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Ventana Lakes Property Owners Association



# Ventana Views

**THIS ISSUE: FINAL ON THE ELECTION – NEW WAYS TO DO BUSINESS – FUN ACTIVITIES! - AND THE ANNUAL REPORT**

(...and why are you getting this issue so early?)

Community News from Sue Alandar, Board President

## **BOARD ELECTION IS MARCH 4!**

The polls will be open at the Yacht Club on Tuesday, March 4<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 to 4:00pm for voting in person. To vote in person, you must have your ID with you. Either your Ventana Lakes Badge or a Drivers License with your Ventana Lakes address is acceptable as identification. Please remember to vote by absentee ballot or in person as all votes are important. The Election Committee, a group of over 20 people, will be counting votes after the polls close.

Election results will be announced at the Annual Meeting at 7:00 p. m. that evening.

## **A GOOD QUESTION: WHAT IF THERE IS A TIE?**

The Election Committee made the following announcement at the last "Meet the Candidates" session on February 9.

We have 7 candidates running for the 6 positions on the Board. With up to 6 votes on each ballot, we feel it could be a very close race and could even result in a tie between candidates.

There are:

2 seats available for a 3 year term

1 seat for a 2 year term

3 seats for a 1 year term.

As you are aware, the individuals who receive the most votes will get the longer terms.

In case a of tie vote between candidates, the following decision has been made as to the best way to be fair to candidates. If a tie vote means receiving a 3 year term or a 2 year term, those 2 people will draw a pre-numbered ball from a bag and the person drawing the number closest to number 1 would receive the 3 year term and the other person would receive a 2 year term. The same procedure would occur if it is a tie vote occurs between other positions.

The drawing would take place at the Annual Meeting. The only reason this would have to occur is if the number of votes are tied and it makes a difference between the length of the term that candidates would receive. Only candidates involved in the tie vote would be drawing.

**FOR THE LAST TIME:** You will find information inside this newsletter on each candidate, exactly as they provided it. It begins on page 4.

## **IMPROVING BUSINESS PROCESSES**

One of the things that has concerned the Board is the problem we have with "bids." It seems we have had a problem getting bids when we need work done, and they come in "high" when we do.

So I asked the assistance of professional procurement officer trained and certified in this sort of work, who has done it both for the government and the private sector. She helped us begin setting up this process at no charge. Further, she told us about a link to a list of licensed and bonded small business contractors to use

when putting out our bids – a whole new pond to fish in! The State offers this list of women and minority-owned small businesses as part of a “step up” program for economic encouragement and development.

On February 9, the Board approved a new standardized form for soliciting bids. The advantage of this that the form can be tailored to each specific project, while assuring us that critical details (such as licensing, and insurance, acceptance periods, terms....) are not overlooked in the final agreement with a contractor. It is so complete that, once the offer is accepted and signed by the officer of our Corporation, it becomes the contract with the vendor.

I see this as part of the administrative processes such as records management (already addressed by our Board Secretary, **Lori Norris**), which has been missing in Ventana Lakes.

We need to have these things in place for use by any Manager that sit at Jack's desk in the future. This is not micro-managing, but setting the parameters for professional management of Ventana's business operations. There remains a lot of work to be done in this area.

Of course any homeowner may come by the office and review the new form and draft procedures as they are developing, and we welcome any input. Our e-mails addresses are on the website; if you do not have e-mail, you can always drop a note at the front desk or in the “black box” near the desk if you prefer.

**REPORT SUSPICIOUS ACTS  
TO POLICE: 773-8311  
IF IT'S AN EMERGENCY CALL 911**

### KNOW WHEN TO CALL POLICE!

A homeowner called me recently, concerned about noisy teenage parties in a vacant house in her neighborhood. I asked her to PLEASE call the Peoria Police if it happened again!

Please remember that the Board does NOT have the authority to enforce the law, only the Police do. The Police are sworn and are paid to “serve and protect.” **Any time it is an emergency or you need help call 911.** Any other time, do call the number above. It is not lawful to disturb the peace OR trespass on private property!

Of course you can and should call the Management Office after the fact, as we need to notify the homeowner of what is happening on their property. Whether or not they are aware of it, it needs to be halted, and chances are they are not aware of it, so it is a service to them.

