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Canoa Seca Estates II Newsletter



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hello to All

I am sorry to say we lost another neighbor and friend, Chuck Lamb, this past month. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Karen and the family.

This is my last President's Corner message as my time on the Board has come to an end. I would like to thank the community; committee chairs their members and my fellow Board members for your support. I believe that during these past two years we have made improvements in the self-governance of CSE II and leave it a strong position for future Boards.

The nominating committee has found two good candidates, Mike Rass and Alex Verhoogen to replace Dave Lovell and myself. Ballots will be sent out during the month of February.

Please make it a point to come to the annual meeting on March 1st where you can get up to speed on the accomplishments of the past year. I look forward to seeing you then.



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NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Two Board members, President John Sucher and Vice-president Dave Lovell's terms end in March and must be filled in the March election.

The elections for two new board members will be done by electronic ballot prior to the March 1st CSEII Annual Meeting.

We have two excellent candidates who'll be running for the Board: Mike Rass and Alex Verhoogen. There were no further nominations at the January 18th Board Meeting.

As stated in the By-Laws, the CSEII homeowners elect members of the Board, The Board members then determine who will serve as President, Vice-president, Secretary, Treasurer, and Chair of the Architectural Committee.

Below are biographies for the two candidates.

Alex Verhoogen was born in the Belgian Congo and immigrated to the US as a child. He got a BA in Zoology from UC Berkeley in 1963 and graduated medical school from UC Irvine in 1968. After his residency at Sacred Heart Medical Center, he joined the Air Force. Following that, he did an Orthopedic Residency at Duke University from 1972-1976. He had a private practice in Orthopedic Surgery in Spokane, WA from 1976-2008. Following that he worked for MedCentral Professional Foundation in Mansfield Ohio from 2015-2016 and the CORE Institute at Green Valley Hospital from 2015 – 2016. He was Chief of Staff for the Green Valley Hospital/Santa Cruz Valley Regional Hospital from 2015-2021. Alex and his wife, Mary Lee moved to Green Valley in 2014 and to CSE II in 2017. He lives on Tejedor.



NOMINATING COMMITTEE (continued)

Mike Räss received his BA from the University of Wisconsin-Stout in 1978 majoring in Industrial Engineering with a minor in Graphics Arts. In 1988 he received an MS from the University of San Francisco in HR Management. He worked for General Mills, Inc. from 1978 to 1994, in roles that included Research Engineer, Mechanical Packaging and Process Engineer, Process Design Manager, and Director of Technical Services. He joined Kimberly-Clark Corporation in 1995 where he worked (until 2004) in Distribution Logistics, Corporate Training and Development, and as Associate Director of the KC Global Design Center. Simultaneously, he was President of the family business, Rässskin, Inc. (Michel's Bakery & Café) from 1994 to 2003. From 2005-2010, working for The Clorox Company, Mike led a project/package team in Pleasanton CA and Buenos Aries, Argentina. From 2010-2014, working for the Chief Technical officer and EVP Global Consumer Products at Georgia Pacific, Mike was responsible for management skills development of senior leadership, led a team to optimize 4 strategic technology platform groups and led efforts to identify new tangential technologies to invest in. From 2010 – 2020 Mike was on the board of Lakeside Packaging Plus (a not-for-profit organization providing support/skills development to individuals with emotional, learning, and physical disabilities). He was Board president from 2016-2020. Mike is currently chair of the CSE II Monument Decorating Committee and moved to his Garzota home April of 2021. He's a winter resident in Green Valley November through April and spends summers in Wisconsin.



ANNUAL BOARD MEETING

March 1st

8:00 AM

Desert Hills Auditorium

COMMON GROUNDS

Hats off to Mike Rass and the homeowners who decorated (and undecorated) the monuments for Christmas. (See page 8)

I may be biased but I think we had the best decorations on Camino Del Sol and Estelar. Also hats off to all of the homeowners who decorated their homes and yards and the arboretum. Decorations on Reyecuelo really lit up the area! It was fun to drive around and see the lights in our HOA.

As directed by the Board, Susan has been securing bids for maintaining the common grounds. With the holiday season it has been difficult getting responses. The goal is to have at least 3 bids to forward to the Board. The process should be completed within the next couple of weeks.

In January John Sucher, Larry Bennett, and Melva Irvin met with Brett Gilmore, San Ignacio General Manager, and Jeff Eckart, the course Superintendent, to discuss the common area located between the homes on Trogon and the cart path. An agreement regarding the discussion is being written.

Common Grounds Committee Members:
Jean Ashby, Larry Bennett, Candy English, Susan Friedrich (co-chair), Melva Irvin (co-chair), Lyle Lininger, Steve Marshall, Sandy Noreen, Phyllis Sucher, Bob Swendrzynski, David Lovell (Board Liaison).



