

## IN BRIEFS

**Membership Meeting**  
Saturday, January 11th  
9:30 am  
Farnsworth Hall

**Singles Club Meeting**  
Wednesday, January 8th and  
22nd  
9:30 am  
Read Hall

**Singles Club Potluck**  
Monday, January 6th  
5:30 pm  
Read Hall

**Read Hall Pool Maintenance**  
Wednesday, January 8th  
All Day

**Farnsworth Hall Pool Maintenance**  
Wednesday, January 15th  
All Day

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Heather Canterbury

In the past nine months, I have endeavored to implement a revised approach to the President's Message. My intention is to inspire the community through words of encouragement. However, it has come to my attention that some individuals have expressed a desire for the substantive content that characterized previous articles, including critical data related to the Dreamland Villa Retirement Community. These individuals have indicated that the absence of such information has facilitated the spread of gossip and misinformation within the community.

I am receptive to this feedback and am committed to ensuring that more comprehensive information is incorporated in future editions of

the Citizen for the benefit of our members. Nevertheless, I will continue to convey my messages to the broader Dreamland community. This discussion has provided me with an insightful topic for this article, and I trust that it will be both enjoyable and enlightening.

Gossip can significantly undermine a community by fostering division and distrust among its members. When gossip proliferates, it often thrives on miscommunication and exaggeration, overshadowing the importance of open and transparent dialogue. This atmosphere of uncertainty can alienate individuals, creating barriers that impede collaboration and community cohesion.

Moreover, gossip tends to target specific individuals, thereby damaging their reputations and fostering a sense of exclusion. The apprehension of being the subject of gossip can discourage participation, inhibiting individuals from engaging and sharing their perspectives.

Rather than nurturing a unified community, gossip cultivates an environment of suspicion and insecurity, leaving members feeling vulnerable and unsupported.

The ramifications of gossip extend beyond the individuals directly involved; its corrosive nature can affect the overall community dynamic. Trust, a fundamental component of a healthy community, is gradually eroded by gossip. As members become increasingly cautious about expressing themselves or sharing ideas, the collective growth and development of the community may be compromised.

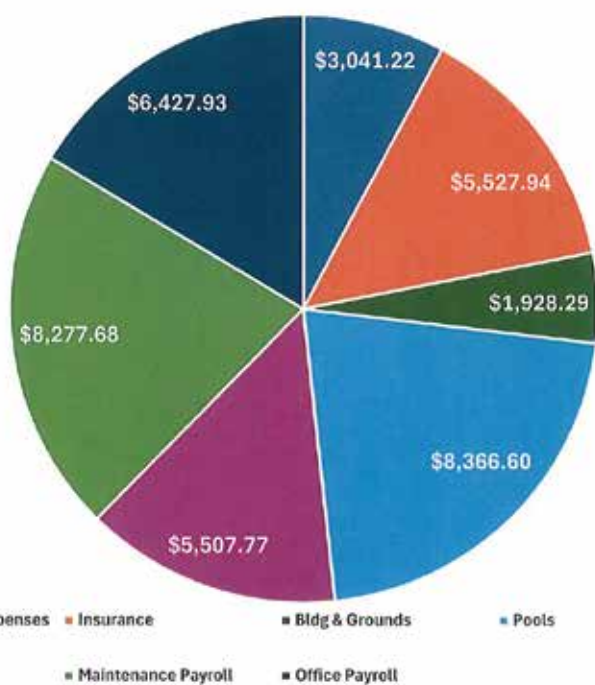
To foster a vibrant and inclusive environment, it is imperative to confront gossip and advance open dialogue. By taking these steps, communities can bridge divisions and promote respect, understanding, and collaboration among all members.

## Annual Membership Meeting

The annual Membership Meeting will be held on Saturday, January 11th at 9:30 am at Farnsworth Hall. Members in good standing are asked to attend. Associate members are not allowed. Nominees for the three open Director positions will be introduced.

January 2024 - November 2024		
Expense	Monthly	Yearly
Admin & Office Expenses	\$3,041.22	\$33,453.35
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Maintenance Payroll	\$8,277.68	\$91,054.46
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<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$39,077.43</b>	<b>\$401,655.48</b>

### MONTHLY OPERATING COST



## WELCOME NEW RESIDENTS

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 en-

courage 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!

