

# Country Club Estates Homeowners Association Deming, New Mexico

*December 2005*

## *CCE People*



CCE wants to thank Sharon Galbraith for serving as president of CCEHA for the past two years. She spent far more hours than any of us expect a volunteer officer to expend on the business of the CCEHA. From the first year of her presidency, Sharon worked with a committee to rewrite the CCEHA Declaration of Restrictions. Since the committee changed members with some frequency, the project's scope and duration took much longer than anyone expected. Sharon always led the Board meetings with a steady hand and demonstrated grace under pressure in some difficult circumstances -- and isn't that what leadership is all about? Thank you, Sharon, for loaning us your considerable skills for the past two years.

## December-January are busy months at CCE

### Election Timeline

Most of the election process takes place before the January 28, 2006 Annual Meeting. You will receive election packets containing ballot, proxy, second lot waiver (if appropriate), candidate bios, the budget, a Registration Card, and a Voter Authorization card. Please bring your Registration Card and your Voter Authorization card with you to the Annual Meeting, as we will not have spares. For those who did not attend the November 12th meeting, the Registration Cards will have your name and address; just deposit it at a registration table (it was a lot faster than signing in). The Voter Authorization cards are used for voting. They are easier to count, easier to see, easier for people voting proxies, and minimize errors in voting. Just use them when a "show-of-hands" vote is requested. Here's the timeline for what's coming up:

- Dec. 15, 2005** -- Candidate announcement and bio cutoff date
- Dec. 29** -- Owner of Record date (date prescribed by Bylaws no more than 30 days before the Annual meeting)
- Dec. 29-31** -- Finalize election materials
- Jan. 2-6, 2006** -- Election packets mailed
- Jan. 12** -- Post annual budget in the clubhouse
- Jan. 22** -- Deadline for Election and Declaration of Restriction Ballots; passage of amendments from Nov. 12 meeting requires 75% of all Class A voters.
- Jan. 28** -- Annual Meeting (date prescribed by Bylaws as 4th Saturday in December) The meeting will be 9:00 a.m. at the Deming Senior Center, 800 S. Granite (directly behind the hospital).

### Election Candidates are as follows (could change before 12/15):

#### President (2 year term)-

Bill Duncan  
Bob Nelson  
Richard Orona

#### Treasurer (2-year term)

No candidate

#### Vice President (1-year – term completion)

Ben Friedman  
Clete Jackson  
Dick Salesses

#### Director (2) (1-yr. term & 2-yr. term)

Marc Diltz  
Jackie Loffin  
Gordon Roberts  
Ben Secor  
Don Ward

The Annual Meeting will include: announcement of election results, seating of the new Board, announcement of the Declaration of Restrictions amendment vote, announcement of the budget, and voting on the assessments for 2006, not necessarily in that order.

## Sharon's Column

by president Sharon Galgrath

The current mantra at CCE seems to be "... the wishes of the people". At least those words were repeatedly heard at the Candidate Forum session on Nov. 20. It will be a good mantra if "we the people" really want what we say. For example, we still need (a) candidate(s) for the office of Treasurer and (b) three volunteers for the Facilities committee. If you consider that willing homeowners can be hard to find, then perhaps the de facto mantra is "... the wishes of the people, provided that 'George will do it.' That's a sad condition to drop on the new Board, regardless of who is elected in January.

Before we get caught up in the ideal of the "wishes of the people," consider how far we want to go with this. There could be some drawbacks. Let's say the water heater springs a leak. If we carry the "wish of the people" all the way, you might require the vote of 2/3 of all the owners to repair/replace it. These owners might also have to decide what plumber to call, what brand of water heater to buy, and how much to pay for the repair/replacement. When the subdivision is complete, that could mean as many as 213 homeowners.

First you have to get a meeting room – you might be able to do that with a month's notice. You have to mail notification to all 323 homeowners 14 days in advance at a cost of about \$150 for printing and mailing; perhaps you want to provide postage-paid return envelopes if people care to vote by mail, another \$150. Then suppose people want to debate whether it should just be repaired or replaced. Suppose you don't get 2/3 majority and you have to go door to door to get the rest of the people to vote. Meanwhile you are still without a water heater in the clubhouse. Right now plumbers are in great demand and you could still wait quite a while after your decision.

This may be an exaggerated example, but the point is this. . . before you accept the premise of everybody being involved in every decision, think it through clearly.

## Stranded in Mexico

Debbie and Bill Duncan "vacationed" with Hurricane Wilma in Cancun. Although the resort said at first not to worry about the hurricane, it wasn't long before they had to evacuate. Taking two blankets and pillows, they were bused to a grade school and given canned tuna, crackers and bottled water.

During the day, they sat on wet chairs as the storm raged outside. At night, it was pitch dark and they had to sit 12 hours on small school chairs with 5 inches of water over their feet. Debbie says her tennis shoes and socks were soaking wet.

them to their timeshare, with no running water or electricity, only candles for light and buckets of water from the swimming pool to flush the toilet. The grocery stores were empty and many of the restaurants were closed due to damage. They ate bread and peanut butter with jelly that they had the first night.

