

JUBILEE JOURNAL

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NEW VILLA DIRECTOR

It is with great pleasure that we welcome our new Villa Director, Marcy Gonzales. Marcy was introduced to the residents at the December 12 Happy Hour/Birthday Party/Sing-a-Long, and she met a lot of us there. She will continue to meet more and more of us as time goes by. She is a great addition to Jubilee, and has already gotten well into her job. Wishing Marcy all the best; we look forward to her being here.

NASA PRESENTATION

On October 8th, several people attended a NASA presentation at the Villa, headed up by Jay Levine, son of our neighbors Al & Ellen. Jay gave an overview of the many spacecrafts that NASA uses, showing them on a large screen format. Jay turned the presentation over to a colleague, who brought along an actual space suit worn by the astronauts, and went into wonderful detail about it.

It was a fascinating learning experience, and we thank Jay, Al, Ellen, and the “crew” for giving us the opportunity to obtain a lot of information relating to the space program, in general.

FROM THE EDITOR

A lot of positive feedback has been received from residents whenever a new edition gets published, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank several people who have made the Journal a success.

Ron Cobb and his IT department are instrumental in formatting the newsletter, adding photos, color, and typesetting. I extend a heartfelt thank you to all of these people. As well, the writing and editing is done by the Journal team comprised of Shelley Majsterek, Myra Barker, and Bob Lacourciere. From time to time, if no one from the editorial team is able to attend a specific function, residents who do, have also contributed. So, as we close the year out, may I say once again: “Thank You”!

We welcome 2015, and will continue to provide the newsletter for your enjoyment.

JERI FRIEDMAN, EDITOR



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TASTE OF NEW MEXICO

On Friday, October 10, Ron and his Avalon staff went all out to provide a fabulous day for residents and guests to enjoy the “Taste of New Mexico”, a celebration of the food, music, and dance native to this region. Thank you, Avalon; also on board helping were the Jubilee Social Team members, and many Jubilee volunteers who helped with set up, clean up, and a host of other tasks.

The Villa was decorated spectacularly with chili designs, hanging ornaments, and even with hot air balloons to celebrate the Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta, that was occurring during that time, as well.

The day consisted of a Farmer’s Market, live guitar music, a salsa dance band, salsa lessons, and wonderful food and drinks. Manny’s Fine Pastries provided delicious desserts, Teofilo’s brought in all kinds of New Mexican food - enchiladas, green chili stew, chili rellenos, sopapillas, etc. There were chips and salsa, and homemade queso to add to the “fiesta”.

Music and dancing went on throughout the event, and it was truly a day to remember!



JUBILEE ARTS & CRAFTS FAIR

This year’s Craft Fair occurred on Saturday, October 18. It was comprised of resident and community vendors selling their jewelry, fabric art, and all sorts of homemade items. Along with that, we had a Bake Sale, Garden Club Sale, Book & CD Sale and raffles. The raffle items were a spa basket and a gorgeous hooked rug, created by our very own weaver, Mary Schnitzler. The proceeds from this event were given to the Valencia Shelter Services. The amount donated to this charity was a whopping \$5,631.00! How amazing!

There were so many people who helped with organizing this, setting up, cleaning up, manning tables, you name it. It was a successful, rewarding, and fun day all around. Jubilee has much to be proud of!

JUBILEE HALLOWEEN

Halloween night for Jubilee this year took place both indoors and outdoors. The outdoor activity involved a visit to Old Town to take part in the Ghost Tour, which is provided on a year-round basis. So, if anyone is interested in going to this, it is definitely an option at any time. There are online sites to





research.

Participants on the 90-minute, lantern-lit, guided tour learned a lot about the legends, folklore, and ghost stories as the past came to life through 300 years of haunted history. The historic buildings and dark alleys conceal three centuries worth of long-forgotten secrets of battles, murders, and hidden cemeteries. Folks are encouraged to come with an open mind and feel free to bring their cameras. It has been said that Old Town is one of the most actively haunted locations in North America. It was a very enjoyable adventure, as well as educational.