### “HOME FOR SALE” FLYERS CAN NOW BE PLACED IN THE OFFICE!

In return for notifying the Management Office when homes go on the market in Ventana Lakes, Realtors and “For Sale by Owners” alike will (and when they are sold), place their advertising flyers in the Management Office.

The Board approved this new policy on February 9, also as another way to show what a friendly place Ventana Lakes is. It will be revisited again to see how it is working out, so let us know your thoughts.

### VENTANA SOCIALS TAKE NOTE!

The Peoria Independent is anxious for good local news – and let's give them plenty!

Submit your happy photos and stories to:

[peorianews@newszap.com](mailto:peorianews@newszap.com)

or [jmaurer@newszap.com](mailto:jmaurer@newszap.com).

### ANNUAL REPORT IN THIS ISSUE

The Bylaws of our Association require that Association Members (you) be provided with the Annual Report ten days prior to the Annual Meeting. Since postage costs many many pesos these days, we decided that including it with our volunteer-delivered newsletter would save us money that could be better used elsewhere in our community.

So now you also know why you are getting the newsletter so early – blame it on the tightwads, your Board.

### POLICE AT RECREATION CENTER

Another item approved by your Board: inviting the Peoria Police to use our Recreation Center facilities as a stop where they can write reports while on patrol. This is a partnership which, if accepted by the Police, we believe will benefit all of us.

We've had a lot of vandalism in Ventana Lakes recently, including inside of the Recreation Center. We're hoping the visibility of the Police...even of just the Patrol car in the parking lot – will help reduce some of that!

Homeowners at the Board meeting were very receptive to the proposal. Concerns about handing out the key were allayed by the plan to use a “lock box”; Officers have a master key by which they can access the box containing the Rec Center key to get into the building.

### ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING SET

The new Board is elected on March 4, and must have an Organizational Meeting to elect its officers within 10 days of that election. The date for that meeting was set for Saturday, March 8, 2008, at 9:30 a.m.

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Since we will shortly be electing a new board, and it will be electing officers very soon thereafter, this may be my last President's report.

February 9 was the last meeting regular meeting of this interim Board, which was put together last October. I'd like to remind you what the four of us pledged to you at that time, because I think we have kept our word.

**FIRST, WE'VE BEEN GETTING BUSINESS DONE.** We know Ventana is financially secure and insured. We've gotten our Recreation Center repaired. We're working hand in hand with you, our Manager and our new landscaper to make our community beautiful again. We've broken ground for new, professional business policies, no matter who our manager may be in the future.

**SECOND, WE'VE BEGUN HEALING FOR VENTANA LAKES.** We've done this by listening, respecting, and sharing everything with you, our neighbors and friends. We are honoring our volunteers this month, and again, breaking ground for a new Volunteer Appreciation program after that. Why is this so important? Simple. Without our volunteers we would all be paying a higher assessment fee. With their time and their service, they save us all money.

**THIRD, AND NOT LEAST. WE'VE PAVED THE WAY FOR THE NEW BOARD.** We have done this in two ways. First, I believe we have set a higher standard for this community by showing what a REPRESENTATIVE BOARD should be. And second, we have worked with our Election Committee to establish new election procedures.

I want to personally thank **Lori Norris, Darrell Smith, and Moe Frenette** for everything they have done for this community. And I want to thank this community for the support you have given us.

**Board President Sue Alandar**

## LAKES COMMITTEE

Just a reminder to empty out your boats since we have had so much rain. Thanks! **Chairman Tim Willems**

## MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE

Recently the committee has performed the following projects:

- 1) Replaced light bulbs at various locations.
- 2) Repaired light fixtures at the Management Office.
- 3) Installed a light and switch at the Pickleball gate area.
- 4) Replaced the entrance water line at the Management Office.
- 5) Cleaned and repaired all lights at the Yacht Club.
- 6) Replaced fluorescent bulbs at the Yacht Club.
- 7) Reattached the metal fence to the boundary wall at 102<sup>nd</sup> Lane & Mohawk Lane.

8) Replaced the missing block into the above mentioned wall.

