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WHAT'S NEW

On April 11, another wonderful Saturday morning What's New occurred at the Jubilee Villa. An amazing breakfast was served by Marcy and the Social Team; bagels, fruit, donuts, coffee, and fabulous breakfast casseroles were on hand! Thank you!

Marcy introduced new residents, and they each spoke a bit about themselves. The new people got to meet many of their neighbors, who welcomed them very warmly. What's New usually occurs quarterly, on a Saturday - so please check your calendars for this fun event. There are times when outside speakers are invited and available to present on a topic of interest to us, and there are times, like this April, when we just meet, mingle, and visit.

Jeri Friedman

TAX REFUND PARTY

Jubilee celebrated the end of tax season on Saturday,



FROM THE EDITOR

We've come to the end of another wonderful three months here at Jubilee; so many events occurred, and we are very grateful to Marcy and her Social Team for making this possible. Members of the team, who are retiring as of the end of June are: Linda Lenehan, Nelda & Tom Lobb, Betty McKeehan, Jerrie Smith, and Tom Teeter. Thank you all so much!

There is a lot to look forward to the rest of year. The new Social Team consists of Jean & Don Agnello, Betty Carita, Jean & John Davies, Judy & Wayne Jones, Bernadette Melvin, and Chris Yates. These homeowners are very new to Jubilee themselves, and are already taking such good care of us.

Some activities that are planned so far for the next quarter are the Jubilee Garage Sale, Jubilee's Got Talent, and the Arts & Craft Fair. Watch for announcements and check your Jubilee calendars each month. Our Christmas Party will be on December 19, and it's never too early to save the date.

JERI FRIEDMAN, EDITOR

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LOS LUNAS

April 18, in grand style at a wonderful “ReFUND” party, with emphasis on the word FUN! Over 60 residents attended this event.

Menu items consisted of lasagnas, salads, some sides, and a host of desserts. The Villa was decorated so well, featuring table decorations with American flags, tiny Uncle Sam hats, and actual tax forms and copies of dollar bills! Many thanks once again to Marcy and the Social Team!

Jeri Friedman



FUN AT THE FIESTA

Cinco de Mayo was celebrated on Saturday, May 2, at the Villa, with over 90 people attending! The decorations were, once again, so pretty - paper flowers on every table, and on the potted plants. Chili peppers dangled from the light fixtures, and many, many more Mexican-themed items were on display.

There was quite an assortment of food for all to enjoy. Red chili cheese enchiladas, green chili chicken enchiladas and ground beef with red chili were delicious. People lined up at the taco bar to fix their meal in any way they chose, with cheese, tomatoes, onions, salsa etc. Mexican

rice and calabacitas (Spanish squash) made great side dishes. Desserts were very tasty and, in a very short period of time, there were none left. Margaritas, Mexican beers, as well as soft drinks, were on hand to celebrate the occasion.

Once again, thanks to Marcy and the Social Committee. New committee members helped tremendously with this, and they will certainly do a great job, following in the footsteps of those who have served in this capacity throughout the years.

Jeri Friedman





MOTHER'S DAY

Mother's Day, May 10, was celebrated at the Villa, with a lovely luncheon. Approximately 50 people attended, and enjoyed chicken salad sandwiches, fruit cups, and cheese cake desserts. Coffee, teas, and lemonade rounded out the menu. We even got to meet some of our neighbors' children and grandchildren, which was a treat.

Ladies were encouraged to bring photos of their moms, children, and families. These were displayed in the great room, at a beautifully decorated table. All the decorations were very sweet - flower vases, pink tablecloths, etc. A drawing was held, and the winner went home with a bouquet of flowers - what a wonderful reminder of a great afternoon!

As always - a huge thanks to Marcy and the Social Committee.

