BBQ (included) in Brenham for your choice of meat and sides. Then we visit Bayou Bend, the enchanting home and gardens of Ima Hogg. This is a lovely house boasting Texas history within its walls. Then it is the opposite extreme as we see the outside of a house totally covered in beer cans! Finally we will go to a huge Asian market where you can experience a grocery that sells

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things you may have never seen before. Dried squid, anyone? Our hotel for two nights is the Memorial City Westin Hotel. Connected to a large shopping center via a sky walk, you will have your choice of restaurants for dinner on your own – everything from fast food to upscale dining.

Friday: After breakfast at the hotel (included), we head to the National Museum of Funeral History, which contains a fascinating collection of funeral objects, including old hearses. At our next stop, half of our group will go to lunch at Treebeards Restaurant, located within a church. Meanwhile, the other half will enjoy a docent-led trip to underground Houston, a tunnel system running for miles under the city and housing businesses and restaurants. An elevator ride to the top of the tallest building in the city will provide a panoramic view of Houston. We will switch venues so that both groups get to eat and tour the underground. Afterwards, we will return to the hotel, where you may choose to go to Town and Country mall or to a restaurant near the hotel for dinner on your own.

Saturday: After hotel breakfast (included) we will go to the Houston Museum of Natural Science. This building, which was doubled in size in 2012, has some of the most amazing permanent collections in the world. It will be a glorious finale to our trip, because following this we will head home to Sun City! Ticket cost includes transportation, hotel, tour admissions, 2 breakfasts, and 1 lunch.

Volunteer Trip Leader: Bobbi Heuss

Jersey Boys – Bass Concert Hall – Austin - NEW!

Dinner - Carmelo's Italian Restaurant

Sunday, March 29, \$125 pp

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



1 Live like a Jersey Boy or Jersey Girl for the evening! First, enjoy dinner at Carmelo's Italian Restaurant in downtown Austin. Dinner will consist of a traditional Italian combination platter, salad, tea or coffee, and dessert.

After dinner we will go to Bass Concert Hall for the award-winning *Jersey Boys* musical. Go behind the music and inside the story of Frankie Valli and The Four Seasons in the Tony Award®-winning true-life musical phenomenon, *Jersey Boys*. From the streets of New Jersey to the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, this is the musical that's just too good to be true. Reminisce over songs like "Sherry," "Walk Like a Man," "Big Girls Don't Cry," and more.

Ticket cost includes transportation, dinner and orchestra seating.

Volunteer Trip Leader: Cheryl Jakubowski

ERCOT Tour and Lecture - Taylor - NEW!

Lunch - Louie Mueller Barbecue

Monday, March 30, \$35 pp

Depart SCPL 7:45 a.m.; Return 4 p.m.

Ticket Purchase Deadline: Wednesday, March 11



1 Where does our electricity come from and who manages the flow? ERCOT, the Electric Reliability Council of Texas controls the flow of electric power throughout Texas.

In a behind-the-scenes tour and an hour and a half lecture, we will learn what happens when they "throw the switch" from the nuclear power plant to our home. Because this is a very secure facility, we must arrive early for our 10 a.m. tour to go through security and get our badges. Patience needed!

Important Notes: (1) Due to security issues, no ticket resales or exchanges are allowed for this outing. (2) At time of purchase, you must provide the following information: Name as shown on DL, DL#, State, Date of Birth, and Expiration Date. No passports – only Driver Licenses accepted. (3) No cameras or cell phone photos allowed.

After the tour, it is on to Louie Mueller Barbecue for our lunch of brisket, cole slaw and potato salad with the trimmings. Then we will take a behind-the-scenes driving tour of Taylor, noting the town's important landmarks and gorgeous homes.

Ticket cost includes transportation, tour and lunch.

Volunteer Trip Leader: Ellen Mire

Fredericksburg, and Wild Seed Farm - NEW!

Lunch on Your Own

Tuesday, March 31, \$25 pp

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



2 Gardeners, shoppers and history buffs will find something of interest on this trip! Our first stop is Wild Seed Farms for a leisurely tour of the grounds.

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

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

Ticket cost includes transportation only.

Volunteer Trip Leader: Cheryl Jakubowski

JANUARY PROGRAMS

Sit-n-Fit (pre-recorded)

Tuesdays / 10 a.m. & 3 p.m.
 Fridays & Saturdays
 10 a.m. & 2 p.m.
 *See page 27 for live classes.

News & Views

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

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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
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JANUARY PROGRAM SCHEDULE

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

JANUARY FOCUS: What's New?

JANUARY 5 - 10

Meet three new clubs in Sun City!

JANUARY 12 - 17

Get to know the new interest groups (and there are a lot of them!).

JANUARY 19 - 24

Hear from the GriefShare program. Also, the ACTAG 2015 Follies are coming soon!

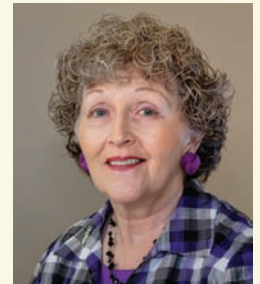
JANUARY 26 - 31

Our spotlight shines on the members of the Expansion Task Force.

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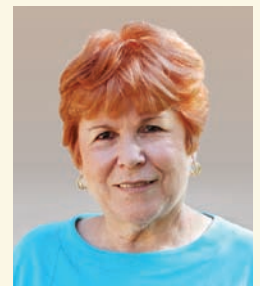


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Hours of Operation

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 Time

For Kids Ages 4-15 years

OCTOBER - MARCH

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

Indoor Pool

Children's Age Restrictions

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

Mr. Etiquette



"The water bottle
compartments on
the cross trainers and
treadmills seem to
be collecting strange

leftovers. If you wipe these out as you
depart, you would be greatly admired."
Remember, Mr. Etiquette is watching.



Fitness Center Holiday Schedule

Monday, December 31 - New Year's Eve - Fitness Center closed at 3 p.m.

Tuesday, January 1 - New Year's Day - Fitness Center closed all day.

Fitness Lecture

Spine Health: Back to the Basics

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

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

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

Topics:

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



Coming Wednesday, January 28, 9:30 a.m., SCB

**Lighten up for Life,
Weight Management Program!**

Lose Weight! Feel Great!

Program cost: \$119

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

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

INFORMATION SESSION

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

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

Bill Soula

After
Lost 40 lbs.



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

Power Cycle 6:30 a.m. - Marnie
Beginner Yoga 8 a.m. - Kristen
Cycle Express 9:15 a.m. - Victoria
Slim Down Aqua 9:30 a.m. - Ann
Step-n-Sculpt 10:30 a.m. - Leslie
Fun/Fit Aqua 10:30 a.m. - Donna
Beginner Pilates 11:45 a.m. - Anna
Coached Lap 11:45 a.m. - Donna
30-Minute Cycle 1 p.m. - Whitney
Senior Boot Camp 2 p.m. - Leslie
Basic Step 3:15 p.m. - Leslie
Beginner Strength 4:45 p.m. - Don

Cycle Express 6:30 a.m. - Jan
Power Pilates 8 a.m. - Marnie
Aqua Fit 8:45 a.m. - Leslie
Pilates 9 a.m. - Marnie
Step Express 10 a.m. - Leslie
Aqua Motivation 10:30 a.m. - Pat
Cycle-n-Sculpt 11 a.m. - Leslie
Chair Yoga 12:15 p.m. - Jenny
30 Min. Workout 1:30 p.m. - Donna
Strength & Stretch 2:15 p.m. - Jan
Meditation Breath 3:30 p.m. - Jenny
Slim Down Series 4:45 p.m. - Beth W.
Senior Boot Camp 5:45 p.m. - Leslie
Aqua Boot Camp 5:45 p.m. - Beth W.

Power Cycle 6:30 a.m. - Marnie
Beginner Yoga 8 a.m. - Kristen
Cycle Express 9:15 a.m. - Victoria
Slim Down Aqua 9:30 a.m. - Ann
Step-n-Sculpt 10:30 a.m. - Leslie
Fun/Fit Aqua 10:30 a.m. - Donna
Beginner Pilates 11:45 a.m. - Anna
Coached Lap 11:45 a.m. - Donna
30-Minute Cycle 1 p.m. - Whitney
Senior Boot Camp 2 p.m. - Leslie
Basic Step 3:15 p.m. - Leslie
Beginner Cycle 4:45 p.m. - Don
Beginner Yoga 5:45 p.m. - Anna

Cycle Express 6:30 a.m. - Jan
Power Pilates 8 a.m. - Marnie
Aqua Fit 8:45 a.m. - Leslie
Pilates 9 a.m. - Marnie
Step Express 10 a.m. - Leslie
Aqua Motivation 10:30 a.m. - Pat
Cycle-n-Sculpt 11 a.m. - Leslie
Chair Pilates 12:15 p.m. - Jenny
30 Min. Workout 1:30 p.m. - Donna
Strength & Stretch 2:15 p.m. - Jan
All Levels Yoga 3:30 p.m. - Jenny
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Beginner Strength 12:45 a.m. - Don
Balance & Strength 2 p.m. - Donna

Cycling 9 a.m. - Leslie
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COWAN CREEK
GROUP FITNESS CLASS CHANGES NEW CLASSES Step Express T, TH, 10 a.m. Beginner Pilates F, 11:45 a.m. CLASS CANCELLATION Cycle Express T, TH, 10 a.m.

JANUARY FITNESS CALENDAR

TEXAS DRIVE

GROUP FITNESS CLASS CHANGES
NEW CLASS
Low Impact Aerobics
T, TH, 9:15 a.m.
CLASS CANCELLATION
Cardio Step
T, TH, 9:15 a.m.

COWAN CREEK

GROUP FITNESS CLASS CHANGES
NEW CLASSES
Step Express
T, TH, 10 a.m.
Beginner Pilates
F, 11:45 a.m.
CLASS CANCELLATION
Cycle Express
T, TH, 10 a.m.

January Class Series – Sign Up Now

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

Abs and Back Series

Wednesdays, 1-1:30 p.m. • CC
4 classes for \$12, January 7-28

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

All Levels Yoga Series

Thursdays, 3:30-4:30 p.m. • CC
4 classes for \$12, January 8-29

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

Aqua Boot Camp Series

Tuesdays & Thursdays,
5:45-6:30 p.m. • CC
8 classes for \$24, January 6-29

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

Aqua for Balance Series

Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays
12:30-1:30 p.m. • TD
13 classes for \$39, January 2-30

OR

Tuesday & Thursday, 3:30-4:15 p.m. • TD
8 classes for \$24, January 6-29

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

Balance & Strength Training Series

Fridays, 2-2:45 p.m. • CC
5 classes for \$15, January 2-30

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

Beginner Cycling Series

Wednesdays, 4:45-5:30 p.m. • CC
4 classes for \$12, January 7-28

A 45-minute indoor cycling class that teaches the basic set-up, technique

and form during a great indoor cycling workout. Series taught by Don.

Beginner Strength Series

Mondays, 4:45-5:30 p.m. • CC
4 classes for \$12, January 5-26

OR

Fridays, 12:45-1:30 p.m. • CC
5 session series for \$15, January 2-30

This 45-minute class will teach the basics of strength training and weight-lifting including core strength, improved posture, muscular strength and flexibility. Series led by Don.

Beginner Yoga Series

Wednesdays, 5:45-6:45 p.m. • CC
4 classes for \$16, January 7-28

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, January 6-27

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

Chair Pilates Series

Thursdays, 12:15-1 p.m. • CC
4 classes for \$12, January 8-29

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

Chair Yoga Series

Tuesdays, 12:15-1 p.m. • CC
4 classes for \$12, January 6-27

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

Circuit Training Series

Tuesdays & Thursdays, 3:15-4 p.m. • TD
8 classes for \$24, January 6-29

Crunched for time, but want to lose inches

SERIES CLASS KEY

TD – Texas Drive Fitness Center

CC – Cowan Creek Fitness Center

and burn fat? Circuit training works the entire body, using dumbbells, a medicine ball, and your own body weight. This high-intensity, low impact workout is good for both beginners and seasoned athletes. Series taught by Donna.

Coached Lap Swim Series

Mondays & Wednesdays
11:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m. • CC
8 classes for \$24, January 5-28

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

Effortless Posture Series

Mondays, 4:45 - 5:45 p.m. • TD
4 classes for \$28, January 5-26

This class will help you 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®.

Intermediate Zumba Series

Tuesdays, 2-2:50 p.m. • TD
4 classes for \$12, January 6-27

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

Meditation, Breath & Movement Series

Tuesdays, 3:30-4:30 p.m. • CC
4 classes for \$12, January 6-27

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

Parkinson's In the Pool

Tuesday and Thursday,
2:30-3:15 p.m. • TD
8 classes for \$24, January 6-29

Specialty aquatic exercise for those with Parkinson's Disease and their caregivers. Improve strength, endurance, function, mobility and have fun. Series class taught by Julie O'Connor. For more information

please call 512-630-6203. Class size limited to 15.

Pilates for Men Series - Beginner

Tuesdays, 5:45-6:45 p.m. • TD
4 classes for \$12, January 6-27

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, January 8-29

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

Senior Boot Camp Series

Tuesdays & Thursdays,
5:45-6:45 p.m. • CC
8 classes for \$24, January 6-29

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

Sleep Better Series

Mondays, 6-7 p.m. • TD
4 classes for \$28, January 5-26

Sleep better, wake up refreshed and reduce stress and anxiety. This insomnia solution, inspired from the Feldenkrais Method®, and relaxation techniques are led by Marika Hicks. Participants should be able to get on and off the ground.

Slim Down Series

Tuesdays & Thursdays,
4:45-5:30 p.m. • CC
8 classes for \$24, January 6-29

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

Stretching 101 Series

Fridays, 1-1:45 p.m. • TD
5 classes for only \$15, January 2-30

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

Tai Chi - All Levels

Wednesdays, 7:15-8:15 p.m. • TD
8 classes for \$40, Jan. 7 - Feb. 25

This fun class will review, refine and clarify many of the Yang 24 Form postures and explore new practice techniques. Series taught by Larry.

Thirty Minute Cycle

Mondays and Wednesdays
1-1:30 p.m. • CC
8 classes for \$24, January 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 Whitney.

Yoga for Joint Mobility

Thursdays, 4:30-5:30 p.m. • TD
4 classes for \$16, January 8-29

A yoga class designed to gently loosen the joints in the feet, ankles, knees, hips, torso, spine, and neck. Class will explore joint-freeing yoga exercises and relaxation. Series taught by Amanda.

Zumba Combo

Saturdays, Noon-12:45 p.m. • TD
5 classes for \$15, January 3-31

A Latin-based dance class which allows you to dance yourself into cardiovascular fitness and helps develop a strong core. This class also includes some sculpting. Series taught by Taryn.

Zumba Toning Series

Thursdays, 2-2:50 p.m. • TD
4 classes for \$12, January 8-29

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

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

Group Fitness Tutorial

Monday, January 12, 10 a.m.,
Cowan Creek

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

Meet Your Group Fitness Instructor and Personal Trainer - Allison Worley

Allison has worked as a personal trainer and group fitness instructor since 2000. She focuses her skills and education on helping clients exercise to be strong for the demands of their daily lives. Allison believes that becoming fitter and healthier has a positive impact on every area of our lives and teaches us a lot about reaching our true potential.



Allison loves playing sports, including softball. She is passionate about travel and has lived, worked and vacationed around the world. She and her husband Herb enjoy time together and own a cat named Willow.

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Certifications:

- Certified Personal Trainer, National Academy Sports Medicine
- Senior Fitness Specialist
- Corrective Exercise Specialist Golf
- Fitness Specialist Stott Pilates Instructor AFAA
- Group Fitness Instructor, Spinning Instructor

Personal Training Tutorial

Monday, January 12, 9 a.m.,
Cowan Creek

John Rutan, Sun City Texas personal training coordinator, will answer your questions about personal training. Join us to learn more information about our personal training sessions and the trainers.

January Group Fitness All Access Pass

Unlimited Group Fitness Classes for only \$55!

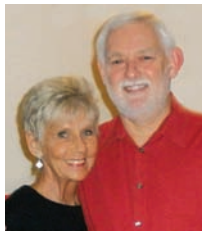
Purchase your January All Access Pass and join us for any class all month. This great deal is good for any of the 100-plus classes on our group fitness schedule each week, with the exception of series classes. Only \$55. Expires 1/31/15. Nontransferable. No refunds.

Winter Dance Lessons for 2015

January 7, 14, 21, 28 and February 4, 11

Lessons will be each Wednesday for 6 weeks at both beginner and intermediate levels in the Texas Drive Fitness Center. New patterns...new steps...lots of fun! Only \$42 per person for each session! Sign up at the Fitness Center Front Desk.

5-6 p.m. CW 2-Step | 6-7 p.m. CW Fox Trot



FREE Equipment Demonstrations

Join a certified personal trainer for an inside look at a piece of fitness equipment, including proper set-up and how to use it most effectively.

January 14, 2 p.m. | Texas Drive | Leg Extension

January 28, 2 p.m. | Cowan Creek | Leg Curl

Meet Your
Personal Trainer
Don Elgin



Certifications

Cooper Institute:

- Physical Fitness Specialist (personal trainer)
- Special Populations
- Fitness Specialist for Older Adults
- Biomechanics of Resistance Training

American Heart Association:

- Adult CPR/AED
- Child CPR/AED

**For an appointment with Don
call 512-948-7751**

Athlete of the Month *By Lynda Dufour*

In 1918, Babe Ruth's Boston Red Sox beat the Chicago Cubs in a World Series highlighted by the first-ever playing of the Star Spangled Banner during a professional sporting event. The band's performance during that first seventh inning stretch rallied Americans, weary of World War I and the Spanish flu pandemic. That same year, entertainment news covered the first marriage of silent film star Charlie Chaplin, politicians debated women's suffrage, and our Athlete of the Month was born on January 8 in Des Moines, Iowa.

Those who do the math know that makes Stuart Foulke 97 years old this month. It's a number that's hard to fathom when you watch Stuart – spry and always smiling – easily push 50 pounds on the seated leg press, or 25 pounds on the tricep extension machine, doing two sets of 12 repetitions on both at the Sun City Texas Cowan Creek Fitness Center.

"I inherited good genes from my parents," says a modest Stuart, the youngest of 10 children. "But first and foremost," he adds, "my relationship with my Lord Jesus Christ has given me a positive outlook on life."