TREASURER

From Diane Day . . .

As HOA treasurer I'm researching and hoping to file for 501(C)(4) status.

501(C)(4) is a tax exempt status for Social Welfare Organizations and according to the IRS Revenue Rulings our HOA could qualify.

There are currently 13 HOAs in Green Valley that have this status.

If anyone has knowledge in this area please reach out to me (Diane Day). I would love another person preferably with tax knowledge to review the forms I'm completing.



SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Seventy-six people enjoyed a fun filled night at our Winter Solstice. Your positive feedback concerning the evening was very appreciated as your social committee put in a lot of time and energy to make it a success. So thank you for those compliments. Sapphire Services provided a delicious meal that was well received by all. We played three rounds, 10 questions each, of trivia concerning winter. We were tied going into that third round but Table 4 - Niners came out in the final round as the winner; answering 23 questions correctly. Tables 1 and 7 were close behind answering 22 questions correctly.

Up next is our **Oscar Red Carpet Event on February 10th.** This is going to be an elegant evening with people dressed in their finest attire. Some people are wearing what they wore to a child's wedding, others are dressing up as a favorite movie star or movie character, and others are hitting the resale shops and thrift stores for that special outfit. While I'm sure the paparazzi will be there no fashion police are allowed. So please come to the event in what you would wear for a special evening out on the town. It is sure to be another fun evening of good food, games, and socializing. We would love to see you there. Look at your invite for details and RSVP by January 31.

Mark your calendars for the **Social Committee Fundraiser - March 16, at 6pm.** It will be BYO bottle and snack and a \$10/person entry fee. That \$10 will allow you to play in a rousing game of trivia. Please come and support the social committee so we can continue to offer fun events for the neighborhood.

You'll also want to mark your calendar for **April 6th.** That is when we will have our **picnic at Canoa Hills.** More details on that to come later.

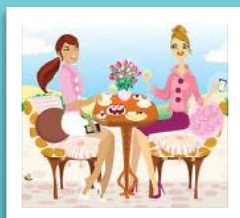
LADIES' LUNCHEON

February 20th - Noon

Wisdom's Cafe
1931 E Frontage Rd - Tumacacori

RSVP - Diane Day

diane3424@gmail.com



LADIES' COFFEE

Posada Java
9:00 AM

January - Wednesday
February - Thursday

*3rd week always at Arboretum
weather permitting
(if <65 degrees, meet at Posada
Java)



WELCOME COMMITTEE

This last quarter has been relatively quiet as our newest owners settle in.

Wendy and Mike Schaefer have been busy moving into the former Tinney home on **Garzota** with their little poodle, Charlie. They will spend the winter and spring months in Green Valley and return to Washington, north of Seattle for the summers. Wendy has already contributed her rock painting skills to our Welcome Rock inventory.

Doreen Harwood and Vic Christ on Picamaderos have been busy exploring all the activities available to retirees in Green Valley. They enjoy nurturing the fruit trees and garden that the Blaylocks had developed. Doreen is often out walking the neighborhood when she is not baking or practicing yoga. She and Vic share a passion for theater and exploring the Tucson area art scene. They too will spend their winter and spring in Green Valley and then return to their home base north of Seattle for the summer.

Joyce Martin has moved to CSEII from the Las Campanas area. She bought Jim and Diane Thomas's home on **Reyecuelo** and moved in almost immediately in the first week of January. Jim and Diane moved to Yuma as planned. I barely had a chance to say hello to Joyce before she left to spend a few months in Mexico. We can all give her a proper welcome when she gets back.

We have one home for sale on Picamaderos at this time.



Rocks painted by Wendy Schaefer

CSEII ARBORETUM

Arboretum Awakening season is here!

Thank you to all of our hearty helpers who have nurtured our fledgling trees and shrubs through wildlife nibbling and a dry but chilly winter. Our/your plantings are thriving!

We are seeking funds to support new plantings and general garden maintenance.

Your donations may be left at 3826 S Via Reyecuelo.

Thank you in advance,
The Arboretum Committee



NEIGHBORHOOD AUTHOR

Bob Allen . . .

Will be signing his books at Quail Run Bookstore on February 27th noon-3:00pm.

These include his three fiction stories:

THREADS, CHRIS PLOD AND 682 FRONT STREET, which was reviewed recently in the Green Valley News.



CSEII Electronic Online voting – It’s that time of year when our annual membership meeting is approaching. Just like in previous years, we will be using an Electronic Voting system called ElectionBuddy. The election committee plans to send out ballots via email mid-February. Homeowners will have until Feb 28 to complete ballots and submit. Results of the election will be ready to go when we meet at our annual meeting on March 1 at 9:00 A.M.

