

January 2023

CALENDAR:

- Mar. 1 Serenade ACC Community Meeting
Mar. 18 St. Patrick's Day Potluck/Block Party

Serenade Architectural Control Committee (SACC) Meeting: March 1 at 2:00 pm at the Sun City Library. All residents in the Serenade Community are invited, both owners and renters. Please come to the meeting, meet your neighbors, and let's support our board! They are just ordinary neighbors like yourself, volunteering their time and energy on our behalf; several of them are still in the workforce. We thank them for their steady, reliable, and behind-the-scenes work to keep our community beautiful and safe.

PLEASE WELCOME NEW NEIGHBORS:

Araceli Arroyo
Elizabeth Banks & Michael Dare
Linda Davis
Jane DeLaurier & Jerry Williams
Eva & Anthony Siegfried
Altagracia & Cindy Valdez
Debbie Zerr

Have you moved into Serenade in the last year? Let us know so that we can welcome you here.

IN MEMORIAM: Our deepest sympathies to our neighbors who have lost a loved one.



If you have lost a loved one or know of a neighbor who has passed, please let us know and we will honor them here.

FROM THE DESK OF THE CHAIRPERSON:

Dear Serenade Neighbors,

I hope you had a great holiday. I am looking forward to seeing you at the March 1 SACC meeting at the Sun City Library. I urge you to read carefully the sheet attached to this newsletter and come to the meeting, where we will discuss the upcoming election for board positions (Chairperson, Secretary, and Treasurer). You must be a homeowner to run for SACC office and to vote. Candidates may speak briefly about their qualifications, and brief candidate statements will

appear in the March Newsletter for those not able to attend the meeting. Watch for your ballot in your mailbox after March 15, then promptly mail it or drop it into the Serenade ballot box.

If you have any other issue you would like to bring up at the meeting, please email us in advance so officers can be prepared to respond. If you are interested in running for a SACC position, contact us at SerenadeACC@gmail.com or P.O. Box 2324, Menifee 92586, for the forms you should complete prior to the SACC meeting.

Jack Roy, Chairperson, Serenade ACC

UP-COMING EVENT:

St. Patrick's Day Potluck Block Party – Saturday, March 18, 10am-2pm. 29350 Lake Forest. Please bring your favorite main or side-dish or dessert. Tables, chairs, canopies, water, tea, coffee, lemonade provided. Come meet new friends!

CLUBS & ACTIVITIES: Here are some of the clubs that are currently meeting in our neighborhood. All Serenade residents are welcome to show up at these meetings. For updated information, see the website for descriptions and a monthly calendar.

Mondays: Aldergate Dog Park, 10am, Mondays. Block Captains/Good Samaritans, 12 noon, 2nd & 4th Mondays, 29378 Gillette.

Breakfast Club, 10am, 3rd Monday, Sun City Family Restaurant (Jan. 16, Feb. 20, Mar. 20).

Tuesdays:

Line-dancing, 3:15pm, Tuesdays, Cenicerros Center Bunco, 3rd Tues, Jan.17, 6-8pm, 29350 Lake Forest

Wednesdays:

Casual Bicycling, 1pm, Weds, 27215 Terrytown.

Sewing, Quilting, Knitting, & Crocheting. 10am, 3rd Wednesday, Jan. 18, 30004 Pebble Beach.

Emotional Support Group, 6pm, 2nd & 4th Weds, 27258 Potomac (Jan.11 & 25, Feb.8 & 22, etc)

Thursdays: Women's Bible study, 9am, Thursdays, starting in February. Pandy (951) 447-9309.

Card Games of Various Kinds (learners welcome), 2pm, 2nd Thurs, Jan. 12, 29350 Lake Forest.

Poker, 1pm, 4th Thurs, Jan. 26, 29350 Lake Forest.

Fridays: Walking, 2pm, 27339 Terrytown.

Saturdays: Poker, 1pm, 2nd Sat., Jan. 14, 29350 Lake Forest.

Experienced Bicycling, 1pm, Saturdays, Salt Creek Trail at Bradley.