This committee continues to keep Ventana Lakes operating in good order at a considerable savings to the residents. We enjoy working and ask for the resident's cooperation in reporting any problems they encounter. Please call **623-566-6001** and report the problems. We request a name and phone number to be provided, so that we can call for more details/ location if we have questions.

Our next meeting will be held at the Management Office at 9:30 AM on Tuesday, March 18, 2008.

**Chairman Dave Bracken**

## ITALIAN- AMERICAN CLUB OF VENTANA LAKES

Darrell Smith, President, called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m. and welcomed everyone after which the Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance. Darrell informed us that Anna Freda, Rosemary Keely's mother, is very ill.

Darrell mentioned that tickets were being sold for the March 6<sup>th</sup> meeting. The March meeting is open to Members only and will be a Pot Luck Appetizers & Desserts. We will also have the pleasure of being entertained by our Ventana Lakes residents, Bud Hesterman & Eileen Gawlowski. The fee for this meeting is \$2.00 or you need to bring an appetizer or dessert. If you haven't already gotten your ticket(s), please call RoseAnn Fiebig at 376-9037.

Darrell called table numbers and everyone had plenty of sausage & pepper sandwiches and salad. After dinner, we had the very great pleasure of being entertained by the Nani Komohana Tutus, a group of dancers performing Polynesian dances in their many different, brightly colored costumes. It began with the blowing of the Conch Shell, a signal calling us all to an enchanting celebration. They transported us to the tropical islands of Hawaii & Tahiti for almost an hour while telling stories about the legends of the islands and dancing to various Polynesian songs. They ended their wonderful performance by singing and dancing to "God Bless America", to which we all stood and joined in.

We honored three birthdays and three anniversaries. Then it was time for dessert and the 50/50 drawing during which ten prizes were drawn. The three beautiful baskets were won by Gail Hellquist and MaryAnn Franchina who won TWO baskets! There were 132 members and guests in attendance. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

# election info

## BOARD CANDIDATES

Bruce Parmenter  
Joe McCord  
Richard (Dick) Matsuishi  
Tony Fiore  
Lori Norris  
Maurice (Moe) Frenette  
Darrell Smith

This is the order in which their names will appear on the ballot and in which they sit at the "Candidate Interviews" (the last one will be held on Saturday, February 9, right after the 9:30 a.m. Coffee Forum.)

The information that follows is exactly as provided by each candidate, presented in the order listed above.

### Board Candidate Bruce Parmenter Sr.

My name is Bruce R. Parmenter Sr. and i would like to be your new board candidate.

I moved to Sun City - Peoria are in 1990 where i opened a General Contractors Construction Business. I have since retired and am able to devote the necessary time it takes to be a board member. I have lived in Ventana Lakes now for two years. I see a need for new people with a clear and un clouded past with board experience.

I have no prior homeowners' Association experience and I will not be prejudiced by personalities (and/or politics) involved in the Board when it comes to reaching or making sound business decisions for the benefit of the Ventana lakes Property Owners Association and its homeowners.

I feel that the three Q's of Quality seem to be missing from various projects in Ventana lakes that we are paying for.

I would appreciate your vote and support.  
Thank you.

### Board Candidate Joe McCord

My name is Joe McCord and I am asking you to return me to the Board of Directors.

Previously, I served one year as a Board member and I did what I could to move our community forward. Recently, I completed the City of Peoria "HOA Academy" course, where I learned how HOA Boards ought to act. I will bring those lessons to our Board.

My education includes a BA in History from the University of California, Berkeley, and an MA in Business Economics from the University of Northern Colorado, Greeley, Colorado (this course is the equivalent of a Harvard MBA).

The US Army saw fit to promote me to lieutenant colonel and I retired with that rank after 28 years of worldwide service, including 5 ½ years in The Pentagon where I administered large programs involving millions of dollars.

During nearly eight years at Ventana Lakes I have been involved in a number of programs, including leading the fight to prevent Maricopa County from widening Beardsley Road and linking it to the 303 - a move which, if successful, would have tripled traffic on Beardsley and allowed huge semis and other freeway vehicles through the middle of our community. I represent you on the County Mining Board and recently was appointed to a second three-year term to that body where I will continue the battle to reduce the effect of mining operations on the health of everyone who lives here and, ultimately, to ban all gravel and cement hauling trucks from Beardsley.