Stuart served with the Army Air Corp for several years before graduating first in his class from the University of Iowa School of Dentistry in 1951. He started playing tennis at age 15 and golf at age 28. Coupled with a busy lifestyle, those two sporting activities kept him in shape for many years after he retired in 1996. According to his wife, Betty, that's when his activity slowed and his energy level began to decline. "You could just see him not having any energy," says Betty. "It was just too easy for him to sit in the chair and watch Fox News."

With Betty's encouragement, Stuart began working with personal trainer Don Elgin following the couple's move to Sun City Texas in the spring of 2014. Stuart continues to train three days each week under Don's supervision. A typical session begins with cardio warm-up on the Nu-Step machine, followed by upper, mid- and lower-body strength training. Each



Stuart Foulke
Personal Trainer: Don Elgin

session ends with stretching on the slant board. "Stuart has a great attitude," says Don. "He is a true gentleman with a quick wit and a great sense of humor. Stuart demonstrates that it's never too late to improve a person's physical fitness. At his age, he is an inspiration to us all."



Beginner Pilates

By Mike Gullickson

PHOTOS BY SHERRY MCRAE



Instructor Anna Easterling has a mellow voice which invites you to perform the exercises at your own pace and at ability level. She's not some shouting drill instructor, so you will come out feeling refreshed and fulfilled (instead of paranoid and alarmed).

Anna was trained in teaching Pilates through a five-year program led by certified instructors. In addition to Pilates, she is a trained yoga instructor and recently has begun teaching aqua aerobics as well. Her upbeat and welcoming demeanor makes you glad you joined the Pilates class.

Pilates, Anna told me, is a combination of breathing exercises intended to develop concentration, control, alignment, precision, and relaxation. Combined, these elements help in the development, strengthening and stability of the body's "core muscles;" then, that centered connection radiates vitality throughout the body. The class is also aimed at improving your flexibility. I'm presently about as flexible as a steel girder, so the class should do wonders for me.

When participating in this class, be absolutely sure to give yourself lots of space! Though there's not much equipment involved in Pilates, there's plenty of movement. If you don't want to take a

foot to the head, be sure to be thoughtful about where you put your mat.

I got a kick out of this class, the way it was presented, the benefits it provided. Odds are you will, too, so give Beginner Pilates a try! The class meets on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at Cowan Creek, from 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. You will need to purchase tickets, which you can do at the the monitor's desk in either fitness center.

For those of us who could use a good stretch, this is the class to attend. This course will also help to enhance your balance, and as I can't even balance my checkbook, I figured I should get myself to a Pilates class sooner rather than later. After spending a day as an observant, I can tell you that I plan to take it (so if you see me there, please don't laugh when I'm floundering on the mats like a whale on a sandy beach).

Beginner Pilates

**Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays
11:45 a.m. with Anna**

Cowan Creek Fitness Center

Join Beginner Pilates to strengthen your "core muscles" and improve your flexibility.

Questions?

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



About Bevo

By Sandy Nielsen

Bevo XIII and XIV come from a ranch northwest of Austin. The owners prefer that they and their ranch remain unidentified in order to preserve Bevo's privacy. This photograph of Bevo XIII (left) and XIV graces the wall above the fireplace in the owners' home.

In a state that treasures its longhorns and “Hook'em!” is an instantly recognizable phrase (and hand sign), to discover that the University of Texas (UT) mascot was once a pit bull mix named Pig is nothing short of astonishing. “Sic'em, Pig!” just doesn't raise the adrenaline, does it?

But, that was a long time ago. It's been 98 years and 14 Bevo incarnations since the longhorn took his rightful place at sports events, pep rallies, bowl games and Presidential inaugurations as the quintessential embodiment of Texas pride, determination, resilience, and independence.

And, like any love affair, there have been occasional moments of high drama, like the time Bevo II charged an SMU cheerleader who had to defend himself with his megaphone, or when Bevo III escaped his enclosure and spent the next

two days running amok across campus. There was the time Bevo V broke loose and scattered the Baylor band, and the Cotton Bowl incident in which Bevo XIII missed the game after breaking away from his handlers and heading for greener pastures. His spur-of-the-moment stand-in was on the grey side, and fans commented how much “Bevo” had aged since the previous week.

The last two Bevos have come from a ranch northwest of Austin, where XIV currently lounges when he is not otherwise scheduled to whip up Texas pride and UT fan support. In 2004, XIV assumed UT mascot duties at only two years of age. In one of his first official functions, the young Bevo headed to Washington, D.C. in January 2005 for the inauguration of President George W. Bush. Closer to six feet than five feet tall and a hefty one ton in weight, he cuts

an imposing figure (Bevo that is). Members of the Silver Spurs, UT's student handler organization, hold long leads to his halter, keeping well out of reach of a casual toss of the horns (which measure 78 inches, tip to tip).

Bevo's owners say proudly that neither XIII nor XIV has ever been drugged in order to stand calmly at the sidelines during a UT game, though the owner is always at hand in case of emergency. This policy was instituted after Bevo took exception to some fireworks which had not been discussed previously with the handlers or owners (not good to upset a behemoth with REALLY long horns). Both Bevos were bred for docility and have been handled by humans since they were babies. They even earned national championship status in the show ring before their careers took a celebrity turn. Even now, the owners know that they

Beloved though Bevo may be, he's not the only beast on the sidelines. Here's the story behind four other living mascot legends. ~ *Compiled by Jaime Calder*

REVEILLE

Texas A&M University – College Station, Texas



If kids revered their parents the way A&M does Reveille, we'd be living in a very different world. During World War II, Reveille was granted the honorary title of Cadet General, making her the highest-ranking member of the Corps of Cadets. She has her own wardrobe (daily and formal), towels, bedding, and a blanket emblazoned with five diamonds. The only non-service animal allowed in campus buildings, students are dismissed whenever

Reveille barks in a class. In September 2014, Cadet Ryan Kreider stepped in front of a sprinting SMU wide receiver – something not typically done by people not actually playing football – in order to protect the napping mascot.

Photo: Creative Commons, P. Boyd

JUDGE JOY & JUDGE LADY

Baylor University – Waco, Texas



Baylor began competing in intercollegiate sports as early as the 1890s, though a mascot was not selected until 1914, when bears beat out contenders such as the Baylor Ferrets and the Baylor Bookworms. Baylor's first live bear was provided in 1918 as a parting gift from the 107th Engineers, stationed at Camp MacArthur (with, apparently, bears). Against all common sense, students (particularly Aggies) have made multiple efforts to feed,

free, and even kidnap Baylor's bear, including one incident in which two A&M students, in an attempted abduction, watched helplessly as their enraged captive tore apart their vehicle from the inside out. Lesson learned: don't steal bears.

Photo: The Texas Collection at Baylor University

PERUNA

Southern Methodist University – Dallas, Texas



Named for a Prohibition Era medicinal with a curiously high ABV, Peruna the Shetland pony may seem out of place at the helm of the SMU Mustangs. But, like his namesake, there's more to Peruna than what meets the eye. To the delight of SMU fans everywhere, Peruna remains unapologetic for the following: knocking Bevo to the ground; subjecting Texas Tech's horse, Misty, to his untoward attentions; "fertilizing" TCU's newly

branded field turf, and perhaps most notably, kicking the Fordham ram in the head, killing it instantly. *Photo: SMU Rotunda Yearbook, 1933*

RALPHIE

University of Colorado – Boulder, Colorado



You might not expect the role of a mascot named "Ralphie" to always be filled by a female. But then, you wouldn't expect an institution with such pride in its physics program would hand some sophomores a fully grown buffalo. A regular at games since 1966, the handling of 1,300 lb Ralphie has been a learning process, with valuable lessons including the level of damage a charging buffalo can do to an infield, how many votes it takes to crown a

buffalo Homecoming Queen, and how far a CU co-ed can fly. *Photo: Colorado Buffalo Athletics*

can pet and caress XIV without risk of upset on his part (though the part-time journalist maintained a comfortable distance).

As popular as longhorns are now, it was only 125 years or so ago that they were at greater risk for extinction than the buffalo. The product of natural crosses between wild cattle left by the Spanish and settlers' free-range domestic cattle, longhorns became known for their ability to survive on minimal and varied vegetation, their easy calving, for their adaptability and longevity, and for their resistance to many diseases and parasites. Returning Civil War veterans found millions of them roaming the plains of Texas, and between 1866 and 1895, trailed about ten million of them to markets to feed hungry people in the North.

Fencing of the open ranges and the importation of other beef breeds in the late 1800s did to longhorns what the prairies of Texas couldn't do - virtually wiped out the breed. In an effort to save the longhorns, the Federal Government took action in 1927, appropriating \$3,000 to finance a 5,000-mile round-up of the remaining twenty-three longhorns in the southern Texas/northern Mexico area. Later, other private parties began building herds as well, and the Texas icon was preserved.

Unlike other cattle, longhorns come in a variety of colors and patterns, and their meat is very lean - some research claims longhorn steaks contain less cholesterol than skinless chicken breasts. Not that Bevo XIV is worried about appearing on a dinner table – from his calm demeanor amidst the accolades and hoopla, it's clear he was born to be a star.

January Tips for a Beautiful Water Wise Landscape

By Winola VanArtsdalen

Begin 2015 knowing you can have a lush, beautiful green landscape that is drought tolerant. Whether you are new to our area or have enjoyed lovely Sun City for years, you can find intriguing design ideas simply by driving around and studying the beautiful community and individual landscapes. Find what fits your needs, lifts your mood, and makes you feel comfortable! The help you need to realize your goals is readily available in each step to success in water wise landscaping.

Plan: Water wise, drought tolerant landscaping begins with a plan. The research-proven techniques best suited for our area that preserve and protect our environment can be found in the Earth-Kind program at the Texas A&M University Horticulture Earth-Kind website (<http://aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu/earthkind/files/2010/10/design.pdf>). Also, be sure to check our Sun City Design Guidelines; to locate them, please go to www.sctxca.org and log on with your Member ID and password. Choose "Site Index" at the top of the menu, then, under "D", choose Design Guidelines for the most recent version.

Soil Amendment: This process is the essential first step to water efficient, beautiful landscaping. Soil with organic content in it will not only nourish the plant but allow for drainage, aeration, and better moisture retention. Begin with a soil test which will tell you any specific amendments needed, then include four to six inches (or one-third total) organics (compost). See my November 2014 Sun Rays article for additional details.

For information on soil tests, how to submit a soil sample and meaning of the results, go to http://publications.tamu.edu/SOIL_CONSERVATION_

NUTRIENTS/E-534.pdf. If you decide to have your soil tested, go to soiltesting.tamu.edu and click "Our Submittal Forms," then, "Urban Soil Submittal Form."

Plant Choice: Native/adapted plants are adapted to our changing climate. These monthly *Sun Rays* articles recommend plants, but the greatest help available is the notebook produced by the Sun City Garden Club, "What Grows Here," available at the Monitor's Desk at both Texas Drive and Cowan Creek Centers. The Grow Green book, "Native and Adapted Landscape Plants of Central Texas," by Texas AgriLIFE Extension and City of Austin, is available for purchase from the Member Services Office at 2 Texas Drive.

On-the-spot help for choosing plants will be available at the Sun City Horticulture Club and Master Gardener plant sales this spring. Further information will be available in the March issue of *Sun Rays*.

Maintenance: This column can be found in every issue of *Sun Rays*, featuring information about timely planting, trimming, watering advice, and more. Stay tuned!

If websites are too impersonal, come to the Sun City Garden Club Help Desk before each meeting, or contact the AgriLIFE Extension Office. These organizations are staffed by master gardeners who love to share and help you! The Garden Club meets the second Wednesday of each month and begins at 12:30 p.m. with the question/answer period.

JANUARY GARDENING TIPS

- Major pruning of non-flowering landscape trees and shrubs is best done while dormant. You can trim oak trees now, but paint wounds on oak trees immediately, any size, any season.



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.

- Transplant dormant trees and shrubs.
- Trim shrubs and trees which bloom on fresh spring growth (such as crepe myrtles).
- Keep beds well-mulched.
- Check your sprinkler system once a month. Water before a freeze, but always avoid overwatering.
- Enjoy new seed catalogs, but remember to choose native/adapted plants!

Source: Texas A&M AgriLIFE Extension Service

Horticulture Questions:
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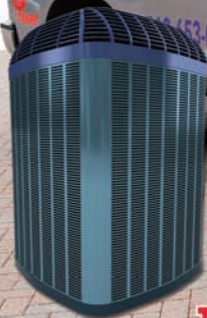
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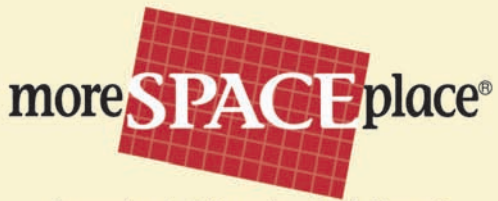




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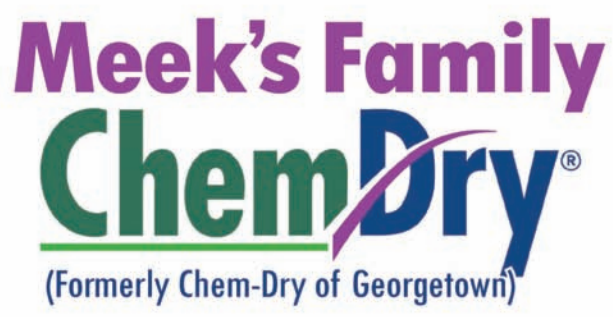


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The Sun City RV Club enjoyed a spectacular trip to the Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta in late September and early October. Their RVs were camped directly under the take-off flight path of hundreds of balloons.

Right: Along the trail at Tent Rocks National Monument, Sante Fe, New Mexico.

Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta

By Ken and Mary Lou Stubert

Can you be both wide-eyed and bleary-eyed at the same time? Ask the 31 Sun City Texas RV Club members who attended the 2014 Albuquerque Spirit of the Winds International Balloon Fiesta, and the answer will be a resounding, “Yes!”

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But, I’m getting ahead of myself.

The trip began on September 30, when fifteen RV rigs independently arrived in Amarillo, TX. The group bonded over a pot luck supper, then spent the next few days touring the Amarillo area. Many RVers enjoyed a beautiful day at Palo Duro Canyon, one of the treasures of

Texas. The RV Museum, antiquing and shopping were also among the popular activities. Of course, no visit to Amarillo would be complete without an obligatory dinner at the Big Texan Steak Ranch, home of the free 72 oz steak! In spite of much coercing, we couldn’t convince any of the group to take-up the challenge - especially after learning that the world record is held by a 120 lb young woman who demolished the steak in under five minutes.

Travelling on to Santa Fe, the group took a tram tour of the Old Town which

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allowed for plenty of time to sightsee and visit the many art galleries, restaurants and places of interest. There was much to see and hardly enough time to see it all, though we did manage to explore the Tent Rocks National Monument, Bandelier National Monument, Las Alamos, Taos, and the ghost towns lining the Turquoise Trails.

Before departing from Santa Fe, we partied at the “Doo Wop Soda Shop,” grabbing a bite as we sang and danced to tunes of the ’50s and ’60s, then rolled out to Albuquerque early the next morning. We arrived, caravan-style, on October 7. Thanks to meticulous planning by Wagon Masters Art and Beth Schmitt, we procured VIP camping which was not only right on the Fiesta grounds, but was directly under the take-off flight path! Everyone in the pack was thankful for their forethought and effort.

Now in its 43rd year, the Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta is the largest hot air balloon festival in the world. In 2014, over 500 balloon teams, hailing from 22 different countries, participated in the nine day event. Albuquerque’s unique location and winds, colloquially known as the “Albuquerque Box,” allow these balloons to launch first in a southwest direction and then, as they rise, north easterly winds prevail, allowing balloonists an unusually high degree of control over their aircraft. Working with these winds, skilled pilots can adjust their altitude to control their flight paths, allowing them to circle back and land in the same field. In fact, there is even a competition among the race balloons known as The Ring Toss. Here, pilots attempt to navigate five tall poles, trying to get close enough to place a ring over each pole. Each successful placement earns that pilot a prize. In another event called

The Fly-In, pilots drop weighted markers onto specified targets in an impressive exhibition of skill and beauty.

The second day of the event, we found ourselves enraptured as 106 non-traditional, specially-shaped balloons took flight directly over our RVs. The air above our heads filled with a spectacular display of fanciful balloons of every imaginable size, shape and color, including clown balloons, whale balloons, bee balloons, carriage balloons, multiple flying pig balloons, and, perhaps most remarkable of all, a flying Elvis balloon! Day after day, we watched in awe as the sky filled with a vast array of colors and shapes. A long-time attendee standing near our group said it best: "You just can't see this enough. Every time I see it, it's spectacular!" The bursting sounds of the propane firing, watching the magical

shapes take form as the air within them warmed, the quiet ascent of each craft as it floated upward until the silhouette of their magnificent figures struck out against the bright blue morning skies was, to say the least, a breathtaking, astounding experience.

After the morning ascensions, we spent the remainder of our days visiting the sites of Albuquerque. We took a 2.7 mile tram ride up Sandia Peak, ascending to a height of 10,378 feet. The ride provided dramatic vistas across the canyons, peaks and valleys. Over lunch at the High Finance restaurant on the peak's summit, we were able to enjoy a 360 degree panorama of 11,000 square miles across New Mexico. Another memorable stop was our group lunch in Old Town Albuquerque. This 300 year old neighborhood was central to

Albuquerque's history and development, with a square, church, hotels, bars and stores. Today, the town center is surrounded by shops, boutiques and restaurants offering southwestern goods and services in a picturesque adobe setting.

Many of us forged out time to visit the Balloon Museum, located right on the Fiesta grounds, which featured displays of early balloons, detailed significant flights, and provided an essential understanding of ballooning that greatly enhanced our visit.

The morning after a thrilling evening fireworks show marked the end of our remarkable trip. Each party went off in their own direction, bound for further adventure or making a leisurely return home, basking in the memory of this splendid experience.



RV Club members visited the International Balloon Museum in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Golf Course Improvements

Submitted by the Golf Committee

As a result of the Playability Subcommittee's detailed work last fall, many course improvement suggestions were made. The golf and maintenance staff have reviewed these items and have compiled a description of the work to take place from late 2014 through 2015 (see below). Our thanks go to the golf and maintenance staff for their cooperation and responsiveness to these requests.