There are clubs that have had some interest but haven't yet formed. Coffee & Cars will start in the spring. Please let us know if you are interested in any of the following clubs: Art, Backgammon, Bingo, Birding/Nature Walks, Book Club, Bridge,

Camping/RV, Chess, Creative Writing, Friendship, Gardening, Golf, Holiday Crafts, NFL, Playing & Singing Music, and Veterans. Call (928) 920-1228 or email SerenadeClubs55@gmail.com.

BLOCK CAPTAINS – NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH:

Over the past two months a group of neighbors, guided by retired long-time El Cajon law enforcement officer Brian Engelhardt, has been organizing a Serenade Neighborhood Watch - Block Captains Program. Fortunately, 13 years ago, Board Member extraordinaire Sharon Janecek created and produced all the materials necessary to run a thorough and efficient program. The new group's goal is to help Serenade residents feel safer, both in terms of both our personal health and well-being, and our physical safety in our homes. The volunteers will be wearing a badge with our new logo (at the top of this newsletter) and will be knocking on your door sometime in January or February. They will ask you only a few basic questions – your name, phone number, and the phone number of a person Brian can contact in case of an emergency. They will also ask if your health and safety would be threatened by an electrical power outage (oxygen or dialysis equipment, respirators, etc). The Block Captains can try to lend you a portable generator. While providing information is strictly optional on your part, we encourage you to answer the door and to answer the volunteers' simple questions, since their only goal is to give you and your loved ones greater peace of mind.

GOOD SAMARITANS: Do you need a Good Samaritan sometimes? Could you be one? We are looking for Serenade residents to assist neighbors who occasionally need a helping hand with little chores that have become difficult. Common minor "handyman" situations might be automotive, plumbing, electrical, construction, or yardwork, or even difficulties with technology. They could be small tasks like opening a jar, changing a tire or a lightbulb, walking a dog, picking up a prescription or groceries, or moving trashcans. There are many others not mentioned here, so contact us and ask. Some folks are lonely and just need someone to talk to – you could make their day by sitting and looking at photo albums or listening to stories from the past. Whatever you're comfortable with, that's what you can offer. You don't have to attend any meetings, and you can always decline a call to help if you're busy. Call (928) 920-1228 or email SerenadeClubs55@gmail.com, either to *seek* help or to *volunteer* help, and tell us the exact need.

NEIGHBOR HIGHLIGHT: We cannot let the birthday of one particular neighbor go unnoticed: This past November Robert Kloster turned 100. Bob is one of the original residents of Serenade,

and a long-time member of the RV-Camping Club. He takes long daily walks, stays up-to-date on his laptop, and recently drove his RV to Washington and back. Our hats are off to you, Bob! Cheers!

WEBSITE: The website for Serenade is up and running. You can access it on your desktop or laptop at www.SerenadeACC.com. You will find explanations and documents for Serenade's boundaries and its CC&Rs, club information, past and future events (including meetings and parties), and current and previous newsletters. We would love to add photos from the 1990s and 2000s from parties or from the RV-Camping Club.

ALL RESIDENTS, NEW OR OTHERWISE: We Serenade residents (owners and renters) are lucky to enjoy the benefits of an HOA without paying a monthly fee, as most 55+ HOA residents do. Because we follow our CC&Rs, which regulate the use, appearance, and maintenance of the homes in our community, our property values remain high. You should have received a copy of the Serenade CC&Rs from your escrow company or real estate agent. If you did not receive one or need to replace a lost one, please go to our website, SerenadeACC.com to download the documents in PDF format, or write us for a printed copy at Serenade ACC, P.O. Box 2324, Menifee CA 92586 or SerenadeACC@gmail.com.

DONATIONS AND SUPPORT: We residents pay no dues, but Serenade still must bear the costs of maintaining the benefits of a 55+ community, which we enjoy. We always need your donations to make sure we keep our 55+ status and in support of our CC&Rs. ANY amount is appreciated to cover expenses such as: meeting room rent, P.O. box rental, postage, tax services, newsletter printing, office supplies, and attorney fees. Please make checks payable to: Serenade ACC, P.O. Box 2324, Menifee, CA 92586.

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