The airport was closed because the terminal and tower were heavily damaged. They learned they needed to check with Delta, that there would be 400 seats available the next day, on a "first-come, first-served" basis.



*Wilma twisted light poles like they were children's toys.*

"That was the worst night of my life and I was terrified," she said. "The hurricane sounded like the waves of the ocean. We could hear things snapping, limbs and trees falling."

The next day, local people brought food. Many paid them money, which at first they were reluctant to take. "We were thankful for the food, as we had grown tired of crackers and tuna," said Debbie.

The next day buses came and returned

"We made it there shortly after 6 a.m. We walked and walked to find the end of the line. People were cutting in line ahead, almost causing a riot. Then Delta brought in 3 planes and we all got on board."

"With great joy, we flew to Atlanta, where we caught a flight to El Paso the next morning," said Debbie. "When the plane touched down there were cheers and tears. We were so glad to be home. We arrived home on the 14th day of our 8-day vacation."

## More CCE People

**Richard and Lyn Orona** have leased the Teapot Dome building at 200 South Gold St. in downtown Deming, where they plan to open "Galeria 200," an art gallery where they will represent the work of local artists as well as Lyn's paintings and Richard's jewelry. They take possession of the building in January and are hoping for a February opening. Richard says they are striving for diversity in the art they offer and are looking for more artists to represent.

## Reminders

**CHARITY BASKET:** In the clubhouse is a basket for collecting canned/ packaged goods, toiletries, etc. to be donated to the Community Action Committee or the Healing House, a shelter for abused women. Your donations are much appreciated by those in need.

**SPENT PRINT CARTRIDGES:** In the clubhouse is a box for collecting used computer printer cartridges. Deming's Kiwanis Club recycles them, with proceeds going to children's programs here in the community.

**ALUMINUM CAN RECYCLING:** Behind the clubhouse is a bin for cans. Please crush (there's a crusher on the wall) and remove from bags. Proceeds go toward CCE activities.

*Country Club Estates Newsletter is printed about 6 times a year.*

### CCEHA Officers

President - Sharon Galbraith  
Vice President - Sharon Lien  
Secretary - Betty Buman  
Treasurer - Bill Duncan  
Directors - Dick Hayhurst,  
Jackie Loffin, Barbara Reedy  
Newsletter - Betty Buman

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# Country Club Estates Activities

## Regular Weekly Events

- Sat., 9 a.m. -- Coffee & Donuts at the Clubhouse
- Mon., 1 p.m. -- Ladies Canasta, Clubhouse
- Wed., 7:45 a.m. -- Men's Breakfast at Cactus Cafe, 218 W. Cedar
- M, W, F, 6:50 p.m. -- Women's Exercise at Clubhouse
- Tu, F, 8:30 a.m. -- Women's Exercise w/Weights at Clubhouse

## Regular Monthly Events

- 1st Sat., 6:30 p.m. -- Cards & Games, Clubhouse. Join us to play dominoes, euchre, Scrabble, Trivial Pursuit -- or bring your favorite game.
- 2nd Wed. -- Ladies Luncheon Dec. 14 at La Posta in Old Mesilla. Sign up at the clubhouse.
- 1st Mon. -- Readers Group at members' homes; for info, call Janet Secor, Carol Hoefler or Eve Meyer. Jan. 6 meeting is at Eve Meyer's house to discuss "An American Tragedy" by Theodore Dreiser.
- 1st & 3rd Sun., 7 p.m. -- Movie night at clubhouse. Bring your own snack and beverage -- and folding chair if you wish. Call Marta Jackson, 544-8741, to learn which movie will be playing.

## December Events

- Thu., Dec. 1 -- CCEHA Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Clubhouse
- Sat., Dec. 3 -- CCE Holiday Showcase, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Clubhouse. Fine arts and unique handcrafted gifts
- Sat., Dec. 10 -- Yuletide Gathering, 5 to 8 p.m., Rio Mimbres Country Club. \$10 per person, collected at the door. Hors d'oeuvres, cash bar, door prizes, music. Bring a perishable food item for local charity. RSVP to Lyn Orona, 544-0417; Marta Jackson, 544-8741; Debbie Raynor, 544-8683; or sign up at clubhouse.
- Christmas Morning Pot Luck, Wed., Dec. 25, 10:30 a.m., clubhouse -- Bring a breakfast food to share. Coffee provided.



*Veronika and Charlie Barnes share a smooch during CCE's Octoberfest.*



## A New Mexico fish story??

Before you anglers begin scouting New Mexico for the perfect muskie lake, be advised

that Bob

Frish caught this 52.5-in., 43-lb. critter in Lac Suel, Canada the end of July.

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**TO:**

*Country Club Estates vision statement:  
CCE is a landmark retirement community known for its well defined southwestern style, being a great investment, and being a community where neighbors care.*