Tree Trimming

One of the biggest items identified in the playability reports was the need to get caught up on tree trimming. We will start to address this problem in the fall and winter. The "in house" trees will be done by our maintenance staff, and the larger trees will be contracted out. The 2015 budget includes \$30,000 for tree trimming, which will be split between White Wing and Legacy Hills, the largest of these areas being #8 and #14 at White Wing and #8 and #14 at Legacy Hills.

The Non-Capitalized Improvements line item includes \$55,000 for course improvements in 2015. We have put in preliminary numbers for each item on the playability report, and we will complete most of this work in the first quarter. The list totals \$33,200 in project work and \$22,400 in tree trimming, leaving us with an additional \$7,600 in tree trimming and \$21,800 in course improvements to be identified and addressed in the second quarter.

Legacy Hills and Cowan Creek Greenside Bunkers

The greenside bunkers were shelled out at the end of November and will be played as ground under repair, as we did at White Wing last year. We will start putting the new sand in place in January and will have the Legacy Hills greenside

bunkers complete before March 2015, if not sooner. Also, greenside bunkers at Cowan Creek will be redone in the first quarter of 2015. This project is funded from our golf reserves.

Legacy Hills Mainline Leak

The leak under Del Webb Boulevard was repaired in late 2014.

Pre-Emerge

Pre-emerge has been applied wall-to-wall on all three courses.

Overseed

Overseed has been put out on the Par 3 tees, Driving Range Tees and the tees with highest amount of winter traffic.

Fertility

We have all three courses continuing to use liquid fertigation for the fairways, roughs and tees, which allows us to fertilize as we irrigate the golf courses. We will continue to fertilize greens at all three courses with liquid fertilizers.

Remember, you can always review golf course maintenance details at the blog at sctxgcmaint.blogspot.com.

2015 GHIN Cancellation Forms

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

Last month, everyone in the GHIN system as of December 15 was billed the 2015 GHIN fees for the handicap service. If you did not intend to renew, and wish to cancel participation in this service, please stop by a golf shop and complete the green cancellation form. Please note that this fee is on your CA statement and must be paid for online or through the Social Center Member Services Office. Payments for GHIN renewals cannot be accepted at the golf shops; however, if you wish to sign up for a new GHIN handicap, you may stop by one of the golf shops to complete the GHIN form and pay the appropriate \$30 annual fee.

CGA News

Submitted by Beth Lampman, CGA Communication Director

The Couples Golf Association ended its first year as a SCTXCA sanctioned club with over 250 members! I would like to congratulate our 2014 CGA Club Champions, Daryl and Emily Eldridge, N52 residents who have been living in Sun City since 2011. Congratulations to you both!

Be sure to visit our website at www.sctxca.org> Clubs and Groups> Chartered Clubs> Golf, CGA. If you have not yet joined the CGA, you can sign up for membership on the website. Come and join us! Our Social Golf Play Days are once a month on Saturdays.



Emily and Daryl Eldridge
CGA Club Champions





Sweet Shots

Date	Name	Witnessess	Hole	Shot
LEGACY HILLS				
05.25	Nancy Stock	Bob Stock	16	ACE 144 yds DRIVER
11.03	Rich Petro	Steve Otterstedt, Ron Jones, Bob Crandell	Shot 78	Age 88
10.28	Steve Otterstedt	Dan Hotham, Otis Gove, Bobbie Cardwell	Shot 70	Age 72
11.07	Harm Aning	Carl Bishop, Charles Rushing, Mike Crossett	2	EAGLE
11.08	Dan Hotham	Jon Uhl, Jack Neal, Larry Spurlock	1	Eagle
11.16	Andrew Canter	Monte Loose	16	ACE 168 yds 5 Iron
11.20	Mike Willis	Richard Kiker, Norm Carpenter	7	Eagle
11.09	Jenna Phillips	Bob Loveh, Lucas Adix, Byron Phillips	4	ACE 117 yds 8 Iron
11.22	Steve Hummell	Mike Miller, Steve Dunchy	7	Eagle
11.22	Nelson Stubblefield	Bill Harrah	Shot Age 78	

WHITE WING

11.03	Larry Smith	Butch Winter, Ernest Speed, Buddy Lane	3	Eagle
11.04	Bill Huggard	Butch Winter, Ernest Speed, Buddy Lane	3	Eagle
11.04	Ross Ferguson	Randy Hensen, Joe Tubbs, Larry Kowalski	3	Eagle
11.22	Dick Lampman	Beth Lampman	7	ACE 135 yds 7 Iron
11.25	Bob Iglehart	Billy Ward, Larry Walker	3	Eagle

COWAN CREEK

11.02	John Einwich	Rob Hontz, Rolland Savinas, Greg Deibert	17	EAGLE
11.06	Howard Hill	Al Lingor, Buck Linsott	Shot Age 76	
11.15	Kurt Schaller	Mike Whitmore	12	Eagle
11.26	Cary Vanderpoel	Mike Shelly, Don Neff, Clay Stubbins	16	ACE 145 yds 8 Iron



COWAN CREEK BY HOLLY MOORE



MGA Board Meeting
Monday, January 12, 3 p.m., CCJ

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WGA 18-Hole Group *Submitted by Liz Gove*

Happy New Year! We welcome all of our new officers and committee chairwomen for 2015. Officers will be introduced in the next *Sun Rays*.

The Aces to Aces Tournament was held November 18 at the Legacy Hills course; 63 members were qualified to play. Though the weather was not the best, all went well. The winner and Queen for the Day was Barbara Gilbert, who scored 67 net. She and the flight winners were recognized at the post-play social at The Oaks at Legacy Hills.

Tournament Results:

Flight 1:

- First - Kay Atkins
- Second - (tie) Susan Schroeder and Donna Kotria
- Fourth - Marsha Itkin
- Fifth - (tie) Nancy Ulery, Kathy Goodall, Peggy Gaston, Catherine Daniel
- Closest to Pin - Susan Schroeder

Flight 2:

- First - Earline Parks
- Second - Becky Scofield



Barbara Gilbert
Aces to Aces Tournament Winner

- Third - Cookie Dalton
- Fourth - Julie Dreyer
- Fifth - Dale Stanford
- Closest to Pin - Lynn Niedermeier

WGA 9-Hole Group

Submitted by Kempa Rider

It seems like just a couple of months ago I was writing the January 2014 entry, but here we are – 2015!

Our November Mulligans for Charity effort was not as successful as we had hoped, largely due to the inclement weather on many of our play-days. Our members' continued support of this good cause was appreciated, but unfortunately, we still fell short of our \$1000 goal for The Locker.

It was also during November that our dedicated members made dozens of cookies and provided a wide variety of pre-packaged snacks for the two-day MGA Member-Member Tournament. Even though the second day of the tournament was canceled due to freezing blustery weather, the men showed their appreciation for the effort we had put forth. With the generosity of the guys

playing in that tournament, we were able to supplement what our members had contributed and present a \$1000 check to Karen Crosby, founder and director of The Locker, at our end of the year banquet.

The Social Committee did an outstanding job transforming the ballroom into a holiday retreat with magnificent centerpieces of red, white and silver! While the Stone Hill band played, guests socialized and enjoyed a scrumptious catered buffet. Susan Dimaline, Tournament Director, presented end of the year awards, and our President, Betty Ann Preston, received a thank you gift from the membership.

The 2015 officers will officially be installed at the first meeting of the year, to be held on January 13 at 11 a.m. in the Jarrell Room of Cowan Creek. The

Flight 3:

- First - Myrna Paulson
- Second - Irmengard Beckett
- Third - Joann Reed
- Fourth - Stacy Hobson
- Fifth - (tie) Pat Blankenship and Lynn Chapman
- Closest to Pin - Stacy Hobson

Flight 4:

- First - Shirley McGinnis
- Second - Pat Wagner
- Third - (tie) Liz Gove and Marilyn Smith
- Closest to Pin - Margaret Katchel

Flight 5:

- First - Jean Herron
- Second - Harriet Russeth
- Third - Ginny Patterson
- Closest to Pin - Cindy Hernandez

Congratulations to all our winners!

Thank you to Becky Scofield and Pat Blankenship, our 2014 Tournament Chairpersons, and all their helpers for their good work. Margo Maddox and her team made our after-tournament social a great success!

first tee time that day will be at 1 p.m. We really want to thank the Sun City Golf Committee for permitting us to return to afternoon tee times during the winter months - this decision is greatly appreciated!

Editor's Note: In the December issue, Sun Rays mistakenly omitted Sylvia Quillen as the newly elected 2015 tournament chair. The WGA 9-Hole Group 2015 officers are as follows:

- President..... Betty Ann Preston
- Vice President Kempa Rider
- Secretary..... Paula Elmers
- Treasurer.....Jan Bradley
- Tournament Chair..... Sylvia Quillen

MGA News

Submitted by Jeff Morgan President, MGA Board of Directors
 Contact: 512-591-7050 or jsmorgan815@gmail.com

The 2015 MGA Board of Directors recently completed a planning session preparing for many exciting tournaments, events, play days and socials in 2015.

As you can see, 2014 was a very successful year:

- Membership grew 15 percent to 653 members.
- MGA coordinated a total of 124 events, including play days, lunches and dinners, match play competition, and five major tournaments.
- Over 5,000 play day rounds of golf were played by MGA members.
- Upwards of 500 MGA members earned golf shop sweeps in the various events.

- Over 2,200 rounds of golf were played during the five major tournaments.

The Board of Directors plans to continue offering a wide variety of MGA golfing opportunities and working toward further improvements in slow play challenges. The Board also intends to continue partnering with the WGA 9-Hole and 18-Hole clubs, and to provide overall support of the Sun City golfing experience. As a final comment, the MGA would not have been successful in 2014 without the outstanding support given by the Sun City Golf Staff and the many sponsors backing the MGA. Here's wishing you all a fun and enjoyable 2015 golfing year!



JANUARY PLAY SCHEDULES

CGA

1/24 1 pm, WW

WGA 9-HOLE

1/6 1 pm, LH-F

1/13 1 pm, CC-F

11 am, Meeting, CCS

1/20 1 pm, LH-B

1/27 1 pm, WW-F

WGA 18-HOLE

2015 Schedule not available at press time.

MGA 9-HOLE

1/7 LH-B

1/14 CC-F

1/21 CC-B

1/28 WW-F

MGA 18-HOLE

1/7 CC

1/14 LH

1/21 WW

1/28 CC

VETTE CLUB WELCOMES VETS

The Sun City Corvette Club organized a cruise in honor of veterans on Veterans Day. The group parked off the shoulder on Sun City Blvd. across from the entrance to the Veterans Memorial. Club members Janice and Regis Hallisey made a club banner to display for all to see. All the members attended the ceremony at the Veterans Memorial, then convoyed to the Salt Lick Restaurant in Round Rock for lunch.

Shown: Gary Lipscomb, Regis Hallisey, Pattie Matthews, Marsha and Ted Greenslait, Lee Meyners, Susie Didriksen, Janice Hallisey, Mary Tupacz, Kent Didriksen, Cathy Cody, Ken Tupacz, Pam Meyners. Photos by David Valdez

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

Al-Anon For friends and family related to alcoholics:

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

ALS Assn. (Lou Gehrig's Disease)

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

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

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

Breast Cancer 4th Monday ea/mo, 1-3 p.m., Cowan Creek Andice Rm. Alice Fey, RN, 512-868-9515 (h) or 512-966-0388 (c).

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Neuropathy Join us Monday, January 12, from 1-2:30 p.m., when podiatrist Dr. Harvey Lisch will talk about how to keep your feet in good health. We will meet at 2423 Williams Dr., Suite 101, LakeAire Shopping Center, Community Room A, Georgetown. Contact Diane at suncity@handsfeetheart.org or 512-863-9293.

Overeaters Anonymous

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

Parkinson's Meets on fourth Thursdays of each month at 2 p.m. in the Georgetown Health Foundation rooms at 2423 Williams Drive. Our group is open to all - patient, care partner, family, and friends! For information, contact Mary Jane Berry at 512-240-4167 or email dberry3@suddenlink.net.

Post Polio Survivors Meets Thursday, January 22, at 10 a.m. in the Scott & White Conference Room. FFI email LaNell at lanellchampion@yahoo.com, or call 512-868-1427.

Prostate Cancer The Prostate Cancer Support Group will meet on Thursday, January 8, from 3-5 p.m. at Scott & White Clinic Conference room for a general discussion of member experiences, revised treatments and other subjects of interest. For additional information, contact Dr. Bob Eanes at 512-240-5431.

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

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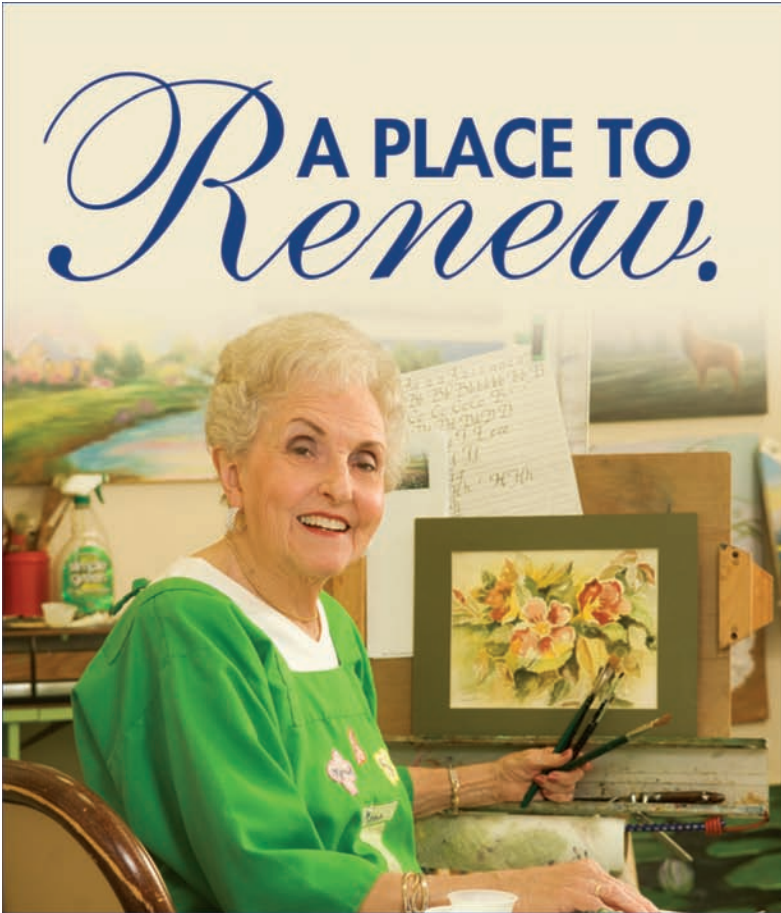
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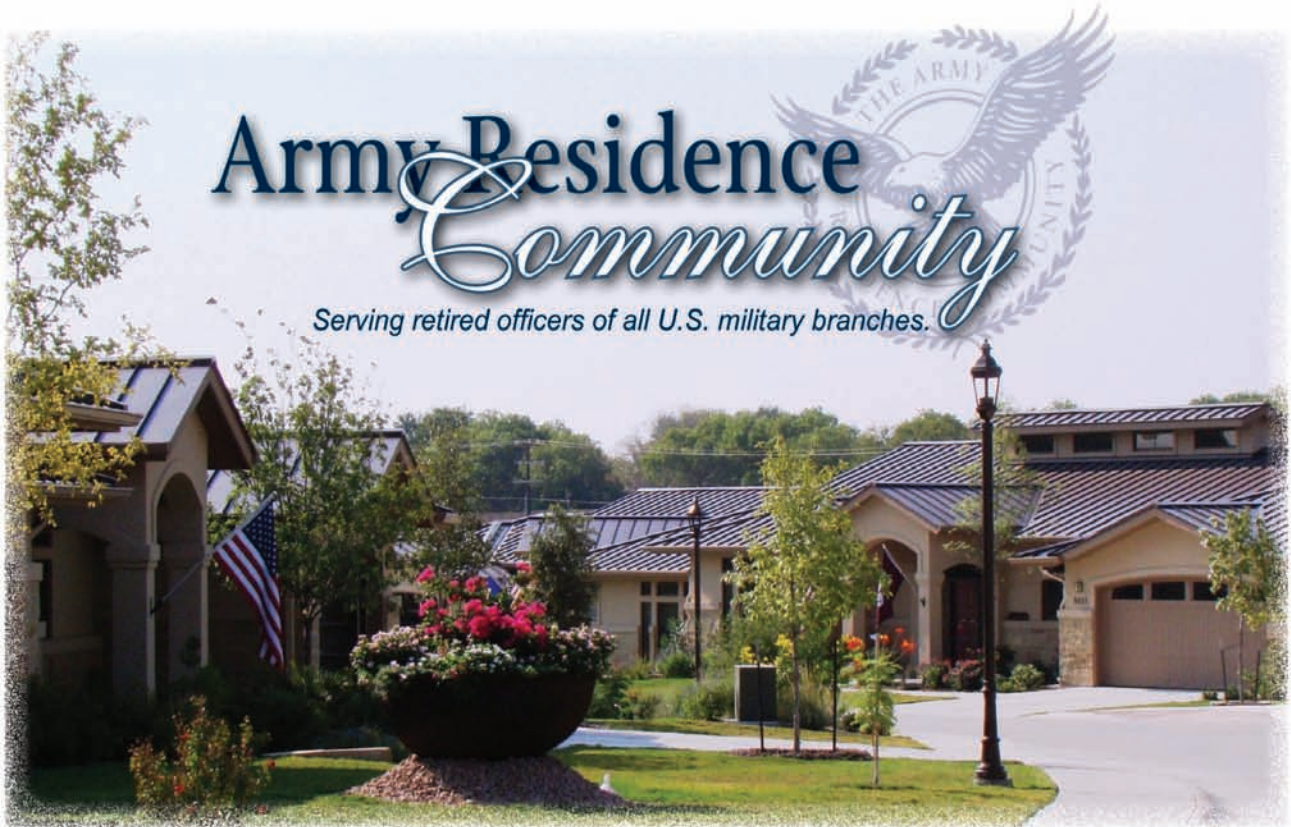
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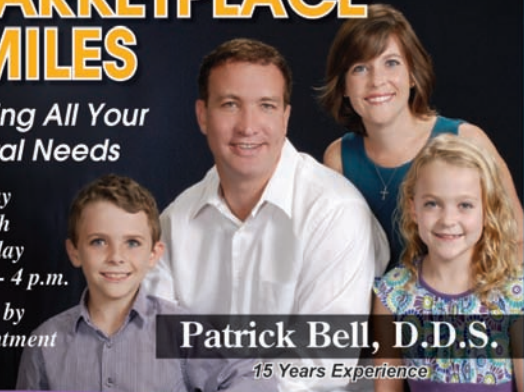
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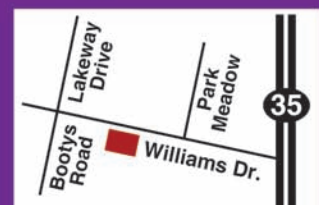
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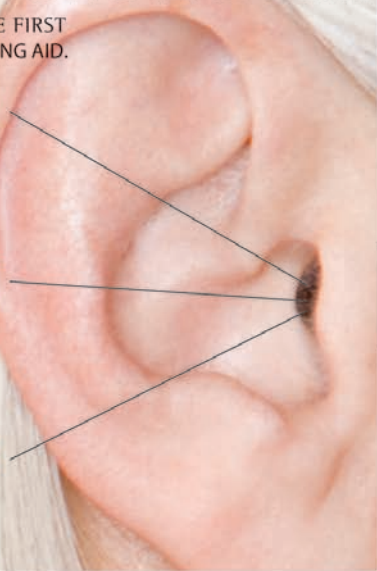
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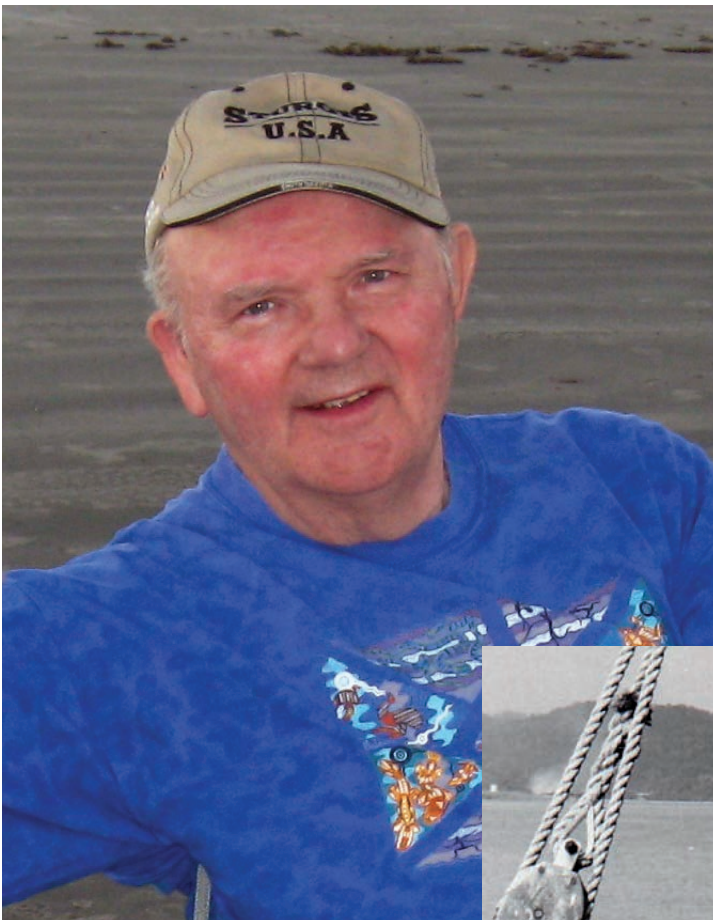
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Manfred Reimann's Escape from East Germany