I have no agenda other than working with other Board members to make this the best community possible. Specifically, I want to put the past behind us, forget recriminations, heal our wounds and move forward. My goal is to make Ventana Lakes the place where people want to move to -- and where residents don't want to move from.

I support the refreshing policies of openness and integrity generated by our new Board and I would like to join them in extending those policies. I ask for your support and your vote.

Thank you.

**Board Candidate  
Richard K. Matsuishi, D.D.S.**

Reason for running: Instead of standing by and complaining, I decided to become actively involved and try to assist in making Ventana Lakes a better place to live.

**PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

President, Central Arizona Dental Society  
Member, House of Delegates, Arizona State Dental Association  
Chairman, Dental Policy Committee, National Delta Dental Plans Association  
Vice-president, Board of Directors, Delta Dental Plan of Arizona  
Examiner, Western Regional Examining Board, Dental Hygiene Licensure Examination  
Examiner, Arizona State Board of Dental Examiners, Foreign Dentist Examination  
Member, Central Arizona Dental Society Peer Review Committee  
Member, Board of Directors, Associated Dental Care Providers

**COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES**

Member, Small Business Administration, Phoenix Area Regional Advisory Council  
Member, Board of Directors, Glendale Salvation Army  
President, Japanese American Citizens League, Arizona Chapter  
President, Pacific Rim Advisory Council, City of Phoenix  
Advisor, Arizona Asian Chamber of Commerce  
Speaker, Teaching Tolerance Program  
Member, Homeowners Association Board of Directors, Continental Country Club

**Board Candidate  
Tony Fiore**

Last year I asked you for your vote to help me win a seat on the Board of Directors. Many voted for me I won a seat, and for that I thank you. In my short time on the Board of Directors if there is anyone I offended I apologize to you. I now have a clear view on what I would like to see happen. I did resign my seat on the Board but it wasn't because of the group of people trying to recall me, it was because I was seeing a Doctor for a medical condition that took a few months to correct. Today I'm still fired up and ready to go. My time on the Board was short but I did work with a group of people that put together a new landscaping contract, and with Board approval I signed the contract and the new company started September 1, 2007. I believe the new landscape company will give us a quality landscaping job at a savings for all of us. Over the past 8 months I helped put together a new Landscape Committee in the Gardens with guidelines that should prove to save Garden homeowners money in the future. The new Board just approved the Committee and guidelines on December 12, 2007. "One day I hope to see a Master plan for all of Ventana Lakes". Experience: Member of the Board of Directors, Architectural Committee, and help start a new Landscape Committee in the Gardens, and played a big part in the new Landscape contract. Hobbies: Play Bocce twice a week, and like to go to the movies. Clubs: Member of the Ventana Lakes Italian American club. I AM ASKING YOU FOR ALL 6 OF YOUR VOTES - 6X's for me X X X X X X.  
Tony Fiore Thank you

**Board Candidate  
Laurel "Lori" Norris**

Inorris@vlpoa.org

In October 2008, I was one of three individuals appointed to the VLPOA Board to fill vacancies which left the Board without a quorum; I currently serve as the Board Secretary.

I am a native Arizona resident, my mother and I moved into Ventana Lakes, Heritage II subdivision in April 2003. I am currently and have been employed with the Arizona Department of Public Safety for 28 years, I am a Lieutenant assigned to the Arizona Counter Terrorism Information Center. I have a Bachelor of Science in Police Science and Administration from Northern Arizona University. As a supervisor I have handled multiple employee disputes and personnel issues. I have been responsible for large budgetary expenditures, balancing funds and drafting written policies and procedures.

Prior to Ventana Lakes, I resided in the Chaparral Ranch subdivision in Glendale, Arizona. During the fifteen years I resided at Chaparral Ranch, I volunteered and was elected to serve multiple terms on the Home Owner Association (HOA) Management Board. I served as a Board Member, Secretary and President for the community of ninety-four homes. I was instrumental in implementing self-management of all HOA matters, resulting in large cost savings. Upon my departure, the HOA finances were balanced, there was a reduction in the number of homeowners delinquent in their dues and there was proper documentation on all actions taken, with a history to assist future incumbents.

