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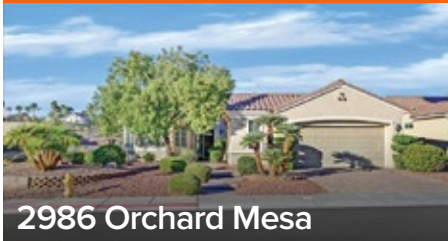


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Living Life at SCA: What It Takes

General Manager Selection Update

The SCA Board of Directors is in the final stages of selecting a new General Manager to fill the chief leadership role following the departure of the COO in June. They have carefully reviewed the organizational structure and revised the job description in collaboration with community members, aiming to align the recruitment process with future needs. The Board wishes to express their gratitude to all those involved in the recruitment process.

In an effort to ensure a comprehensive and inclusive recruitment process, the Board assembled a diverse group that included community members to collaborate on revising the job description. The ideal candidate should possess a clear vision of leadership, effective communication skills, and experience in strategic planning and project management. The Board emphasized the importance of distinguishing between management and leadership while having skills in both areas.

The Board is pleased to report that they have found several promising candidates who possess the

attributes and experience necessary to meet the community's needs. The search process has been extensive, casting a wide net to attract talent from various backgrounds. As our community matured, we are more like a small town and although we are a HOA, we also operate like a business because of our size. Candidates with backgrounds in city or county government were particularly targeted, reflecting the HOA's business-like operations due to its size. These needs create a complexity that requires a leader with broad skills.

Looking ahead, the Board anticipates that the new General Manager is expected to start shortly after the new year. To welcome this new leader and facilitate a smooth transition, the Board is planning a community event where the new General Manager will be introduced. This event will not only serve as an opportunity for community members to meet their new leader but also to foster a sense of unity and collaboration moving forward.

Pamela Williams, Acting Secretary

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BOD Meeting Summary/Upcoming Meetings

BOD Meeting Summary

The October Board Meeting was held on Thursday, October 24, at 1:30 p.m. in the Delaware Room via GoToMeeting Webinar, as well as in-person.

October 24, 2024 – Meeting Summary

- Approved the October 24, 2024, Board Meeting Agenda
- Approved the September 26, 2024, Board Meeting Minutes
- Accepted the 3rd Quarter Financials
- Accepted the 3rd Quarter Litigation
- Accepted the Consent Calendar for Committees & Service Committees
- Approved Wendy Linow as a member of the Communications Committee
- Approved amended charter for SCA Sewing & Quilting Club
- Approved BAI #40-10-24-2024-01 – 11 new light pole pads
- Approved BAI #41-10-24-2024-02 – AED & AED Cabinet
- Approved BAI #42-10-24-2024-03 – Window installation at Liberty Fitness Office
- Approved BAI #43-10-24-2024-04 – Replacement Awning at Anthem Center
- Approved BAI #44-10-24-2024-05 – Employee Health Benefits for 2025
- Approved BAI #45-10-24-2024-06 – SCA Insurance Policy Renewal
- Approved Historic SCA Operating Information
- Approved 2025 Election Calendar

For more Board meeting information visit the SCA website at SCA-HOA.org

Meeting Schedule

December 2024 through March 2025

In accordance with NRS116.31083, notice of a meeting of the Board of Directors shall be given to the Association members no less than ten (10) days prior to the meeting. Dates are listed below for upcoming Board meetings. Meeting notices will also be sent electronically to owners who have authorized the Association to communicate with them by electronic means. Please check the website and make sure you are registered for the **Community Chronicles eblasts** to receive updates. Meeting agendas and virtual meeting log-in information will be made available to Association members five (5) days prior to the meeting via the **SCA-HOA.org** website, on the bulletin board in the Anthem Center at 2450 Hampton Rd., Henderson, NV 89052, or by contacting the management office.

Tuesday, December 17, 2024 – Executive Session

9 a.m., Penn Room

Thursday, December 19, 2024 – Open Session

1:30 p.m., Freedom Hall

Tuesday, January 21, 2025 – Executive Session

9 a.m., Penn Room

Thursday, January 23, 2025 – Open Session

1:30 p.m., Freedom Hall

Tuesday, February 25, 2025 – Executive Session

9 a.m., Penn Room

Thursday, February 27, 2025 – Open Session

1:30 p.m., Delaware Room

Tuesday, March 25, 2025 – Executive Session

9 a.m., Penn Room

Thursday, March 27, 2025 – Open Session

1:30 p.m., Delaware Room

Management will keep you informed via the website, eblasts, and possibly mailers, if needed. Please contact staff should you have any questions.



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All owners are encouraged to attend the Board meetings. GoToMeeting information will be available for members who cannot attend in-person. The log-in information will be printed at the top of the meeting agendas and can be found in the **Community Chronicles eblast** the Monday before the Board meeting.

All Board of Directors meetings are recorded. Unit owners can request a copy of the audio recording. They can also request a copy of the meeting minutes or summary of the meeting. Electronic copies will be sent at no charge. Alternatively, a printed version will be available at a cost not to exceed 25 cents per page for the first 10 pages, and 10 cents per page thereafter.

Unit owners have a right to speak to the Board during the BOD meeting unless the Board is meeting in Executive Session. There are two comment periods set aside for homeowners to speak: one at the end of the first section of the agenda regarding agenda items only, and the other at the end of the meeting for general comments.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

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Interim Chief Operating Officer Report



Hello residents!

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- Landscape remodeling and grass removal, particularly in the Villas
- Replacement of new landline phones at all locations
- Addition of the new ETC light board in Freedom Hall
- Replastering of all pools and spas
- Global Northstar ramp-up and training for going live in January
- Cyber security review and ensure lockdown of information
- SCA hosted National Senior Health and Fitness Day
- Approved 2025 budget
- Addition and approval of a cell tower at Liberty Center
- Replacement of all four pool boilers in Liberty Center
- Replacement of all four pool boilers in Anthem Center
- Approval to replace all the A/C units in Anthem and Independence Centers
- Re-landscaping of the six round-a-bouts at Pinnacle Village
- Installation of new gate components and software at Pinnacle Village
- All 65 common areas and Villa water meters labeled and documented
- Tree trimming at all four Villa neighborhoods
- Addition of eight new pickleball courts at Liberty Center
- Painting of five neighborhoods: Arroyo Vista, Big Sky, Desert Sky North, Desert Sky South, and Shadow Canyon

We aim to always “be the best.” My team is here to assist you and looks forward to making your experience at Sun City Anthem the BEST every day!

Happy holidays and a blessed new year!

James McNamara, Interim Chief Operating Officer

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OUR CURRENT LISTING & SALES



2112 Silent Echoes, 3172 Sq. Ft.

Spectacular home high on private elevated lot with strip and mountain views. A Charleston model with 2 primary suites and study. Separate family room with fireplace. Beautifully landscaped front and back yard with firepits, solar heated pool and amazing water features.

\$1,145,000.



2875 Meadow Park, 1508 Sq. Ft.

Newly remodeled and upgraded home on elevated lot with large yard. Immaculate and move-in ready. Two bedrooms on opposite sides of the home for privacy. Moisture proof luxury laminate flooring throughout the home. Solar panels owned.

\$499,000.



2075 Bliss Corner, 2401 Sq. Ft.

Popular Columbia model, bright and spacious, with a formal living and dining room. Beautiful rectangular tiles throughout the house. Private yard with no neighbors in the back. Kitchen has butler pantry and granite counters, island and stainless appliances. A real gem at below average square footage price.

\$605,000.



1893 Holdenville St. 2337 Sq. Ft.

Arlington model with great floor plan. Totally upgraded home across from the golf course. Home is on elevated lot with fully enclosed yard. Bright with windows galore. Immaculate and move-in ready. Solar panels owned.

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Committee Reports

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW

Bill Williams, Subcommittee Chair

ARC-Committee@scacai.com

Plan review second and fourth Thursdays, 9 to 10:30 a.m.
Emerson/Franklin Rooms, **no in-person attendance**

Holiday schedule

The Architectural Review Committee wishes everyone a safe and joyous holiday season.

During December, ARC will meet only on the second Thursday of the month. We will be dark on the fourth Thursday in observance of the holiday. Keep this in mind when submitting your architectural change applications.

All exterior modifications, upgrades, and improvements require written ARC approval prior to starting any holiday season project. We strongly encourage homeowners to review the Design Guidelines and the Rules and Regulations before submitting a request to modify their residence. You should get approval for your project before entering into a contract and placing a deposit with a contractor.