Things you need to know:

- One email address per household receives an electronic ballot via email – if your household has two email addresses please let us know which email should be used, otherwise, we will use the same as the previous election.
- The email message will come from invitations@mail.electionbuddy.com
- A link and an access code unique to your household will be included. Follow the link to reach the ballot.
- Make sure to add the above email address into your contacts so that the ballot doesn’t land in your spam folder or be overlooked.
- **Please do not unsubscribe or mark as spam the email from ElectionBuddy. If you do so, you may not get this ballot or future ones.**
- The ballot contains two actions this year.
 - Board of director seats (2) that vacate in March. A Bio for the nominated candidates will be included for your review before voting.
 - Approval of the minutes from 3/2/2023.
- The ballot guides the voter and allows for the voter to vote for the nominee or add a write-in candidate or abstain from voting. The ballot flow helps a voter avoid missing a step so that the vote is valid and counted.
- Voting is by secret ballot or anonymous and can’t be seen by anyone else (including the election committee).
- Homeowners without email will automatically be provided a paper ballot.
- In the event a homeowner needs an alternative to online voting, requests for a paper ballot should be sent to the election committee at csei.election@csei.com by February 16.

Thank you! – The Election Committee

MONUMENT DECORATING

We had some spectacular decorations this year...

at the monuments, the arboretum and the common area at the west end of Estelar. Many thanks to all the volunteers for making this a bright and joyful holiday!



GVR BOARD ELECTION

One of our neighbors is running for the board at Green Valley Recreation

My name is Candace (Candy) English and my husband Barry, and I live on Urraca. We have been full-time residents of Green Valley since March 2022. I am running for the 2024 Green Valley Recreation Board of Directors. As my father-in-law had lived in Green Valley since 1988, I was familiar with GVR, the excellent facilities and wide choice of classes/training for a variety of interests. But I have also learned that in the past, the GVR Board has been combative, unproductive, and less than transparent. As a GVR Board Director, I pledge to thoroughly listen to members' concerns, examine all available facts, and research possible solutions. I propose to visit GVR centers each week, talking with members and staff, so that I can be proactive in identifying problems and celebrating successes. I am fiscally conservative while also being dedicated to improving GVR offerings and customer service.

With a master's and Ph.D. in Educational Administration from Georgia State University, I have the knowledge to effectively manage committees, projects, and people. With over 27 years of experience as a high school English teacher and middle school assistant principal, I know how to listen to others, resolve conflicts, and create a positive environment in which everyone wins. After retiring from education, I completed a paralegal program from Emory University in Atlanta and worked for the Department of Juvenile Justice for 2 years. I am organized, research oriented, and passionate about serving Green Valley. I am confident that through the teamwork of the Board, we can continue to improve upon the enriching opportunities already offered through GVR.

Voting begins in February and runs through March 14.



GVC NEWS



OUTDOOR LIGHTING CODE FORUM

January 25th 2024 | 10AM | GVR Canoa Hills Center

What are Green Valley's Dark Skies? What do they mean to you? Join the GVC Planning & Architecture Committee and Pima County for a forum on everything you need to know as an HOA and as a homeowner about Dark Sky Communities. Representatives from Pima County will be present to answer any questions about the Dark Sky Ordinance or the new Outdoor Lighting Code. Space is limited, so please call or email to register.

info@gvcouncil.org | 520-648-1936



Pima County Assessor & Development Services Forum

February 1st 2024 | 9AM | GVR East Center

Do you have questions about your property taxes or tax relief programs offered through the county? Do you know how to apply for a permit if you're doing remodeling? Join the GVC for a forum on everything you need to know as an HOA and a homeowner about Pima County Property Taxes, Building Codes, Permits, Inspections, and much more.

Representatives from Pima County will be present to answer any questions about these important topics. Space is limited, so please call or email to register.

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Living with Urban Wildlife Forum

February 8, 2024 at 9:00 AM

GVR Desert Hills Social Center | 2980 S. Camino del Sol

Are you new to Southern Arizona, or would you like to learn more about the critters we see in our neighborhoods? Join the Green Valley Council and Pima County Environmental Education for a forum to learn all about the creatures that live in Southern Arizona and how we can be good neighbors to our wildlife.

For more information or to register:
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Veterans History Project

The Arizona 6th Congressional District is home to over 73,000 Veterans. 22% of all Green Valley residents are Veterans. Congressman Juan Ciscomani is honored to be their voice in the U.S. House of Representatives and to bring the Veterans History Project to Green Valley. The Veterans History Project collects, preserves, and makes accessible the firsthand recollections of U.S. Military Veterans who served from WWI through the most recent conflicts. The goal is to allow future generations of Americans to hear directly from Veterans to better understand what they saw, did, and felt during their service to our country. Veterans from all branches and ranks are eligible to participate. Gold Star families are also invited to participate.

