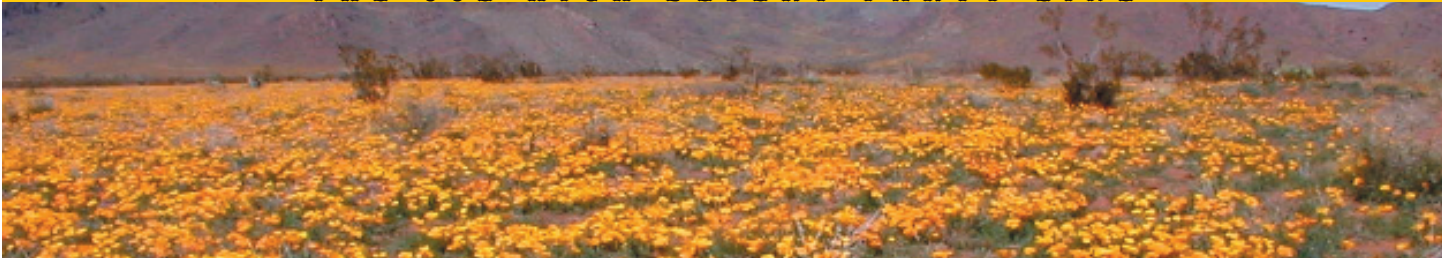


THE CCE HIGH DESERT PARTY LINE



for Country Club Estates Friends and Neighbors • March 2010

CCE Spring Activities

Garage Sale, April 10 -- Individual garage sales throughout the CCE community. Start preparing now. This will be the only CCE-wide garage sale this year.

Easter Parade -- Saturday, Apr. 3. Last year's Easter Parade was cancelled because of bad weather. So we'll try again this year. Create your own Easter bonnet and wear it in a parade down Wedge Rd. to the Clubhouse, where there will be a brunch -- regardless of the weather.



May: Based on the surveys supplied so far, there will be a **Spaghetti Cook-Off** on May 16. Sign-up sheets will be in the clubhouse soon for those folks who want to offer their spaghetti recipes up for tasting by the people who attend. The sample that gets the most thumbs-up will win a special prize. More info will be forthcoming.



Let's meet at the Pink Store!

Starting this month (March) the **third Saturday of each month, NOON**, meet at the Pink Store for a monthly get together lunch.

We can celebrate birthdays, anniversaries, newcomers, "it's a great day" -- whatever. **There will be no monthly notice, so please mark your calendar.** It will always be the third Saturday, noon, Pink Store, lunch.

We hope to have a good turnout each month and it should be lots of fun.

-- Debbie Hayhurst

You're a senior citizen when you begin to feel on Saturday night the way you used to feel on Monday morning.

New CCEHA Board

Pictured at left is this year's elected Board: Back, director, Gail Root; vice president Phil Swart; director Yenny VanDinter; president Ron Wolfe. Front, secretary Pamela Gulbrandson; director Jackie Rankin; and Pam Fletcher, filling in as treasurer while treasurer-elect Jess Hays recovers from surgery.

Check out CCEHA on the Web: www.cceha.com

About Town

Shakespeare on Tap

Shakespeare on Tap will resume again after a winter hiatus. Watch the newspaper for further information.

Halfway Back From Nowhere

The play, Halfway Back From Nowhere, written and directed by Theatre for Today's Tim McAndrews, will be performed April 9 and 10 at the Deming Depot Theater at 7:30 and April 11 at 2:30. CCE's Rudy Rosenquist and Bill Duncan are part of the cast of this Old West musical sequel to last year's hit, Halfway to Nowhere, set in the Old West. Admission is \$8 for one, \$15 for two.

DPAT Season Winds Up

The Deming Performing Arts Theater schedule for April at Morgan Hall, 109 E. Pine, is as follows:

Jammers – 11th, 18th & 25th 2 – 4 p.m. (No jam Easter, April 4th)

Annual Board Meeting, 15th, 6 - 8 p.m.

"The Tarantchiladas," 10th, 2 p.m.

S.O.U.L Kids, 24th, 2 p.m. (Play)

Each "Jammers" Sunday session and dance is free for everyone. Come and enjoy music and dancing on Sunday afternoons through April.

DPAT has no performances during the summer, but will resume its regular schedule in October.

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Announcements

CCEHA Rules and Regs now on website

The CCEHA website (www.cceha.com) now has the rules and regulations for the use of clubhouse under useful information. According to Secretary Pamela Gulbrandson: As you will have seen in the October Board Meeting Minutes and the posting at the clubhouse, the usage rules have been updated and we have an agreement that we all need to use if we want to reserve and use the clubhouse. Anyone that is currently using the clubhouse on a recurring basis, the main member or who the group decides is the main contact needs to get this agreement filled out and back to a board member. Primary board contacts are Ron Wolfe or Phil Swart as president and vice president respectively. Adhering to the rules keeps the clubhouse clean and orderly, as well as avoids scheduling conflicts. If you have questions about the rules or agreement, you can let anyone on the board know. The rules and agreement form are on page 32 of the website.

Age Verification Survey Coming

by Gail Root

Country Club Estates Home Owner's Association is required by HUD to conduct an age verification survey every two years or risk losing our status as a housing development for persons age 55 or older. The last survey was conducted in 2008, so this is now the year we need to update our certifications for all owner occupied and rental homes. While we all know that folks don't get younger every year, household occupants sometimes do change for many reasons, which is why we are required by HUD to conduct this age verification every couple of years.