Jeri Friedman

MEMORIAL DAY/WEEKEND - WESTERN ROUNDUP AND FLAG RAISING

Saturday, May 23rd, saw a large group of residents and guests greeted by Western decor, and great barbecue food, including corn on the cob. Apple Pie and ice cream was served poolside and beverages were available, including sarsaparilla. After dinner, the Kevin Michaels Band set up under the Pavilion and provided music for dancing and listening pleasure. Resident Pia Louchios led a small group for line dancing lessons to the band's music. At intermission, a local 10 year old cowboy, Sterling English, performed roping tricks. The trick roper called for 3 audience participants to compete in a bull roping contest, and Nick Blea won by roping the target.

While all this was going on outside, there was a Texas Hold'Em poker tournament indoors for those who wanted to try their luck with the cards. The poker dealer brought in for the event was Pete Smargon. Resident Lee St. Pierre was the winner of the poker tournament, with resident Don Agnello coming in second. The prize for both men were very nice Jubilee coasters.

Judging from comments, this was another fun and enjoyable event thanks to Marcy, the Social Committee and their volunteer helpers.

Myra Barker



On Monday, May 25, Jubilee celebrated Memorial Day itself with a very moving flag raising/tribute. Emcee Jean Davies welcomed everyone, and introduced the Valencia High School ROTC Color Guard, who marched up to the viewing area and paid tribute with the residents and guests who attended.

J.O. Lopez raised the flag, aided by Len Carita and Dave Majsterek, then lowered it to half staff after everyone joined in singing our national anthem. This was followed by a playing of Taps, and reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Eileen Tomczyk read a very moving poem, "Because of the Brave", honoring our soldiers. Bob Lacourciere read a very personal tribute to our men and women in the Armed Forces.

A patriotic medley was led by Don Ensminger & Eberhardt Privitzer, with everyone singing, creating a heartfelt ending to a beautiful ceremony.

About 40 to 50 residents and guests attended, and gathered in the Villa afterwards to enjoy coffee, pie, and visiting. The Jubilee community extends a heartfelt thank you to all who contributed in making this a truly moving event.

Jeri Friedman

BECAUSE OF THE BRAVE

AMERICA, THE BEAUTIFUL,
HOME OF THE BRAVE AND FREE.
A LAND THAT GOD, OUR FATHER
HAS GIVEN YOU AND ME,

WE KNOW THAT IN OUR WORLD
TRUE FREEDOM HAS IT'S PRICE
AND CAN EASILY BE LOST
WITHOUT FIGHT AND SACRIFICE.

SO WITH A LOVE OF COUNTRY,
THEY ANSWER FREEDOM'S CALL.
WILLING MEN AND WOMEN
WHO'D GIVE THEIR LIVES.. THEIR ALL.

OUR ARMY, NAVY, NATIONAL GUARD,
AIR FORCE AND MARINES.
THE BRAVEST OF THE BRAVE
UPON WHOM OUR COUNTRY LEANS.

WE SALUTE YOU, EVERY ONE,
THOSE LIVING, THOSE WHO'VE DIED.
YOU'RE THE HERO'S OF OUR COUNTRY,
AND YOU FILL OUR HEARTS WITH PRIDE.

BECAUSE OF YOU, OUR NATIONS FLAG
WILL EVER PROUDLY WAIVE,

AND WE ARE STILL HOME OF THE FREE.

BECAUSE OF YOU... THE BRAVE



Jeri FriedmanENTERTAINING "SEASONED CITIZENS"

There is a church group that meets at the First Belen United Methodist Church on the fourth Thursday of every month. They call themselves the "Seasoned Citizens" and have a membership of about three dozen men and women. I recently had the honor of being a guest speaker and then entertaining them with a 40 min. accordion program. It was even a "paying gig" – I was treated to a very nice lunch. I spoke briefly about my music background as well as some history concerning our family name. My musical program consisted of an international selection of waltzes, polkas, and tangos. They were a very attentive, appreciative audience and they asked questions about many of the numbers as well as some of the intricacies of playing the accordion. At the end of the program they wanted to book me for another performance, for which I was most happy to oblige. However, for the sake of variety, I told them that I had a friend who had a wonderful voice and loved to do cowboy / western music, and suggested that the two of us perform for them in the near future. They really liked the sound of that so Don Ensminger and I will be performing for the Seasoned Citizens on July 24.