How to submit your request

To make ARC approval as painless as possible and in lieu of homeowners attending the ARC meetings, residents can email their applications and plans to ARC-Committee@scacai.com, or send them by UPS or mail, or drop them off at one of the lockboxes located outside of all our centers. To facilitate the processing of your project, we now only require one copy of your submittal; once received, it will be reviewed at the next scheduled meeting and the results will be mailed/emailed back to the homeowner.

If you are submitting plans for review, **please sign and date the site plan** and be available by phone during the plan review time as listed above. If you will not be available at the listed phone number, it is very important that you submit a phone number where you may be reached during this time period.

Be aware that the ARC member may be calling you from an area code other than 702, so you should answer all incoming calls during the plan review period. If you cannot be reached by phone, they will reject your project or return your submitted paperwork by mail or email with a request for further information and your project will not be revisited until the next scheduled meeting.

An ARC member will perform a final site check approximately 90 days after approval of your project to verify adherence to the approved plans.

As always you can email us at the above address or contact Community Standards with questions or concerns.

The Community Standards staff and volunteers look forward to continuing to assist the members of SCA in maintaining the aesthetics of our community.

COMMUNICATIONS

Joan Roth, Chair

Communications.Committee@scacai.com

Next meeting Wednesday, December 4, 9:30 a.m., Concord Room

This committee's mission is to enhance residents' knowledge of all aspects of Sun City Anthem life, encourage participation in community activities, improve the two-way flow of information between members and management, and foster a sense of belonging to the community.

The committee has three sub-committees:

1. Print and social media – tasked with assisting with proposed changes to the Spirit and Relay and to assist with layout and article reviews for these publications. Additionally, the committee will assist with reviewing and editing policy and procedure documents as warranted.
2. Video/multi-media – tasked to assist with producing short SCA news features and longer production quality news programs as well as instructional, educational and informational videos and helping to develop informative social media activities.
3. Website – tasked with working on improving content on the current SCA website and contributing to the format and feature requirements of a new SCA website. Once completed, the sub-committee will monitor the new website and evaluate its functionality and usability for SCA residents.

The committee will optimize the use of volunteer resources by establishing a continuing task force of SCA volunteers as part of the committee, to work on ad-hoc projects and assist with ongoing projects as needed. We welcome your input.

COMMUNITY LIFESTYLE

Joan Holmstrom, Acting Chair

Lifestyle.Committee@scacai.com

Next meeting Friday, December 6, at 9:30 a.m., Arlington Room

The Community Lifestyle Committee (CLC) thanks club members for all you do to help make this a great community to live in. As you know, the CLC monitors and supports the many chartered clubs and assists with the formation of new clubs. The CLC advises clubs on membership policies, procedures, rules, guidelines, and the use of Association facilities.

Meetings and workshops. The CLC typically meets on the second Friday of the month, where the committee may discuss and vote on club requests, club public events, or other relevant issues. The CLC also schedules workshops to help club leaders understand their roles and responsibilities, and to discuss issues of concern to



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the clubs. Notices of CLC meetings are made via the weekly SCA eblasts and may be contained in this monthly article. Learn more about what the CLC does by attending our monthly sessions.

CLC club liaisons. When a club's leadership has questions about the club's activities or special events, has financial issues or complaints, or has any other issue of concern to your members, your club liaison should be your first contact. The CLC homepage on the SCA website lists the committee's liaison for each club and provides contact information.

Documentation. The Committees and Clubs Policy Manual (CCPM) and Charters for all SCA Clubs can be found on the SCA website (sca-hoa.org). Navigate to Governance and click on Governing Documents.

Save the dates. The CLC monthly meeting for December will be held a week early on December 6 due to the holiday season. A club fair will take place on Saturday, December 7 from 9 a.m. to noon in the Anthem Ballroom. A workshop for 2025 club officers is scheduled for January 24, Anthem Ballroom.

Clubs are the lifeblood of our community. With your help, the CLC will continue to work diligently to serve our wonderful community and help maintain and improve our vibrant lifestyle. Send us an email at Lifestyle.Committee@scacai.com or attend our monthly meeting to learn more about the CLC or if you have questions or suggestions about clubs. We welcome your input and interest!

COVENANTS

The board of directors, as required in Article 5.2 of the Bylaws, established a Deed Restriction Enforcement Committee. At Sun City Anthem, this committee is called Covenants.

The Covenants Committee is the hearing tribunal of the Association and conducts hearings pursuant to Section 3.26 of the Bylaws and Article 7.4 of the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions.

Hearings are normally scheduled once a month. Should you have any questions, please contact **Compliance@SCACAI.com**. A hearing is scheduled when a case cannot be resolved during the enforcement process.

The Covenants Committee hearing tribunal reviews the information regarding an alleged violation and determines whether a violation of the standards set forth in the governing documents occurred. This committee is responsible for imposing fines and/or sanctions. Following a hearing before the Covenants Committee, the alleged violator has the right to appeal the decision to the board. Covenants meetings are not open to residents unless invited.

ELECTION

Shawn Hicks, Chair
shawnhicks@att.net

Next meeting Tuesday, December 10 at 10 a.m., Concord Room

Electronic voting is coming for the 2025 board election. Buttons will be included in both eblasts and on the SCA website, allowing residents to specify an email address to use for casting an electronic ballot.

Next year's election process begins with the December 19 board meeting where vacant seats will be announced. Candidate application forms will be available on January 2 at 8 a.m. in the membership office.

An overview of the election process for prospective candidates will be held on Tuesday, January 14 at 10 a.m. in the Concord Room. This is the first Election Committee sponsored event of the year, designed for residents considering running for a board position. During this meeting, current board members will share their own campaign experiences. You will learn about their obligations, roles, responsibilities, and the challenges they face as part of an all-volunteer board.

You can make a difference in your community by:

- Actively participating in committee-sponsored functions
- Becoming a candidate for the board of directors
- Voting

FACILITIES AND LANDSCAPE

Kathleen Mundy, Chair
mundykathleen1@gmail.com

Next meeting Tuesday, December 10, 10 a.m., Arlington Room

The Villa turf removal project is complete. All punch list items including replacing bushes and trees that died since installed this summer and minor issues that the residents have with their renovation are complete.

The sports courts workgroup is continuing to develop plans for the current repairs and ongoing maintenance of all our sports courts in a fiscally responsible manner. Several options are being considered. They are collaborating with the clubs to develop a plan that accommodates both those who prefer playing on a hard court and those who prefer a more knee-friendly, softer surface.

Members of the committee are working with the Facilities and Landscape Department to begin the renovation to the south side of Hampton Road at DePinto Avenue. The original landscape has deteriorated and is now causing problems including coyotes and rats that live in the project area. Plans have been revised and when a contractor is chosen a start date will be announced.

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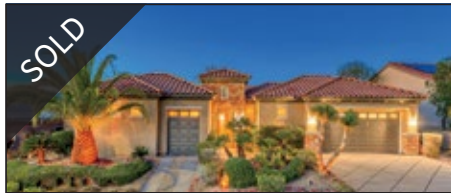
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Committee Reports

This summer has not been kind to plants in the entire valley and SCA is no exception. The committee is very aware that a well-maintained landscape is integral to the value of our homes. One of the issues is that the trees planted by Del Webb over 20 years ago were, even then, marginal for the climate in the Las Vegas Valley. This includes the numerous ash, pear, plum and pine trees on our property. Consequently, many of the 2,600 trees we have in our common areas are diseased or in decline. The committee is working with the Facilities and Landscape Department to develop plans to replace the trees, as necessary.

The committee continues to look for new members, particularly those with a knowledge of or interest in landscape. The responsibilities involve attending two meetings monthly on Tuesday mornings and working on specific projects as they occur. Please consider applying if interested.

FINANCE

David Levey, Chair

Finance.Committee@SCACAI.com

Next meeting Wednesday, December 11 at 9 a.m.

Arlington Room

As we approach the end of another year, the volunteer members of your Finance Committee would like to wish all our fellow homeowners the very best for a happy and healthy holiday season, and a prosperous new year! We would also like to take this opportunity to thank Bruce Stanley and John Marshall for their service as members of the board of directors and congratulate Carol Mehrhoff and Bob Burch on their recent appointment to fill the board vacancies.