## Message From Dreamland Villa Membership Committee

By Joyce Canino

By the time of this publication, you should have received the 2025 membership letter and age affidavit form by mail. The 2025 membership renewal is due by January 31, 2025. Dues are \$260 per person. Dues can be paid by check, cash, debit card, or credit card. There is a 5% fee for paying with a debit card or credit card. You can no longer use the Chase payment plan of 2024 to pay your dues. Please check with the office staff on alternative ways to pay. The office will be open during regular hours, Monday through Friday, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. The age affidavit form should be completed and returned to the office by every resident in order to maintain the 55+ status.



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## Organ Stop Sign-Up

By Lynda Leix

The updated Organ Stop information is here! Just a reminder that our private party is scheduled for Thursday, February 27th. The doors will open at 10:45 am. The price this year is \$10.50. We will pay at the door. The sign-up sheet will be in the office the first week of January.

The price includes an all-you-can-eat pizza buffet, a prepared salad, and a wonderful program of organ music. Drinks are on your own. The organist will explain all about the organ and how it works. We do have to have at least 100 people to get this special program. If you have never been to Organ Stop, this is a great way to learn about it. If you have, it is a great way to find out more about how it all works and enjoy an inexpensive meal while doing it.


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## Pancake Breakfast News

By Lynda Leix

January 11 will be the next Pancake Breakfast. This is on the same day as the General Meeting, so come have a pancake or two and then hightail it over to Farnsworth for the General Meeting at 9:30 am. We will serve pancakes from 7:30 am until 9:00 am. The menu will stay the same: pancakes, sausage, eggs, fruit, orange juice, and coffee. We are going to try to have a pancake breakfast on the second Saturday of each month through the winter season, so mark your calendar!

# EVENTS



## SUPER BOWL Party

**February 9, 2025**  
 Read Hall • TV screen  
 Kick off at 4:00 pm

Bring your own drinks and a snack to share  
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Hosted by Rose Scott from the Singles Club

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## Winter Entertainment for the Dreamland Villa Community

By Kathie Chismar

Dreamland Villa has confirmed seats for the top entertainment venues in our area.

The Duttons are a popular family musical group that leaves their Branson theater for Mesa every winter. It is an all-new show with Sheila and Dean's grandchildren performing with their parents. Dreamland Villa Night at the Duttons is Saturday, January 25 at 7:00 pm. You can purchase your tickets for \$29 at the office by January 11 or contact me at 732- 986- 7788.

On Saturday, February 22, 2025, Dreamland has reservations for Barleens Dinner Show. They serve a sit-down luncheon at noon followed by their fabulous Country Music show at 1:00 pm. The meal includes roast beef, mashed potatoes, gravy, carrots, salad, and a roll. Then they come around with braised chicken tenders and pork ribs. There are vegetarian and gluten-free options as well. Desert is their famous chocolate cake. Coffee, iced tea, and lemonade are included. Cocktails, beer, and wine are available for purchase, as well as ice cream and root beer floats. Tickets are \$52 and must be purchased by February 5 at the office or you may contact me.

On March 8 we'll go around the corner to the Silver Star. They have a buffet dinner with tons of choices followed by their Rock and Roll Jukebox show. Tickets are \$55 and must be purchased by February 21. Their doors open at 4:30 pm if you want a drink at the bar or time to explore their gift shop. Dinner is served at 5:30 pm and the show starts at 7:00 pm.

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# FROM THE BOARD

## MINUTES

**Dreamland Villa Retirement Community  
Board of Directors Meeting  
December 10, 2024, 9:30 AM, Read Hall**

Welcome: Heather Canterbury, President

Heather made a statement with regards to the Board is a volunteer position that does its best to oversee the Club and make decisions for the community yet they are constantly under attack. This is an age restricted community, yet some cannot behave like adults. While the Board sincerely does what it feels is in the best interest of everyone, some do not approve.

General Announcements: Card Bingo 12/12, Pancake Breakfast 12/14, Night Card Bingo 12/18, Mingle & Jingle 12/21, Christmas Dinner 12/25. NO Community Potluck this month.