Soon, each household will receive a survey in the mail that asks you to certify that at least one person living in the home is or is not over 55 years of age. We ask that this certification be returned to the CCEHA address listed at the bottom of the form by the end of April. For those households where we haven't received a certification by the end of April, we will be eliciting the help of our wonderful Welcoming Committee to do door-to-door follow-ups. We are doing our best to make this government required paperwork exercise as simple as possible so please help us and return your signed form as quickly as possible.

New Restaurant in Las Cruces

by Barbara O'Leary-Thomas

De La Vega's Restaurant is located at the same spot where Garduño's used to be next to the Mesilla Valley Mall in Las Cruces. We feel it surpassed its predecessor in quality and atmosphere. We shared an appetizer of fresh mozzarella and tomatoes with a green chile butter spread. For main courses we had the green chile pork soup and their velvet soup -- loaded with chicken and aromatic spices. We quenched our thirsts with two of their signature beers. Even though the restaurant has been open since November, its Grand Opening is planned for sometime in April. If you are at the mall anytime soon, try out DE LA VEGA'S.

Rants ...

Medicines

By Bob Rockwell

How come I can buy prescription drugs in Mexico for half the price of my local Wal-Mart? In almost every case these drugs were designed in the U.S. by U.S. pharmaceutical companies. It seems that everyone else on the planet is getting a better deal on drugs than we are. Isn't this the opposite of what you would expect? I think I know why this is but I don't know why we stand for it and why we don't fix it.

There are at least three reasons we don't fix this. First, most people don't pay for their drugs, their healthcare insurance carriers or our government picks up most or all of the tab. Secondly, no one in Washington feels this pain; they have wonderful healthcare and drug-coverage benefits. And lastly, drug prices are just a part of our broken health care system and revamping this is just too big, if not an impossible, job.

If the national healthcare systems of Mexico and Canada can negotiate favorable pricing with the pharmaceutical companies why can't we? Who should have this action item?

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Meet Your Neighbors

MEET YOUR NEW NEIGHBOR – DAN WELCH, CCE

by Rudy Rosenquist

Dan Welch has built a beautiful new home and his two dogs. He has appreciated the neighborhood and is looking forward to becoming more involved. Dan is an engineer from Verizon in Dallas, Texas and is looking forward to the time when his sister Linda, who lives in Dallas, can visit him. His phone number has changed from 575-546-1485.



Neighbors we lost

PATRICIA ANN COLEMAN, our neighbor of 4 years, passed away Tuesday, December 15, 2009 at Memorial Medical Center in Las Cruces due to lung cancer. She was a wonderful friendly neighbor, with a big heart and an infectious laugh, an animal lover, and excellent at Italian cooking. She was married 40 years to her husband Tom.

Pat was born April 15, 1940 in Philadelphia, PA to Eleanor DelMarmol and Thomas Hannigan. Patricia was a Deming resident for four years coming from Philadelphia. She was a homemaker and a communicant at Holy Family Catholic Church.

Survivors include her husband, Thomas; son, Vincent (Cathy) Traitz; 4 daughters, Christina (James) Traitz, Jennifer (James) Traitz, (Clinton) Lorimer, Tara Coleman (James) Hoffman; and a son-in-law, Tom Rider; 6 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.



Around the CCE Community

Country Club Estates Valentine's Day Party



Havin' lots of fun together at the Valentine's Day party. JoAnne Wagner, which one is your honey?

Helping Out Palomas

The Friends of Palomas is hosting a Benefit Fiesta and Silent Auction at The Pink Store in Palomas on Saturday, April 24th noon to 4 pm. The silent auction preview begins at 11, so come early. Tickets are \$25 per person and include a special chicken dinner along with two drinks. You can get your third and fourth margarita at the reduced price cash bar. The proceeds of this first annual fiesta goes to the immediate needs of the Palomas Senior Center, *La Luz Esperanza Centro*, the Orphanage, *Casa De Amor Para Niños* and the school for special children, *Centro De Educación Especial*. For tickets call Jackie at 545-3946 or stop by the CCE clubhouse during the garage sale on Saturday, April 10th between 9 am and 1 pm.

The Friends of Palomas is a group of caring volunteers helping those

that help the needy in Palomas, Mexico. The group was founded by Bonnie and Rudy Rosenquist after their many visits to Palomas to deliver food, toiletries, clothing and household supplies. They saw a need much bigger than their bags of groceries so they gathered a group from Country Club Estates and formed the Friends of Palomas.

Membership is growing beyond CCE and Deming. Their most distant member, Jenny Whitehead,

Jonathan and Brenda's daughter, is running the London Marathon (yup, that's London, across the big pond) to raise money for the Friends of Palomas on Apr. 25th, the day after the fiesta. A check of her website indicates that she's raised \$300 so far. Way to go, Jenny!

To join the Friends of Palomas or to make contributions, please call Bonnie Rosenquist at 546-5419.



Benefit Fiesta & Silent Auction

Hosted by the Friends of Palomas

at
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Proceeds to benefit:

Palomas Senior Center, *La Luz Esperanza Centro*
Orphanage, *Casa De Amor Para Niños*
School for Exceptional Children, *Centro De Educación Especial*

April 24th 12 noon - 4 pm
Auction Preview at 11 am

\$25/person - dinner + 2 drinks