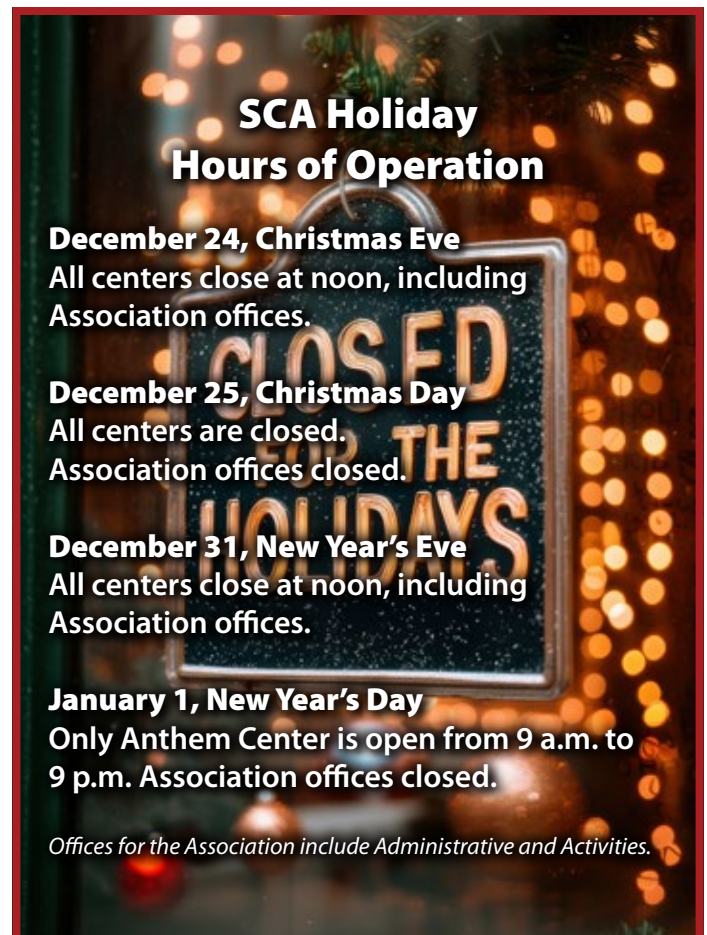
The committee's foremost concern and focus is the review and oversight of SCA's financial management, internal controls, and reporting transparency. Based on our combined knowledge and experience, we also strive to provide recommendations to the board that we believe are in the best interest of our community.

Approximately \$2.3 million in projects were undertaken in 2024, with the majority already completed. We are looking forward to January when the new Global Northstar enterprise-wide HOA information management system is up and running. This new system will provide the Association with a significantly higher level of detailed information on all the key aspects of SCA, thereby enabling more timely management of our properties, amenities, and lifestyles. Of particular interest to the committee will be the enhanced financial reporting capabilities and integration with the systems that contain detailed data on the more than 1,800 items that are evaluated annually as part of the board's requirement to determine the adequacy of SCA's reserve funds.

Volunteers are an important part of SCA's daily operations. As the complexity of SCA's needs continues to evolve, the Finance Committee could benefit by having a few additional qualified members join its ranks. Please review the background and experience requirements on the Finance Committee webpage and consider filling out a volunteer application.

The mission of the Finance Committee is to advise and assist management and the board treasurer in successfully performing their duties. The committee conducts monthly reviews of SCA finances, undertakes economic studies, and makes recommendations on financial policies and reports presented to the board of directors. The most important of these functions include a review of financial statements, annual budgets, reserve study, progress reports, and actual monthly performance to budget. Variances are discussed and recommendations are made to management and the board.

Our monthly meetings are open to the public. Residents are encouraged to attend these meetings to better understand the financial operations of the community. This is the best time and place to ask detailed questions about SCA's financial activities. Homeowner questions and constructive comments are valued, as such input provides new ideas and often identifies items that need to be addressed at future meetings.



SCA Holiday Hours of Operation

December 24, Christmas Eve
All centers close at noon, including Association offices.

December 25, Christmas Day
All centers are closed.
Association offices closed.

December 31, New Year's Eve
All centers close at noon, including Association offices.

January 1, New Year's Day
Only Anthem Center is open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Association offices closed.

Offices for the Association include Administrative and Activities.

Yorktown

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We Had a Great Year Together! Yorktown's 2024 in Review

Wonderful Wine Tastings

We learned so much about wine this year! Including wines from Rhone Valley in France, Burgundy Region in Oregon as well as Napa Valley and Paso Robles in California. We had a wonderful time pairing all sorts of varietals with tasty small bites and appetizers. Cheers to another year of wine!



Lots of Live Music

We enjoyed sitting back and relaxing to live music. Thanks to Terry Culp and Peter Lacascia for putting on an amazing show! The vibes were surreal.

Cheers To a Fun-Filled New Year!

Have an idea for an event you would like to see next year at Yorktown? Use the Contact Us form on our website to let us know!



We Enjoyed

- Socials
- New Foods
- Holidays
- Brunch
- Trivia
- And More!



We got to travel the world without leaving Henderson. The delicious flavors from the Caribbean, Italy, Argentina, Mexico, Japan, New York, and more had us captivated this year.

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Community Standards




Mandatory Age Restricted Community Survey

Federal law requires that we verify age and occupancy by reliable survey every two years to maintain our community's age-qualified status. The Federal Register explains why completing this form and providing this information is important: For a housing facility or community to qualify as housing for persons 55 years of age or older, it must be able to produce, in response to a complaint filed under this title, verification of compliance through reliable surveys and affidavits.

Homeowners must fill out one form for each property they own.

- A survey form has been mailed to all homeowners. **However, we encourage you to complete the form electronically on the SCA website at SCA-HOA.org.** Look for the banner at the top of the "welcome" page.
- You can download, print, or fill out the form and submit it online.
- Instructions for filling out and returning the survey mailed to you are on the back of the form.
- The homeowner or an occupant of the property who is age 19 or older can complete and sign the form after listing all occupants accordingly.
- Additional forms are available at the Membership and Fitness desks in Anthem Center, as well as at the check-in desks at Independence and Liberty Centers. Alternatively, you can request more forms at Survey@scacai.com. It is okay to make copies of the survey form.

We must verify that a minimum of 80 percent of SCA homes are occupied by at least one person aged 55+. If we fail to verify the federally required percentage on the first attempt, we will follow up by sending a second survey to those who did not respond.

 SUN CITY ANTHEM COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.

2025 Age Restricted Community Survey
Affidavit-Declaration of Age & Occupancy

Directions for completing and returning this form and obtaining additional forms are on the reverse side of this page. One completed form for each Sun City Anthem Community Association, Inc. (SCACAI) property is **required**. Please provide accurate contact information for the owner and occupants. This ensures that the most current contact information is on file for official mail, e-mail, or emergency.

1. **Property Address:** _____

Official Mailing Address: _____
(include City, State, and Zip if different from property)

Email _____ **Phone** _____

Designated Email _____ or check the box to opt-out
(For electronic voting for board elections only)

Emergency Contact Person: _____
(include Name, Phone Number and Relationship)

2. Occupied? Yes No (If you marked the No box, go straight to section 5 below)

3. **Occupied property.** List the name of each occupant and their age below. *Please print legibly.*

Name	Age
_____	_____
_____	_____
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4. Is the property currently leased? Yes No

5. I declare under penalty of perjury, pursuant to the laws of the State of Nevada, that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed this _____ day of the month of _____, 202__.

Signature: _____
PROPERTY OWNER, POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR OWNER WITH POA ON FILE AT SCA, OR NON-OWNER OCCUPANT AGE 19 OR OLDER

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Signed by: Owner POA for Owner Non-Owner, age 19 or +, Occupant of property
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SCACAI Community Standards Department
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Emergency Preparedness (EPSG)

Takeaways from Recent Events



Recent events continue to emphasize the need for emergency preparation. Hurricane Helene impacted the southeastern United States with devastating results. Closer to home, lithium battery spills temporarily closed I-15 and US-95 highways, disrupting commercial traffic.

Many foods and supplies are not produced locally, meaning they must be transported in, effectively turning Las Vegas into a landlocked island. Any disruptions to deliveries could result in the depletion of local resources. **It is important to know that there are no local or SCA stockpiles of food and supplies, highlighting the importance of individual preparation.**

Potential disruptive events include:

- Earthquakes (Las Vegas sits on seven faults).
- Extreme heat and severe cold weather.
- Hurricane force winds, flooding, and landslides (as many villages have hillsides or retaining walls).
- Hazardous materials that are either stored in Las Vegas or transported through the city by train or truck.
- Terrorism by direct attacks or cyberattacks.
- Power and gas outages caused by human activity or natural events.