As for indoor fun, Happy Hour on October 31 became a party for everyone to enjoy. Food, beverages and great company! The Villa was decorated very nicely. Orange and black was the order of the day, with pumpkins and lovely autumn trimmings.

THANKSGIVING POTLUCK

On Thursday, November 27 at 4p.m., almost 40 residents including a few guests, met at the Villa for our annual Thanksgiving Potluck.

After prayers in both English and Hebrew, we enjoyed a feast of turkey & stuffing, ham & potatoes, casseroles, salads, rolls, and, of course, delicious desserts. Good food and great camaraderie was the spirit of the day, and everyone was thankful for all we shared.

As hosts, we were very, very thankful for all the assistance and cooperation from those attending, and especially the invaluable help from Betty McKeehan, who did the set up for the day. Events such as this showcase the joy of living at Jubilee.

Myra Barker & Bob Lacourciere

HOLIDAY DECORATIONS

The Jubilee community was decorated beautifully, once again, this holiday season. Amelia and Brett Crowther take charge of outdoor decorating every year, and they do a fabulous job! The trees are always lit up, and the Villa entrance is a sight to behold. It is such a treat and we thank the Crowthers for all that they do to make Jubilee even more beautiful. They had help from Betty McKeehan, JO Lopez, and other elves - thanks so much!





Brett has mentioned that every year we receive, from new residents, used decorations they are not planning on using any longer. Brett very gratefully accepts them and if they can be used to add to our display, he will do so - or he will donate them to St. Vincent de Paul.

On December 6, residents gathered at the clubhouse for the annual tree trimming and interior Villa decorating. The Villa looked absolutely gorgeous, and thank you's to everyone who helped set it all up. We have some of the most beautiful adornments, and they continue to make our holiday season very warm and cozy, indeed. Thank you to all who helped.



CHRISTMAS SING-A-LONG

It was a wonderful night here at Jubilee on December 12. Happy Hour and the December Birthdays Party were combined with a Christmas Sing-a-Long, which was great fun. Many, many residents attended, and truly enjoyed all the entertainment that was presented. The crowd joined in singing Christmas carols, and our very talented singers and musicians led us all in a super night to remember. Many thanks to our performers, to all the people who brought munchies, and those who helped with set up and clean up.

THE GIFT OF GIVING

The Garden Club Christmas Gift Project for the Valencia Shelter Services was a huge success, due to the goodhearted folks from Jubilee. We were able to assemble 40 gift bags, two for each woman. After purchasing items to complete the gift bags, we made a cash donation of \$300, which will be used by the shelter as needed. We also had many other donations, which required four vehicles to transport it all!

Alexandria Taylor, Shelter Services Executive Director, wrote a lovely letter to



“Friends at Jubilee Los Lunas” saying: “We are completely amazed and grateful for all you have done, and for your generosity. Your generosity will create a very special moment this holiday season for those we serve during one of the most challenging times in their lives.”

Thank you to all of Jubilee for caring and sharing. The Garden Club plans to make this an annual event!

Nelda Lobb



HOLIDAY PARTY

It was a glorious evening at Jubilee on December 20; we celebrated the holiday season in style with food, drink, fellowship, and a great introduction to the night with the “Jubilation” quartet singing a few songs of the season.

The catered event featured a terrific array of goodies: carving stations for beef and pork,

trays of cheeses, fruits and vegetables, shrimp cocktail, and desserts galore.

The Villa was set up great for seating and visiting, and the tables looked so festive, with very lovely holiday decor. We have so many people to thank - the Social Team truly did a fabulous job, along with help from residents and our new Villa Director, Marcy.