The Green Valley Council is proud to partner with the Office of Congressman Juan Ciscomani to facilitate this project in Green Valley. Interviews will be held on March 23, 2024 during the First Responders Fair at Historic Canoa Ranch in Green Valley. Contact Congressman Ciscomani's Office at 520-881-3588 or email Nancy Heiser at nancy.heiser@mail.house.gov for more information, including how to register.



JUAN CISCOMANI
ARIZONA'S 6TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT



GVC NEWS

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2024 Valentine's Day Raffle



22" Folding Fire Pit, valued at \$100.

Panini Pizza Cooker, valued at \$30.

American Classic 4 milkshake glasses, valued at \$25.



Raffle tickets—**\$5.00 each or 5 tickets for \$20.00**—can be purchased at the Green Valley Council's main office at 555 N. La Cañada Dr., Monday through Thursday, from 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM. Proceeds benefit community events coordinated by The GVC Foundation.

The winning raffle ticket will be drawn at the GV Council Office on **February 21, 2024**, and the Winner will be notified by the email or phone number information submitted on the ticket.



2nd Annual First Responders Fair March 23, 2024 - 10AM to 3PM

Historic Canoa Ranch 5375 I-19 Frontage Road Green Valley, AZ

The Green Valley Council invites you to join us for a day to honor and thank all those who serve and protect us.

- Live Demonstrations
- Interactive Exhibits
- Career Opportunities
- Food Trucks
- Much More!

Attendees Include:

- Pima County Sheriff's Dept
- Green Valley Fire District
- Sahuarita Police Dept
- Arizona DPS - State Troopers
- USAF Davis-Monthan AFB
- Green Valley SAV
- AZ Game & Fish Dept
- USDA Dept of Forestry
- US Customs and Border Protection
- Many More



For more information: 520.648.1936 | info@gvcouncil.org



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President: John Sucher
Vice President: Dave Lovell
Secretary: Marilyn Gaizband
Treasurer: Diane Day
Mbr At Large: David Day

Architectural (ARC)**Chair: David Day**

Members: Estelar - Denny Johnson
 Tordo - Ward Olsen
 Urraca - Bill Barkley
 Garzota - Sharon Perkins

Block Captains**Chair: Sandy Anderson**

Trogon - Susan Friedrich (Alt) Kent Tuggle
 Tordo - Sam Schaen (Alt) Ford Demming
 Urraca - Mike Ketchen
 Tejedor - Doris Sharrock (Alt) Peter Martin
 Garzota - Jack Gardner (Alt) Larry Bennett
 Reyecuelo - Terrie Hodson
 Picamaderos - Jill Pawlowski
 Estelar - Susan Friedrich (Alt) Kent Tuggle

Common Grounds (Maintenance)**Chair: Melva Irvin, Susan Friedrich**

Members: Jean Ashby Larry Bennett
 Candy English Lyle Lininger
 Steve Marshall Sandy Noreen
 Phyllis Sucher
 Bob Swendrzynski

Communications**Chair: Barbara Wray**

Database, Email, Directory - Sandy Anderson
 Resale Manager - Sandy Anderson
 Newsletter - Ginny Lippert
 Webmaster - Barbara Wray
 Sandy Noreen

Financial Review**Chair: Anna Bennett**

Members: Judy Christensen
 Phil Suter

Governing Documents**Chair: Sam Schaen**

Members: Sandy Hill
 Leslie Kush
 Mike Noreen

Nominating**Chair: Sam Schaen**

Members: Bill Barkley Candy English
 Leslie Kush

Roads**Chair: Todd Merrill**

Members: Steve Marshall
 Mike Noreen
 Alan Roman

Social**Chair: Diane Day**

Members: Julie Carter DD Early
 Candy English Sam Johnson
 Carol Malless Claire Marshall
 Amy Nicely Jill Pawlowski
 Doris Sharrock Phyllis Sucher

Welcome**Chair: Leslie Kush****Monuments Decorating: Mike Rass**

Members: Tamara Bohn & Jim Barker
 Candy English Marilyn Gaizband
 Doris Sharrock Lynn Shinnick

GV Council Representatives

Donna Lou Hetler

Firewise (Ad Hoc) - Larry Bennett

Members: Kathy Merrill, Candy English, Terry Steenrod, Gary Karger

Arboretum (Ad Hoc) - Ray Kush**Drainage Channel Repair(Ad Hoc)****Chair: Bill Barkley**

Member: Duane Youngquist