By Edna Heard



For many, the Berlin Wall could not be more distant – a crumbled relic from a period long since passed. But for Sun City resident Manfred Reimann, memories of a life divided remain crystal clear.

Born in Berlin and raised in East Germany, Manfred came of age in an era when Communism was gospel. In every school, in every grade, every curriculum preached the glories and achievements of the Soviet Union. Professional skills were heavily emphasized, and topics with the potential to reach beyond the prescribed nationalist ideology were heavily restricted – foreign languages, for example, were limited exclusively to Russian or Latin.

It was not only difficult to stray from these norms – it was dangerous. The Ministry for State Security (commonly referred to as the Stasi) employed plainclothes officers to intimidate and monitor every citizen, regardless of age or status. Despite the risk, Manfred's father arranged for him to learn English through secret lessons. Through books smuggled in from the West and by listening to the British and



Manfred Reimann aboard the CS *Neptun*, US Navy base Subic Bay, Philippines Summer 1967

American Forces Networks on the radio, Manfred was able to further improve his English language skills.

Following completion of his basic education, Manfred studied marine electronics at one of the oldest universities in the world, Rostock University (est. 1419), graduating with a degree in engineering (Dipl.-Ing.). During his 18 month draftee service in the National People's Army, he operated a radar station – an experience which proved helpful in his professional life as a test-engineer operating from the Port of Rostock on the coast of the Baltic Sea. As one of very few English-speaking employees, Manfred became his company's

technical translator, dealing with Western companies who wished to sell their electronics to the Communist state's merchant and fishing fleet. It was a good job, but Manfred's language skills and frequent interactions with Western-based industries had an unintended side effect: it brought him to the attention of the secret police.

The direct successor to Hitler's Gestapo, at its height, the Stasi had officers planted in apartment buildings, hospitals, universities, and every major industrial plant. As many as one in every thirty people worked for or reported to the Stasi. The Stasi behaved as a law unto themselves, and they

had become determined to recruit Manfred as a spy. Manfred, for his part, was equally determined not to sign up.

The Stasi's pursuit began reasonably enough, though after several refusals, they began to turn to less conventional tactics. In a move that could have been pulled straight from the pages of a James Bond script, the agency arranged for a beautiful young student to "accidentally" run into Manfred. Posing as an English student, her mission was to gather all the information on her subject as she possibly could, then report back to the Ministry of Security – unfortunately for them, the relationship between the young woman and her target did not last very long.

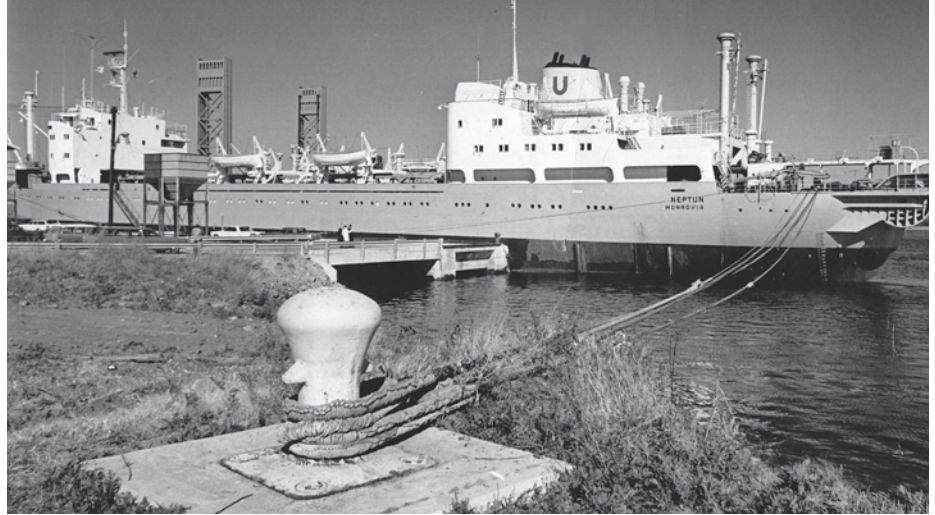
The Stasi turned up the pressure. "If you want to succeed in this country," they said, "you MUST enlist." But again, Manfred declined, stating he preferred to advance on his own merits, rather than through some secret security shortcut. The recruiter threatened to evict Manfred's mother from her flat in Berlin, but still Manfred refused, though now he could feel the danger mounting.

During this time, Manfred found himself assigned to a visiting British ship, demonstrating radar systems for a Western company. He developed a friendly relationship with the captain and the crew, even joining them for dinner the night before they left for business in other countries. It was a cheerful goodbye, and the captain invited Manfred to a good-bye drink when they returned in ten days.

The day after the ship's departure, Manfred's boss informed him that, by dining with the captain, he had fraternized with the "class enemy." He was sternly forbidden from any further contact with Westerners, effectively putting an end to his career.

Defecting meant leaving everything he had ever known behind - his friends, his family, and above all, his 66 year old mother! But Manfred felt he had no choice; he decided he could no longer live under these conditions in East Germany. He would have to escape.

Escape – but how? The border to West Germany was patrolled night and day with armed guards and dogs. It was laden with land mines, barbed wire, and self-shooting devices – it would be suicide to try. But then, the glimmer of an idea ap-



The Cable Ship *Neptun*, docked at Portsmouth, New Hampshire, October 1966

peared in his mind: the British ship.

It was a long shot, but he was willing to try. He withdrew his savings, took his few valuables and visited his mother in Berlin. For fear of the STASI, he couldn't tell her or any other good friend the truth about his escape plan. Instead, he told her he might be transferred to Berlin, which made her happy, and said he'd be taking a short vacation to the island of Hiddensee, the same story he'd told his boss. When the ship returned to Rostock, Manfred came aboard.

Once in the West, Manfred faced an ironic problem: he was detained for questioning by German, British and American intelligence. Suspicious of his time in the East German army, they regarded him as a potential Stasi agent! It was some time before he could convince them he had no one to report to.

Back in East Germany, the Stasi interrogated Manfred's mother and all his friends, but no matter what they asked, there was nothing to tell: no one knew about his escape plan. Even his old "girlfriend", the Stasi plant, turned up at his mother's flat, pouring on the sympathy in an effort to get information, but his mother, knowing nothing, was safe. A massive investigation was launched in an effort to discover how he had escaped, but Manfred had covered his tracks, leaving the Stasi hunting for a loophole that would never be found.

After his escape, Manfred took up work as an electronics officer on a cable ship in Vietnam and an instructor teaching radar in London, eventually making his way to America. In the 1970s and 80s, Manfred's mother was able to visit the

United States several times, as any woman over sixty could get an exit permit to the West (if the women didn't return home, the government figured, it would save itself the cost of a pension and get an apartment back). Manfred asked her to stay, but she refused, insisting that she was a true Berliner and that, "One doesn't transplant an old tree."

In 1989, Communism crumbled, and along with it came down the great dividing Wall. Under the German Freedom of Information Act, Manfred was able to request a copy of his STASI file from the Berlin archives. Several inches thick, it showed copies of reports made by his friends, colleagues, and neighbors, statements giving negative information about him, and his expressed political views. It documented the Western radio broadcasts he'd listened to, the 'forbidden' books he'd read and even the 'decadent' western hit tunes he'd played on his guitar – all strictly against the rules of the Communist party. Manfred realized, had he confided in any of his 'friends', Stasi would have imprisoned him on the spot. The final report in his file, written by the STASI, admitted a complete failure in determining just how Manfred had escaped. In the end, it was Manfred's own secrets that had outwitted the secret police, earning him passage to a place where one did not have to live in fear. For Manfred, the only way to live, and the way he has lived ever since.

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<p>4 Knights of Columbus Bingo 5:30pm / SCB</p>	<p>5  News & Views: Meet three new clubs in Sun City 9am, Noon, & 4pm</p>	<p>6  News & Views (see 1/5) 9am, Noon, & 4pm Farmers Market 9am / SCPL COPs 9:30am / AC MR 1/2 Kiwanis Club 10am / SCB  Sit-n-be-Fit 10am & 3 pm Indoor Kart Racing Depart SCPL 11:15 am Rotary Noon / SCB</p>
<p>11</p>	<p>12  News & Views: New Interest Groups 9am, Noon, & 4pm</p>	<p>13  News & Views (see 1/12) 9am, Noon, & 4pm Farmers Market 9am / SCPL  Sit-n-be-Fit 10am & 3 pm Rotary Noon / CCF P&G 1:30pm / AC MR 1/2</p>
<p>18 Photography Club Competition Reception 2pm / ACA</p>	<p>19 Sports 8am / AC MR 1  News & Views: GriefShare Program ACTAG 2015 Follies 9am, Noon, & 4pm</p>	<p>20  News & Views (see 1/19) 9am, Noon, & 4pm Farmers Market 9am / SCPL Kiwanis Club 10am / SCB  Sit-n-be-Fit 10am & 3pm Estate Planning Basics Seminar 10am / CCAN Rotary Noon / CCF Mamma Mia Depart SCPL 4:30pm</p>
<p>25 Marvel Universe Depart SCPL 10:30 am Sun City Dulcimers Benefit Concert 3pm / The Worship Place</p>	<p>26  News & Views: Members of the Expansion Task Force 9am, Noon, & 4pm Golf 3pm / AC MR 1/2</p>	<p>27  News & Views (see 1/26) 9am, Noon, & 4pm Farmers Market 9am / SCPL Kiwanis Club 10am / SCB  Sit-n-be-Fit 10am & 3 pm Rotary Noon / CCF Finance 1pm / AC MR 3/4 P&G 3pm / AC MR 1/2 S&W Seminar: Spinal Stenosis 3:30pm / SCB</p>

Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday	
FEBRUARY 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28  View this event on Channel 79 See key for locations on page 18		1 Happy New Year! All CA facilities closed except Golf  News & Views (see 12/1) 9am, Noon, & 4pm	2  News & Views (see 12/1) 9am, Noon, & 4pm	3  News & Views (see 12/1) 9am, Noon, & 4pm  Sit-n-be-Fit 10am & 2 pm			
7  News & Views (see 1/5) 9am, Noon, & 4pm Covenants 9am / CCAN LMH 10am / AC MR 3/4 Wildlife 3pm / AC MR 1/2 Door to Door Comedy 7pm / SCB	8 Modifications 8:30am / CCAN; Open at 10am  News & Views (see 1/5) 9am, Noon, & 4pm Chartered Clubs (Non Sports) 2pm / AC MR 3	9  News & Views (see 1/5) 9am, Noon, & 4pm Emergency Management 9am / AC MR 3/4  Sit-n-be-Fit 10am & 2 pm Alaska Travel Seminar 1pm / ACA ASO Alison Balsam Depart SCPL 4pm Cowboy Nemo Band Dance 7pm / SCB	10  News & Views (see 1/5) 9am, Noon, & 4pm  Sit-n-be-Fit 10am & 2 pm				
14 George Bush Library Depart SCPL 7:45 am  News & Views (see 1/12) 9am, Noon, & 4pm Communications 9:30am / CCAN	15  News & Views (see 1/12) 9am, Noon, & 4pm Estate Planning Workshop Seminar 9:30am / CCAN Elections 1pm / AC CR Republicans 6pm / SCB	16  News & Views (see 1/12) 9am, Noon, & 4pm  Sit-n-be-Fit 10am & 2 pm Lonny Lynn Orchestra Dance 7pm / SCB	17 Texas Concealed Handgun License Class 8am / CCAN AARP Driver Safety Program - Smart Driver Course 8:30am / CCW  News & Views (see 1/12) 9am, Noon, & 4pm Sun City Democrats 9:30am / SCB  Sit-n-be-Fit 10am & 2 pm N13 Mardi Gras Parade 10am / Rio Grande Loop				
21  News & Views (see 1/19) 9am, Noon, & 4pm Neighborhood Reps 9:30am / CCF/G Retire, Set, Go! Seminar 9am / CCAN Campaign Information Workshop 1pm / CCF/G Sieker Band 7pm / SCB An Evening with Georgetown Mayor Dale Ross Presented by Lea Kraus Kadima Chapter of Hadassah 7pm / CCF/G	22 Modifications 8:30am / CCAN  News & Views (see 1/19) 9am, Noon, & 4pm Living Pain Free Seminar 9:30am / ACA Esther's Follies Depart SCPL 4:30pm	23  News & Views (see 1/19) 9am, Noon, & 4pm  Sit-n-be-Fit 10am & 2 pm Retire with Confidence Seminar 10am / CCAN	24  News & Views (see 1/19) 9am, Noon, & 4pm  Sit-n-be-Fit 10am & 2 pm In the Mood Paramount Theatre Depart SCPL 12:30pm				
28  News & Views (see 1/26) 9am, Noon, & 4pm Lighten Up for Life 9:30am / SCB Days Gone By Seminar 10am / CCAN CWT Vacations Seminar Noon / CCF Movie: The Book Thief 6pm / SCB	29  News & Views (see 1/26) 9am, Noon, & 4pm	30  News & Views (see 1/26) 9am, Noon, & 4pm Mike Clifford Dance 7pm / SCB	31  News & Views (see 1/26) 9am, Noon, & 4pm Groundhog Day Sock Hop 7pm / SCB				

Educational

Texas Concealed Handgun License Class

Saturday, January 17, 8 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., CCAN
with shooting at 2:30 p.m.

Hosted by: Resident Ron Gaddy,
NRA Pistol Instructor, rongaddy22@gmail.com
Effective September 1, 2013 NEW LAWS and a shorter class time.

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Financial

The Truth about Estate Planning Workshop

Thursday, January 15, 9:30 a.m., CCAN

Hosted by: The Wiewel Law Firm

Purchase your \$1 ticket online or at the Member Services Office.

Presented by Brad Wiewel, JD, Board Certified, Estate Planning and Probate Law, Texas Board of Legal Specialization; and Doug Paul, JD, MBA, Director of Advanced Planning Strategies at The Wiewel Law Firm.

Learn the truth about:

- 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*?

We look forward to seeing you there. For more information, call our Georgetown office at 512-869-1435.

Estate Planning Basics & IRA/401K Seminar

Tuesday, January 20, 10 a.m.-noon, CCAN

Hosted by: The Greening Law Firm

Purchase your \$1 ticket online or at the Member Services Office.

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

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

Presented by Ron Greening of The Greening Law Firm, P.C. Our practice is limited to Estate Planning, Probate, Trust Administration, and Medicaid Planning

You are invited to join us to learn more about:

- Living Trusts - a powerful estate planning tool
- Wills - uses and misconceptions
- Probate - what it is, how it works, and how to avoid it
- Protecting your assets while reducing death taxes, attorney's fees, and other costs
- 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

Attendees will receive a *Texas Estate Planning Basics* book and the opportunity for a complimentary private consultation with attorney Ron Greening concerning their planning at our Georgetown office, 1601 Williams Drive at Rivery Blvd. Please call us at (512) 931-0888 for more information.

Refreshments will be served.

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Retire, Set, Go!

