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Wednesday, July 17th
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Heather Canterbury

Sally Koch said, "Great opportunities to help others seldom come, but small ones surround us every day." These words remind us that we do not always have to wait for grand opportunities to make a difference in someone's life. Sometimes, the small, everyday actions we take can have a significant impact on those around us.

In a world that often glorifies big gestures of generosity, it is easy to overlook the power of

small acts of kindness. However, it is often these small acts that can make a world of difference. Whether it is offering a listening ear to a friend in need, lending a helping hand to a stranger, or simply offering a smile to brighten someone's day, these small opportunities to help others are all around us.

One of the beautiful things about small acts of kindness is that they can be easily integrated into our daily lives. We do not need a special occasion or a specific set of circumstances to extend a helping hand or show compassion. These opportunities present themselves to us every day, and it is up to us to recognize them and seize them.

The cumulative effect of these small acts should not be underestimated. When we consistently embrace the small opportunities to help others, we contribute to creating a more compassionate and supportive community. Our individual actions, no matter how small, can create a ripple effect that spreads positivity and warmth far beyond our immediate interactions.

I challenge each of you to find a way weekly in which you can enrich someone else's life. Embracing these opportunities to make a difference can lead to a more caring and interconnected world. So, let us not overlook the power of small acts of kindness and strive to make the most of the opportunities that surround us every day.

Welcome to Dreamland Villa

Are you new to Dreamland Villa as a homeowner or renter? We would like to help you become acquainted with your community. More than likely, you chose Dreamland Villa for its 55-plus Community that is safe, quiet, and the homes are well maintained. The residents of Dreamland Villa are pleased that you have selected our community for your new home.

To help you become acquainted and participate in our community activities and amenities, we would like to provide you with Kee Card(s) to access our facilities and activities for the current year.

Within the first several months of your residency in Dreamland, you will be contacted by a Dreamland team member from our welcoming volunteers to present you with your Kee Card(s) and show our appreciation for becoming a resident in the Dreamland Villa community. This Dreamland team member will be able to answer your questions, provide you with a tour of our facilities, and encourage you

to participate in our many social activities.

We know that many of our new residents are still working, so we are trying to have events and activities that take place during the evening hours or weekends. We are looking forward to helping you become an active member of the Dreamland Villa community.

We have several ways of communicating with our residents. We have a newspaper called the "Citizen" which is delivered to your door, a weekly email blast providing you with all the activities taking place in the upcoming weeks, a website (<https://www.dreamlandvilla.org>), and two Facebook pages dedicated to Dreamland Villa residents. All events and activities are posted on our bulletin board at our office at 320 North 55th Place.

A great way to get acquainted is to come to the coffee socials on the second and fourth Saturdays of each month, beginning at 7:30 am, in Read Hall. Hope to see you soon!

Summer Scavenger Hunt

By Shannon Rees

Hey scavenger hunters! We haven't received very many clues, but don't worry Chris and I made up a list for the hunt to take place. We will be posting the list on the email blast,

both Facebook pages, at the office, and both pools. There will be 2 winners; a \$50 restaurant gift card and a \$25 restaurant gift card. You must email your hunt findings to neighbor-

hoodwatch@dreamlandvilla.org starting on July 4th. Please include your name and phone number along with your hunt entries. Happy hunting everyone!

Come and enjoy Independence Day

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AROUND THE VILLA

Silver Screen Spotlight

By Heather Canterbury



July is here and brings with it many anticipated films. Regardless of your favorite genre, there is something you will enjoy.

With the Fourth of July on a Thursday, movies will be opening Tuesday -Friday.

Tuesday, July 3rd is the fourth installment of Despicable Me. Gru has moved to the suburbs with his family after welcoming a new son, Gru Jr. A cute option for a day out of the heat. Rated PG with a runtime of 1 hour 35 minutes.

July 12th Fly Me To The Moon opens. Brought in to fix NASA's public image, marketing expert Kelly Jones (Scarlett Johansson) wreaks havoc on launch director Cole Davis's (Channing Tatum) already difficult task of putting a man on the moon. When the White House deems the mission too important to fail, Jones is directed to stage a fake moon landing as backup. Fly Me To The Moon is rated PG-13.

Twisters, opening July 19th, will immerse you in the feel of a tornado. This update looks at the 1996 original following two storm chasers willing to risk their lives to test an experimental weather alert system. The cinematography will have you on the edge of your seat while the blossoming romance will keep you warm. Rated PG-13.

