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WHAT'S NEW

The first "What's New" meeting of 2015 got started at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, January 17, with homemade stratta breakfast casseroles made by the Social Committee. The food choices also included fruit, bagels and donuts, which were enjoyed by about 70 residents.

Villa Director, Marcy Gonzales, introduced new homeowners who have moved into Jubilee these past few months. These homeowners told a little about themselves to the applause of everyone.

Next on the agenda was a brief explanation of Valencia County's, and especially Jubilee's, involvement in the Senior Olympics Events by Dave Shorr and Nick Blea. Event applications and information sheets were passed out, and everyone was encouraged to get involved.

Myra Barker

SUPER BOWL SUNDAY

Seahawk fans mourned and Patriot fans cheered as Seattle's last try for a touchdown was foiled by an interception and New England maintained their lead to become the 2015 Super Bowl champions. It was an exciting game.

FROM THE EDITOR

It is with great pleasure that we welcome the spring season. The day this was written we woke up to 6 inches of fresh snow! In the seven years that I have lived here, I believe that this is the deepest snow I've encountered at Jubilee. It did melt quickly, though - it usually does.

We can always use the moisture, and El Cerro looks really lovely all snow-capped. The beauty of the seasons reigns here at Jubilee, and we embrace the moderate changes that occur.

As the season evolves, we look forward to many wonderful times in the community. Watch your calendars for upcoming events which will include a What's New, Tax Re-fun Party, Mother's and Father's Day Brunches, a Memorial Day celebration, a Caribbean Escape - and more.

JERI FRIEDMAN, EDITOR



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LOS LUNAS



Once again, Amelia and Brett Crowther hosted the annual Super Bowl party at the Villa, with a taco bar. Around 50 residents attended, bringing the appetizers, salads and desserts to round out the meal.

Great camaraderie and some good-natured teasing made it a wonderful day, especially for those people who had the magic score number at the end of each quarter to match their square.

Thanks to the Crowthers and any and all who assisted with set-up and clean-up for this great Sunday event.

Myra Barker



VALENTINE'S AT JUBILEE

On February 13, Valentine's Day at Jubilee was combined with the Friday Night Happy Hour, February birthday celebration, and open mike

night. As usual, residents had a wonderful time. The Villa was very sweetly set up with a lovely array of Valentine-themed decorations.

There were many dishes to share - salads, appetizers, light entrees, desserts and beverages. About 70 people gathered to enjoy it all.

And enjoy they did - several residents provided music and sang songs, many of which had a romantic theme. We certainly have a lot of talented people here, and we always appreciate being entertained by them.

Jeri Friedman



2ND ANNUAL ALL THINGS CHILI

Saturday night, February 28th, turned out to be the perfect chilly night for our "All Things Chili" event. With the Villa decorated in red chilies, 10 residents presented their version of chili soup/stew for three impartial judges (people who do not live at Jubilee). Prior to the awards announcement, around 80 people enjoyed bowls of the various kinds of chili, and the variety of side dishes, including dessert. As always, the food was in abundance and the conversations were as lively as the chili. With everyone rooting for their favorite chili, congratulations go to Christinia Mendoza - 1st place, Brett Crowther - 2nd place, and Bernadette Melvin - 3rd place. It was a fun night to warm our hearts, as well as our bellies. Thanks to the Jubilee Social Committee, Marcy and all those who participated.

Myra Barker



ST. PATRICK'S DAY HAPPY HOUR

Were you one of the “lucky” ones to attend a “4 leaf clover” event at the Villa? Friday the 13th sure proved lucky!

- (1) **Happy Hour** hosted by Betty and her crew
- (2) **St. Patrick's Day Feast** with corned beef and cabbage arranged by the Social Committee;
- (3) **March Birthdays** celebrated with cake and ice cream hosted by Daryl and Eileen and
- (4) **Open Mike Night** organized by Eberhardt were all wrapped up in one fun night!*

In addition to enjoying your corned beef and cabbage on pumpernickel bread with Swiss cheese, horseradish and pickles, there were many appetizers, salads, and desserts. Dory even provided delicious salmon. Thirst was satisfied with green lemonade with a bottle of rum on the side!

One cake was decorated with an Irish theme in green with plenty of ice cream to please anyone's sweet tooth. Daryl led the singing of “Happy Birthday” after acknowledging those celebrating birthdays in March.

Lucky folks were entertained with a variety of tunes. We heard show tunes, a tribute to Shel Silverstein, 50's music, country songs and, of course, Irish songs! The crowd joined in the singing of “Oh Danny Boy”, “When Irish Eyes are Smiling” and “My Bonnie”.

Thanks to all who helped - Betty and her Happy Hour crew, the Social Committee, Daryl and Eileen, and all the musicians!

*Note: 1, 2, 3, 4 above - add up to a 4-leaf clover!
Shelley Majsterek



“KING OF THE HILL”

The Los Lunas Community Services Department completed a very successful “Inaugural” “King of the Hill” running event, March 14, on the El Cerro. This event consisted of a 5k (3.1 mile) and 10k (6.2 mile) run/walk on trails. The weather was perfect for the event that had 121 participants. Jubilee residents played a big part of this event both organizing, running and volunteering.