Pledge of Allegiance

Call to Order: Heather Canterbury, President

Roll Call: Joyce Canino, Secretary. Directors: Heather Canterbury, Dave Warren, Kevin Brueback, Beth White, Pat Clark, Carol Schwarz and Joyce Canino. All directors are present.

Ratification of Minutes: Directors ratified the November 12, 2024 Board of Director's Meeting minutes and the December 3, 2024 Study Session minutes.

Treasurer Report: Annual fees for November \$4547.73/year to date \$353,802.75, Gross Profits \$22,524.23/year to date \$511,110.08, Total Expenses \$34,999.86/year to date \$395,566.87.

A member questioned the monthly expense on the chart handed out for the pools. This chart represents what Membership Dues pay for, based on the report ran in QuickBooks. Heather explained that the cost of chemicals had gone up, the heater in the lap pool needed replaced along with Spa motors and general maintenance. A member asked why full financials were not available. Pat stated there is still problems with QuickBooks and he and the office manager are still finding incorrect entries. The member stated that an audit should be done every time a new treasurer takes over. Heather said the

new Board was not given all information during the transition. Also, former Directors set up business accounts using their personal email instead of the Office email, which makes it extremely hard to know what business accounts we have, when due and any action that needs to be taken.

Office Manager Reports: Sandy reported in November approximately 12 homes were for sale, 9 sold, 8 paid \$550 and 1 paid \$150. She is still going through QuickBooks to clean up the many inaccurate entries and going through entries that have no documentation to substantiate.

Craft Show Report: Lu Wald presented her report from the Craft Show showing a profit of \$1585.09, Bake Sale profit nearly \$1100 and Hot Dog/Soda profit of \$324. Total profit is over \$3000. Megan Tackett volunteered to do the Bake Sale in 2025 to benefit the Computer Club.

Membership Marketing Report: Earline Parham addressed the Board with the final figures for Membership Renewal. 2940 pamphlets and age affidavits were mailed on December 3rd for a total cost of \$3863.64. Several addresses did not have names attached to them, mostly apartments. Several members in attendance volunteered to hand deliver them.

Heather mentioned to date we are 80.1% HUD compliant.

Nominating Committee Report: Joe Canino reported the nominating committee has asked collectively over 100 members in good standing if they would be a candidate for the 2025 Board. All but one declined stating fear of lawsuits and unnecessary litigation. The committee will continue to seek out candidates. The deadline to submit your candidacy is Tuesday, December 31, 2024 at Noon.

Joe also reported that he has been in contact with SRP and Maricopa County Assessors with regards to the homeowner on 5510 E Boise St that has put a block wall up across the easement between Boise and Billings. A violation case has been created, V2400799, with Kyle Schwartz, Kyle.Schwartz@Maricopa.gov. Anyone may file a complaint using the above referenced case number.

Lynda Leix reported the November pancake breakfast she turned in \$200 in profits, Thanksgiving dinner was \$320 and put into the General Fund and soda/water box donation was \$32 going to the Kitchen Fund.

Old Business: Beth made a motion to move By Law Article XI, Membership and Fees, Section 1 and 1a forward to the Annual Membership Meeting for voting. Dave seconded, passed unanimously. Beth made a motion to send By Law Article XI, section 1b back to P&P for clarification. Dave seconded, passed unanimously.

P&P presented 3 options of word changes to By Law Article XII, Transfer and Disclosure Fees, Section 1. The Board voted on option 2 using the word "requested". Joyce made a motion to accept the change and move forward to the Annual Membership Meeting for voting. Carol seconded, passed unanimously.

A Director questioned when did the lines become blurred between the subdivision Dreamland Villa and the Dreamland Villa Retirement Community as it refers to the purchasing of a home in DVRC, which is the Social Club. A member said that policies should be reviewed and updated every 3-5 years for any inconsistencies.

Event Policy: Beth made a motion to send back to P&P for minor revisions and an additional simple form for monthly donation activities. Dave seconded, passed unanimously.

Meeting time change: Directors voted to change Study Session to evenings, as a trial, to the first Tuesday each month so more members could attend. Evening Study Sessions will begin January 7, 2025, at 5:30m PM.

### NEW BUSINESS:

Butte Street Vacant Lot: Listing agent Julie Rickli reported there has only been one inquiry who wanted to put a mobile home on it. The listing has been up for over 80 days at \$140K. Carol made a motion to lower the price to \$130K. Pat seconded, passed unanimously.