To round out the month, The Fabulous Four has legendary names like Susan Sarandon, Megan Mullally, Bette Midler, and Bruce Greenwood. It's a fun comedy about two friends traveling to be bridesmaids for their college friends' surprise wedding, opening July 26th. Rated R.

I would be remiss not to mention Deadpool & Wolverine opening July 26th. The third film in the Deadpool saga brings these two superheroes together to defeat a common enemy. Jennifer Garner will be reprising her role as Elektra and Patrick Stewart's Professor X is rumored to make an appearance. Rated R.



By Lew Hooser

It seems like it was just yesterday when we got home. We are already missing the warm weather and sunshine. We will miss visiting with all these good folks until we return to Arizona.

Once again, thank you to the summer Help Services team, who keep our doors open to help folks all summer long. It is a huge, huge help to our president Patty Thorpe while she is enjoying a wonderful summer in beautiful Wisconsin.

By the way, here is a question that is asked quite often regarding medical equipment status. The board of directors recently voted to order more transfer chairs. When our inventory is low on a specific device, we order more to cover the shortage. When you folks stop in to borrow a device to cover your needs, we will have it. This is why your donation of good used medical equipment is so important to us, along with your monetary contributions as well.

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We are open Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday from 9:00 am to Noon. Help Services is financed solely by your generous donations and by personal bequests, and as always, your donation is tax-deductible. You can contact our office, or Debra Traskos at 480-985-6021, this is the person and phone number to call during normal office hours if you wish to become a monitor. Check us out on our web page www.HelpServicesInc.org.

From this newsboy and our President Patty Thorpe and all the hard-working board members and monitors, have a safe and great Fourth of July!



Acts of Kindness Card Program

DVRC Social Committee would like your help in reaching out to those who have suffered a loss, are dealing with an illness, or recovering from a surgery.

There is a fill-out slip in the office where you can add a name and address of someone to whom we can send a card. Then place the slip of paper in the Acts of Kindness box. We promise to send a card if you let us know the need! Lastly, if you have any of the *Get Well* and *Sympathy* greeting cards that you're not using, we would gladly take them off your hands and put them to good use.

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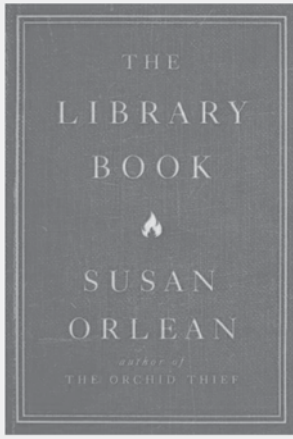
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BOOK REVIEW

By Anita Thompson



The Library Book by Susan Orlean

I have always loved to read and have WAY too many books so a book titled “The Library Book” intrigued me, plus I have finally found a book group in Minnesota and this was a book they were reading. It’s actually a true story and I don’t usually read non-fiction books, so this was a new adventure for me.

On the morning of April 29, 1986, a disastrous fire broke out in the Los Angeles Public Library. By the time it was extinguished, the fire had destroyed or damaged more than a million books. That thought is just devastating to me. Over thirty years later, the mystery remains: Did someone intentionally set fire to the library, and if so, who? The other thought I have had is that no one set this fire at all. This book follows the case of Harry Peak, who was accused of setting the fire, but it was never proven.


This author did a lot of research for many years and wrote a lot of things about books and libraries through the years. I learned a lot; for example, more books and libraries were destroyed during World War II than in any other event in history. Carnegie built 1,700 libraries in 1,400 communities in the US. Toward the end of the book, there is a lot of information about the new thinking of where a fire originates, and maybe the thinking about that has been wrong in the past. A lot of librarians were interviewed, and it was interesting to learn the many things they do that aren’t directly related to books.

This is a totally different book than I would have ever read had it not been for the book group, and I think it’s good for us to once in a while get out of our comfort zone. You should all try it!

Posse Corner

By Joseph Favazzo

AVOID SUMMER SCAMS!



Summer season is here and it’s essential to stay vigilant against a surge of scams targeting homeowners. These scams often involve offers to fix or replace crucial home components such as roofs, water heaters, and air conditioners. While these services may seem like a lifesaver, they could quickly become a nightmare, leaving you out of pocket and vulnerable to financial loss.

One common tactic scammers employ is approaching homeowners with urgent repair offers, claiming they can fix or replace essential home systems at a bargain price. They might even offer assistance in making insurance claims, promising to handle all the paperwork and negotiations. However, what seems like a helpful solution could cost you dearly.