BUILDING AN EMERGENCY KIT

Do you have an emergency kit? Having one is an important part of emergency preparedness. If you're interested in learning how to assemble a kit or enhance your current one with easy, simple steps, be sure to check back for monthly tips starting in January.



What measures can you take ahead of time?

Familiarize yourself in advance with our hazards, alerts, warning systems, evacuation routes, and sheltering plans. Below are some of the alerts you can subscribe to receive. For more detailed information, refer to the June 2023 EPSG Spirit article as well as others on our website at scaepsg.org.

- SCA eblast alerts
- Stay Alert, Henderson!
- The Southern Nevada Community Preparedness app
- The Red Cross Emergency app
- The NV Energy Green Cross program
- FEMA mobile app
- NOAA weather radios
- Earthquake alerts and apps

Ready.gov has hazard information sheets that summarize actions you can take to prepare for, keep safe during, and recover from various disasters or hazards. You can find these resources at ready.gov/be-informed.

- Consider personal essential components of your disaster preparedness and supplies. Address specific needs, including medicines and disabilities, for yourself and people you know. *Helpful tip: Instant cold packs may help keep refrigerated medications cool until a more permanent solution is found.*
- Obtain the skills to evaluate the situation, obtain necessary supplies, and be mentally prepared to quickly take action to protect yourself and your family.
- Have, practice, and communicate a family disaster plan. Practicing your plan ensures you are well-prepared to respond effectively in a crisis and will also help you identify any gaps in your plan.
- Assemble an emergency kit with supplies in multiple locations (home, work, vehicle, and when traveling). Include appropriate clothing and food.
- Reduce the impact of hazards through mitigation practices.
- Change smoke and carbon monoxide detector batteries annually and test. Know the different types of beeps from smoke (three) and carbon monoxide (four) detectors that can indicate different alerts. It is recommended that all smoke alarms be replaced when they are 10 years old or if they fail to respond during testing.



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Community Service <

Services Provided by Sun City Anthem Volunteer Residents for Sun City Anthem Residents

The mission of the Community Service Committee (CSC) is to provide limited home maintenance, delivery of durable medical equipment for short-term loan, transportation services, external resources contact information, and support groups to assist residents to maintain their independence and to live in their own homes for as long as possible.



How Can We Help You?

Residents can request CSC's services by using our website, [CSCHelp4U.org](https://www.cshelp4u.org), seven days a week, or by calling our Assistance Line, **(702) 614-5862**. **Clearly state your telephone number when leaving messages on CSC's Assistance Line and ensure availability for CSC to leave messages on your answering machine.** As a reminder, your SCA Activity Card number will be needed to request services.

- Our **Medical Equipment** team maintains and delivers durable medical equipment for short-term loan including canes, crutches, wheelchairs, walkers, shower chairs, and more.
- The **Home Maintenance** team performs certain tasks that residents may not be able to safely do themselves, such as replacing batteries in smoke detectors and carbon monoxide alarms, light bulbs, house address bulbs, HVAC filters, adding salt to water softeners, and lubricating garage doors.
- CSC's **Transportation** team provides, with certain parameters, rides locally to healthcare appointments, pharmacies, grocery stores, and all SCA community centers.
- **Support Groups** provide residents and their families and friends with a forum to share individual experiences, concerns, challenges, and successes. Check the SCA weekly **Community Chronicles** eBlast for dates, times, and locations.
- Our **Communications** team maintains the Assistance Line and connects residents and their requests with the appropriate service and/or support groups.
- **Resources** maintains a list of a variety of fee-based service vendors and their contact information. CSC does not recommend or endorse any business, person, or service.
- The **Public Relations** role focuses on informing you of CSC's activities through SCA's weekly **Community Chronicles**, monthly **Spirit**, and via collateral materials, such as brochures, pamphlets, and fliers.

Donations

All services provided by the Community Service Committee are free of charge. Donations are greatly appreciated and benefit CSC directly so that volunteers can continue to provide services and sponsor support groups. Please make checks payable to "Sun City Anthem Community Association, Inc." On the "Memo" line write "CSC" and deposit them into the CSC mailbox at the Anthem Fitness Center or mail them to: SCA Community Service Committee, 2450 Hampton Road, Henderson, NV 89052.



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Arlington Room, Anthem Center

Caregivers Support

First Wednesday, 10 a.m. to noon

Greene Room, Anthem Center

For more information about these and other support groups in SCA, go to

[CSCHelp4U.org](https://www.cshelp4u.org).

Reminders

Upgrades were made to the SCA/CSC assistance line telephone system.

Remember to leave your correct telephone number to receive a call back.

- Borrow durable medical equipment for holiday visitors by calling or submitting a request online.
- Call or go online to schedule a mutually agreed day and time window for CSC to:
 - Change the batteries in your smoke detectors and carbon monoxide alarms.
 - Replace burned out address light bulbs.
- Copies of CSC's brochure can be viewed in the weekly Community Chronicles and on CSC's webpage, as well as available in the SCA community centers.

Volunteers

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Chief Chat



Chief Gene Freeze

The year has gone by way too fast. This will be my last article for the Spirit covering Community Patrol. I want to thank all of the great patrol volunteers that make this group so outstanding.

We have numerous volunteers with over 20 years of service, and many with 15, 10, or five years. What a dedicated team!

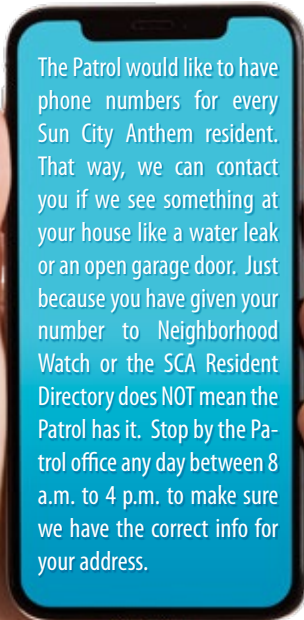
Our members serve as dispatchers, drivers, house checkers, watch commanders, as well as walkers and

bikers. We currently boast 117 volunteers who have contributed over 20,000 hours of service. They've conducted over 11,000 vacation house checks, reported nearly 500 open garage doors, and responded to 12 emergency lights. Our three patrol cars have driven 98,000 miles covering the 24 villages in SCA.

Patrol's mission is to observe, report and help keep our community free of crime. We do this by working closely with the Henderson Police Department and the Neighborhood Watch Program.

We are always looking for more volunteers, requesting a minimum of four hours per week. Stay safe and be a good neighbor by looking out for each other.

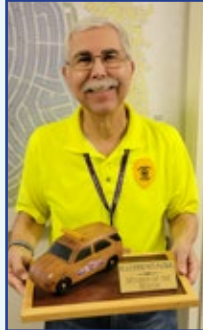
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The Patrol would like to have phone numbers for every Sun City Anthem resident. That way, we can contact you if we see something at your house like a water leak or an open garage door. Just because you have given your number to Neighborhood Watch or the SCA Resident Directory does NOT mean the Patrol has it. Stop by the Patrol office any day between 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. to make sure we have the correct info for your address.

Your Number!

Member of the Month



Alan Gerstner

Our Member of the Month is Alan Gerstner. Alan is a member of our biking patrol. He moved to SCA in June 2021 and quickly became an active member of our community. He participates in several clubs, including the Woodchips, Multimedia, Performing Arts, and the Computer Club where he teaches Apple computer classes and provides assistance with Apple devices.

Alan recently retired, after a successful career spanning over 20 years as a technician at Apple Inc. in Las Vegas. He also has a background in education, having held the past position of president of the board of education for Skokie School District 68 in Skokie, Illinois.

Alan is a proud father and grandfather, with a son, daughter, and five grandsons aged 13, 11, 10, and twins who are seven-and-a-half-years old.



Outgoing 2024 Community Patrol board

2024 Patrol Board

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our outgoing 2024 Community Patrol board for their service this year: Gene Freeze, chief; John Nowicki, member at large; Alan Begun, assistant chief; Pam Blatzheim, member at large; Randy Buck, assistant chief; Sue Christensen, treasurer; Mike Radwick, chief emeritus; Barbara Seeley, member at large and Pam Buck, secretary. You all kept the patrol running smoothly all year!

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Neighborhood Watch (NWSC)



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Is a Block Party Right for Your Neighborhood?

Every block captain and village facilitator faces the challenge of finding ways to encourage residents to come out of their homes and meet with their neighbors. Gary Fox and Bernice Hammer are the two block captains for Great Elk Drive in Big Sky Village. They decided a block party would be a wonderful way to do just that, especially since it had been six years since the last one.