I believe the purpose of an HOA Board is to serve the entire community. I understand HOA rules serve to protect the entire community, but I also believe in doing what is right and finding a balance between the two. There are continuous changes in today's society, and in order to stay on top of these changes, I completed the City of Peoria HOA Academy in October 2007.

Ventana Lakes is my retirement community, I will work to ensure the VLPOA maintains a stable financial structure; we continue to develop and provide active adult functions and encourage residents to take part in our community. Thank you for considering me as a candidate for the 2008 VLPOA Board.

**Board Candidate  
Maurice "Moe" Frenette**

I, Maurice "Moe" Frenette, E.A., have served as your Treasurer since October and been part of a Board that is extremely open and replaced turmoil with calm. I would like as many of your 6 votes as possible. Not voting in the prior election was a vote for the past Board turmoil. Please vote and avoid the previous turmoil. **If elected I will not quit.**

I hope to continue in the role of Treasurer. I believe that all of the homeowners in Ventana Lakes have a right to know exactly how their money is being spent and that they should have a say in how it is spent. I will continue to show income and expense information and results in my monthly reports, and report any unusual changes as they occur. There should never be any surprises such as that huge legal bill run up by a prior Board.

**Education:** BS Accounting-Johnson & Wales Univ.; ABS Business Management-same Univ.; Numerous IRS courses related to taxes and accounting.

**Employment:** Part time tax expert & IRS Enrolled Agent for a local CPA firm (2006 to present); IRS-Senior Revenue Agent (1983-2005); Quality Assurance Engineer 1968-1981; Electronic Mechanic (1966-1968); USN Radar Operator (1961-1965).

**Experience:** IRS Agent-Completed many complex audits of all types of business tax returns' including publicly traded corporations. I have developed and completed fraud examinations. I was a classroom and on the job training instructor. I coordinated many IRS projects. **Board member:** VLPOA Treasurer since 10/2008; 10 years as a Board member of a small condo Association (5 yrs president; 4 yrs Treasurer; 1 yr VP). I was on the initial Board for 7 years. I returned to the Board as president from 2002 to 2005. During this last period the Board oversaw repaving of the street and established a reserve that was large enough for a repaint all homes. **Knights of Columbus:** High leadership position for a local council and local assembly and 3 yrs as a State District Deputy. **Church:** I was involved with a local parish in many capacities including parish council president. A vote for Moe is a vote for continued calm. A failure to vote is a vote for turmoil.

## **Board Candidate Darrell Smith**

Please accept this as my official notice to seek election to the Board of Director position of the VENTANA LAKES P.O.A. in March 2008. The following is my commitment to the voting members of the Association.

The business conducted by the Board of Directors at the request of the members of the community must be fair and impartial. The elections that set Directors in the positions they hold, are without question the most important event we as individuals can take part in to support in our community. Once the elections are over, it is the responsibility of every elected officer to support each and every "V.L.P.O.A." rule and regulation. These articles and by-laws set forth the manner in which the official business will be conducted to support the direction given by the majority of homeowners voting on any community-related subject.

As a Board member, the direction given by the voting majority of Association members in matters of financial expenditures, community improvements, common area maintenance and community activities must be supported. All property owners have the right to be heard on issues that affect them as an Association member. The business conducted by the Board on behalf of the residents of Ventana Lakes should be open to inspection and comment by any Association member in good standing. Certain exemptions are set forth by Judicial Order to provide for protection of employees personal factors.

I believe the Board members are elected by the residents to facilitate the wishes and desires of the voting majority of our community. To take action other than that directed by the Association members without legal and or lawful authority would put a Board member in a position of great personal liability. It would be my goal to serve each member to the best of my ability and to treat all members with the respect and dignity I seek for myself.

If elected to the Board, I will strive to reunite the members of our community by being open to comments and suggestions from all members. I believe I have a good rapport with the homeowners of Ventana Lakes. I will not support any issue or action by the Board that I know to be against the best interest of our community regardless of outside influence and or pressures. I have a financial investment in this community as does each and every property owner, and it is the responsibility of each property owner to protect these investments by taking an active role in the operations of our Association.