Wednesday, January 21, 9 a.m., CCAN

Hosted by: Valhaven Wealth

Purchase your \$1 ticket online or at the Member Services Office.

Shane Sullivan, radio host and certified financial planner, has been helping local investors create income for life retirement strategies for over 19 years both as a practicing Certified Financial Planner and on his radio show "Retire, Set, Go" every Sunday at 1 p.m. on Talk Radio 1370 AM.

In this complimentary breakfast presentation, Shane will share ideas on:

- How to Build an Income for Life Portfolio
- Reduce Unnecessary Portfolio Fees
- Reduce Tax on Social Security Income
- Required Minimum Distribution Strategies and Roth Conversions
- Divorce-Proof Inherited IRA's
- The Pros and Cons of Annuities
- Tax Smart Strategies

We will provide a complimentary breakfast of coffee and donuts. Seating is on a first-come, first-served basis and this seminar will be capped so be sure and RSVP your spot. For any additional questions, Valhaven Wealth can be reached at (512) 298-4080. Securities & Advisory Services Offered through VSR Financial Services, Inc., a Registered Investment Adviser and Member FINRA/SIPC. Valhaven Wealth is independent of VSR.

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Friday, January 23, 10 a.m., CCAN

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Health

The Key to LIVING PAIN FREE

Thursday, January 22, 9:30 a.m., ACA

Hosted by: **Bill and Midge Streeter**

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Here is a unique chance to find answers to your health concerns...a true health educational opportunity....**Knowledge is the KEY** to achieving optimal health and freedom from pain.

Dr. Richard Couey, Professor Emeritus of Health Sciences at Baylor University, has agreed to come to Sun City and make a presentation that will reveal the root cause of all degenerative disease and pain and will provide solutions to help us live our lives to the fullest.

He will be speaking on how to reduce and eliminate inflammation which can cause Allergies, Arthritis, Asthma, Alzheimer's, Crohn's, Celiac's, Diabetes, and many more...

Refreshments will be served.

Dr. Couey was educated at Baylor (BA), Sam Houston State (MA) and Texas A&M (PhD). He specialized in Human Physiology, Human Anatomy, Biochemistry, Sports Medicine and Nutrition. He has published over 30 books and spoken in venues around the world. He was a member of the Presidents Commission on Physical Fitness and Sports and served as a Physiology Consultant for the US Olympic Team.

Days Gone By

Wednesday, January 28, 10 a.m., CCAN

Hosted by: **Tiffin House**

Purchase your \$1 ticket online or at the Member Services Office.

Days Gone By is a twelve part education and support series for those caring for loved ones with Alzheimer's disease or another dementia. Jointly sponsored by Tiffin House and Guardian Healthcare, this interactive series is facilitated by Deanna Lueckenotte, LBSW, CALM, LNFA, author of Alzheimer's *Days Gone By: For Those Caring for Their Loved Ones* and Justin Trodahl, owner of Tiffin House. Residents are invited to attend all or some of the series, which will be held on January 28 from 10-11:30 a.m. The first 10 people to register will receive a free copy of *Days Gone By*.

For more information on the class go to www.tiffinhouse.com and click on education link and Days Gone By Series link.

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For more information or to register, call Lori at (541) 990-4133 or Deanna at (254) 535-7584.

Travel

Alaska Travel Seminar

Friday, January 9, 1 p.m., ACA

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TAKING A STROLL

The Sun City Georgettes delighted the crowds as they marched in the Georgetown Christmas Stroll parade.



Antiques Roadshow, Here we Come!

When the popular PBS television show *Antiques Roadshow* came to Austin in June of 2014, several Sun City residents took their treasures to the filming location, hoping to have their collections appraised or, even better, be chosen to appear on the show. The Cowards and the Wakefields had items of interest to the show and were chosen to appear on an upcoming episode to be broadcast in January or February!

PHOTO BY CHARLIE BYERS

BOB AND MARILYN WAKEFIELD

“It is a Japanese ginger jar.” That’s what Sun City Texas resident Marilyn Wakefield took to last June’s appearance in Austin of *Antiques Roadshow*. Now slated to have her moment on the stage, she recalls the jar’s background. “My parents bought it shortly before World War II at an estate sale in Pasadena, California. I was only 10 and have no idea what they paid for it.” What did an expert appraiser tell her that it could bring at a modern auction? Watch the show to find out.

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(Premier)

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NEW ENGLAND FALL FOLIAGE

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South Pacific Wonders (Collette)

October 20 - November 6, 2015

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Greek Islands and Turkey Cruise Tour

(Central Holidays)

October 23-31, 2015

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(Central Holidays)

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Classic Christmas Markets (Collette)

December 6-14, 2015

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Winter in Yellowstone (Collette)

January 10 - 16, 2016

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

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WHO LET THE DOGS OUT?

These Sun City residents took first place in the group category for their costumes at the Halloween Party in October. The talented "Dog Pack" made their own canine couture.



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The following special events are taking place in January.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BINGO

Bingo will be held on Sunday, January 4 in the Social Center Ballroom. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and games begin at 6 p.m. Cash prizes will be awarded. All proceeds are used to support various charitable activities.

Everyone is invited to join us for an evening of fun and fellowship. Candy, chips and beverages are available for purchase, and you are welcome to bring whatever snacks and beverages you like.

Please, no children under age 7.

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

**PALACE THEATRE
JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR**

Georgetown Palace Theatre presents *Jesus Christ Superstar*, January 16 - February 15. Dramatizing the final days of Christ with emotional intensity and explosive theatricality, *Jesus Christ Superstar* illuminates the transcendent power of the human spirit with a passion that goes straight to the heart. Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m., Sundays at 2 p.m. General Admission: \$27; Seniors (55+): \$25; Children: \$11.

SENIOR UNIVERSITY

Senior University Georgetown will present a free and open to the public lecture on Thursday, January 22, 7 p.m., in the Social Center Ballroom. Dr. Joshua Long, Professor of Environmental Studies at Southwestern University, will discuss "Climate in Context: Exploring the Science, Rhetoric, and Potential Impacts of Climate Change." Dr. Long's talk will launch the winter term of Senior University courses, which begin on Monday, January 26. For more information, visit www.SeniorUniv.org, or phone (512) 819-7680.

AARP FREE TAX PREPARATION

AARP Tax-Aide Foundation, the nation's largest volunteer-run tax assistance and preparation service, offers special attention to those 50 and older. Assistance will be available every Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., January 30 through April 10 at the Cowan Creek Amenity Center. AARP membership is not required.

Please bring the following:

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

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. Mentoring 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 – 512-864-0641 or wagywagy@suddenlink.net



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Laura Antoine, Mentor Director, 512-943-5175 or mentor@georgetownisd.org

**WOW!MOBILE'S
SCHEDULE CHANGE**

The Georgetown Public Library wishes to remind its patrons that in those months made up of five weeks, the WOW!mobile is out of service during the fifth week:

- January 26-30
- March 30 - April 3
- June 29 - July 3
- August 31 - September 4
- December 28 - January 1

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



Social Bridge

By Mike Gullickson

PHOTO BY JAIME CALDER

The Social Bridge Club gets together four times a week and encourages a friendly, enjoyable atmosphere in which to play the game of bridge.

I was pretty sure I was in the wrong room when I went to the Social Bridge meeting. I suspected it would include a discussion group focusing on Georgetown infrastructure problems, like the Austin Avenue bridges, or that someone might propose a monorail from City Market to Walgreens with a connection to HEB. At the very least, I was pretty sure there'd be coffee and cookies. But to my great surprise, there was no coffee, no cookies and no discussion group. Instead, I entered the Activities Center on Texas Drive and found a whole bunch of people playing cards.

Social Bridge, as it turns out, is a card game, and an incredibly popular one, at that – according to the World Bridge Federation (the game's international governing body), anywhere from 25-36 million Americans regularly engage in bridge which, apparently, has 635,013,559,600 possible hands of play. All that from just a standard 52-card

deck! Makes your head spin just thinking about it.

The game is played in groups of four, with two partners in each group. The Sun City Texas Social Bridge Club allows players to arrange partnerships in advance or simply to show up and find a partner at the game, making for a very welcoming, low-pressure group. After four hands of play, players switch partners and tables, giving everyone plenty of opportunities to meet new people and engage in a variety of play styles.

I can tell you that this is one card game that will take more than just luck. Requiring analytic skill and communication between partners, bridge is a game of strategy that will help keep your brain active. In fact, bridge and chess are the only "mind sports" which have been recognized by the International Olympic Committee (alas, they were not found eligible for the main Olympic program). I witnessed many smiles between play-

ers and acquaintances at the SCTX Bridge Club, though I did notice that, despite the veneer of sociability, one player at every table was being openly called a dummy. In all fairness, the dummy rotated around the table giving everyone a chance at dummyhood, though it seemed a bit mean that dummies were never allowed to comment on anything happening during the game.

Despite this lapse in nicety, all of the folks seemed to have a good time. I heard furtive laughter, as well as a guffaw or two and a chortle and a snicker. Of course I don't know the game well enough, but they may have been talking smack to each other.

The Social Bridge club plays four times a week, on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. New players are allowed to join in play up to three times before being asked to join. Annual dues are \$8. For additional information, contact Dee Pokluda at 361-935-6124.

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

FOREIGN LANGUAGE: Friday, January 16, 1 p.m., ACA. Third Friday International - Pamela Lager will speak about Israel. All are invited.

PHOTOGRAPHY: Sunday, January 18, 2-4 p.m., AC. All are welcome to the club's reception for the annual competition and exhibit. Snacks and drinks will be served. The exhibit runs from January 12 to February 27.

NATURE: Tuesday, January 20, 2:30 p.m., SCB. "A Report on Texas State Parks" - Kevin Good presents highlights on our Texas parks, a report on new parks and the acquisition of Powderhorn Ranch on the Gulf Coast.

ASTRONOMY: Monday, January 26, 7 p.m., ACA. All residents are invited to monthly Astronomy meetings. See page 106 for the January meeting presentations.

Actors & Theatre Arts Guild

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

Business Meeting: January 5, 3 p.m., SCB

3rd Monday: January 19, 3 p.m., Reader's Theatre, SCB

Board Meeting: Monday, January 26, 3 p.m., CCW

Contact: Donna Sandercock
512-240-4530, grummpie@aol.com

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

Each year, the club produces three main-stage plays plus an annual Follies in the ballroom. In addition, the club produces two smaller-venue plays in the Atrium. Actors, directors, singers and dancers are not the only people important to the group. Those who labor at backstage, off-stage and non-stage assignments are equally important. Set designers, set builders, cos-

tume 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 with animated fairy tales.

Alternative Healing & Wellness

sctxca.org > Site Index > Alternative Health & Wellness Club
No January meeting
Contact: Doug Willoughby,
512-819-0133 or dougnjoan@gmail.com

There will be no General Meeting on January 2.

The **Wise Women Group** will resume Wednesday, January 7, at 10 a.m. at 103 Montley Trail. A new discussion will begin about St. Francis, his love of creation and his teachings of our connection to the universe and to one another. Call Mary Pat Morris for information, 512-869-8761.

The **Spirituality Anonymous Group** will meet at the Cowan Creek Amenity Center on Wednesday, January 21 at 7 p.m. We will view the film *Alive Inside*, a presentation of how music stimulates the memories of people with dementia and Alzheimer's and shows how you can activate your loved one's memories of times gone by. Call Mary Pat Morris for more information, 512-869-8761.

A special 6-week discussion on "Compassionate care of the dying: how to help a loved one experience a peaceful death" is being planned for Monday afternoons, January 12 to February 16 at Cowan Creek

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Amenity Center. Topics will include:

- Discussion of the scriptural mandate to love one another
- Practicing compassion toward oneself, others, the dying, and those grieving

Each week, participants will be given an opportunity to meditate on the nature of life and death, share their hopes and fears with one another and gain a greater understanding of compassion. Mary Pat Morris will facilitate the discussion. Call 512-869-8761 to register.

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

Amateur Radio Society (SCARS)

sctxca.org > Site Index >

Amateur Radio Society

Wednesday, January 7, 7 p.m., CCF

Contact: Bob Frost, 682-667-6455

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

- First Wednesday monthly club meetings (January - November)
- Wednesday morning coffee & "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 & software-defined (SDR) transceivers, and dual-band VHF/UHF rig. In addition, SCARS maintains the **441.625 MHz. Sun City repeater** (+ offset, pl tone 103.5) – open to any FCC-licensed amateur radio operator.

Public Service-minded? SCARS members are available to assist Sun City and the local Georgetown Fire and Police during local or regional emergencies, and help with local and county special event communications when additional radio

resources are needed. (When normal communication modes are down, ham radios still work and can contact outside resources – locally, regionally, and worldwide.)

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

Aviation

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Aviation Club

Saturday, January 10, 8:30 a.m., ACA

Contact: Jeff Champion, 210-383-1459

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

Ballroom Dance

Sctxca.org > Site Index > Ballroom

Dance Club

Monthly Dance

Saturday, January 10, 7 p.m., SCB

Members free; Guests \$10

Tea Dance

Sunday, January 18, 1:30 p.m., SCB

Social Time (Refreshments Served): 1-1:30 p.m.

Members \$2, Guests \$5

Contact: John Moore at 303-956-7646 or jjmoore@me.com

We host two regular dances each month: the monthly dance and the Sunday Tea Dance. Both dances feature recorded music for a wide range of dances, including Foxtrot, Waltz, Rumba, Cha-Cha, East and West Coast Swing, Bolero, Samba, Night Club Two Step, Tango, and Merengue. We also schedule a third "Social Dance" every 6 weeks or so. **Guests are very welcome – please come and dance with us!**

Ice water, plastic glasses and napkins are provided at the regular monthly dance;

you may bring your own special beverage. Hot and iced tea, along with light refreshments, will be provided for the Tea Dance. Guests are encouraged to bring their own special teacup and mingle with other members of the Ballroom Dance Club.

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

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

Billiards

sctxca.org > Site Index > Billiards Club

Billiards Center Hours

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

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

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

The Billiards Club wishes everyone a happy and healthy new year. Come by and enjoy a relaxing game or two!

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

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

Contact: Russ Ruff, 512-639-1419 or email: bocceruff@suddenlink.net,
 Happy New Year from the Bocce Club! New players and guests are always welcome to come and play the great game of bocce with us. Members play at 1 p.m. Monday through Saturday during the winter months and are happy to teach the basics of the game to anyone interested. Membership dues for 2015 are \$12. Membership may be renewed or purchased through the Sun City Texas online ticket system.

Club officers for the year 2015 are: President - Russ Ruff; Vice President – Larry Hunting; Secretary - Don Webb; Treasurer - Janet Lull; Members-at-Large – Pam Wilcox and Bill Wightman.

This month was great for high scoring with two players rolling 5-point frames: Kathy Perrine and Nick Drury, and a rare six point frame rolled by Paul Wiener. Congratulations to all!

The bocce club recently hosted Junior University kids for bocce and a hot dog lunch afterward. All participants had a great time.

Bocce Fact of the Month: A 5-point frame can be achieved if all balls of one team are closer than any of the opposing team's balls, each also being within 36 inches of the target (pallino) and one of the balls actually touching (kissing) the pallino. The very rare 6-point frame would require that 2 balls be kissing the pallino instead of only one.

Computer

www.sctxcompclub.org

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

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

JOIN US! Dues are \$8 for the first member of a household and \$4 for each additional household member. Come by the Cyber Center in the Activities Center to pay by check. To pay by mail, download the application from our website under the JOIN US tab and mail it, along with your check, payable to Sun City Computer Club, 2 Texas Drive, Georgetown,

78633. The Cyber Center is open Monday, Friday and Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon, and on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. We offer:

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- Computer HELP CENTER
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Country Western Dance

sctxca.org > Site Index > Country Western Dance Club

Sunday, January 18, 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 events provide traditional country western dancing in the ballroom. Dances feature recorded music or a live band. Ice and water provided; please bring your own beverages and snacks.

Membership is \$12 annually and covers admission to monthly recorded dances; additional fees may be charged for special events. Go online to the Sun City website under Clubs and Groups to pay dues, or make your check out to SCTXCA and drop it off or mail it to Clyde Jeffcoat at 722 Texas Drive. For a Membership Application, please visit our website. For more information, contact Caroline Willingham or Bob Ticer.

Couples Golf Association

sctxca.org > Site Index >

Couples Golf Association Club

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

sctxca.org > Site Index > Creative Clay & China Club

Studio hours: MWF 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; TuTh 1-8 p.m.; SaSu 1-4 p.m.

Studio Telephone: 512-948-7664

Board Meeting: Tuesday, January 6, 10 a.m. in the Studio

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

In our five-room studio, members create long lasting, three-dimensional objects for both practical use and visual beauty. Equipment, tools, glazes, brushes and clay are sold to members at cost and dues are \$12 a year.

The studio is open every day of the week. Members' creations are displayed in the windows of the club, as well as on its website. Visit our studio behind the Fabric & Fiber Club to learn about ceramics, hand building, wheel throwing and china painting. Monitors will gladly guide you on a short tour and tell you about upcoming classes. Enjoy fun and companionship in this friendly atmosphere.

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

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

Wheel Throwing: Six potter's wheels are available. Classes for this unique skill are held for both beginning and more experienced members.

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

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Current Issues

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Friday, February 20, CCG

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

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

Program: "End of Life Issues"

Day: Friday, February 20

Time: 9:45 a.m. Check-in, 10-11:30 a.m. Program

Place: Georgetown Room, CCAC

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

A panel of experts will explore the medical, emotional and legal aspects of this special time in everyone's life – dying. Local vendors will be available before and/or after the presentation to provide information. Please check the website for times and participation.

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

Communication: Check the 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.

Small Discussions Groups: First Friday, February 6, Jarrell room (CCAC) beginning at 9 a.m. Members come when they can to meet for less formal, small group discussions. Topics vary including local issues, program follow-ups and program preparation.

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

Dance & Drill

sctxca.org > Site Index > Dance & Drill Club

Sun City Georgettes: Mondays, Texas Drive Fitness Center, 10:15 a.m.; Beginners on Wednesdays, Atrium, 10 a.m. Contact Marian Phillippi at 512-869-8145, or marianphillippi9@gmail.com.

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

Happy Feet Cloggers: Clogging is great fun, good exercise and helps to reinforce memory skills. If you are interested, please join our beginner session on Friday, January 9, from 9:15-10:15 a.m. in the ACA. The first two classes are free for first time cloggers.