They agreed on a date and time. Gary secured tables from the facilities department and used his garage and driveway as the party venue. After designing a flyer, they hand-delivered one to every home. They requested residents to bring a comfortable chair and a simple main dish or a dessert to share. Approximately 22 residents stopped by for conversation and fun as well as chili, lasagna, mini hot dogs, clam chowder, sub sandwich platters, chips and salsa, peach cobbler, cookies, apple pie, and more.

Henderson patrol officer Dustin Simecka and Don Manning (NWP chair) came by to give a status update on NW and to offer congratulations to the block for getting together and getting to know each other. All attendees thought this was a great way to



meet and have meaningful contact with those who may not be their immediate neighbors. They found it to be a very uplifting and fun outing.



Block parties have always been a staple of the National Neighborhood Watch Program. SCA has had many over the years. In addition to several in Big Sky, block parties have also taken place in Meadow Vista, Canyon Crest, Shadow Canyon, Southridge, and other villages. All it takes is one person to get the ball rolling, and the neighbors will be glad to join the fun. Henderson Police Department will usually be able to send a representative. Someone from the NWP leadership team will always be available to update folks on NW activities.

Why not consider a block party in your neighborhood? There is no better way to meet your neighbors and support community watchfulness than by having a social gathering filled with tasty food and friendly conversation.

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Henderson 2024 State of the City



Taking It to the Next Level

On October 3, City of Henderson Mayor Michelle Romero presented the 2024 State of the City address, themed “Next Level,” at the M Resort Spa Casino to an audience of over 800. Throughout the address, Mayor Romero reflected on the progress made in the city’s five strategic priority areas and next-level initiatives. Below are key highlights for each of these areas.

Community safety

Henderson is already acknowledged as one of the safest cities in America, and efforts are underway to take community safety to the next level.

- The city built a new state-of-the-art internationally accredited forensic laboratory. It features the latest industry technology for three separate labs including latent print, toxicology, and controlled substances.
- The Henderson Police Department West station opened last fall with successful recruitment to expand operations.
- Fire Station 81 will be relocated from Horizon Drive to the old Camping World site at 1600 S. Boulder Highway. This new location is to reduce response times.
- The city’s fire department is the first in the state to implement a new, lifesaving technology (cooling pods) to assist victims of heat stroke.

- First responders’ access to automated external defibrillators (AEDs) has been expanded through obtaining a grant for Henderson’s Police Department to assist with cardiac survivability.

Economic vitality

Henderson values quality construction and development, and the building process is a priority for the city.

- In the last five years, the Economic Development and Tourism team has assisted 36 companies in their move and expansion to Henderson and created more than 5,000 jobs.
- In 2024, the city established the Building and Fire Safety Division and the Development Services Center as separate departments. This has contributed to the development services center operating under greater efficiencies (e.g., a 30 percent reduction of turnaround time on permits).
- The Henderson Small Business Assistance Program was launched in partnership with the College of Southern Nevada’s Grow program. This initiative will provide up to 12 months of technical assistance to underserved, entrepreneurial Henderson business owners.

Quality education

Mayor Romero spoke about the importance of early childhood learning and measures to improve school choices.

- The city of Henderson successfully advocated for legislation allowing cities to become charter school authorizers. This approval will mean more responsive and educational opportunities for students.
- The city is investing more than \$15 million to build a second preschool to open by 2027.

Healthy, livable, sustainable city

This priority aims to create thriving communities for today and tomorrow.

- Four new parks were added in the past year and four more are planned to open in 2025.
- Great strides in water conservation thanks to efforts to adopt a communitywide watering schedule and the only state mandating the removal of all nonfunctional turf.
- New healthcare service options were welcomed this year, including the PAM Health Rehabilitation Hospital of Henderson, Sunrise Hospital's ER at Boulder's Edge, and the Valley Health System's ER at Cadence. West Henderson Hospital is scheduled to open by year's end.

High-performing public service

The city's vision is "to be America's premier community" by focusing on strategies and approaches that improve organizational performance.

- Henderson's budget is balanced and prioritizes fiscal sustainability.
- The human resources team has focused on maintaining competitive wages to attract and retain a premier workforce, ensuring the delivery of essential services to the community.

The city of Henderson is one of only nine finalists in the nation being considered for the 2024 Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award. This is the highest level of national recognition a U.S. organization can receive for performance excellence, particularly in terms of resilience and long-term success. Recognition is based on the Baldrige criteria which is organized into categories including: (1) leadership; (2) strategy; (3) customers; (4) measurement, analysis, and knowledge management; (5) workforce; (6) operations; and (7) results.

To learn more about the city's next level initiatives and to view the mayor's full address visit cityofhenderson.com/sotc.



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VIVA VOLUNTEERS – TODAY FOR TOMORROW



We live in a wonderful community, full of amazing people. Hundreds of residents generously volunteer their time to make life just a little bit better for others around them. Volunteers donate hours each month to help ensure SCA maintains our status as a premier retirement community. As we gather in small and large groups for holiday festivities, let us express our gratitude for the peace we enjoy and for our loyal volunteers.

You too can be a part of our volunteer community. It is not hard, and it does not take much time.

All the service committees need additional help: Community Patrol, Community Service, Emergency Preparedness and Neighborhood Watch (block captains and village facilitators).

Our Facilities & Landscape and Finance committees are currently looking for applicants. You can find contact information for each of our committees in this magazine or on the SCA website.

Volunteer applications can be filled out online or picked up from the membership office. Completed applications can be dropped off in the Volunteer Coordinator mailbox at the entrance to the Fitness Center or emailed to volunteer@scacai.com.

As an alternative, I am happy to email you an application that you can complete and then email back to me or place in the Volunteer Coordinator mailbox. You can also send me an email to discuss any of the volunteer opportunities. I would be thrilled to help you decide what works best for you.

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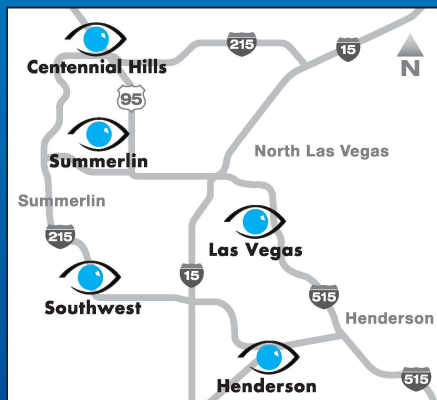
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The African American Heritage Club Presents ... It's Almost New Year's Eve Masquerade Ball

Saturday, December 28, 4:30 p.m.
Anthem Center Ballroom • Tickets \$75



Come join the fun with AAHC and the music of The Block Party. Dinner and dancing included.

For more details visit AAHC.scaclub.org.

The Performing Arts Club Presents ... Charlie Sees the Light

Freedom Hall, Independence Center • Tickets \$15



Forget the cake! Charlie's celebrating his 70th birthday with a daring leap ... off a cliff. Find out why in Charlie Sees the Light, a touching musical comedy packed with familiar tunes, heartwarming friendship, and a dash of the unexpected! This original and inspiring show is written by our own Tom Lee and directed by Ziona Friedlander. Tickets are only \$15 and are currently available at the Activities Department office, online at SCAPAC.org, or by calling 702-614-5822.

Excursion

The Smith Center Bus Trip ... Hamilton

Thursday, May 29, 7:30 p.m. Showtime
Tickets \$160, Price includes ticket, bus, and gratuity



The bus departs SCA at 5:30 p.m. and is expected to return approximately 11:30 p.m.

Our group will be seated together; specific row and seat selections cannot be accommodated.

We have 30 tickets available in the Parterre right section, rows WW, XX, and YY.

Hamilton tells the story of Founding Father Alexander Hamilton as he strives for honor, love, and a lasting legacy. Based on Ron Chernow's biography, the musical features a diverse score blending hip-hop, jazz, R&B, and Broadway. Created by Lin-Manuel Miranda with direction by Thomas Kail and choreography by Andy Blankenbuehler, it has won 11 Tony® Awards, Grammy® Awards, the Pulitzer Prize for Drama, and recognition from the Kennedy Center Honors, significantly impacting culture, politics, and education.



See the Activities Department for a full itinerary for all bus trips.

Bus Trip/Excursion tickets may be purchased online at SCA-HOA.org or by calling/visiting the Activities Office in Anthem Center. Refunds are given THREE weeks prior to an excursion departure date, unless otherwise noted. No refunds are given after that time. For additional information, call 702-614-5822.