## **FLYING SOLOS**

The Solo's Club, along with other Ventana residents enjoyed a delightful evening at the Yacht Club on Valentines Day. The entertainment was great and the appetizers and desserts were delicious. About 25 Solo members attended and sat together to enjoy each other and the festivities.

The Flying Solo's Club meet at the Yacht Club the third Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm. We discuss and plan future events, enjoy a speaker or other entertainment, dessert or snacks are provided and you bring your own beverage.

We also have a social every fourth Thursday at 4:30 pm at a chosen restaurant. Our March social will be held at Taglioni's on Bell Road and 83<sup>rd</sup> Ave. Please join us for fun, food and drink. Meet new people who will become great friends. For questions call Miriam Snider at 376-9301 or Yvonne Krueger 566-3353.

## **NEW GROUP FOR QUILTERS MEETING IN THE VENTANA CRAFT ROOM MONDAY EVENINGS**

Do you work or have other commitments during the day but would still like to meet people that quilt? There will be a new group for quilters meeting in the Ventana Craft Room Monday evenings at 6:00 pm. Bring your machine or hand work along or any projects you are working on. We will chat and sew, share ideas or come up with some new ones. If you are new to quilting this would be a great group for you also. If you are interested in meeting with this group please contact Carol at 623-695-7707. There will be no charge for this group and all are welcome.

## **BOCCE BALL NEEDS MORE PEOPLE!**

Our 7:00 PM Thursday night Couples Bocce Ball group is short people. Full strength is 8 couples and several substitute couples. We need 4 couples that can commit to full time play and 2 or 3 couples that would like to be on our substitute list. Looking for year round residents as we play except when it gets real hot. We play a friendly game. The men against the women and we try not to have the couples on the same court. We are currently playing with 4 full time and 2 sub couples. A couple that is on our sub list is given first choice to advance to a full timer.

**Any questions to Don or Joyce Lorentzen @ 544-9781**

## NEWS OF THE VENTANA LAKES SHALOM CLUB

Heartfelt condolences to Sherry Krupnick on the untimely passing of her dear son-in-law.

We continued our dinner meeting schedule with a group dinner in February.

There will be a general membership meeting on March 13 which will be held in the Craft Room and as usual, members will be notified by phone or e-mail as to the exact date, time and place of the meeting.

If you have any questions please feel free to call Eileen Grossman at 623-566-0006 or Trudy Fleishman at 623-566-1970. New members are always welcome. If you are thinking of joining our group or would like to find out more about us, Eileen or Trudy would love to hear from you. **Shalom and good health to all.**

## LINE DANCING!

Spring is here and so is Ventana Lakes Line Dance Class!! Audrey teaches on Mondays and Wednesdays in the Yacht club from 8:00 AM-10:00AM. The first hour is beginning instruction- nice and specific for those who are just starting or need a refresher. The second hour is more advanced- but those of you who are just starting, don't worry, you will catch onto the more advanced moved quickly too! Price is \$4.00 whether you stay for one hour or two. Come join us.

Questions? Call Audrey at 623-566-2667.

## TAI CHI

Tai Chi for Beginners will continue into March on the 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, & 25<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm on Tuesdays at the Yacht Club. Call Mr. Kenneth Harper at 977-9179 for details. The regular Tai Chi classes will continue to meet on Monday at 8:00 am, Wednesday at 7:00 am and Friday at 5:00 pm in the Card Room.

## BALLROOM DANCING

Classes are held each Wednesday at 7:00 pm at the Yacht Club. If you would like information please call Mr. Kenneth Harper at 977-9179.

## LADIES BUNCO

Ladies, Join us for an evening of Bunco! This is a no skill dice game which provides a fun night and a chance to win some prize money. Cost is \$5 per person, and we share delicious snacks brought by the players.

Games are played on the second Wednesday of each month at 6:30 pm. Next game is Mar. 12th.

For more information, please call

**Eileen DeMeloitz at  
566-2095.**

## VENTANA LAKES BRIDGE CLUB

March Coordinator will be Wanda McCann any questions please call 566-8767. Bridge Club meets on Thursday afternoons at 1:00pm in the Card Room.