Membership Request Changes: Members who wish to make changes to By Laws, Policies and/or Rules may do so following Article IX outline using the markup/strikethrough/underline method and Administrative Policy titled Requests by voting Members to change By Laws, Rules or Policies, adopted 11/12/2024.

Adjourned: 11:13 AM

Submitted by: Joyce Canino, Secretary



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# AROUND THE VILLA

## Minnesota Potluck

By Andrea Hill

Happy New Year! Say, did ya hear that over Christmas, Ole's house caught on fire? I think it was from the 15 electrical plugs he put into one outlet. He called the fire department and they asked him, "How do we get to your house?" Ole got pretty mad. He hollered over the phone, "Don't you have one of those big red trucks?"

Our next potluck is January 9. It's a Thursday. Bring a yummy dish to share, your own plate, and eating utensils. Also, a drink if you like. Hot tea and coffee are provided. Doors open at 5:15 pm at Read Hall and we try to eat at 5:30 pm. After all the excitement, you'll be home by 7.

Mark your calendars for the next ones: February 13, and March 13.



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## Posse Corner

By Joseph Favazzo

Your DLV Posse wants to remind you about the dangers of solicitors and criminals who pose as workers.

In recent years, the rise of scammers posing as legitimate workers has become a concerning trend. Whether they claim to be utility workers, contractors, or government officials, these individuals often have ulterior motives, potentially putting your safety and security at risk. Here are essential steps to protect yourself and your home.

First and foremost, it's crucial to verify the identity of anyone who comes to your door. Genuine workers will carry

proper identification and should be willing to provide their credentials upon request. If someone is unwilling to show ID or if something seems off about their story, trust your instincts. It's better to be cautious than to open your door to someone with malicious intent.

Never let strangers into your home without confirming who they are. Even if they appear harmless, the potential for criminal activity exists. Scammers often work in pairs or groups, with one distracting you while another searches for valuables or even tries to gain access to sensitive information. Keeping your door locked and only speaking to them through a closed door can help maintain your safety.

If you encounter someone suspicious or feel uncomfortable, don't hesitate to call the police. Reporting suspicious

individuals can help authorities track potential criminal activity in your area. Provide as much detail as possible, including descriptions, vehicle information, and any conversation you had.

Additionally, consider informing your neighbors about any suspicious activity. A community that looks out for each other is a strong deterrent against crime. Use neighborhood apps or social media groups to keep everyone informed and vigilant.

In summary, while many workers are legitimate, it's essential to remain vigilant against those who might not be. Verify identities, avoid letting strangers into your home, and be prepared to contact the police if you suspect something is amiss. Your safety and peace of mind should always come first.

## DESERT WALKERS

By Pat Dinsmore

Time has surely been flying by. I have been back in Minnesota for the holiday season with my family for a few weeks. When I was in Arizona in November a couple of us made a trip to the Boyce Thompson Arboretum for a great day of walking. We took our time enjoying the scenery on the many trails, enjoyed the Wallace Garden area, had a picnic lunch, and made a full day of it. I took another walk at the Riparian Preserve at Gilbert Water Ranch with my brother-in-law and I never seem to tire of that walk with the ponds, the variety of ducks, etc.

On January 3, 2025, we will start our season as mentioned in the December Citizen. We will walk the Riparian Preserve at Gilbert Water Ranch, picnic, and plan the rest of our winter season. So remember your picnic lunch, water, walking stick, etc. Our scheduled walks will be held on the 1st and 3rd Fridays of January, February, March, and possibly early April. Please come on January 3rd with your suggestions for parks and trails to walk this winter season. Per usual, we will meet at the west end of the Farnsworth Hall parking lot at 9:00 am to carpool. Please remember to pay your driver \$2-\$4 for gas depending on the distance we are traveling. Feel free to contact me at pedinsmore@hotmail.com if you have any questions or suggestions. We welcome new members. I am looking forward to seeing you on January 3rd.

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## Year Round Working Corner

By Megan Tackett

Happy New Year 2025!

One of the best moves you ever made was moving into a retirement community. When you retire you are already here! I have 2 more full years of working before I can retire, and let me tell you, I can't wait. However, I do like a paycheck, and I found some interesting facts from Forbes.com about how to consider "Semi-Retirement."