Intermediate and Advanced Classes are held from 10:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. We clog to various genres of music under the instruction of Terrie Gatton. Contact Dorinda Williams at 512-656-2043 or williamsda@suddenlink.net for more information.

Tap Dancing: A new tap session begins on January 7.

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:

Men's Class: Thursdays, 1 p.m.

Beginner/Intermediate Class: Thursdays, 2 p.m.

Advanced Class: Thursdays, 3 p.m.

All classes are held at the ACA. Contact Georgia Medler at georgiedave@suddenlink.net or 512-864-2131. Second Chance Jazz Dance offers fitness and fun while you learn basic dance steps common to all forms of dance.

Dominoes & Table Games

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Dominoes & Table Games Club

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

This club offers a variety of domino, board and card games. A full list is provided below. Games are played in the Activities Center. Please try a game as our guest.

New officers were elected at our Annual Meeting on October 15. The officers for 2015 are as follows: Ben Cardinal, President; Janet Lull, VP; Nancy Wasson, Treasurer; Bill Bigger, Secretary. Special thanks to our outgoing officers.

Annual dues are \$6. You may complete a dues envelope in the Activities Center, or join online at the sctxca.org website.

Sundays

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

Mondays

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

Tuesdays

9 a.m. Cribbage, GR 3

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

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

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

7 p.m. Pinochle, GR 3

7 p.m. Rummikub GR 1 and 2

7 p.m. Backgammon, GR 3

7 p.m. Sheepshead, GR 1 and 2

Wednesdays

7 p.m. Liverpool Rummy, GR 3

7 p.m. Euchre, GR 1 and 2

Thursdays

1 p.m. Mah Jongg, GR 3

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

Fridays

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

7 p.m. Pegs and Jokers, GR 3

7 p.m. Five Hundred, GR 3

7 p.m. Backgammon, GR 3

7 p.m. Farkle

Saturdays

9 a.m. Cribbage, GR 1 and 2

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

Duplicate Bridge

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Duplicate Bridge Club

Contact: Paul Olstad, 512-639-8441

An annual renewing membership is \$10. We ask that you join our club after playing

three times.

Five weekly games are played at the CCAC:

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

Back-up for all pair matching

Ruth Massey, 512-864-3646

Bridge Lessons

Contact Betsy Lidgley at 512-864-0745 or blidgley@verizon.net, or visit the Duplicate Bridge Club web site at sctxca.org or for lesson information and class registration. Membership is not required. Course cost is \$10 for 8 weeks of lessons. Books are available for purchase. Classes will be held at Cowan Creek Amenity Center. Please check at the Monitor's Desk for class room.

Improving Your Judgment: Doubles

Tuesdays, 10 a.m.-noon

January 6 through February 24

Bridge Basics 1 – An Introduction

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

January 8 through February 26

Ever wanted to learn to play bridge? SCDBC will present Learn Bridge in a Day, a five-hour workshop introducing new players to bridge and/or refreshing the minds of players who have been absent from the game. This FREE workshop will be Wednesday, February 11, from 1-6 p.m. in the Salado Room at CCAC. For further information and registration details, contact Bonnie Dennis at bonniedennis@suddenlink.net or 512-966-7781.

Eagle Boosters

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Eagle Boosters Club

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

We have a way to beat the winter blues. Come and watch our basketball teams play their district games. The results of these games will determine the playoff status for the teams. The Girls' and Boys' teams will be playing challenging games for your entertainment.

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

Girls Home Basketball Games

Cedar Park January 6
East View January 13
Dripping Springs January 20
Leander January 27

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

Boys Home Basketball Games

Marble Falls January 9
Vista Ridge January 16
Vandegrift January 23
Cedar Park January 30

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

Fabric & Fiber

sctxca.org > Site Index > Fabric & Fiber Club

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

Studio Phone: 512-948-7667

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

Beading: Tuesdays, 1-4 p.m. *Kathryn Hart, 512-868-8398.*

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

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

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

Quilting: Meetings, Wednesdays, 1-4 p.m.; Mini-Retreats, the 2nd and 4th weekends; Workshops, 1st, 2nd, 4th and 5th Mondays, 9:30 a.m. and 1st and 4th Fridays at 9 a.m. Traditional & Arts Quilts meets 1st, 3rd and 5th Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m. to noon. *Lynn Hayes, 269-209-1700.*

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

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

Scrapbooking: 1st and 3rd Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and 1st and 3rd Sundays, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. *Renee Forster, 512-864-0988; Theresa Kittle, 512-864-2387.*

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

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

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

Foreign Language

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Foreign Language Club

Contact: Carol McAndrew, flc.carolmac@suddenlink.net

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

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

Third Friday International – January 16: Pamela Lager will speak on

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Israel at 1 p.m. in the Atrium of the Activities Center. All are welcome to attend.

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 jupinner@gmail.com

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

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

Russian – Contact Nancy Grafton at nancygrafton@sbcglobal.net. Russian for Beginners starts Fridays, January 16, 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Emphasis is on numbers, days of the week, months of the year, and using verbs to ask directions and order food and beverages. This course builds the basics for conversational Russian.

Spanish – SIG Director Ginny Hahn, hahngin@suddenlink.net. Curriculum Director, Judy Harries, jbharries@juno.com. We are offering Spanish 101 and 103, 201, 203 and 303 in January. See the NRO Bulletin for more information, or read descriptions of all our classes on the Spanish SIG website. Questions: Contact Judy Harries.

Garden

sctxca.org > Site Index > Garden Club
Wednesday, January 14, 12:30 (social), 1 p.m. (meeting) CCF/G
 Contact: Carol Parsonage, carol.parsonage535@gmail.com

Meeting

Let's kick off 2015 and chase away the winter blahs with hot cocoa, coffee and cookies. During the social time, you will have an opportunity to get your gardening questions answered by a Master Gardener, share plants and seeds or check out a book from our gardening library. Our program, Garden Photography, will provide an opportunity to view beautiful photos that will surely make you think of spring and give you ideas for your own yards. Garden Club photographers Cynthia Miller and Judy Aishman will share simple techniques, no matter what kind of equipment you use, for taking awesome

shots to create lifetime memories of your Sun City yard. Meeting agenda items will also include Gardening Tips of the Month and Plant of the Month

Membership

Dues for 2015 can be paid at the meeting or online on the Sun City Texas website. Individual dues are \$12 for new and renewing members, and a second person in the household can join for total family dues of \$20. If you have a yard, you qualify for membership!

January Yard of the Month

Congratulations to Mary Beth and Craig Applefield, 205 Goose Island Drive. A photo of their beautiful yard is in the "Around Sun City" section of this month's *Sun Rays*.

Hiking

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

Join us on the trail! The Hiking Club will sponsor more than 80 group hikes this year, as well as four social events. Hike destinations include not only nearby scenic areas, such as the San Gabriel River Trail and Lake Georgetown's Goodwater Loop, but also more far-flung locations, such as Enchanted Rock State Natural Area and Colorado Bend State Park. Participants can choose their individual level of hike difficulty, with trails varying from four to 12 miles in length. Potential members are welcome to take part in an introductory hike. Instructions for applying for membership are accessed on the club website by clicking on Contact Us > Application Form. Our extensive website also contains helpful guidelines on hike procedures and equipment. Activities during January include local hikes in Sun City and along Lake Georgetown's Goodwater Loop as well as destination hikes in the Austin, Round Rock and Burnet areas. Obtain details on this month's scheduled hikes and special events by logging on to the Sun City Texas website. After accessing the Hiking Club site, click on a specific date on our Calendar.

Horseshoes & Washers

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

Contact: Tom Minor, 512-863-9811

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

Shuffleboard SIG

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

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

Horticulture/Sun City Organic Gardens

sctxca.org > Site Index > Horticulture Club
January 6, 1 p.m., ACA
 Nursery open Thursdays and Saturdays, 9-11 a.m.

Garden Beds available now.

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

Being a better gardener is always a member objective, and we begin our monthly meetings this year with a speaker from the Williamson County Master Gardeners, discussing what we should be doing this month in our vegetable gardens. Our monthly meetings are on the first Tuesday of each month at 1 p.m. in the Activities Center Atrium. Come join us! Members are reminded that all dues (\$15

per year) and fees (garden bed rental is \$30 annually) are due by January 31. Prospective members may print out an application from our website. Membership is required before renting a garden bed.

Our nursery is always looking for donated live landscape plant material. If you are dividing overgrown plants or replacing plants from your home landscape, please consider bringing the extra live plant material to the nursery on Thursdays or Saturdays from 9-11 a.m. The nursery always has a variety of landscape plants for sale.

Hunting & Fishing

sctxca.org > Site Index > Hunting & Fishing Club

Tuesday, January 13, SCB

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

Meetings: January 13, SCB. Each member of the 2015 board of directors will make a presentation about their plans for the club's activities for the coming year.

Membership: Annual dues are \$12 per person. Sign up online through www.sctxca.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 adventures. Contact Ron Thompson, Fishing Director, at 512-869-2202 or thompr@gmail.com.

Hunting: Hunting seasons are for the most part closed until dove season in September. Some quail hunting is available. High Fence and Game Preserve Hunting are available year round. Contact Bernie Long, Hunting Director, at 512-943-0241 or fcbctrustee@yahoo.com.

Hog hunting: Available year round. Contact DB Hunting Ranch in Bertram, Texas at 512-635-0641.

Sport shooting: Club members organize events/outings at the Best of the West Shooting Range, near Liberty Hill.

Skeet and Trap Shooting: Thursdays, 8:30 a.m. **Pistol Shooting:** First Fridays, 9 a.m., at a variety of targets in several scenarios. **Pistol Target Shooting:** First and third Wednesdays at Best of the West Shooting Range or Eagle Peak Pistol Range in Leander. Contact Bernie Long, Director of Hunting. **Rifle**

Target Shooting: Fourth Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m. Meet at the Cowan Creek Pavilion. Contact Andy Attaway, alattaway@icloud.com.

Investment Education

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Investment Education Club

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

sctxca.org > Site Index > Karaoke Club

Thursday, January 8, 6 p.m., SCB

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

Elvis is in the building! Don't miss our first annual Elvis Birthday Party Thursday, January 8, in the ballroom, 6-10 p.m. Open to everyone.

You can have a great time singing or just listening to the music and going out on the dance floor. Always no cover. BYOB and snacks.

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

Thursday, January 8..... SCB
 Wednesday, January 14.....The Oaks
 Thursday, January 22..... CCF/G
 Thursday, January 29..... CCF/G
 Thursday, February 5..... CCF/G
 Thursday, February 12..... CCF/G
 Club Karaoke is open to new members. Dues are \$12 per year.

Line Dance

sctxca.org > Site Index > Line Dancing Club

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 up to three times before joining. Dues are just \$14 for the year. Five socials with special themes are held annually in the ballroom. Please visit the club's website for dance schedules, step sheets, instructional videos and other pertinent information.

The board will meet on Tuesday, January 20 at 1 p.m. in Meeting Room 1 at the Activity Center on Texas Drive.

Wednesdays – Ballroom (unless otherwise specified)

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

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

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

Thursdays – Cowan Creek AC, Georgetown/Florence Rooms

Experienced-Transition/Intermediate: 9 a.m.

Intermediate-Advanced: 10 a.m.

Sundays – (1st, 3rd, 5th) Cowan Creek AC, Georgetown/Florence Rooms

Beginner: 1:30 p.m.

Transition: 2:30 p.m.

First Sunday of Each Month

Ultra Beginner: 1 p.m. (for those line dancing for the first time)

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

sctxca.org > Site Index > Mah Jongg Club

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

Contact: Sharon Kyslowsky,
skyslowsky@suddenlink.net

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

Men's Golf Association

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Men's Golf Association Club

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

sctxca.org > Site Index > Nature Club

Tuesday, January 20, 2:30 p.m., SCB

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

A Report on Texas State Parks

Kevin Good, Special Assistant to the Director of the State Parks Division, will report on new parks and the acquisition of the legendary Powderhorn Ranch on the Gulf Coast. Also, Kevin will highlight some of the exceptional parks that should be on a "must visit" list. Whether you are new to Texas or have spent your life here, be sure to attend this program! Our state parks are special!

Special Interest Groups: See Club Calendar on the website.

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

Astronomy: Joe Bennett, 512-869-4584; Micheal Starch, 512-868-1076. Monday,

January 26, 7 p.m., ACA. First, a look at Astronomy items of current interest; then, Hank Haliasz will report on proceedings of the 17th Annual Mars Society Conference. This program is free and open to all SC residents and their guests.

Birding: Karen McBride, txmotmot@suddenlink.net; Ed Rozenburg, 512-869-7303. **No SIG meeting. Bird Walks:** Wednesday, January 7 and Wednesday, January 21. Meet at LHPP at 8 a.m. to walk or carpool. Any changes TBA by email.

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

Native Plants: Art Gibson, 512-943-0173. No walks or SIG meeting scheduled for January.

Rockhounds: Bill Blodgett, 512-948-7088; Paul Swetland, 512-943-8592. Meeting: Tuesday, January 13, 4 p.m., AC MR 3/4. Betty Finley will present a program "What Glaciers Leave Behind."

Dues: \$12 per year. Membership includes monthly programs on various topics and six Special Interest Groups which offer programs and field trips: Amphibians & Reptiles, Astronomy, Birding, Butterflies, Native Plants, and Rockhounds (Geology).

FREE REPTILE REMOVAL

See page 4.

Oldies but Goodies Dance - NEW!

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Oldies but Goodies Dance Club

Saturday, January 24, 7 p.m., SCB

Contact: Bill Smith, 512-591-7016 or
wilsmithzz029@gmail.com

The OBG Club is "Where the Young at Heart Dance to the Golden Oldies." The club is a newly sanctioned CA Chartered Club and is open to new members. We have four dances per year featuring the sounds of the '50s, '60s and '70s. Three dances featuring recorded music will be held on Saturday, January 24, Friday, September 18 and Saturday, November 14. A fourth dance will take place on Saturday, April 11 featuring live music from Little Beverly and the Shades. All dances will be held in the Social Center Ballroom. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and dances begin at 7 p.m. Dues are \$10 per person or \$15 per household. All dances are free

to members. BYOB and snacks. Ice and water will be provided. Non-members and guests are welcome to attend any dance at \$5 for recorded music dances and \$10 for live bands.

Pet

sctxca.org > Site Index > Pet Club

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

Our Annual Toy and Treat Drive for the animal shelters was a huge success! Many blankets, toys, treats and pet beds were collected and distributed to local shelters. We collect items during the entire year for this wonderful cause. Please contact the club for information on how to get these items to us. Thanks to all of you who made donations to the drive; your contribution makes a big difference in the lives of the shelter animals.

A new series of dog training classes led by Ruth Olsen will begin on Saturday mornings, beginning January 10. The Beginning, Intermediate and Advanced classes will run for seven consecutive weeks. For additional information, please contact the Sun City Pet Club by phone or e-mail.

Our first club meeting of the year will be held on Wednesday, January 21 at 6:30 p.m. in the Activities Center Atrium. Speakers will be announced at a later date.

Dog Training Tip - Dogs can't speak like humans do, but they do have their own "dog body language." What might be considered polite to a human might be perceived as impolite to a dog. For example, dogs do not like to be approached head on, whereas humans perceive that gesture as the correct way to greet someone. When greeting a dog, approach slowly from the side, assuming a non-threatening posture. For more tips on how to learn to speak "dog body language," consider signing up with "Fido" for one of our training classes.

We are Their Voice

Photography

sctxca.org > Site Index > Photography Club

Wednesday, January 7, 2 p.m., CCF/G

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

General Meeting: January’s meeting will be Wednesday, January 7 at 2 p.m. in the Georgetown/Florence Room at CCAC. Visitors welcome. The meeting will cover club announcements, and Don Simpson will share some tips on improving your photography.

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

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

Field Trips: Monthly field trips offer numerous photographic opportunities. Trips are preceded by a brief session discussing details and logistics. Another get-together takes place afterwards for members to share experiences and photographs.

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

Competition: The annual club competition and exhibit will run from January 12 to February 27 in the Activities Center on Texas Drive. A reception will be held in the Atrium on Sunday, January 18 from 2-4 p.m. Snacks and drinks will be available, and everyone is welcome to join us for this photo extravaganza.

Pickleball

sctxca.org > Site Index > Pickleball Club

Contact: Kathy Carr, 512-943-4682 or kathy.carr1@gmail.com

Catch the wave of the fastest-growing sport around – Pickleball!

Are you committed to improving your health by becoming more physically active this year? Would you like to have fun at the same time you tone your muscles,

burn calories and increase your energy? Then we have the sport for you!

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.

With a small investment of your time to learn the fundamentals of this game, you can start enjoying the many health benefits of playing Pickleball. Come give us a try and find out why Pickleball is the fastest-growing sport in America.

The Pickleball Association of Sun City Texas (PASCT) offers free introductory training classes. We provide the instructors, the paddles and balls. You provide the fun. If this sounds like the game for you, contact our Player Development Director, Richard Bradley at RLbradley1963@gmail.com to sign up.

Visit the club website for more information.

Poker

sctxca.org > Site Index > Poker Club
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 allow each member to participate in as many of the games as he/she desires.

Club Officers 2015

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

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

Texas Hold’em No Limit Tournament

The Poker Club will hold a \$24 buy-in Texas Hold’em No Limit tournament on Tuesday, January 13. The tournament will consist of no more than three tables

with a maximum of 30 players. A signup sheet is posted on the bulletin board in Game Room #3. You must place your name on the signup sheet to reserve a seat for the tournament.

Texas Hold’em Schedule of Events

Tuesdays and Saturdays, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., GR3

Wednesdays, 6-9:30 p.m., GR1/2

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

Omaha High/Low Schedule of Events

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

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

Are you interested in learning how to play Texas Hold’em? Contact PokerClub@sctexas.org

Radio Control Modelers

sctxca.org > Site Index > Radio Control Modelers Club

Tuesdays, 7:30 a.m., CCF

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

Newly retired or a new resident 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. We have lots of members – men and women – new to the hobby, along with some seasoned hobbyists who will show you how. We’re just over three years old and have grown to over 150 members. We even have a computer-controlled flight simulator if you don’t want to do the “live stuff.” 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. For a Membership Application, go to the website listed above.