CHRISTMAS EVE SOUP NIGHT

Soup Night, held on Christmas Eve, is a Jubilee tradition started by Vern and Kellie Turner. The idea is, in a busy holiday season, to have a low key event meant to give time to visit with friends and neighbors while enjoying a bit of refreshment.

Marilyn and I helped a very busy Kellie organize this year’s event. With the assistance of several other volunteers, we arranged the Villa for the evening. More than ten crock pots of homemade soups, ranging from New Mexico posole to cream of mushroom to tomato spinach Florentine, and many others were arrayed on the kitchen bar. As usual, we had lots of salads and desserts available.

Libations included champagne, Kellie’s peppermint vodka/hot chocolate concoction, and tea and coffee, which were enjoyed by all.

We had approximately 55 residents and guests (an accurate count was impossible to get because people were circulating through the room visiting with their friends).

After cleanup was finished, the room was left with tablecloths in place for the next day’s Christmas Day potluck, sure to be another great occasion to celebrate the season, and life at Jubilee.

Glenn Bentley

CHRISTMAS DAY POTLUCK

Thanks to HOA budget money approved by Ron Cobb, we got to enjoy prime rib and salmon for dinner. The Christmas Day Potluck was a great success with over 40 residents and a few guests in attendance. The “official” hosts were Myra Barker & Bob Lacourciere and Pam Witt & Lee St. Pierre. We wish to especially thank Al & Ellen Levine for cooking the beef and salmon, going above and beyond (with help from Dan) getting the rotisserie working on one of the Villa grills.

Along with meat entrees, there were casseroles, salads and lots of desserts to choose from to round out a wonderful holiday meal. Pam had also made table gifts of Jubilee logo bottle cap magnets.

After the meal, those attending had the Villa cleaned up and sparkling, almost before I could finish my dessert! What a team of wonderful people helped us. Sharing camaraderie and enjoying tasty food was the order of the day on this holiday.

Myra Barker

NEW YEAR'S EVE

Food, fun and games were the order of the night at Jubilee's wonderful New Year's Eve party. So many people gathered at the Villa to visit with friends and neighbors, enjoy salads, Sloppy Joes, and fabulous desserts. Folks played various card games, ping pong, pool, mah jongg, and hilarious Catchphrase.

Our “Jubilation” singers regaled us with a beautiful rendition of “Auld Lang Syne”, inviting us to sing along, as well.

The Social Team did a great job organizing and presenting this event to us; we thank you for all that you did to introduce 2015 to the Jubilee community in grand style!

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCES

Jeri Friedman is currently working as an airport ambassador at the ABQ Sunport. She's been doing it for almost 3 years now, having been in the first group to sign up for the traveler's assistance program. Jeri has always loved airports, and spent two years volunteering at the Minneapolis/St. Paul airport before moving to New Mexico.



She heard about the opportunity through an article in the Albuquerque Journal, and knew she was ready to get involved.

This activity entails spending about 4 hours a week (there is much flexibility) working all floors of the airport, helping people find their way around which, once familiar with the airport, is not difficult. However, there are people who have never been through, or even never flown before. There are questions and concerns, and being available to assist is a reward unto itself. Jeri notes that even though she is comfortable in airports, there are always people who need help, and easing their stress is of paramount importance to her.

Jeri has met neighbors who are traveling, and that's always fun. She has made friends with other ambassadors, as well. There are even two other Jubilee residents who are involved in this activity: Doug Lenehan and Jean Davies!

To get started, there are training sessions

and a background check is required. Volunteers are issued a badge, and a T-shirt. One of the perks is free parking in the employee parking lot, both on shift and when using the airport as a traveler. Non-working parking lot privileges are limited to 14 days a year.

There is a flyer on the bulletin board in the Villa with details on how to get started, if interested in pursuing this volunteer experience. All three of the Jubilee residents enjoy this very much. And Jeri is more than willing to answer any questions, or discuss this further. Should you be interested, feel free to contact her at: jerijubilee@comcast.net



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