You might be a candidate for this if:

- The pros outweigh the cons
- The budget doesn't allow for full retirement
- You really enjoy your work, but 8-10 hours a day is just too long
- Your "Mind" tells you, "Use it or lose it"

Here are some steps to consider for a Semi-Retirement Plan

- Prepare a financial analysis (we can show you how in the computer class)
- Understand your health insurance options before you turn 65, check out Medicare
- Does your current employer have alternative working arrangements?
- Take the extra hours you have to create a healthy routine (Spas are at the pools and there is an exercise room at Dreamland.)
- Have you been married so long that you want to do something a little separate from your spouse? Send the hubby to the wood shop and your wife to the art class. Or if you still like each other, have dinner together; check out the various budget-friendly eating offers at DVRC

Please reach out to me if you want to see specific items in this article. Thanks Bunches!!! Megan Tackett 480-297-1877

## BOOK CLUB

By Anita Thompson

The book club will meet on January 9th at 3:00 pm at Anita's house. We will be outside so bring a jacket if it's cool. Bring whatever you want to drink. We have interesting discussions and it's a great time to catch up with one another.

## Book Review

By Anita Thompson

The Women by Kristin Hannah

I couldn't put this book down, it's unbelievably good!!! It starts in 1965 when 20-year-old nursing student Frances "Frankie" McGrath hears the words, "Woman Can Be Heros". No one has ever told her that. She has been raised by wealthy conservative parents in southern California who expect her to get married and have babies. Her brother ships out to serve in Vietnam and she decides to follow him, so she joins the Army Nurse Corps. She is a brand-new nurse with not much experience, and that plays into the story. Maybe it meant more to me because I was a nurse and understood the things being told.

The book lets us see the gamble of life and death, hope, and betrayal that happens in war. However, war is just the beginning for Frankie and her veteran friends. The real battle lies in coming home to an America that has angry protesters and insists there were no women in Vietnam. This is a novel about deep friendships and how important they are. Ethel and Barb truly save her and stand by her completely. It's also about patriotism, idealism, and courage under fire. There is love and loss and surprises. The ending was a total surprise that I did not expect at all. Don't get this book unless you have time to sit and read because it's GREAT!!!

## Holiday Craft Fair

By Lu Wald

As this was my final year coordinating this huge event, this will be my final submission on behalf of this worthy event. This year's Craft Fair brought in more than \$2880 that will be put to good use, both in the general fund and towards the nature trail. The more important number is the 30 to 35 volunteers who came together and worked so hard to make it all happen. And that's not counting all the wonderful bakers who provided so many tasty items for sale at the bake sale.

A special thank you to everyone who made this happen. Many vendors sent me emails, telling me that they enjoyed being a part of the event as they were treated so well by everyone and it was so well organized. Granted, not everyone was pleased with the low sales, as I was one of them, but folks who participate in other craft sales are saying that seems to be more common this year. Thanks to all the committee members, craft vendors, the kettle corn vendor, the food

& beverage stand, the Maintenance staff, the coordinators of the bake sale, the golf cart drivers, and Julie Rickli for providing several cases of water. And of course, the volunteers!

Finally, I thank the Board(s), current and the past 4 years, for always providing their support for this event. When I started doing this, I found no documentation from previous craft fairs (there used to be 2 or 3 per year) that I could use as a reference to build on, so everything I did was done with a "hope this will work" logic (if that's logic). However, because the Singles Club sponsored the first one in 2021, I've always been fortunate to have so much help from them, as those members are the best. As Lana and Megan take the reins, I hope they will continue to have their support and help! So, although the credit for its success is directed towards me, the truth is, it wouldn't be possible without all the wonderful volunteers and they all deserve the biggest THANK YOU!

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## Nature Walk Litter

By Steve Malone, Dreamland Villa Homeowner

As a former smoker, I understand the desire to smoke a cigarette and gain that pleasure. I have no qualms about your smoking on the Nature Walk. I do have a problem with the fact that you do not have the courtesy to field strip your cigarette and carry the filter back with you to dispose of it properly.

I hope you will join me on January 4, 2025, at 9:30 am at the northwest corner of 56th Street and the Nature Walk to clean up your discarded cigarette butts.