Eberhardt PrivitzerJUBILEE BOOK CLUB

Since January 2012, our book club has been enjoying stimulating conversation and sharing much laughter! We venture wherever and whenever a specific book, author, presenter and discussion take us.

A general email is sent out in July/August alerting our community of the schedule. The presenter forwards questions to our group prior to leading the book discussion. We meet in the Craft Room at 1:30 each month. Check the monthly Jubilee calendar for the specific date.

If you are looking for lively conversation and an opportunity to read a book or two that may not be a part of your library, come and join us! We are affectionately dubbed "Jubilreaders". Here's what we have planned for the 2015/2016 season:

September 15; Hell is Empty by Craig Johnson, led by Myra Barker.

October 13; The Invention of Wings by Sue Monk Kidd, led by Margie McGarrah.

November 10; Killer Miracle by Laura Sanchez, led by Bill Koch

December 8; Crossing to Safety by Wallace Stegner, led by Mary Schnitzler

January 12; The Night Journal by Elizabeth Crook, led by Linda Koch

February 9; Life Could Be A Verse by Kirk Douglas, led by Shelley Majsterek

March 8; The Ghost Bride by Yangsze Choo
led by Ann Barrett

April 12; Searching for Beauty: The Life of
Millicent Rogers by Cherie Burns, led by Jacky
Hilliard

On May 10, there will be a Salad Potluck
and Book Selection. If you have any questions,
please call Linda Koch or Shelley Majsterek.

“Outside of a dog, a book is a man’s best friend.
Inside of a dog, it’s too dark to read.” Groucho
Marx

Shelley Majsterek



FATHER’S DAY

It was another wonderful afternoon at
Jubilee, as we celebrated Father’s Day on June 21.
Lunch consisted of bratwurst and buns, beans,
cole slaw, chips, beer and a variety of soft drinks.
Cupcakes and brownies for dessert rounded out
the menu just great! Over 60 people gathered
at the Villa, and enjoyed a delightful and casual
opportunity to visit with friends and neighbors.

Indeed, we were all very comfortable
staying indoors, as outdoor temperatures soared
over 100 degrees!

SALSA FEST

On June 27, Jubilee residents and guests
attended a fabulous Salsa Fest! Thank you to
Ron and Avalon for such a wonderful evening;
thanks also go to Marcy and her Social Teams.

The official head count was 164 people,
who gathered at the Villa to enjoy a taco bar
comprised of beef, chicken, and fish along
with all kinds of toppings and a terrific array
of multi-flavored cupcakes. There were
margaritas, and many other beverages, as well.

People gathered at poolside tables to
visit and enjoy the music of the salsa band, Son
Como Son. They are a terrific set of musicians
and singers, and many folks got up and
danced. There is no question that we at Jubilee
have enjoyed so many gatherings like this,
and will continue to do so in the days/nights/
weeks/months/years to come!

Jeri Friedman



JUBILEE GARDENS GALORE

The Jubilee Garden Club has been ongoing for about four years, having begun in 2011. There are about a dozen members now; all residents are welcome to join at any time. Feel free to contact Nelda Lobb and/or attend any of the garden club meetings to get acquainted. Meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 2 p.m. Check the Jubilee calendar for the meeting location, which can change from month to month. Traditionally, meetings take place in members' homes to enable folks to enjoy the beauty of each garden. Meetings also occur sometimes at the Villa, especially in the winter.

Another aspect of the meetings may be guest speakers; the group is always looking to get people to discuss all phases of horticulture, which can turn out to be extremely educational, as well as very enjoyable.