*Dates, times, and performers are subject to change.

Events

Club Fair

Saturday, December 7, 9 a.m. to noon
Anthem Center Ballroom • Free to Attend!



Come learn about the Sun City Anthem Chartered Clubs and Service Committees all in one place at one time! The Club Fair makes it easy to stay connected and active in our community.

Club and Committee representatives will be there to share information and answer questions. Sign up to be a club member or a volunteer for a service committee at this event. Clubs do have a minimal yearly membership fee. Please join us for this day of fun!

Blood Drive

A graphic for a blood drive. It features a photo of a woman and an elderly man in a hospital setting. The text reads: "Because of you, life doesn't stop TUESDAY, JANUARY 21 & WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22 7:30 A.M. TO 1:30 P.M. To make an appointment please log into www.donors.vitalant.org enter code SUNCITYANTHEM or call Kim Danner at 702-304-6575". It includes a QR code labeled "SCAN ME", the Vitalant logo, and a "BLOOD DRIVE" badge.

A graphic for "Coffee with the Board". It features a photo of a latte and a cinnamon roll on a wooden tray. The text reads: "Coffee WITH THE Board Join SCA Board for coffee & conversation. Friday, December 20 8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. Independence Center Morris & Nelson Room".

Registration forms (if applicable) and ticket purchasing links for all events are on the SCA Shows, Activities, and Special Events page, linked from the Welcome page of SCA-HOA.org. You may call 702-614-5822, or come into the Activities Office, located across from the Fitness Center in Anthem Center, with cash, check, or credit/debit card. Tickets go on sale eight weeks before the show date and are released on Thursdays at 8 a.m. for both online and in-office purchases. Refunds are given two weeks prior to a show, unless otherwise noted. No refunds are given after that time. Freedom Hall is in Independence Center at 2460 Hampton Road. For additional information, call 702-614-5822.



The beginning of knowledge is the discovery of something we do not understand.

~ Frank Herbert

Activities

Shows

Sun City Anthem Presents ...

Sun City Anthem Variety Show starring Mark OToole

Wednesday, December 4, 3 p.m.

Wednesday, December 18, 3 p.m.

Freedom Hall, Independence Center • Tickets \$15



The Sun City Variety Show starring Mark OToole continues in Freedom Hall Theatre on the first and third Wednesday of each month at 3 p.m. This is a live afternoon show, with your MC Mark bringing top local and Las Vegas Strip performers to showcase their talents, ranging from singing to comedy, and well, you name it! Mark's career has spanned 30 years headlining on the Strip, and he attributes success to his appearances on Star Search in 1994. He has performed at some prestigious locations including the Smith Center.

Mistinguett Productions Presents ...

A Very Swingin' Christmas

Friday, December 6, 7 p.m.

Freedom Hall, Independence Center • Tickets \$30



A Very Swingin' Christmas is a festive show featuring 12 top Las Vegas musicians, including lead vocals, guitar, upright bass, drums, two female backup singers/dancers, and a six-piece horn section. These talented performers have played in renowned shows like The Rat Pack, Vegas! The Show, Jersey Boys, and

Human Nature. Paul Johnson, known for his performances in Broadway hits like Baz and Rock of Ages, will be the lead vocalist, with special guest Keith Hubacher from The Beach Boys. The show blends boogie-woogie, big band swing, and rockabilly, delivering Christmas classics in a style reminiscent of the Brian Setzer Orchestra. The stage will be decked out in festive holiday décor, creating the perfect atmosphere for this annual event.

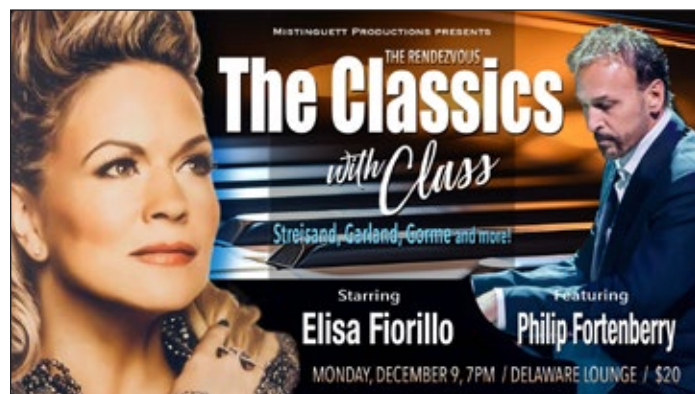
Mistinguett Productions Presents ...

The Rendezvous ... starring Elisa Fiorillo ...

The Classics with Class

Monday, December 9, 7 p.m.

Delaware Lounge, Anthem Center • Tickets \$20



Elisa Fiorillo starring in The Classics with Class features music from Streisand, Garland, Gorme, and more! Elisa has performed alongside popular artists such as Prince & Pavarotti and in Vegas alongside Clint Holmes, Earl Turner & The Bruce Harper Big Band. Philip Fortenberry, a world-renowned virtuoso pianist, was featured as "the hands of Liberace" in the Michael Douglas film Behind the Candelabra. Elisa weaves each song into a heartwarming collection of memories from performing as a child with her classical pianist father who studied with Vladimir Horowitz. The show is not only a musical delight but also a joyous celebration of the classics.



Shows

Sun City Anthem Presents ...

Bucky Heard ... With Eyes All Aglow

Saturday, December 14, 7 p.m.

Freedom Hall, Independence Center • Tickets \$30



Come experience the wonders of the holiday season with the tantalizing voice of Bucky Heard of the Righteous Brothers as he presents a magical evening of timeless Christmas classics in his new show, *With Eyes All Aglow*.

Bucky has starred with Bill Medley of the Righteous Brothers for the past 11 years traveling the world, most recently in Branson, Missouri and their successful residency at the South Point Hotel here in Las Vegas. Recently he spent time in Nashville recording his latest album.

You might even get a surprise guest!

Mistinguett Productions Presents ...

Comedy Tonight!

Monday, December 16, 7 p.m.

Delaware Lounge, Anthem Center • Tickets \$20



Stand-up Comedy, one of the most original forms of entertainment, differs from other performing arts in that a skilled comedian can artfully expose humor in everyday life to an audience's amusement. Spending 90 minutes with three

talented comedians can create laughter where you least expect to find it. With a very successful four year run and counting, COMEDY TONIGHT continues to bring laughter to the Anthem community. An assortment of drinks will be available at the bar. Come join the night of laughter!

Sal Cucco Entertainment Presents ...

Zowie Bowie's Classic Christmas ...

Big Band Holiday Show

Friday, December 20, 7 p.m.

Freedom Hall, Independence Center • Tickets \$30



Nothing says Christmas in Vegas more than the 10-time "Best of Las Vegas" Gold winner Zowie Bowie's Classic Christmas Holiday Big Band Show. Experience the festive spirit of the most joyful time of year with his 12-member all-star show band including the fabulous Zowie Bowie Showgirls. Feel the magic of vintage Vegas-style Christmas standards along with a few extra holiday surprises. Originally from Scottsdale, Arizona, Zowie Bowie has been performing non-stop at various ongoing residencies since coming to Vegas in 2006. They have been featured as the headlining act in two national CBS New Year's Eve specials and were currently voted "Entertainer of the Year" at the 2024 Silver State Awards. "We are absolutely thrilled to be bringing our musical holiday celebration to Freedom Hall and can't wait to see our friends in the beautiful Sun City Anthem area," says Zowie Bowie.

The world is a stage, the stage is a world of entertainment.

~ Howard Dietz

Activities

Shows

Mistinguett Productions Presents ...

BandAbba ... Tribute to Abba

Friday, January 10, 7 p.m.

Freedom Hall, Independence Center

Tickets \$35 residents; \$40 non-residents



“BandAbba – A Tribute to Abba” performs all the classics including Dancing Queen, Fernando, and The Winner Takes It All. This exciting Abba tribute band recreates the magic, spine-tingling sights and sounds of an actual Abba show. BandAbba utilizes a cast consisting of the best of the best talent that the entertainment capital of the world has to offer. Each of the fronting members could easily headline their own show. Collectively they are a powerhouse that has come together to create a unique and stunningly authentic Abba tribute concert that even the most casual fan will love!

Sun City Anthem Presents ...

Freedom the Santana Experience

Saturday, January 11, 7 p.m.