Additionally, there are those few dog owners that allow their pets to poop on the Nature Walk corridor and not clean it up. You are littering our community as well. How about a little common courtesy?

Dreamland is our community, and we should all strive to keep it clean. Please take responsibility for your own actions.



By Lewis (Lew) Hooser

What is an ideal combination team for monitors? Of course, it's married couples volunteering together. Based on my wife's and my experience, we both love helping folks out, plus striking up new friendships. That being said, we are always looking for warehouse staff and desk personnel. If you're interested in helping us out, please stop in at our office and talk to one of our great monitors, they can help you.

From time to time, we are asked what it takes to keep the doors open. It's because of your generous giving to our donations box in our office, and our donation letter. A lot of you folks have graciously responded to our donation letter, thank you, it helps us out immensely.

Remember election month is just around

the corner. There is an annual meeting that usually consists of Board Members and Monitors. What we would like to see is our residents in both Dreamland Villa and Velda Rose Estates at the meeting. How nice would that be!

Inventory update: After a trial period of having folks reserve our fold-up tables, we found that it just isn't working. If you would like to borrow a table, please stop in; it's first come, first served.

Remember, we are open from 9:00 am until noon, Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday. Help Services is financed solely by your donations and is tax deductible. Check us out on our web page, [www.HelpServicesInc.org](http://www.HelpServicesInc.org). Our phone number is 480-985-6021, for appointments and information. The address is 5210 E. University Drive Mesa, AZ 85205. Our services are only available to Dreamland Villa & Velda Rose Estates folks.

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# CLUBS

## FUSED GLASS

By David Senke

January starts a new year for Fused Glass. I can't believe we have taught so many people this unique art form. Every year we have new faces show up to learn how to do Fused Glass.

The studio/shop is open to all members of Dreamland Villa Retirement Community. We are happy to show you the process: cutting and grinding glass and stacking glass to be fired in the kiln. It only takes about 30 to 45 minutes to learn the whole process and then you will be ready to create your own project. The only cost is for the glass you use (we have a large selection of glass) and a small firing fee.

Regular studio/shop hours are Monday and Wednesday, 9:30 am to Noon and 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. We also offer a Monday night class from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

The pictures are of work done by Dreamland members.

Happy New Year to all.



## Dreamland Bowling League

By Cyndy Munday

Happy New Year! Let's hope 2025 will be a good one for us all.

We had our Christmas party on the 20th again hosted by Linda Herreman. She has been a great help to our league and we all appreciate her efforts. Thanks again, Linda.

We still need bowlers. We are mid-season but subs are wonderful and we appreciate them all. So if you would like to join us this season as a sub please let us know.

Top Bowlers

Week of 11/1/2024 – Jerry Cole 596; Dan Jenkins 591; Dan Griffiths 589; Ken Busch 586; Dave Nelson 598; Jon Hopkins 591; Steve Pena 590

Week of 11/8/2024- Nancy Cole 176; Dave Nelson 202, 215; Roger Kaufman 201, 221; Vicki Hopkins 180; Steve Pena 193; Judy Schulster 181; Jerry Cole 189, 197

Week of 11/15/2024 – Harry Cole 185; Dave Nelson 202, 201; Jan Sahler 165; Wayne Herreman 193; Jerry Cole 192; Jim Seamandel 182, 220; Rick Willgruber 201; Jack Critchet 180; Dave Cutler 186;

Week of 11/22/2024 – Roger Kaufman 205, 188; Dave Cutler 183; Jack Critchet

203, 223; Judy Schulster 177; Jerry Cole 201; Grayson Royer 168

Week of 11/29/2024 – (week of the splits – too numerous to count) Judy Schulster 199; Ken Busch 194; Jon Hopkins 201; Andrea Hill 168; Jan Sahler 155; Cyn Munday 187, 191, 203; Dan Griffiths 178