The Garden Club members have been maintaining the plantings around the Villa, and has been instrumental in working with, and arranging, the beautiful new pots and plants that have been installed. It is a joy to drive around and see how their efforts, totally on a voluntary basis, have paid off in such a fantastic way.

The club has also been involved in the annual Jubilee Arts & Crafts Fair. They have sold potted plants and assorted crafts; all proceeds from their sales go to the designated charities that have been selected from year to year. As well, members have helped residents with their personal gardens - sharing ideas and knowledge, and helping new gardens to get started.

From time to time, field trips are organized. The group has gone to garden

centers, public gardens, arboretums, and garden expos. They always have fun, and return with new ideas all the time.

This past quarter, the Garden Club initiated a Jubilee-wide garden walk, in which many residents opened their yards for all to see. This well-attended event definitely has helped new and seasoned neighbors to get ideas.

May we continue to enjoy the beauty of Jubilee, as depicted by the plantings, the fountains, the rock displays, etc. And may we extend a huge "thank you" to the Garden Club members for the help they have given in maintaining such a lovely community.

Jeri Friedman



NEW MEXICO SENIOR OLYMPICS 2015 - TEAM JUBILEE

Eleven Jubilee folks descended upon Roswell this spring to compete in this year's state games. Doug Lenehan joined Dave Shorr and Dick Pelland to test his skills in archery. Elaine Mailer and Jean Davies rode their way into the games via their 10K bike inaugural event. Elaine and Jean also competed in several track events.



Eberhardt Privitzer took part in a 5K and a 1500M race/walk, and Dave Majsterek tested the longevity of his running abilities by competing in the 400M race for the first time since high school.

Dave Shorr tried out Frisbee accuracy while Brett Crowther threw the Frisbee for distance. Amelia Crowther joined our troupe and ran like the wind in the 5K, and estimated her walk/run times for the 400 and 800 perfectly! Shelley Majsterek swam the 200-yard backstroke.

Team Jubilee competed in several events as in previous years: Dave Shorr threw the javelin, both he and Eberhardt threw the softball, while Brett hit the links. Dave & Shelley played pickle ball. Dick shot his bow, as well as competed in the air gun shooting, along with Doug and Dave M. Shelley swam the 50-yard backstroke.

Nick Blea, besides competing in a multitude of events, was chosen Golden Male Athlete for this Olympics. Congratulations! Nick ran the anchor leg carrying the torch during the Opening Ceremonies.

To put Senior Olympics in perspective: a 93 year old female athlete beat her times in the 50 and 100 meter races! Now that is worth noting!

The Jubilee folks made a great showing. Best estimate was that Team Jubilee won a total of around 25 medals! Our group met at Pepper's

Grill & Bar for a wonderful evening of dining and catching up.

We wish the best of luck to Patsy Whiting (golf), Dick Pelland (archery), and Nick Blea (racquetball) as they venture on to Minneapolis for the National Games in July. Go Team Jubilee!

At the county level, on June 24, the Valencia County Senior Olympics held a barbecue at Daniel Fernandez Park to celebrate all who participated in the VC-100 and Senior Olympics. Certificates and medals were awarded to those who met, or exceeded, the VC-100 challenge of 100 miles of exercise in 100 days. The top two athletes were also acknowledged for far exceeding 100 miles of activity. The Village of Los Lunas beat the other communities by having logged the most miles, and will display a traveling banner.

Athletes who qualified at the county



level for Senior Olympics were given ribbons. Fred Laureta received the first Spirit Award for all his efforts in promoting healthy, active lifestyles for seniors. Special recognition was also given to our own George Mendoza for qualifying for the Olympics in the most senior age category, in 8-ball pool singles. Congratulations, George, for setting such a

wonderful example for us!

Having fun, challenging oneself, meeting new friends from around our state, and reconnecting with folks met in previous years add up to make New Mexico Senior Olympics a very rewarding experience! Please consider joining us next year!

Shelley Majsterek



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