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WHAT'S NEW

On Saturday morning, July 11, Jubilee held the traditional "What's New" event, serving breakfast burritos with potatoes, fruit and yogurt.

Once everyone was served, Marcy introduced Kim Chavez-Buie, the current manager of the Valencia County Protective Services, CYFD. This organization will be the recipient of the 2015 Jubilee Arts & Crafts Fair bake sale/garden sale/raffle monies. Ms. Chavez-Buie informed the audience that there are approximately 200 children in the program, a relatively high number for the county. CYFD has 50 to 60 foster parent homes. These parent-volunteers receive at least 12 hours of training per year. Jubilee's donation will be used to help pay trainers, as well as provide financial assistance for the foster children camp.

A second speaker, Steven Chavez, a participant in CYFD's Case Program for older kids who are more difficult to place in foster homes, explained the need for advocates. Court-appointed volunteer advocates visit with the kids and remain involved in the cases and court system. When custody is being determined by the court, it is the advocate's responsibility to help determine what the child wants, as well as what is in his/her best interest. Volunteers are always needed as child advocates, and Mr. Chavez appealed to anyone interested to contact CYFD.

FROM THE EDITOR

Well, here we are approaching the holiday season. Jubilee will, as usual, celebrate each and every occasion with joy and friendship. Please save the date: December 19, Jubilee's Christmas Party. Watch for announcements and the evite regarding this.

As we head into autumn, let us not forget what a fabulous summer we enjoyed. This edition of the Journal highlights most of the activities that were enjoyed by our residents, and serves as a reminder of what living in our Jubilee community can mean to us all. Not only do we have a very active social life, we also can participate in a number of special interest groups. The monthly calendars offer an array of choices; indeed, we are very fortunate.

JERI FRIEDMAN, EDITOR



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LOS LUNAS

Next on the agenda was the introduction of new residents, and Marcy gave each of those present the opportunity to tell something about themselves: 1) Tom & Sue Bunker, former Pennsylvania residents, now live on Promenade Trail. Tom retired as a Captain in the US Navy Supply Corps after a 28-year career, then embarked on a 14-year second career as CFO of United Cerebral Palsy of Central Pennsylvania; 2) Walter & Mae Sereduick, live on Zuni River Circle in the house with the bay window; 3) Jerry and Carol Salvagio, a retired teacher and County medical professional respectively, live on Rio Chama; 4) Dick Hrebik and Carol Kiley are renting on Promenade and will reside on Rio Chama once their home is completed. They shared that they were childhood sweethearts, and have only recently been reunited.

Lastly, there was an announcement from Glenn Bentley about the newly formed “Field Trip” committee, whose first trip will be to Bandelier Monument in September. Future field trip suggestions are welcome. As always, this active adult community does keep busy.

Jeri Friedman



JULY 4 CELEBRATION

The 4th of July party at Jubilee was sensational! The celebration began with the Jubilation barbershop quarter, composed of Joe Hilliard, Rick North, John Trestrail, and



Jim Schnitzler singing “God Bless America”. They are a great group!

This was followed by a buffet featuring hamburgers, hot dogs, veggie burgers, cole slaw, potato salad and all kinds of toppings. Cookies and watermelon slices rounded out the meal, and everyone thoroughly enjoyed the food and the fellowship, chatting and meeting lots of new neighbors. All in all, about 150 people gathered inside and outside the Villa.

Around 6 p.m., our new Jubilee band, Roadside 66, began playing music at the pool pavilion. This band consists of vocalists Don Ensminger and Rick North, guitar players and singers Eberhardt Privitzer and Tom Teeter, and drummer John Kilby. They are terrific, playing music mainly from the 60’s, which we are all so familiar with,

having grown up listening and dancing to it. And dance we did! The band played for two hours, with a few breaks in between. Neighbors, friends, guests danced non-stop.

Everything about this night was wonderful - the food, the decorations, the music, and the friendship! A heartfelt “thank you”, as always to Marcy, the Social Team, and everyone who helped make this truly another great Jubilee event.

Jeri Friedman



TENNIS/PICKLEBALL COURT GRAND OPENING

With a windless morning and a beautiful blue sky, conditions were perfect on August 4th for the Jubilee Tennis/Pickleball Court Grand Opening. Approximately 50 residents attended this event, to witness Ron Cobb cut the ribbon prior to the tennis and pickleball games and demonstrations taking place.

Chris Yates led the tennis activities with the assistance of Tom Fesenmeyer. They stressed the importance of warm-up activities with a demonstration. They also described and demonstrated many of the types of tennis strokes.

Most of the residents attending took part in some, or all, of the fun games that followed, with prizes for the winners and Jubilee tennis T-shirts for everyone. The shirts have the motif “I’m having a ball at Jubilee”.

In addition to Tom Fesenmeyer, thanks also go to Don Agnello, J.O. Lopez, and Logan for their much appreciated help to ensure everything went smoothly.