Freedom Hall, Independence Center

Tickets \$35 residents; \$40 non-residents



The evening comes alive with the rhythmic beats of congas and captivating guitar riffs, leading to an exhilarating musical experience inspired by Santana. Freedom the Santana

Experience, led by guitarist Daniel Gomez and featuring top Las Vegas musicians, offers a journey through classic hits like Black Magic Woman and Oye Como Va. Audiences can expect an energetic blend of talent and enthusiasm that will get everyone dancing and singing along.

Mistinguett Productions Presents ...

The Rendezvous ... starring Linda Woodson ...

This Is Why I Sing

Monday, January 13, 7 p.m.

Delaware Lounge, Anthem Center

Tickets \$25 residents; \$30 non-residents



Linda Woodson returns with “This Is Why I Sing,” a musical tribute to special songs and artists that shaped her love for singing. Her repertoire weaves between many genres, but the one thing her songs have in common is her classy phrasing and her smooth, sultry sound. Tunes by artists such as Nancy Wilson, Sergio Mendes, Manhattan Transfer and The Beatles will be featured as well as some of her movie favorites. Accompanying her will be a live jazz band under the direction of Brenda Cowart. This intimate musical evening promises to bring back memories of well-loved songs from radio and film and answer how this “doctor by day,” and “singer by night” fulfills her passion for the arts.



Shows

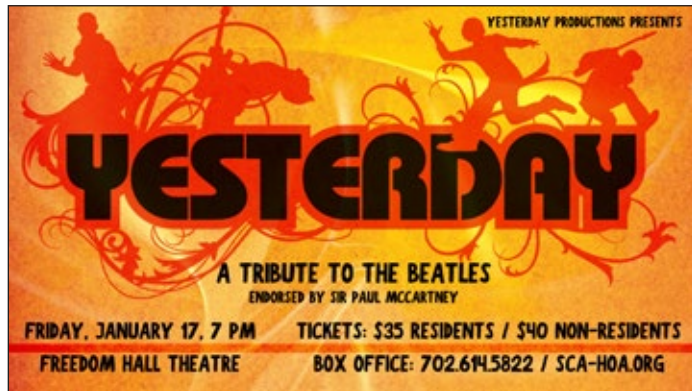
Sun City Anthem Presents ...

Yesterday ... A Tribute to The Beatles

Friday, January 17, 7 p.m.

Freedom Hall, Independence Center

Tickets \$35 residents; \$40 non-residents



Performing the Beatles since 2000, Yesterday - A Tribute to The Beatles founded by Don Bellezzo, tours not only in America but internationally too. With seven tours of Japan, and dozens more to Canada, the Philippines, Hong Kong, the Bahamas, and U.S. military bases worldwide, these entertainers have performed on five continents. Yesterday is endorsed by Sir Paul McCartney himself!

Yesterday has been featured in Rolling Stone and Showbiz magazines, on NBC, CBS, and ABC, Dick Clark's "Your Big Break," Ed McMahon's "Star Search" and recently returned as the highlight of the annual Joe Johnson's Beatles Cruise. Sailing with Yesterday was Laurence Juber, formerly of Wings, Tony Bramwell, author and longtime Beatles childhood friend and Tony Perkins from ABC's Good Morning America, a well-known Beatles enthusiast.

Sun City Anthem Presents ...

Turn the Beat ... A Gloria Estefan Tribute

Saturday, January 18, 7 p.m.

Freedom Hall, Independence Center

Tickets \$35 residents; \$40 non-residents



Join Gabie Lopez for her debut show "Turn the Beat," a tribute to Gloria Estefan, in Las Vegas! Enjoy iconic hits with a full Latin band and performances from Las Vegas headliners like Anne Martinez, Lorena Peril, and Jenn De La Torre. Gabie, with over 11 years of experience, has wowed audiences worldwide and headlined at Cirque Du Soleil's Mad Apple. Expect outstanding vocals, vibrant dancers, and fun choreography. Don't miss this unforgettable night!



Show tickets may be purchased online at [SCA-HOA.org](https://www.sca-hoa.org). Scroll down under "SCA Shows, Activities and Special Events", and click on that link or purchase tickets in-person at the Anthem Center Activities Office, located across from the Fitness Center, with cash, check, or credit/debit card. Tickets go on sale eight weeks before the show date and are released on Thursdays at 8 a.m. for both online and in-office purchases. Refunds are given two weeks prior to a show, unless otherwise noted. No refunds are given after that time. Freedom Hall is in Independence Center at 2460 Hampton Road. For additional information, call **702-614-5822**.

Shows

Sun City Anthem Presents ...

The Dondino Show

Friday, January 24, 7 p.m.

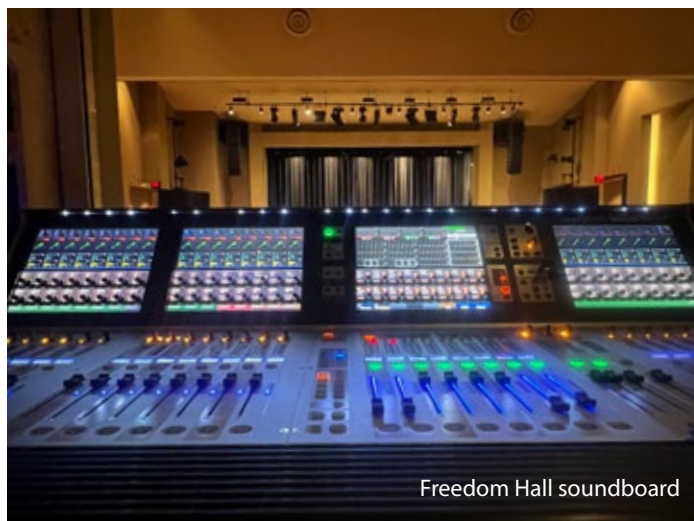
Freedom Hall, Independence Center

Tickets \$35 residents; \$40 non-residents



SCA is proud to present the Dondino Show, one of the better-known single-named performers in Las Vegas (as quoted by columnist Norm Johnson). Dondino's music is the secret ingredient that makes memories last a lifetime.

Join SCA artist Dondino, an entertainer whose stage presence, performance and talent will take you back to a time when entertainment was exciting and elegant. He performs an intimate evening of song, a mix of popular standards as well as new compositions in a production that combines a lush orchestra with a talented cast of masterful musicians and beautiful set design- all in a dazzling display of showmanship. He is widely praised for his unparalleled breadth and versatility as a singer and performer. He maintains a major career as a concert artist and has appeared on great performance stages around the world.



Freedom Hall soundboard

Sun City Anthem Presents ...

Classical Orchestra Concert Performed by Henderson Symphony Orchestra

Saturday, January 25, 7 p.m.

Freedom Hall, Independence Center

Tickets \$20



The Henderson Symphony Orchestra is delighted to return to SCA to perform a breathtaking selection of classical masterpieces. The intimate event will feature music from Claude Debussy, Cesar Franck, Francis Poulenc and Mel Bonis. The Henderson Symphony Orchestra is also excited to feature pianist, Alexandria Le for this magical evening.

COMING SOON

December 4: SCA Variety Show starring Mark OToole, Wednesday at 3 p.m.

January 2: SCA Variety Show starring Mark OToole, Thursday at 3 p.m.

On sale December 19

January 15: SCA Variety Show starring Mark OToole, Wednesday at 3 p.m.

On sale December 19

January 20: Comedy Tonight, Monday at 7 p.m. On sale November 21

February 7: Grady Harrell's Temptation Tribute, Friday at 7 p.m.

On sale December 12

February 10: "Mr. Nobody," starring Michael Grimm, Bill Zappia, and Jimmy Tripi, Monday at 7 p.m. On sale December 12

February 14: Genevieve Dew, Friday at 7 p.m. On sale December 19

February 21: Lou Gazzara, Friday at 7 p.m. On sale December 26

February 23: Dondino Show, Sunday at 3 p.m. On sale December 26

February 24: The Rendezvous ... Simon & Garfunkel Tribute, Monday at 7 p.m.

On sale December 26

The Joy of Nutritious Eating



Dillon Martin, RDN

Food should nourish and delight us. A balanced diet allows for occasional treats, creating a lifestyle where healthy choices dominate, while allowing for guilt-free indulgences. This holiday season let us celebrate by reminding ourselves that eating well can be pleasurable.