Firstly, engaging with these scammers can affect your insurance rates. If the repair work is subpar or unnecessary, it could lead to increased premiums or even policy cancellation. Moreover, if your insurance company denies the claim due to fraudulent or exaggerated damages, you’ll be left to cover the expenses out of pocket.

The most insidious aspect of these scams is that once the scammer has pocketed your money, they vanish without a trace, leaving you with shoddy or incomplete work and no recourse for reimbursement. Recovering your losses in such situations can be nearly impossible.

To protect yourself from falling victim to these summer scams, it’s crucial to verify the legitimacy of any contractor or service provider before engaging their services. Check with reputable sources such as the Registrar of Contractors, the Better Business Bureau (BBB), and your local county offices. Additionally, don’t hesitate to reach out to community resources such as your Dreamland Villa staff for guidance and a list of reputable contractors and handymen.

By exercising caution and due diligence, you can safeguard yourself against the pitfalls of summer scams, ensuring your home remains a safe haven rather than a target for fraudulent schemes.

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Year-Round Resident's Corner

By Megan Tackett

This is the beautiful time of the year when we can sit on the front porch or lounge in our outdoor living spaces in the backyard. One of the most amazing natural surprises happens when all the birds are talking and singing and bringing their babies back to your bird dishes. My husband (Mike) and I, narrowed down our bird feeders to finch feeders and the hummingbird feeders, which drastically reduced the bird droppings due to the large doves and pigeons, who cannot eat from the finch feeders.

You can easily identify birds by their chirps when you download the Merlin Bird app. Go to your app settings, click on the search bar, and type in Merlin Bird ID. You want the one that lists itself as Merlin Bird ID by Cornell. When you open the app, it will ask you to verify your email within 5 days. It will also ask you if you want the Southwest bird pack; press the icon and you are all set. Then you simply take your phone and place it on a table, press the microphone icon, and watch as it immediately identifies the birds. You can click on the info and see the photos and information about each particular bird. If you have an issue downloading the app or using it, please call me so I can help you. Megan Tackett 480-297-1877, megantackett@ymail.com.



PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Please join us for another Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, July 20th. We will be serving from 7:30 to 9:00 am at Read Hall. Donations are gratefully accepted.

Miss Something?

Catch Up Online!

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SAVE THE DATE for Dreamland Villa's!

Holiday Craft Fair & Bake Sale

Saturday, November 23, 2024
9:00 am - 2:00 pm

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Follow us on Facebook at [Crafters at DreamlandVilla](#).

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Fused Glass

By Cyndy Munday

The heat is on. Sounds like a song. In all seriousness, the heat is on but those of us who like to get out and stay cool go to Glass Class a few times a week and enjoy our time in a nice studio with A/C.

Fused glass is open all summer. We have kept the winter schedule for those who are still working. There is a sign-up sheet if you are interested in a Saturday class.

Come on by and check us out. We share a room with Ceramics and they have been open on Tuesdays and Thursdays too. Hope to see you soon.



By Megan Tackett

Let's all give a big shout out to Kay Hawbaker who will be moving to Minnesota this summer. She has graciously transitioned the organization activities over to me so I can continue the club. Kay has

SENIOR NEW TECHNOLOGY CLUB

been the leader of our club since the year 2000, and we will miss her dearly.

The club will continue to be available in Room 9 at 4:00 pm every Wednesday. Come join in the discussions. It is a great way to keep active and to keep challenging yourself.

The club fees are as follows:

Keen card: \$0

Residents: \$1 per class, cash only please.

If we cannot find the answer to your technology question at the Wednesday class, I can schedule

a time to come help you in person. This is included in the weekly prices.

Please call or email me if you have any questions. Email me at Megantackett@gmail.com or call 480-297-1877.



BRIDGE CLUB

By Donna Espey

Are you a bridge card player, but haven't played in a while? Have you always thought you might like to play bridge, but need lessons? Have you been playing bridge and would like to join our Tuesday Bridge at Dreamland? We are a small group of bridge enthusiasts. We don't play cutthroat bridge, but we all enjoy the challenge and do our best. In the summer we play at 12:30 pm in the card room and usually only have one table of 4. In the winter we play at 1:00 pm and usually have 2 tables. We would like to have more members and are reaching out to our community to see if anyone is interested. Bridge is very good for your memory which might need the exercise!