A demonstration of pickleball followed, led by Jeff Caldwell, with help from Jerrie Smith, and Linda and Doug Lenehan. Attendees also gave pickleball a try. For some, it was their first attempt, but it was obvious that they were all having a great time.

Many thanks, as always, to Marcy for helping to bring this event together.



Chris Yates



VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCES

Jean Davies and Elaine Mailer started participating in the Popejoy Hall Benefactor Lounge Volunteer program in January 2015 at Popejoy Hall, the beautiful live theater venue on the University of New Mexico campus in Albuquerque. While some of the responsibilities range from cleaning, food prep and service, their main duty is serving the benefactors prior to the actual performance and during intermission, which is the most fun. They have completed one half season so far; the new season started in September, which will mark their first full season.

Volunteers are given orientation, and are required to work 20 shows per season. Compensation for services is the chance to see part or all of most performances, with the added satisfaction of doing a service for the arts.

The Benefactor Lounge itself is open to those people who contribute at least \$1500 per year. These contributions help to bring the performing arts and arts education to New Mexicans, especially children. Part of fund raising also goes to enable children to attend daytime shows.

Elaine and Jean heard about this volunteer opportunity via an email announcement, giving the name of a person to contact at Popejoy. They received and completed a questionnaire, which they submitted. They were interviewed and accepted into the program.

Jean and Elaine enjoy meeting people in this very friendly environment. If interested in this volunteer activity, residents may contact them for further information. They can be reached at:

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Another resident, Jacky Hilliard, is involved in a volunteer experience. She is a member of the Board of Directors of La Vida Felicidad in Los Lunas, located at 530 Sun Village Road.

La Vida supports life quality for children and families, adults and seniors in the community with varied services.

Jacky has been a board member since January 2015, and heard about La Vida at a Jubilee "What's New". The Executive Director's overall presentation of services for infants to seniors intrigued Jacky very much, and reminded her of some of the not for profit agencies she worked with personally and professionally back in Connecticut. It was very natural for Jacky to participate in this kind of work. It is in her blood, having seen her parents very involved in community and church activities, and herself having been a Girl Scout as a child.

The volunteer activity at La Vida involves quarterly meetings, lasting no more than 90 minutes. Various events throughout the year require additional time commitment. For example, there are holiday/special events to attend, where Jacky gets to meet some clients, their care givers, and staff. The biggest and

most important event is the annual fund-raiser in October “DASH ON THE DITCH” at Heritage Park in Los Lunas, which includes a 10K Run, a 5K Run/Walk, and a Family Fun Walk/Run. The most unique aspect of the run is the fact that La Vida’s “Dash on the Ditch” is the only New Mexico event that is allowed to use the Ditch. This year the event takes place on October 17th. There is also a Family Fall Harvest Festival with games, activities, and giveaways.

As with any not for profit entity, there is always a need for all kinds of volunteers - the board, activities, fund raising, etc. Jacky is very willing to be the contact person, and would be happy to arrange for interested parties to meet the dedicated folks at La Vida and become acquainted with wonderful things they do for New Mexico.

Jeri Friedman



HOT SUMMER NIGHTS PARTY

On August 22, about 75 people enjoyed a wonderful “Hot Summer Nights” event at our clubhouse. The Villa was beautifully decorated in a beach theme, with seashells, marine life curios, and ocean-design tablecloths.

Turkey and ham sandwiches were served,



along with “beat the heat” Jellos. Residents brought all kinds of salads and side dishes to share.

Following the meal, people gathered in the grassy circle to watch Barry Avner and his friend display radio-controlled airplanes of all sizes. Their expertise was very evident, as all the planes stayed in the air and performed loops and glides throughout the show.

Marcy, the Social Committee, and all helpers are to be thanked for a great fun evening once again at Jubilee.

Jeri Friedman

FINGERTIP TRAVELER - NEW MEXICO FIELD TRIPS

From time to time, we will feature an article about field trips taken by the residents of Jubilee. A new activity has begun, headed up by Glenn Bentley, giving us the opportunity to visit various sites around the area. There are so many beautiful, interesting attractions in our state, which are virtually at our “fingertips”. Hence the heading: Fingertip Traveler.



NEW MEXICO FIELD TRIPS

Wednesday, September 2, was the first of what will be quarterly Jubilee "Field Trips". The destination for this trip was Bandelier National Monument, a few miles south of Los Alamos. We converged in the Villa parking lot at 8:30, headed north on I-25 bound to the White Rock Visitors' Center in White Rock,



NM. We arrived at the center at 11:00 where we were transported to the Bandelier Visitors' Center via free shuttle bus (vehicles with handicapped placards may drive into the Bandelier canyon). The weather was perfect. Not too cold and not too hot! We enjoyed a BYO picnic lunch before embarking on exploration of the museum at the visitors' center and the cliff dwellings beyond. Bandelier National Monument preserves the homes and territories of the Ancestral Puebloans. After all the rain early this summer, the wild flowers in the canyon were glorious. By about 3:00, people started heading back to White Rock and home.