January schedule:

Sunday, January 4, SCB:

10:30 a.m. Cars/Trucks

11:30 a.m. Fixed Winged Aircraft

1:30 p.m. Rotor Craft

Sunday, January 25:

1 p.m. Boating, Berry Creek Pond

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Tuesdays and Saturdays:

10 a.m. Sailing, Berry Creek Pond

On Mondays we fly small electric airplanes on the golf course driving ranges when a course is closed for play. We also fly every evening at the White Wing driving range, starting 30 minutes after the golf shop is closed. We need light wind conditions to fly, so our flying usually takes place in the early mornings or evenings. If you see us out flying, stop by and say hello.

RV

sctxca.org > [Site Index](#) > [RV Club](#)

Tuesday, January 20, 5 p.m., CCF

Contact: Mike Moody, 512-864-7873 or mmoodys@earthlink.net or George Santowski, 512-868-8458 or gjsant2000@yahoo.com

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, January 20 at 5 p.m. in the Cowan Creek Florence Room. Join us and chase away the post-holiday blues with this tropical-themed potluck event. Wear your best tropical outfit (flowered shirt/hat, leis, etc.) and bring a dish to share. Tropical entrées are encouraged, but anything will do. There will be a contest for all tropical themed entrées with an appropriate prize awarded to the winner. Don't forget to bring your beverage of choice. Can you say piña colada?

Trips planned for 2015 include Mardi Gras on the Gulf Coast (February), the Schulenburg Antiques Festival (March), Alaska (July), and New York (August). Meeting schedules and further information is available on our website.

The RV club brings together residents of our active lifestyle community who enjoy the RV lifestyle. The result is a great combination of 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, listed on our website. We meet once a month, except in 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

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[Singers Club](#)

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

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

Do you like to sing? The Singers will begin rehearsals for the spring concert on Tuesday, January 6. New members are welcome to join us at the first or second rehearsal on January 6 or 13. Please arrive that first evening at 6:20 p.m. to sign-in and collect your music. All Singers must attend the first and/or second rehearsals to sing in the spring concert which will be performed on the evenings of April 15 and 16.

All rehearsals in January will be in the Social Center Ballroom. Membership dues are \$10 payable online, at the Member Services Office, or you can pay your dues at the first or second rehearsal (by check only, made out to SCTXCA.)

We welcome anyone who loves singing and can attend the rehearsals each Tuesday. If you think you will miss more than four rehearsals, we ask that you wait and join the Singers for our Independence Day concert.

Dulcimers - a SIG of Singers

Our members have been busy preparing for our Annual Caring Place Benefit Concert, scheduled for Sunday, January 25 at 3 p.m. at The Worship Place. Mark your calendars, we want a full house to support this worthy cause!

Dulcimer practice is in rooms 3 and 4 of the Activities Center on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to noon, and Tuesdays from 6-8 p.m. Visitors are welcome. Free lessons offered for interested parties in January and February. For more information, please contact Jeanne Lubey at 512-864-3459 or jlubey@msn.com.

Social Bridge

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[Bridge Club](#)

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

We play four games per week in the Activities Center on Texas Drive.

Monday: Room 3, noon to 3:15 p.m.

Wednesday: Room 3, noon to 3:15 p.m.

Thursday: Room 1, 5:30 p.m. to close

Friday: Room 3, noon to 3:15 p.m.

Play News:

11/10 Theresa Kettle and

Wilma McIllece made 7NT

Softball

(Senior Coed Slow Pitch)

sctxca.org > [Site Index](#) >

[Softball Club](#)

Contact: Gary Knoepke, 512-876-9078 or

woolyboogers@gmail.com

Gals and guys who want to play softball and join the Sun City Texas Softball Club can conveniently sign up on the Sun City Texas website at www.sctxca.org.

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

2015 Season leagues begin later in the year. Informal games will be announced on the club website. There are typically practice and pick-up games every Tuesday and Friday, beginning at 10 a.m.

As one of the few spectator sports in Sun City Texas, we invite you to come watch, come play, and have some fun...at beautiful Del Webb Field! The grandstand cover makes watching the games more comfortable and enjoyable.

We invite new and existing residents to check out senior slo-pitch softball. There are also very active and self-supporting traveling teams, the Sun City Warriors, for the more competitive player.

You can check the Softball Club website or the club bulletin board at Del Webb Field for additional information, schedules and calendar events.

Solos

sctxca.org > [Site Index](#) > [Solos Club](#)

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

Contact: 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 and traveling. 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, host potluck meals and share in social activities. Thirsty Thursdays take place at The Oaks from 5:30-7 p.m. Bring your beverage of choice, a glass and let us welcome you to our family of friends.

Upcoming Social Event

Hurry! Hurry! Step right up to Solos' Midway Madness! On January 23, we will bring back the magical memories of a carnival midway, complete with concessions, games and entertainment. Mark your calendar and watch your email for more information!

Stained Glass

sctxca.org > [Site Index](#) > [Stained Glass Club](#)

Tuesday, January 13, 3 p.m., The Oaks
 Contact: Wayne Nelson,
 512-868-9044, nelsonavn@aol.com
 Studio phone: 512-948-7662

Happy New Year! The studio had a busy 2014, with many active members producing a range of glasswork in copper foil, kiln-formed, jewelry and mosaic items. We welcome visitors during our open hours, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Orientation to Stained Glass Classes will be held in January. Sign-up is Monday, January 5, in the studio beginning at 9 a.m. Please bring a check in the amount of \$50, made payable to SCTXCA. Classes will be held on Mondays and Wednesdays, from 4-7 p.m. for a total of six classes. This course begins the week after registration, and space is limited to the first ten people to sign up.

Sundancers

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

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

Square Dance Schedule: Regular Monday dances – All January dances are in the ballroom, all with Mainstream Beginner Class from 4:30-6:30 p.m. January 5 and 12 have Mainstream workshop, January 19 (Club Anniversary Dance) has pre-Rounds, January 26 has Plus

workshop, all from 6:30-7 p.m. Square dancing is from 7-9 p.m.

Round Dance Schedule: Regular Sunday dances – January 11 and 25 in the Atrium. Times: Beginners from 2-4 p.m.; Intermediates from 4:30-6 p.m.; and Advanced from 6:05-7:30 p.m.

Installation of Officers: A ceremony installing the Club's new officers and recognizing the 2014 officers will highlight the January 5 dance. Please join with them in supporting this fun and challenging activity.

Club Anniversary Dance: The Sundancers are celebrating 18 years of square and round dancing in Sun City with a special dance on January 18 in the ballroom. Guest caller Paul Cote will be calling squares along with club caller Brad Caldwell, and cuers Jerry and Lucy Pate will lead the round dancing. Pre-rounds will be from 6:30-7 p.m. and square and round dancing is 7-9 p.m.

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

Table Tennis

sctxca.org > [Site Index](#) > [Table Tennis Club](#)

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

During much of 2014, SCTTC President Sharon Tillisch worked closely with SC Scheduling Coordinator Sheree Barnes to produce more consistent and expanded hours in 2015 for club play. The product of that cooperation is now evident with all-day SCTTC access to the CCAC's Salado room every Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday, as well as additional days and hours. This will increase opportunities for organized activities, informal play, socialization and instruction. As before, 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. If in doubt, check the weekly room schedule on the SCTXCA website under community association/room reservations/room schedule, or at

the Cowan Creek Monitors desk. Please log-in (name and time) each time you play; the attendance book is on the counter in the Salado room.

The new Board of Directors (President Sharon Tillisch, Vice President Linda Curfs, Secretary Sheila Engel, Treasurer Susan Pendelbury, and Activities Director Tom Neely) will meet quarterly to provide leadership and direction for the club. Club members are encouraged to attend all open Board meetings. Check the club website for news, events, tournaments, photos and other related materials. Yearly dues are \$10 per person, payable via the Sun City Texas website or by taking a check to the Social Center.

Tennis Association

sctxca.org > [Site Index](#) > [Tennis Club](#)
 Contact: Mary Payne, 512-921-9830
 or 1marypayne@gmail.com

To become a member of SCTTA, please provide your name, address, phone number and email address, plus \$12 annual dues (per person) to treasurer Phil King, 734 Breezeway Lane, Georgetown, TX 78633, who can be contacted at 512-240-5797 or phil@kingmail.com; you may also pay online. Members receive regular emails and can sign up for leagues, tournaments, and socials.

Women's League Director –
 Elgia Flores, 512-686-1898

Men's League Director –
 Dwight Edman, 512-639-2909

Open tennis is a time when any resident can come and play without making a reservation on courts reserved for this purpose; all levels of play are welcome. Courts are reserved for Monday and Wednesday evenings and Friday mornings. Current hours are posted on the bulletin board. A SCTTA coordinator is there to get play started. **Open Tennis Coordinators:** Maxine Giles, 512-869-0300 and Suzanne Lukens, 512-869-7673.

Any resident may reserve a court; each day at 5 p.m. a random draw is held at the gazebo for those residents in attendance to reserve a court for play two days in advance. Sign-up sheets are located at the bulletin board.

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New and potential residents interested in learning about tennis in Sun City Texas and the Georgetown area, contact tennis instructor George Price and he will be happy to meet with you and discuss the various ways to get involved. George's email is epgp315@gmail.com and phone is 512-868-6951.

Club socials and tournaments are scheduled for SCTTA members several times each year, using various doubles formats. Contact Cindy Forson, Social Chair, 512-966-9990 or cforson51@gmail.com.

Visual Arts

sctxca.org > Site Index > Visual Arts Club

Meeting: Tuesday, January 13, 3-5 p.m., CCF/G

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

All Sun City residents are invited to join the Visual Arts Club; stop by on open studio days or visit the VAC website. Annual dues are \$10.

January's meeting will feature a presentation by John Howell, founder of The Cordovan Art School in Round Rock. Mr. Howell will be teaching classes in February and March. This introduction will prepare members for lessons designed for beginning and advanced artists who want to improve their techniques in acrylic, pastels or oil painting, work toward photo-realism and have FUN!

With the exception of scheduled class times, the studio is open for VAC members from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on weekdays for Open Painting. Class times can be determined by picking up a schedule or checking the VAC website. Schedule additions are made monthly. For information, contact Patricia Williams at 512-351-2029 or patriwillia@gmail.com.

The VAC will host a Meet the Teacher event at The Oaks on Monday, January 26, from 2 to 4 p.m. Members will be offered a chance to visit with teachers of upcoming classes.

Original artwork hung in The Studio, at Cowan Creek Amenity Center and at VAC-sponsored shows is available for purchase. Visa and Master Card are accepted.

SIGs meet in the Studio:

First Saturday Oriental Brush
Second Saturday..... Large Paintings
Third Saturday..... Water Media
Fourth Saturday..... Pastel/Drawing/
Colored Pencil

NOTE two new SIGs:

Second Tuesday, 6 p.m..... Red Dot
Fourth Monday, 6:30 p.m..... Zentangle

Women's Golf Association 9-Hole

sctxca.org > Site Index > Women's 9-Hole Club

Contact: Betty Ann Preston, 512-868-9928 or bapreston@gmail.com

The WGA 9-Holers tee off on Tuesdays, alternating weekly play among all three Sun City golf courses. In addition, golfers are encouraged to attend our monthly general meetings which are held on the second Tuesday of each month.

See the Golf section of the *Sun Rays* for monthly WGA 9-Holers news.

Women's Golf Association 18-Hole

sctxca.org > Site Index > Women's 18-Hole Club

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

Play days are every Tuesday alternating between all three Sun City golf courses. A monthly meeting is held on the first Tuesday of the month at 12:30 p.m. at the Cowan Creek Amenity Center in the Walburg/Jarrell Room.

See the Golf section of the *Sun Rays* for monthly WGA 18-Holers news.

Women Helping Others - NEW!

Monday, January 19, 11 a.m., The Oaks
Contact: Ruthie VanDeMoortel, 512-864-2384 or Nina Stancil, 512-868-1609

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

the local community.

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

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

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

WHO is now chartered, and the growth opportunities will only increase. That first meeting in Mollie's home has blossomed into a blessing for Georgetown. WHO welcomes all Sun City residents. Just call Ruthie VanDeMoortel, President, 512-864-2384 or Nina Stancil, Vice President, 512-868-1609. And, yes, men are welcome too!

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, January 14, 9 a.m.

Membership Meeting:

Thursday, January 15, 9:30 a.m.

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

New members must sign up for Orientation and Safety Training at the woodshop.

The Woodworkers Club invites you to stop by the woodshop and see the many wood projects and craft items for sale. We'd be happy to give you a guided tour of our facility, talk about your idea for a wood project, or just talk.

The Woodworkers Club is open to all Sun

City Texas residents of all skill levels. All new members are required to take the Orientation and Safety Class, as well as a one-on-one, hands-on Safety Training Session.

Our training classes and extensive library, paper and digital, help our members plan projects and enjoy woodworking.

We have several main club projects we work on during the year, including “Toys for Tots,” making wooden toys for less fortunate children at Christmas and “Camp Discovery,” providing wooden kit projects to a summer camp for children fighting cancer.

To raise funds for these projects we sell craft items at the woodshop throughout the year, do furniture repair at the woodshop and sell craft items at the annual Hill Country Arts & Crafts Fair.

Special Interest Group

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

Meetings are Mondays from 6-9 p.m. and Tuesdays from 8:30-11 a.m.

Zoomers

sctxca.org > Site Index > Zoomers Club
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. In addition, one group sponsors a luncheon with a speaker focusing on health, beauty and/or wellness. Contact Robin Pearlstein at social.zoomer2014@gmail.com for more information about wining, dining and movies. Contact Helen Shields at helenshields@gmail.com for information about cards, books and other games.

ZOE (Outside Events)

We love having our Zoomers members travel with us throughout the year and hope to have you join us for some of our fun programs this coming year. Check

our website for all pending programs.
ZIE (Inside Events – current members only.)

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

Note: Since we’ll be hosting fewer events in 2015 than in the past, keep in mind that folks are likely to sign up early.

Sports Activities

Our first 2015 golf tournament is March 1.

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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TOURNAMENT WINNERS

Front row: Barb Bigger and Barb McKee; Back row: Bill Bigger and Don Berg.

Dominoes & Table Games Club Hand & Foot Tournament



Left: Assistant Martha Kellstrand; Right: Creator Janel Lull.

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Eagle by Harry Owen



Dragonflies by Pat Morrison

STAINED GLASS CLUB SHINES ON



PHOTO BY CYNTHIA MILLER

JANUARY YARD OF THE MONTH MARY BETH AND CRAIG APPLEFIELD • 205 GOOSE ISLAND DRIVE (N43)

As we sit all snug and toasty in sweaters and wool socks, it's rather easy to forget how taxing and sweltering the seemingly endless days of 90-plus degrees can be. With a westward facing back yard that slopes away from the house, creating sufficient shade to deliver respite from the oppressive summer heat was one of the first jobs Craig and Mary Beth tackled in their new landscape on Goose Island. And rather than start with building cover, they chose to plant it. What began six years ago as a small stand of "spindly" Texas live oaks planted center point between the sun and their enchanting rear patio has since grown up enough to provide a wide canvas of leafy green that delivers blissful shade. While waiting for nature to catch up, the Applefields spent many an evening on their east facing patio located to the left of their front door, encircled by a delightful collection of plant friends including Boston ferns, lantana, Japanese yew, crape myrtles, coleus and roses. Mary Beth says when they spend an evening on their front yard patio, friends and neighbors tend to stop by more often, giving them a chance to share stories and a glass of wine. Bellissimo! - Nancy Hontz

POKER FACES

The Poker Club held a Texas Hold'em No Limit tournament on November 11 with 30 members participating in the event. Congratulations to Ron Evans for winning the tournament with Verda Riggs placing second and Louise Phillips placing third. Other winners: High Hand - Roy Gollahon (Full House: 10s full of 5s); Bounty - Verda Riggs, Ron Evans and Lendol Diehl.

November Texas Hold'em Tournament:
2nd Place - Verda Riggs, 1st Place - Ron Evans, 3rd Place - Louise Phillips





A DAY AT THE PARK

Great granddaughters of Beverly and Ralph Rogers, Emily Lammers, age 1, left, and Audrey Lammers, age 3, right, enjoyed the playground at Legacy Hills Park on Thanksgiving Day.



THE BUCK STOPPED HERE

An eight-point buck resting behind the fence of Bill Strong (N01) posed for this photo.



CZECH THEM OUT!

PHOTO BY MARY HOVERSON

The Sun City Czech Club ladies met on Thursday, November 20 for a brunch at the home of Lucy Oxberry, a native of the Czech Republic. Pictured above are Lucy Oxberry, Jan Swanda, Sue Arney, Bobbie Bickle, Betty Grier, Lil Oppie, and Betty Melnar.

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OU GRADS

Three SC OU grads attended the OU Club of Austin's meeting and met KEYE chief meteorologist Chikage Windler, also an OU grad. Left to right: Marge Duffy, Chikage, Annette Strother and Ruth Anne Hicks.



OHIO INTEREST GROUP POTLUCK

The Ohio Interest Group held a potluck dinner on November 11 at The Oaks. The potluck had originally been scheduled at Cowan Creek Pavilion but the 85 attendees had to move to The Oaks when the weather turned cold and windy - too chilly even for former Ohioans! Shown above: new Sun City residents Marilyn and Tom Hartmann (N48).



PINK LADIES

These hearty Sun City souls did not let the weather deter them from participating in the Komen Race for the Cure in Austin on Sunday, November 16. Left to right: Liz Wommack, Linda Wappler, Mary Lohmann, Vicki Simons, Susan Cook, Sally Blackshear, Judy Kunkle, Elaine Brogen.



DOUBLE TAKE

Faith Burns snapped this photo of two bucks near her home at 535 Deer Meadow Circle.



BELL RINGERS

Sandy Goodman and Cathy Francis enjoyed “Ringing the Bell” for the Salvation Army at City Market. Cathy, dressed as Mrs. Claus, made “Ringing the Bell” popular with the Sun City Georgettes four years ago; now, many of the Georgettes ring the bell each year. Sandy Goodman is on the Sports Committee and has rung the bell many times.



N54 RESIDENTS SHOW SUPPORT FOR VETERANS

On Sunday, November 9, residents gathered at the Duck Creek entrance to N54 to raise six new flags, one for each branch of the U.S. Military and one for those who were POW/MIA while serving in a war zone. The flags were purchased by N54 residents who wanted to display their support of all veterans, particularly the more than 40 men and women in the neighborhood who have served their country.

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SOLOS WILD WEST DANCE NIGHT

Recently, the Sun City Solos held a Wild West Dance Night that featured a catered BBQ dinner, music by Frank Cavitt and the Honky Tonk Doctors, and a few Solos saloon ladies.