Please contact Donna Espey at 480-218-7330 by text message or voice message if you are interested or have questions. We're looking forward to hearing from you!



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Ceramics in the Villa

By Barb Shelton-Teacher

Ceramics in the Villa is starting July off with CHRISTMAS IN JULY. We are painting either a 13-inch lighted Christmas Tree for \$35.00 or a 10.5-inch lighted Christmas Cactus for \$30.00 on Saturday, July 6 & Sunday, July 7 between 9:00 am and 3:00 pm. All supplies are covered; tree, paint, lighting hardware, colored bulbs, and the star. You can sign up in the ceramics room. I can't wait to see how the finished trees look!

I'm planning on having another tree class in the fall for those who can't be with us now. I'm looking for ideas for other pieces you'd like to paint for holidays or just for fun. Ceramics is open from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm on Tuesdays & Thursdays.



Attention Pickleball Enthusiasts!

Calling all men to join Dreamland Villa Pickleball starting in January, Tuesday evenings from 6:00 - 8:00 pm at the Read Hall campus Pickleball courts.

Get ready for some exciting Pickleball action exclusively for men! Whether you are a seasoned player, or a beginner, come and enjoy a fun filled time on the court. Bring your A-game and make new friends in the Pickleball community.

Don't miss out on the fun! For more information contact Peter at 480 229-0180. See you on the courts!



Dreamland Bowling League

By Cyndy Munday

It's summer bowling and we are always happy to welcome those of you who would like to join us. We are bowling on Tuesdays at 1:00 pm at East Mesa Bowling Alley on Broadway close to Ellsworth. Our group will continue to play throughout the summer. It's a great time to practice and get ready for the next year's winter league.

Top Bowlers for Week of 5/7/2024

Kevin Roberts 644; Cyn Munday 637; Said Yaffar 623; Jennifer Roberts 613; Steve Pena 596; Denise Matteson 594

Week of 5/14/2024 -

Said Yaffar 686; Cindy Pena 653; Jerry Cole 646; Jon Hopkins 630; Kevin Roberts 626; Eula Dobbins 623; Tim Beierly 605; Cyn Munday 602; Frank Smith 591

Week of 5/21/2024 -

John Henderson 695; Darlene Poynter 672; Sara Kempke 662; Brian Wheeler 647; Dan Griffiths 639; Said Yaffar 616; Jack Cregar 613

Week of 5/28/2024 - (9 pin no tap)

Cindy Pena 692; Steve Pena 721; Darlene Poynter 701; Said Yaffar 721; Kevin Roberts 786; Jon Hopkins 754; Brian Wheeler 721; Sara Kempke 723; Frank Smith 823

SPLITS PICKED UP - Sara Kempke 3-10; Judy Schulster 6-7-9-10; Dan Griffiths 3-10; Cindy Pena 5-7; Steve Pena 4-7-9; Judy Schulster 4-5; Frank Smith 3-10; Jon Hopkins 5-10; Cindy Pena 3-10; Steve Pena 3-4-5-10, 2-7

If you are interested in joining or need more information, please call Cyndy Munday at 425-218-1105. Thank you.

DREAMLAND VILLA QUILTING CLUB



By Becky Lamson

Our photo this month is a sample of the Table Topper project members will have the opportunity to do during June. The material is cut out for them and ready to piece together during the meeting.

We are on our summer meeting schedule and it lasts through September. We meet on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of those months from 1:00 to 4:00 pm at Read Hall.

You're welcome to work on piecing or binding a club charity quilt or on one of your own UFO's.

We always welcome your show-and-tell items.

New members are always welcome. If you have questions, please give me a call at 480-202-7003, or email me at beckyNleslie@gmail.com

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Saturday Opportunity in the Fused Glass Studio

By Kathleen Searcy

Are you interested in having fun in the FUSED GLASS studio on SATURDAY mornings this SUMMER? Whether you are an experienced fuser or a new beginner, our air-conditioned Dreamland Villa studio has a place for you.

There is no fee to participate. The only costs are for the glass you purchase and the small fusing fee. We'll show you what you need to know and do to become a successful glass artist. Items made by participants in the past have included large serving trays, tea bag holders, sushi plates, holiday ornaments, clocks, and garden art. All glass-working supplies are provided. Your project may take a few hours or a few days, ranging in complexity, size, and fusing time. Please feel free to stop by for a look even if you are not interested in participating in the class.