Some of our group took a short detour in White Rock to visit Overlook Park, a Los Alamos County Park that features a superb view of the Rio Grande at the bottom of 600 foot deep White Rock Canyon, the valley and the Sangre de Cristo Mountains to the east. Some of us had dinner on the way home in our favorite Santa Fe restaurants. We had a great turnout for this trip with approximately 25 residents participating. The next planned field trip is in early December. Stay tuned to Marcy's announcements for details.

Glenn and Marilyn Bentley

Happy
Labor Day
Weekend

LABOR DAY WEEKEND

Labor Day weekend got off to a great start on September 5th, with an appetizer and wine party, attendance reaching about 90 people. A classical guitarist entertained the crowd during the event. There was an abundance of delicious food including fish cakes, deli meats and cheeses, fruit, egg rolls and much more. All kinds of wines were available and door prizes were given out. Marcy and the Social Team did a fantastic job of organizing this event - thank you!

On Monday, September 7, we continued to celebrate the holiday weekend with an ice cream social and dance music played by our resident band, Roadside 66, enjoyed by about 80 some residents and guests. The ice cream was delicious, enhanced by yummy toppings of all kinds.

Amazing Roadside 66 played wonderful, favorite rock 'n' roll songs so familiar from our teenage years. The music was terrific,



and dancers got out on the pavilion floor in multitudes, and never gave up, until 2-1/2 hours had gone by, with some breaks to catch our breath! May we have many, many more opportunities like this to dance to our heart's content.

Jeri Friedman

JUBILEE'S GOT TALENT



On the evening of September 19th, Jubilee proved once again that it certainly "has talent". This was the 4th annual production of the show, hosted and produced by John Trestrail. Close to 100 people attended this event, which featured music and singing, Zumba dancing, comedy skits, and a power point presentation on Jubilee's involvement in the 2015 Valencia County Olympics. Applause, cheering, and laughter were abundant!

John told some jokes in between performances, while people were setting up for their acts, and the intermission featured snacks for everyone to enjoy. The Villa was set up beautifully for excellent viewing; many thanks to Marcy and her crew for making this so comfortable.

We extend our appreciation to John for producing this annual event, and we look forward to Jubilee's Got Talent #5 in 2016!

Jeri Friedman

"Jubilee's Got Talent!" 2015



"COPS FOR KIDS" RUNNING/WALKING EVENT

On September 20, many Jubilee residents participated in the 11th annual Los Lunas Police Department "Cops for Kids" 10k, 5k run/walk fund raising event. The weather was perfect, and the event began and ended at the Star Light Theater in Huning Ranch.

The 5k (3.1 mile) participants from Jubilee all did well and many received awards, as follows: First in age bracket - Jeff Caldwell and Jean Davies Second in age bracket - Don Agnello, Jim Fawcett, and Betty McKeehan Third in age bracket - John Trestrail.

Jubilee also had ten volunteers monitoring the courses and manning the water tables. Many thanks to Avalon reps Chris and Carla Chavez, and Logan Eubank. Resident volunteers included John Davies, John Linder, Jim McKeehan, Sharon Marzec, Ann Reed, Mary Schnitzler, and Tom Teeter.

This "Fun Raising Event" enables the Police Department to sponsor the Christmas Winter Ball and Annual Shop for the Kids with a Cop. Avalon/Jubilee was a financial sponsor and supporter, as well.

Jim Schnitzler



ARTS AND CRAFTS FAIR

On September 26, the Jubilee community hosted another hugely successful art and crafts fair,

the proceeds of which each year go to a local charity.

The chosen charity this year is Valencia County Foster Children. The non-profit organization to oversee the donated funds is New Mexico Friends of Foster Children,



which partners with CYFD. The funds have been designated to provide training for foster parents and a camp for three-day counseling sessions for foster children who need the additional

services.

Income from the event came from the following:

registration fees - \$1,355; raffle tickets - \$1,699; garden club sales - \$1,498; bake sale - \$904.50; book sale - \$100.54; donations - \$608. Once expenses were deducted, the grand total going to charity came to: \$5,913.56!

We have so much to be proud of regarding this event, to say the least. And we are so happy to be able to provide funding to such a worthy cause.

We have gotten positive feedback from vendors who commented that they did very well, and enjoyed the Jubilee atmosphere. The tables were set up perfectly, and there was easy access to every table and display. Visitors also were very impressed, and took advantage of being able to experience the positive energy enjoyed by our community.

This event was definitely a team effort;

people helped set up, “man” the raffle, bake sale, book sale, and garden club sales. Greeters and runners were on hand to help the vendors with a break when needed. Plans will be under way for next year’s event and we have every reason to expect it to be another huge success. Thank you to all who helped make this happen. The list is indeed very long!

Jeri Friedman



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