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SOFTBALL CLUB VETERANS VS THE TEXAS LONGHORNS

On Veterans Day, 24 veterans from the Sun City Texas Softball Club played in a softball match-up with the Texas Longhorns at McCombs Field. The game was broadcast live on the Longhorn Network so Sun City residents were able to tune in and watch the fun.



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Hundreds of veterans, officers, soldiers and patriotic civilians braved dark skies and icy winds to show their respect and gratitude at the 11th Annual Veterans Day Ceremony at the Georgetown-Williamson County Veterans Memorial Plaza. Guests were treated to music, provided by the Georgetown High School band and choir, and honored with a speech from Lieutenant General Sean B. MacFarland, Commanding General of III Corps and Fort Hood, Texas.

Veterans Day

Among the day's greatest highlights was the presentation of a brand new home to veteran and guest of honor, Sergeant Christopher Powell. As a special ops ranger, Sgt. Powell sustained multiple injuries during a 2011 raid in Afghanistan. He has since gone on to become an athlete and motivational speaker, and is preparing to pursue a graduate degree in psychology at the University of Texas. "I still can't describe it," said the 39-year-old veteran, who insisted that it was still a day to congratulate *all* veterans.



Brent Baker, PulteGroup's Vice President of Land for the Central Texas Division, presents Sergeant Christopher Powell with a key to a new home during a surprise presentation at the Veterans Day Ceremony. The presentation of a new mortgage-free Centex home was made on behalf of PulteGroup's "Built to Honor" program.

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Dr. Young's interests include internal medicine and orthopedic surgery. He and his wife, Hilary, have a daughter, as well as three dogs (Gus, Tucker and Boon) and one cat (Ringo). In his personal time, he enjoys outdoor activities like hiking, fly fishing and kayaking. He is a die-hard Texas Aggie fan.



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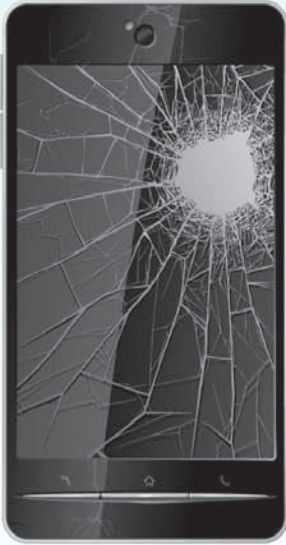
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Sun City Texas women with an abiding interest in antiques meet monthly in members' homes to enjoy a short program and share knowledge and love of antiques, vintage items, collectibles and historical sites. We also have a biannual fundraiser to benefit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

Big Band Group

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

Book Discussion

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

The Great Books Reading and Discussion group will meet twice in January. Group One will meet from 5-7 p.m. on January 11 in the Activities Center to discuss *The Persian Wars*, by Herodotus. Group Two will meet from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. on January 10 to discuss Joseph Conrad's *Heart of Darkness*. Group sizes are limited to twelve participants. New members welcome. Contact Bob Stockburger at stuttgart822@yahoo.com or 817-999-3787.

Born In Texas

If you or your spouse were born in Texas and are not receiving the BIT Club emails, contact Carolyn Heald at 512-819-9484 or carolynheald@aol.com.

Brits

Second Thursdays

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

Cajuns

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California

Third Wednesdays

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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.

Corvette Owners

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

INTEREST GROUPS

Cruisers

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

Czech

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

DAR - Robert Gilbert Livingston Chapter

Daughters of the American Revolution, The Robert Gilbert Livingston chapter, will meet on Thursday, January 8. The meeting will be held in the Atrium of the Activities Center, with refreshments beginning at 9:30 and the meeting at 10 a.m. The program will be presented by Dr. Evelyn Fox, University of Texas, who will speak on "Cyber-Safety: What You Need to Know." Guests are welcome. For further inquiry, please contact Regent Barbara Elrod, (512) 931-2484.

Firefighters

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

French Social

Born, lived or worked in French-speaking countries? Want to keep up the language?

Join our group on the second Thursday of the month at 2 p.m. For the location, please contact Claudia Shelton by email at caugier26@yahoo.com.

Garland Groupies

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

German

Second Thursdays, Noon

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

Hadassah - SC Kadima

Hadassah is the largest women's 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

At our December 7 meeting, members not only celebrated the holiday season, but paused in remembrance of Pearl Harbor. A great time was had by all. Thanks to Charlie and Janet Payne for hosting this event.

The next event will be held on March 22, Prince Kuhio Day, at the Cowan Creek Florence Room.

For more information about the Hawaii group, contact Karen Meredith Lindholm at hulagal98@hotmail.com or 512-686-1906, or Martha Toler marthanntoler@gmail.com or 512-868-3639.

Indiana

Former Hoosiers and others interested in Indiana are invited to join us. Contact Barbara Wolford at 512-948-7182 or bj-wolford@msn.com.

Iowa

Maid-Rites, anyone? Are you an Iowa expat? Come join other Iowans on Monday, February 2 from 6 - 8 p.m. in the Georgetown and Florence Rooms of Cowan Creek for our annual Maid-Rite Party. For more information, contact Pat Sampson at 512-863-8219 / pndsampson@gmail.com, or Jan Miller at janandgael@suddenlink.net.

Italian Social

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Kansas

If you have lived in Kansas or just wish you had, you are invited to join us as we share information, stories, and memories of Kansas. The Kansas Group gets together at least annually. Watch the Kansas Group page on the Sun City Texas website for upcoming events. For additional information, contact Jim Wayland at 512-864-9319, Reg Bessmer at 512-686-0140, or Larry/Jonene Pruitt at 512-591-7268.

Ladies Beginner Golf Group (LBGG)

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Latin/Hispanic

Are you speant a number of years living in Latin America? If you are interested in meeting with others to practice Spanish or exchange cultural experiences in a casual social setting, contact Fran at 512-930-8180 or leftk60@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

The annual Minnesota Wild Rice Soup Supper will be held on Friday, January 30 at 6 p.m. in the Georgetown and Florence rooms of the Cowan Creek Amenity Center. Payment can be made from January 9 to January 23 to Judy and Don DeWenter at 203 San Antonio Road. Cost is \$7 per person. Make checks payable to Sheridan Strayer.

For more information or to be added to our mailing list, please contact Chuck Kraby at txchask@aol.com or Cameron Kienenberger at 512-240-4209.

Mississippi

Calling all Mississippi folks – join our Mississippi Club. Come meet other Mississippians living in Sun City. Contact Ann Nelson at annm12@suddenlink.net or 512-931-2229 or Mary Lou Harrington at marylou10tx@aol.com or 512-864-1949.

Nebraska

Over eighty Cornhuskers held a Holiday Celebration on November 23 at Cowan Creek, featuring the theme “Our Nebraska Heritage.” Nebraskans from Temple, Austin, Georgetown and various others towns attended. 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

The New England Social Society is open to ALL folks with ties to New England. We get together several times a year. For information or to be added to our email list, contact Gail Abend at gsabend@

gmail.com, or Pat Ford at 512-943-8503 or pat4door@yahoo.com.

New York

Yo, New Yorkers! Do you love the Big Apple? Did you leave your heart in the Empire State? If you are interested in meeting others who feel the same, let's get together! To add yourself to the New York Group mailing list, e-mail Tom Olsen at tolsen53@suddenlink.net. For other information, contact Pat Prudhom at 512-686-0506.

Nurses

**Lunch and Learn Quarterly meeting
Friday, March 6, 11:30 a.m.,
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All Sun City nurses, active and retired, are invited to our quarterly meeting. Bring your brown bag lunch, meet fellow nurses and increase your clinical knowledge. The topic will be announced at a later date. Contact patclendenin@gmail.com to RSVP.

Ohio

The newly formed Ohio Club had two ‘high-spirited’ events in the fall of 2014. Come and join Sun City Ohioans from the great Buckeye state! A committee will meet the second week in January to plan for 2015! Watch for the next event announcement in the Sun Rays/your emails! If you have suggestions for your Ohio Club or to be added to our mailing list, please contact Celia Olson 512-948-7382 or olson@dgolson.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

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The Alexander Hamilton Chapter of Sons of the American Revolution meets the second Saturday of each month, except Febru-

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ary and September. Our January 10 meeting will be held at 11 a.m. at Mel's Lone Star Lanes, 1010 N. Austin Ave, Georgetown. Our guest speaker, Al Gonzales, will present his story of moving from hardship to success through his military career. All with uniforms are encouraged to wear them. Contact Harry Walden, 512-818-1379, or email harry.walden@gmail.com.

St. Louis

It seems we have a number of former St. Louisans living in Sun City Texas. If you feel that St. Louis connection, contact Gary and Sheila Engel at geesle@swbell.net or 512-868-6929.

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

Texas Tech

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

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If you've ever lived or want to reconnect with the original Sun City, its rich west Texas culture, the Franklin Mountains or the desert southwest, you must join: **VIVA EL PASO!** Exchange memories from Texas Western/UTEP, Ft. Bliss and, of course, Ciudad Juarez. Many of the people who made El Paso great live right here in Sun City Texas. Join us for our bi-monthly Saturday dinners. Contact Yolanda, angelgandara@prodigy.net, or Patricia, patrwillia@gmail.com.

Wisconsin

Dinner at El Monumento Restaurant Friday, February 6 at 5:30 p.m.

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

We will celebrate Valentine's Day a little early with our Wisconsin group outing on February 6 at the El Monumento Restaurant in Georgetown. Let's meet at 5:30 p.m. and greet our fellow Sun City "Badgers". Let Loree know if you are coming at loreetx@suddenlink.net or call 512-869-0319 before January 31. See you in February.

political

Sun City Democrats

www.suncitydems.org

Saturday, January 17

Coffee: 9:30 a.m.; Meeting: 10 a.m., SCB

Contact: Dwaine Boydston, President 512-431-4412 or dwayne.boydstun@gmail.com

The January program is: "Some reasons why the 'Greatest Generation' was Great and This Generation is Not So Great." The guest speaker is Professor Jeremi Suri.

Jeremi Suri holds the Mack Brown Distinguished Chair for Leadership in Global Affairs at the University of Texas at Austin. He is a professor in the University's Department of History and the Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs, and the author of five books on contemporary politics and foreign policy.

Republican Club of Sun City

rcsctx.com

Thursday, January 15, 6 p.m., SCB

Contact: Robert Fears, 512-863-6873 or iwriteag@gmail.com

Our 6 p.m. social period will be followed by dinner at 6:30 p.m. The program begins at 7 p.m. There is a \$16 charge per person for dinner. A check payable to "The Republican Club of Sun City" must be mailed no later than January 9 to Bill Chiles, Treasurer, The Republican Club of Sun City, 1530 Sun City Blvd., Box 227, Georgetown, TX, 78633. A guest speaker will be announced at a later date.

service organizations

Citizens Council at Sun City Texas

Thursday, January 15, 9 a.m.
128 Huntsville Cove

Contact: Steve Johnston, 512-591-7594 or drclean@suddenlink.net
www.citizenscouncilsct.org

Citizens Council is an independent group of residents with a common vision of safeguarding the value / lifestyle of the Sun City Texas community. The Citizens Council is not affiliated with the developer, Community Association, or other governance systems. All members and interested parties are welcome to attend our board meetings.

Kiwanis Club of Sun City

www.suncitykiwanisgt.org

Tuesdays, 10 a.m., Location varies

Contact: Dave Tolkan, 512-528-5470

Join us each Tuesday to hear speakers of interest to our Sun City community and meet your neighbors who work to benefit the children of Williamson County.

Mark your calendars for Tuesday, January 20 as we invite you to a special meeting with our Texas State Representative, Dr. Marsha Farney. Dr. Farney will speak on the challenges facing our state, including securing our border, making provisions for growth, our roadways, water supply and public education.

Sun City Shriners

Tuesday, January 20

Doors open 5:30 p.m.; Dinner 6 p.m.

Berry Creek Country Club

sctxca.org > Site Index > Shriners Group
Contact: Jack Neal, 512-864-0237

Contact Jack Neal, 512-864-0237, or Al Scholin, 512-864-9493, to make reservations for our January meeting.

We hope all Sun City residents, families and guests enjoyed the Holiday Lighting at the Williams Drive and SH 195 entrances, the Welcome Station, and the bridges! We particularly thank all those who made contributions to the Shriners Hospitals for Children.

The Shrine Circus is coming to the Cedar Park Center January 16 through 19.

Information, show times, and tickets are available at the austincircus.com.

Sun City Texas Rotary

Tuesdays, Location varies, Noon

Contact: Don Bender, 512-863-2179 or dpbender@suddenlink.net

Rotary clubs and Peace Corps volunteers have worked together for decades on projects involving educational and environmental issues. In May 2014, Rotary and the Peace Corps formalized this relationship in a signed letter of collaboration, promising to explore how shared resources and expertise might boost the impact of our development efforts. If interested in learning more about Rotary, please join us at one of our weekly lunch meetings.

spiritual

Anglican Worship

Christ Church Sun City invites everyone interested in worshipping Jesus Christ in a relaxed yet traditional service to join us each Sunday at 10 a.m. at The Oaks, 301 Del Webb. Our Book of Common Prayer worship includes Biblical proclamation, joyful celebration and Holy Communion every Sunday. Christ Church also hosts weekly Bible Study. For information, contact Fr. Steve Pope at frsteven2@yahoo.com or 512-591-7183, or Fr. Billy Disch at 512-868-6668.

Catholic Rosary/Dinner

A group of Sun City Catholics meets once a month in each others' homes. Potluck dinner is followed by the Rosary and fellowship. There are currently two groups involved. All Catholics – couples or singles – are welcome. Contact Mona O'Brien at 512-863-4867 or oh.gb.mona@gmail.com.

Celebration Church

One of the best ways to connect with others is joining a small group! Celebration Church offers many bible study groups here in Sun City. **Bible Study, Fellowship and Support:** 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at 6 p.m. Contact Bunny Bassett, 512-864-1456 or bbbass8995@aol.com. **Bible Study and Discipleship:** 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Wednesdays at 7 p.m. Contact Carlene Truett, 512-240-4571

or deantruett@suddenlink.net. **Single ladies 55+ Bible Study Fellowship:** 1st Sundays at 6:30 p.m. Contact Babs Belote, 512-639-1912 or bbelotedesign@yahoo.com.

Christian Science

If you would like to know more about the healing power of the Christ, you are lovingly invited to attend Christian Science worship services held each Sunday at 10 a.m. at the Cowan Creek Amenity Center. Testimony meetings are held the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 12:15 p.m., also at Cowan Creek Amenity Center. For more, email csgeorgetown222@gmail.com.

Congregation Havurah Shalom

www.chstx.org

2nd and 4th Fridays, 7:30 p.m.

Contact: Linda Schaffer, President, 512-597-7000, president@chstx.org or membership@chstx.org

Congregation Havurah Shalom of Sun City holds services on the 2nd and 4th Friday of every month at the Cowan Creek Amenity Center, Florence & Georgetown Rooms at 7:30 p.m. In addition, services are held on the High Holidays. Throughout the year many

other religious, social, and community activities are offered.

Hill Country Bible Church - Sun City

www.hbcgct.com

Sundays, 8:30 a.m., CCAC

Contact: Senior Adults Pastor Dennis Keller, 512-496-8934 or dennisk@hbcgct.com

Hill Country Bible Church has been in Georgetown for over 18 years and now has an additional campus right in Sun City Texas for your convenience. There are several small groups that meet weekly in Sun City Texas, as well. For more information, please visit our website or contact us.

The Worship Place

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; 9:30 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.



N10 COMES THROUGH FOR BLUE SANTA

Neighborhood 10 donated over 100 gifts for Blue Santa at their holiday party. Linda Lipscomb, Volunteer Program Coordinator for the Georgetown Police Department, was on hand to talk about the program. Left to right: 2015 N10 Alt. Rep. Brenda Morton, 2015 N10 Rep. Betty Orlopp, N10 Rep Barbara Dorrah, Linda Lipscomb.

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See page 6 for current month meeting information for these committees.

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• Bold - Chairman
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Veterans Corner

CAMP MABRY ID CARDS

ID Cards can be obtained at Camp Mabry in Austin at the following location: Building #34 Soldiers and Airmen Support Center, ID Section. Hours are from 0800 hrs to 1600 hrs (open during the noon hour) Monday through Friday. No appointment necessary. Phone number is 512-782-6841.

Camp Mabry is located off the South MoPac, exit 35.

FT. HOOD ID SERVICE CHANGE

The Copeland Center ID Card Office at Ft. Hood urges customers to make an appointment for faster service. Appointments should be made at least two weeks in advance. To make an appointment online, visit <https://rapids-appointments.dmdc.osd.mil/>. Service hours are 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. the first Thursday of each month.

VETERANS INFORMATION

If you are eligible, please stop by the VFW at 1000 North College St. in San Gabriel Park to pick up applications for any of these groups. The VFW is the meeting place for all of our veterans' organizations; phone 512-863-2535 for information.

The American Legion Post 174 – Meets monthly. Membership eligibility is one day of active duty during a declared conflict. Contact Glenn Mautner at alpost174@yahoo.com or 512-240-5033.

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 174 – Meets monthly. Contact Joanna Lewis at momolewis@verizon.net or 512-864-2503 for location, time and eligibility.

Military Order of the World Wars—The Capt. Robert Dilworth-USN chapter is open to former commissioned officers from all military branches. The chapter meets the first Saturday morning each month. Contact Vic Pierson at 512-868-8501.

Marine Corps League Williamson County Detachment – Eligibility is former service in the Marine Corps.

Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 8587 – Eligibility is campaign medal service, AFE or service in Korea for a minimum of 30 consecutive days.

Williamson County Veterans Service Office – The Veterans Service Office provides eligible veterans, dependents and survivors direct and general support in obtaining benefits. The main office is located in Georgetown at 3151 S.E. Inner Loop. Phone is 512-943-1900. Office hours are Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to noon and 1-5 p.m.; closed from noon to 1 p.m.

Heroes Night Out – Call 512-986-7660 or visit www.heroesnightout.org. The HNO office is located at 1150 S. Bell, Cedar Park, TX 78613.

WOMAN VETERAN LICENSE PLATE

Apply for Woman Veteran license plates for your vehicle if you serve or served in the U.S. Armed Forces, the Texas National Guard or the Texas State Guard. Go to www.txdmv.gov > License Plates > License Plate Forms for application and requirements.

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