**A Big Thank You To All Who Decorated Inside and Outside The Recreation Center And The Yacht Club For the Holidays!! We Have The BEST VOLUNTEERS Here At Ventana Lakes!!**

## MARCH ACTIVITIES

**BOARD ELECTION: TUESDAY MARCH 4  
1:00 TO 4:00 P.M. IN THE YACHT CLUB!**

**Annual Board Meeting!  
ELECTION RESULTS  
Tuesday, March 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Yacht  
Club.**

**Coffee Social 9:00 a.m.**

**Saturday, March 8th**

**NEW BOARD MEETING  
9:30 am at the Yacht Club  
BOARD ORGANIZATION**



## COUNTRY GOSPEL SHOW WITH GREG GASTON

On Sunday, March 9<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm Greg will present a wonderful afternoon show you are sure to enjoy at the Yacht Club. Tickets are \$4.00 per person on sale now at the Management Office.

## MAZATZAL CASINO

Thursday, March 13th and Tuesday, March 25th **FREE!!!** You owe it to yourself, to check out this **UPGRADED** casino, restaurant and buffet. Bus leaves the Yacht Club at 7:45 A.M. **You must sign up at the Management Office.** In the past, the buses filled up

quickly, so do not wait. **You receive \$10 upon arrival.** If your birthday is in that month you receive an additional \$10. Blackjack, Slots, Keno, Bingo at 12:45 P.M. and Poker on Thursdays. Ask for senior discount in the restaurant. **Return bus leaves at 3:00 P.M.** On the return bus you receive a free bottle of water and a scratch off ticket valued between \$4 and \$10 to be used on a future trip.



## ST. PATTY'S SOUP NIGHT AND IRISH ENTERTAINMENT

On Saturday, March 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm at the Yacht Club. Tickets will be \$3.00 per person and on sale NOW at the Management Office please come in and buy some tickets for yourself and a friend I haven't sold very many and this is going to be a fun night. I am looking for residents who would like to bring soup please call Tina at the Office at 623-566-6001 if you are interested. Thank You Tina

## COSTCO

Will be here at the Yacht Club on Wednesday, March 19<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 am to 12:30 pm. Become a Costco member at our special sign up reception and receive a combination pillow/blanket, plus more than \$30.00 in coupons and a \$10.00 cash card DON'T MISS OUT!! SEE YOU THERE!!

## LAUGHLIN TURNAROUND

Thursday, March 20<sup>th</sup> \$10.00 per person pick-up time is 6:15 am at the Yacht Club!!! Edgewater Casino has free buffet for breakfast or lunch or \$5.00 off of dinner with player's club card. Movies on the bus, 9 other Casino's on the strip so what more could you ask for!! Sign up for a fun day trip!! Is there anyone here at Ventana Lakes that would like to take over the Laughlin Turnaround Trips if so please contact Tina at the Management Office at 623-566-6001.



## KARAOKE WITH DARRELL!

Come join a lot of talented Ventana Lakes neighbors at the Yacht Club at 6:30 p.m. Friday, March 28<sup>th</sup>. It's only \$2.00 per person (you can pay at the door). You'll need to bring your own beverage and snacks. See you there!

## PISTOLS AND PETTICOATS DINNER THEATER

On Saturday, March 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm at the Yacht Club. Tickets will be \$9.00 per person which includes dinner and a show. You may buy your tickets now at the Management Office.

## COMING UP IN APRIL MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

### OUR NEXT POKER NIGHT TOURNAMENT SATURDAY APRIL 5<sup>TH</sup>



7:00 pm at the Yacht Club. B.Y.O.B. Snacks. Prizes to the TOP PLAYERS. Tickets \$10.00 per person. Tickets will be available March 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Management Office. So hurry and buy those tickets we had a blast last time!!

### OUR LAST POKER TOURNAMENT WINNERS

- 1<sup>ST</sup> PLACE - DAVE BRACKEN
- 2<sup>ND</sup> PLACE - TONY FIORE
- 3<sup>RD</sup> PLACE - RON CONWAY
- 4<sup>TH</sup> PLACE - JOYCE LORENTZEN
- 5<sup>TH</sup> PLACE - JIM DEMELOITZ



### FREE CLASS FROM DIRECT DIABETES SUPPLY

On Thursday, April 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 AM in the Yacht Club. Learn about signs, symptoms, causes, and how you can manage your health. Hear how diabetes has exploded in the U.S. and how this may affect you or your loved ones.