If there is interest, we would like to open the studio on Saturdays this summer, in addition to our regular hours. If Saturday sounds like a good day for you, please email Kati at searcypiano@gmail.com. We'll let you know what Saturdays we'll be there.

Dreamland Singles Club

By Lu Wald

Happy Independence Day to everyone. June was a bit less busy than the previous months and July is similar. We're always looking for fun things to do indoors during these hot months. There was still a nice group at our monthly potluck on the 4th and our lunch at the Genghis Grill on the 7th was certainly well attended as well. And speaking of "grill" thanks to the folks who put together the "Build a Burger" event, it was lots of fun! We enjoyed a nice dinner at Salerno's on Guadalupe Rd on the 19th. Our faithful play-goers gathered in the cool Hale Theater to see Newsies on the 15th. And that isn't the only play we got to enjoy; on the 28th we headed to Queen Creek to see The Wizard of Oz. There was a small group that took in the Commemorative Airforce Museum on the 14th. The Bluegrass music lovers

carpoled to Prescott on the 22nd to take in a nice concert. We'll continue with Sunday Games on the 3rd Sunday of each month, but we changed the time from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. Many of our members were very busy preparing for the 4th of July Beans N Brats lunch.

We hope to see everyone at the Beans N Brats lunch on the 4th!! Because this event takes a lot of our time, we will not be having our monthly potluck in July. Our Dine-outs this month include lunch at BJ's Brewhouse on the 12th, and dinner at Old School Grill (OSG) on Power and Main on the 17th. We're planning to enjoy a day in the cool at the Hall of Flame Museum on the 19th. Our Hale play this month is Cinderella on the 20th, and our movie on the 22nd will be either Fly Me to the Moon or Twisters. If you're interested in joining us for the movie, contact Kathie to get the details. Plans are being made to do a two-day outing to Tucson to see the stars at night and take in the Mini Time Museum on the 27th and 28th. Contact Kathie if you haven't already signed

up but would like to go.

On a sad note, our club has lost two members over the past few months... Donna Kearns and Joan Lukehart have passed away. The Singles Club has made it a part of their service to purchase a brick for the Memorial Brick patio for members who have died. As soon as the bricks are both completed, we will have them installed.

If anyone would like more information about our Singles Club, feel free to attend any of our meetings held on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday at 9:30 am in Read Hall. Also, come to our potluck dinners held each first Tuesday of the month; except in July as we'll be too busy preparing for the 4th of July Beans N Brats event. You can find our calendar of events at the office, on the bulletin board in the northwest corner of Read Hall, and through the News Blast received via email. We do want to include those who are still working, however, we need to hear from you with ideas and your ability to help make them happen. Have a great 4th of July; stay safe!



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30 (June)	1	2	3	4 Brats & Beans Lunch 11:30AM - 1:00PM	5	6
7	8	9	10 Singles Club 9:30AM - Night Card Bingo 6:00PM -	11 Card Bingo 10:30AM - Quilting 1:00PM - 4:00PM	12	13 Coffee Social 7:30AM - 9:00AM
14	15	16	17	18 Community Pot Luck 5:00PM -	19	20 Pancake Breakfast 7:30AM - 9:00AM
21	22	23	24 Singles Club 9:30AM -	25 Card Bingo 10:30AM - Quilting 1:00PM - 4:00PM	26	27 Coffee Social 7:30AM - 9:00AM
28	29	30	31	1 (August)	2	3

July Weekly Activities						
DAILY EVENTS	MONDAY AM	TUESDAY AM	WEDNESDAY AM	THURSDAY AM	FRIDAY AM	SATURDAY AM
	Pickleball 7:30 R-O Aquacise 8:45 R-O Help Services 9:00 - Noon HS Wood Shop 9:00 - Noon R-10 Fused Glass 9:30 - Noon R-7	Aquacise Class 8:00 - 8:45 R-O Lapidary - CLOSED Ceramics 9:00 - 1:00 R-7 Wood Shop 9:00 - Noon R-10	Pickleball 7:30 R-O Lapidary - CLOSED Help Services 9:00 - Noon HS Wood Shop 9:00 - Noon R-10 Fused Glass 9:30 - Noon R-7	Aquacise Class 8:00 - 8:45 R-O Lapidary - CLOSED Wood Shop 9:00 - Noon R-10 Quilting 10:00 - Noon R Call 480-203-7003	Pickleball 7:30 R-O Aquacise Class 8:00 - 8:45 R-O Help Services 9:00 - Noon HS	
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