Jubilee participants: Wayne and Colleen Chick; Jean Davies; Nelda Lobb; Elaine Mailer; Eberhardt and Marianne Privitzer; Jim and Mary Schnitzler; Marion Smith.

Jubilee volunteers: Dave and Shelley Majsterek; Jim and Betty McKeehan; Don Agnello; Joe (Jay) Kezele; Marcy Gonzales; John Davies.



The 5k course was originally designed and laid out four (4) years ago by Jubilee’s World Class runner, Wayne Chick. It is only fitting that Wayne was the fastest 5k runner, 22:00.7 minutes, and taking first in his age group. His time is a course record and sets a goal for future 5k runners.

Both of these trail courses begin at the trailhead off Hwy. 6, one (1) mile west of Jubilee. These are well marked and maintained by the Los Lunas “Open Space” department. This department will be adding more trails and encourages area residents to use and enjoy them. Many Jubilee residents are currently part of a volunteer group that also helps maintain these trails.

As Jubilee residents, we are fortunate being able to use this 2,340 acre preserve that was donated to the Village by Jack Huning and family. The intent was to preserve this landscape and not have homes built up on the hill, so that future generations could enjoy the area as his family had.

Many participants were from Albuquerque and surrounding areas. The participants were timed by “Run-Fit” timing firm from Albuquerque. Along with Wayne Chick, others receiving first place 5k medals in their age groups were: Colleen Chick, Jean Davies and Marion Smith. 10k first place

medal recipients in their respective age groups were: Eberhardt Privitzer and Jim Schnitzler.

This “King of the Hill” run/walk will become an annual event. The proceeds go the Los Lunas Village Community Services Department which helps promote a positive quality life style in our community.

Jim Schnitzler



POOL OPENING PARTY

Jubilee formally celebrated the opening of the swimming pool on March 21. About 80 people gathered inside the Villa, and outside by the pool and spa, to enjoy beautiful weather and fellowship. Several people ventured into the water, and had a really good time.

Hamburgers, hot dogs, beans, cole slaw, potato salad, chips, etc., were the order of the day, with ice cream for dessert. It was great to see so many enjoying themselves. Some names were drawn from a basket, and those folks received

really nice gifts - perfectly suited to the season, such as hats and pool accessories.

Once again, we thank Marcy and the Social Committee for providing an afternoon of great fun.

Jeri Friedman



smiles, clapping, and foot tapping. We perform about 10 dances for approximately an hour each time. During December, line dance music is put to Christmas carols, which is fun and puts everyone in a holiday spirit at the centers.” Pat says that it is such a pleasure to be able to serve in this way, and to see how much the seniors enjoy it.

Another Jubilee resident, Carol Caldwell, is also involved in this activity. Carol started with the beginner group about 1-1/2 years ago, went on to intermediate, and was then asked to join the performers. Like Pat, she had never line danced before, and is very excited to be able to offer her services in this way, and have fun doing so. Her debut occurred in the middle of March.

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCES

Pat Dzenski has belonged to a line dancing group called the Valley Dancers for four years. She started dancing here at Jubilee and the instructor moved the lessons to Belen. The move to Belen was established in order to serve more people.

Pat had never line danced before coming to Jubilee, but she has always loved dancing. This gave her the opportunity to do more of it, as well as belong to a group who shared a similar interest.

The line dancing group practices every Thursday at the Belen Senior Center. Twice a month they perform for residents at Belen Meadows Assisted Living Center and at the Center for Ageless Living in Los Lunas. Pat says, “The residents seem to enjoy the diversion from their daily routine, evidenced by their



For several years now, the line dancing group has performed at the Belen Harvey House during their Christmas open house, at the “Conference on Aging” at Isleta Casino during their August conventions, and at Goodlife in Los Lunas.

There is ample opportunity to learn line dancing, at no cost, at the Belen Senior Center. Beginner classes take place on Thursdays from 8 to 9 a.m., and intermediate classes are on Mondays. People are always welcome to come and take part.

Jeri Friedman



FINANCIAL FORUM

On March 26, several residents gathered at the Villa to attend the Jubilee Los Lunas HOA Financial Forum presented by Jim Schnitzler, our homeowner member of the Jubilee HOA Board. Jim gave a power point presentation that covered income and expenses for the year 2015. Among the highlights were statistics regarding homes sold and projected sales; by the end of 2015, it is anticipated that 152 homes will be built out.

Income is based on HOA dues, and Avalon’s annual contribution. Itemized expenses involve landscaping and common area maintenance, as well as Villa and pool/spa upkeep, supplies, insurance, etc.

There was a Q&A session following the presentation. Jim and members of the Finance Committee, Ed Cassidy and Barb Stearns, were able to answer most of the questions, and also recommended that homeowners can review the financials on the Jubilee website.

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