## VENTANA LAKES SPRING VARIETY SHOW "ON THE ROAD TO CALIFORNIA"

Friday, April 11<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup> 2008  
Will be held in the Yacht Club.

*Directed by Marcia De Pesa and Phyllis Reed.*

Travel along with us thru the Southern States, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas, New Mexico, Arizona and into CALIFORNIA.

Each night at the end of the show, a Quilt will be given away, made by Marcia De Pesa. Just sign your name and phone number on the back of your ticket to be entered into the drawing. You might be THE LUCKY WINNER!! Tickets are \$5.00 per person and will be available at the Management Office on March 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**SPRING SOCK HOP  
WITH  
THE DALLAS DAN  
BAND**



Friday, April 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm will be held at the Yacht Club. Tickets are \$5.00 per person and will be on sale at the Management Office on March 3<sup>rd</sup>. This will sell out so get your tickets fast!!

**Coming up – our Ventana Lakes Annual  
Dog Parade**



**Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup> at  
1:00pm at “Our Park” at  
109<sup>th</sup> and Beardsley  
FUN! PRIZES! FREE!**

**TWS FINANCIAL SEMINAR**

On Thursday, April 24<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm They provide dinner after the seminar. Please call Multi Financial Securities Corp. at 623-748-3920 to R.S.V.P. we had them here a couple months ago and they had great information so don't miss this one!!

**WORKOUT PARTNERS FOR THE  
EXERCISE ROOM**

Looking for someone who would like to be a workout buddy in our exercise room!! If you would be interested please call Tina at the Management Office at 623-566-6001.

**Broken Your New Year's  
Resolution Already?**

**WHAT IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN YOUR  
CONTINUED GOOD HEALTH??**

LEARN 'YOUR INSIDE STORY' and monitor your health annually. Health Screens is returning to Ventana Lakes Friday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2008. Whether it's your first time or your annual screening, you'll be glad you did! Screening choices are: Stroke Screen(\$50), Aneurysm(\$45), Heart(\$45), Circulation(\$45), Osteoporosis(\$40), Kidney(\$45), Liver(\$45), Gallbladder(\$45), Thyroid(\$45) Screens, and Cholesterol / Glucose blood screen(\$35).

Ultrasound identifies plaque, fluid, stones, cysts, nodules, masses and more. Order one test or a group of tests: 4

tests-\$130 / 6 ultrasound only-\$150 BEST VALUE 9 tests-\$215.

NO RADIATION! Order any 4 or more tests and add the cholesterol / glucose screen for an additional \$35 Professional staff, friendly atmosphere, quality results, same day report. Call 480-854-4735 to ask questions or to schedule your appointment. Browse the web for more information at [www.healthscreens.net](http://www.healthscreens.net) Health Screens – educating and assisting people to live healthier lives since 1986 ARE YOU AT RISK for a preventable illness?

How do you know?

**Less than seventy cents a day could save your life!**

(Same service, same quality you have come to know and expect) You are invited to learn "Your Inside Story" through a sophisticated health screening program available on May 9<sup>th</sup> right here at the Yacht Club.

Health Screens is providing this opportunity to receive early warning for risk of stroke, coronary disease, aneurysm, cancer, peripheral artery disease, diabetes and other preventable illnesses. A choice of 10 tests - mostly ultrasound imaging - are available. Start off with an appointment for a valuable personal health baseline, then commit to monitoring annually. The element of time is critical in catching diseases early. Less than seventy cents a day may save your life. An immediate report is provided including original ultrasound pictures, blood flow rates, heart readings, bone density T-score and blood results.

Visit or call today for more information or an appointment: [www.healthscreens.net](http://www.healthscreens.net) / 480-854-4735.

(Screening codes are issued for possible reimbursement by insurance plans.)

**HEY GUYS – Tina still needs a clean-up crew for after our activities! You don't have to be there every time – just get on the list so she can call you when she needs you. You can even help the “morning after.” PLEEEZE? - Sue  
CALL TINA 566-6001**

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