SPLITS PICKED UP –

Dan Jenkins 3-10; Nancy Cole 2-7-8; Dave Nelson 3-10; Lois DeLong 3-10; Jack Critchet 5-10; Dan Griffiths 6-10; Cindy Pena 6-7-10; Rick Willgruber 2-5-7; Patti Kaufman 3-9-10; Ken Busch 3-10; Roger Kaufman 4-10, 2-7; Cyn Munday 5-10, 3-10; Jack Critchet 4-7; Jon Hopkins 3-10; Dan Jenkins 4-10; Harry Cole 3-10; Nancy Cole 3-6-7-10; Jack Critchet 5-10; Dan Griffiths 6-10; Rick Willgruber 2-5-7; Patti Kaufman 3-9-10; Nancy Cole 3-5-10; Cyn Munday 3-6-10; Dakota Terry-Morris 5-7; Ken Busch 3-10; Darlene Poynter 3-10; Judy Schulster 5-7; Roger Kaufman 3-10, 5-7; Dave Cutler 3-9-10

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

## Mosaic Glass

By David Senke

There will be two mosaic glass classes in February of 2025. They are scheduled on February 8th and 15th from 9:00 am to noon. The cost is \$20, and you will be supplied with everything you need to complete your project. This includes an 8"x 11" frame, glass, glue, and grout.

Please sign up in advance at the Fused Glass shop/studio as classes are limited to 15 people.



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Mark your calendar now for the **BUNCO** 2024/2025 dates:

**DAYTIME:** Every 2nd Wednesday afternoon starting at 1:00 pm at DVRC Read Hall.

Games this winter/spring are as follows:

- November 13, 2024
- December 11, 2024
- January 8, 2025
- February 12, 2025
- March 12, 2025
- April 9, 2025



**NIGHTTIME:** Games begin at 6:00 pm at DVRC Read Hall. We meet the last Friday night of each month. Games this winter/spring are as follows:

- October 25, 2024
- November 29, 2024
- December 21, 2024
- January 31, 2025
- February 28, 2025
- March 28, 2025
- April 25, 2025



## Dreamland Villa Quilting Club

By Becky Lamson

Our photo this month shows the tree napkins that we made and donated to The Joy Bus Organization. The napkins will go to 230 cancer treatment patients who receive meals from the organization during Christmas week.

We only met twice in December. The remainder of the month had us on Holiday break.

On December 12 we had our annual Christmas Pot Luck. Good food, white elephant gift exchange, and a great time was had by all.

We are on our winter schedule, meeting on Thursday from 1:00 to 4:00 pm at Read Hall

We will not be meeting on Jan 2nd but we'll be back on schedule on Jan 9th.

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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# CLUBS

## 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/Thursday 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 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!

## Ladies Golf League

Dreamland Villa has a Ladies Golf League and:

- Meets every Thursday around 2:30 pm
- November - March
- Desert Sands Golf Course, 74th St and Baseline

If you have thought about coming back to golf or are a beginner, please feel free to contact us at 602-363-0347 or 701-527-0146 to find out how you can join us!

## Dreamland Villa Singles Club

By Lu Wald

Happy New Year!! It's time to clean the slate and start a new and better year! December kept us very busy, but we're so grateful for all the wonderful opportunities. We started with a Christmas concert in Chandler on the 1st, then lunch on the 5th at The Gilbert House. We enjoyed the food and fun at our annual Christmas Party on the 14th. On the 9th, we carpoled to McCormick Railroad Park and then to Chandler on the 15th to attend the Spirit of Christmas concert. Our limousine Christmas lights tour on the 11th was lots of fun. On the 16th, we carpoled to Organ Stop Pizza for dinner and then to the Mormon Temple Christmas lights, so fabulous! We gathered on the morning of the 14th for a community pancake breakfast and had such fun at the Mingle & Jingle Community Christmas Party on the 21st.

Please note: our monthly potlucks have been changed to the first Monday of each month at 5:30 pm starting on January 6th. January will start with lunch at Café Hodgepodge on the 3rd, and then our monthly potluck on the 6th at 5:30 pm. Come and learn what we're all about; just bring a dish to share. Our January 8th meeting will start with the swearing-in of officers. At the November elections, the following members were voted in: Sydney Clark, president; Debra Buntun, vice-president, Audrey Hayes, treasurer and Carolyn Grafton and Lu Wald, co-secretaries. We will be carpooling to Queen Creek for the Beehives Musical performance on the 11th. Then on the 14th, we plan a trip to the Desert Botanical Gardens for a free presentation to enjoy the lights. On the 15th, we'll head over to Phoenix again to enjoy dinner at the Taco Guild. Our monthly Hale performance is Cash on Delivery on the 18th. It's time for another road trip, so we'll head over to Globe to enjoy the sights on the 24th. We'll enjoy the Duttons concert on the 25th. On the 26th, we carpool down to Chandler for Nat King Cole presented by the Chandler Symphony. Our movie Monday is on the 27th and we haven't decided yet what we will go see. Some of our activities require reservations or advanced tickets, so be sure to contact us by calling Kathie at 732-830-664, or send an email to singles@dreamlandvilla.org to learn more.

Remember, our meetings are always on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month at 9:30 am. If you're interested in learning more about our club, please come to a meeting or our potluck, generally every first Monday of the month except for November and December. Our calendars are always on the dreamlandvilla.org web page and attached to the weekly email blast.

## Sr. Techie's Computer Club

By Megan Tackett

As we are in the New Year, hackers, thieves, and no good scoundrels are doing their best to take from us what we have spent our lives working for.

Here is some information to protect yourself from these scams.

Scammers will tell you there is a fraud investigation going on in any account, bank, Amazon, etc. and that you must "verify" your account. I think we probably all know this is a scam, but honestly, sometimes it is hard to tell. If you think an email is a scam, please do not click on any "blue link" in the email, as this is a way to get into your computer in the background.

Scammers will also call you, and in a very threatening and intimidating way, confront you to ask for sensitive banking information. The best part about a mobile phone is you can disconnect the call. Do you think you are being rude by hanging up? Certainly not,

you do not know them and they do not need to ask you about your name, birthday, and address.

If you have any doubts, take a moment, call the account you have, and explain to them what you received. They will be happy to confirm if the message you received actually came from them.

Please try to remember, when was the last time a bank called you? When was the last time JCPenney called you? When was the last time the police called you? When we think about it, those big companies don't care about us, but they all have ways for us to directly contact them. That is the key to successful protection of your personal information.

Thank you! Please let me know what else you would like to see in these articles. Megan 480-297-1877.

## WET PAINT

By Alicia Short

ART ROOM SCHEDULE - JANUARY

TUESDAY AFTERNOONS - DIAMOND ART PROJECT- 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm Will be held if there is interest. Please contact Connie if interested. Designs to choose from and all supplies included - \$10 for materials and project. If you have your own project, bring it - \$5 Contact Connie at 515- 371- 7713

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOONS - OPEN PAINTING. NO COST. 1:00 pm - 3:30 pm. Continuing Wednesdays throughout the year. No instructions, just paint or work on a craft project and join the fellowship of others who like to be creative. You will need all your own supplies. Please let me know in advance if you plan to attend. Alicia at aliciamshort01@gmail.com

THURSDAY AFTERNOONS - NEEDLE WORKERS - NO COST. For those who enjoy knitting, crocheting, and embroidery work and would like to "play" together we meet at 1:00 pm. No instructions will be given but it is a time to get inspired, meet new people, and enjoy your projects. Contact Cathy Kane with questions and to indicate your interest. Cathykane57@gmail.com. 1:00 pm - 3:30 pm.

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January 17th, Make pretty envelopes - \$1 for supplies

January 24th, Make a pretty necklace - \$2 for supplies

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<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> <u>Singles Potluck</u> 5:30PM -	<b>7</b> <u>Board Study Session</u> 5:30pm	<b>8</b> <u>Singles Club</u> 9:30AM -	<b>9</b> <u>Card Bingo</u> 10:30AM - <u>Minnesota Potluck</u> 5:15PM -	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> <u>Coffee Social</u> 7:30AM - 9:00AM <u>Annual Membership Meeting</u> 9:00AM - 1:30PM
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> <u>Board Meeting</u> 9:30AM -	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> <u>Singles Club</u> 9:30AM -	<b>23</b> <u>Card Bingo</u> 10:30AM -	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> <u>Coffee Social</u> 7:30AM - 9:00AM
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>1</b> (February)

## January Weekly Activities

DAILY EVENTS	MONDAY AM	TUESDAY AM	WEDNESDAY AM	THURSDAY AM	FRIDAY AM	SATURDAY AM
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	MONDAY PM	TUESDAY PM	WEDNESDAY PM	THURSDAY PM	FRIDAY PM	SATURDAY PM
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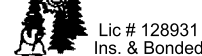
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