Here's how to bring joy through nutritious eating:

- **Make meals fun.** Use colorful, healthy foods to make your plate look nice. This makes eating more enjoyable and is good for you.
- **Get creative in the kitchen.** Try new recipes and ways of cooking healthy food. This can make eating well more exciting.
- **Enjoy your food.** Pay attention to how your food smells, tastes, and feels. This can help you enjoy your meals more and feel more connected to what you eat.
- **Eat with others.** Share healthy meals with friends and family. This makes eating well more fun and helps you stick to good habits.
- **Try new foods.** Be open to eating different healthy foods. You might find new favorites and get more nutrients in your diet.

By focusing on the pleasure of eating nutritious foods, we can create sustainable, healthy habits that last long after the decorations come down.

A registered dietitian can help you understand how to make important decisions regarding nutrition and supplementation. Contact me at 702-723-8618 to set up a consultation and together we can create a plan that helps meet your daily needs. There are also monthly nutrition classes available. Registration is available on the SCA website or by calling 702-638-5756 or emailing FitnessReservations@scacai.com.

CENTER HOURS OF OPERATION

All centers are currently open from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily.

Check the SCA website for any changes.
Remember to be courteous to your fellow gym-goers and SCA staff!

• Bring water • Showers available for use • Lockers are available for day use only • No gym bags on fitness floors

Get To Know Your Monitors Vicky H.



Where are you from? Vicky was born in Los Angeles and grew up in Montebello, California. She and her husband moved to Henderson in 2021 and fell in love with SCA and all its amenities.

What is your favorite food? It is hard to pick one favorite food when you have so many. She enjoys fresh seafood with salmon and King Crab legs being some of her favorites.

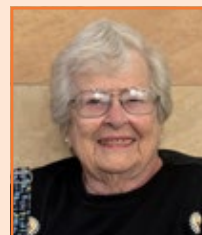
What is your favorite social activity? Her favorite thing to do is to spend time with her family, especially her grandchildren. She also cannot leave out her fur babies, Mookie and Snickers (both dachshunds). She also enjoys attending sporting events and watching a variety of sports with baseball being her favorite. A true-blue Dodger fan, she also supports the Pittsburgh Steelers and loves our hometown hockey teams, the Vegas Golden Knights, and Silver Knights. Additionally, Vicky is passionate about travel.

What do you like most about working at SCA? Vicky enjoys her role as a monitor and loves being part of the team and meeting great people who have become friends.

What is your secret talent? Cooking and trying out new recipes. Especially delicious appetizers for game day and holidays.

We love having Vicky as part of our team. She is sweet, caring, diligent, and helpful. Of course, now we will be looking for an invite to your next Super Bowl party to try out those appetizers!

Fitness Superstar Sherrill V.



Happy birthday and congratulations to our December fitness superstar! Sherrill has been attending SCA water classes for more than 20 years, usually two or three times weekly. She is looking forward to celebrating her 91st birthday with her fellow Aquacise Club members.

Sherrill, thanks for being such a source of inspiration. Keep up the great work.

SCA Pool News & Rules



SCA outdoor pool season has come to an end. Pools will be heated again beginning of April 2025. Here are some important things to remember:

- Hours are 6 a.m. to 9 p.m.
- Be respectful of others.
- No alcohol, glass containers allowed in the pool areas.
- Children are permitted in the Anthem Center aquatic facilities from 10 a.m. to noon in the outdoor pool and noon to 2 p.m. in the indoor pool.
- Appropriate swimwear is required.
- All residents and guests must shower before entering any of the pools or spas.
- Guests are allowed, but must remain with their sponsoring residents.

SCA Fitness Holiday Hours of Operation

December 24, Christmas Eve

All fitness centers close at noon, classes scheduled to **end after noon are canceled.**

December 25, Christmas Day

All fitness centers are closed.

December 31, New Year's Eve

All fitness centers close at noon, classes scheduled to **end after noon are canceled.**

January 1, New Year's Day

Only Anthem Fitness Center is open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Classes in the Anthem Pool scheduled to **start at 9 a.m. or after will still take place.**

Not quite sure how to get back in the gym?

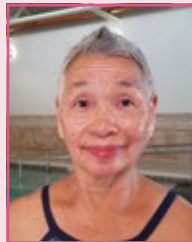
Hire a PERSONAL TRAINER!

Personal trainers are available for every level of fitness, from beginner to elite athlete.

Call the SCA Personal Trainer office today for an appointment: 702-614-5893.

Please remember that members are not permitted to bring in their own personal trainers or physical therapists.

Instructor Spotlight *Lolita H.*



Lolita is originally from Taiwan and has been teaching group fitness classes at SCA for over 18 years. Before teaching fitness classes, Lolita worked in the sales and hospitality business. No question that this helps her in her fitness career as well. She loves music and dancing, which she did professionally as a teenager, touring

Asia as part of a dance troupe. Lolita's classes are fun and upbeat and many of her loyal participants have improved their physical fitness and well-being. Lolita teaches aqua fitness in the warm water pool in Liberty Center and line dancing classes in Independence Center.

Class Spotlight *Line Dancing*

Line dancing is exactly what its name implies: Choreographed dances with a repeating series of steps that are performed in unison by the class in lines or rows. Come dance to the music in a cool, safe, and motivating atmosphere. No prior experience is needed. Everyone at all skill levels is welcome.

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This has been a fabulous 12 months filled with activities and events. It was a year of progress and achievement, and we take pride in the accomplishments reached in 2024. Looking back, we have seen a rise in membership, improvement in financial health, and the building of new friendships and partnerships with other SCA clubs, fostering strong working relationships. This feels like success, and we look forward to greeting the new year with the same enthusiasm and excitement to keep us moving forward. Congratulations, AAHC!

Our Welcome Back event in October was a blast. It was western themed and, oh my goodness, there were cowboys and cowgirls!



AAHC western style event



David and Shirley Lenoir

all over the courtyard of Independence Center dressed in glitz and glamour. Jock, our Chicago DJ set the night on fire and kept everyone busy on the dance floor. Our legs and feet are still recovering from the dancing and the boot wearing but no pain, no gain. It was a party like no other and a fabulous time had by all. A heartfelt thank you to our line dance instructors Judi and Maria and all those who came out to support the AAHC.

We are preparing to pull back the curtain on our grand finale, It's Almost New Year's Eve event. This is our annual dinner dance scheduled for Saturday, December 28 at 5 p.m. in the Anthem Center Ballroom. It is a masquerade ball so please wear/bring a mask to make it mysterious. Doors will open at 4:30 p.m. with a cash bar. Dinner will be catered by Yorktown Grill, featuring a menu that includes salad, rolls and butter, a duo-plated soy glazed salmon, and chicken marsala combo. Accompanying these dishes will be mashed potatoes, seasonal vegetables, and a delectable, candied crème Brule dessert. Also included with your ticket is a champagne toast, a photographer to capture your memories in a 4x6 photo, and music entertainment by the well-renowned R&B band, The Block Party. Where else in Vegas can you get so much to celebrate the birth of the new year?

Tickets are on sale NOW at \$75 per person on our website at aahc.scaclub.org. Secure your tickets early for the best seats. Get ready to bring in the new year with the AAHC. We hope to see you there.

We have an exciting lineup of activities on our schedule, beginning from February through December. Stay tuned and join us for all the upcoming events!

If you are interested in becoming a member of the club and participating in our exciting activities, pick up a membership form at the kiosk located near the Activities office. Complete the information, include the \$25 annual membership fee, and drop it in our mailbox across from the Fitness check-in. We are always ready to welcome new members into the AAHC family.



Western line dancing

AMATEUR RADIO



Imagine a hobby that lets you connect with people from all over the world, experiment with innovative technology, and even assist in emergency communications. Welcome to the fascinating world of amateur radio, also known as "ham radio"!

What is amateur radio?

Amateur radio is a hobby enjoyed by millions of people worldwide. It involves using designated radio frequencies for non-commercial exchange of messages, wireless experimentation, self-training, and emergency communication. Unlike commercial radio, ham radio operators, or "hams," are licensed by their governments to use specific frequencies for their activities.

Why is it fun?

1. Global connections. One of the most thrilling aspects of amateur radio is the ability to communicate with fellow hams across the globe. Whether you're chatting with someone in a neighboring town or a ham in a distant country, the sense of connection is unparalleled.
2. Technical exploration. Ham radio is a playground for tech enthusiasts. You can build your equipment, experiment with antennas, and explore digital modes of communication. It's a hands-on way to learn about electronics and radio wave propagation.
3. Community and camaraderie. The ham radio community is incredibly welcoming and supportive. Local clubs and online forums provide a space to share knowledge, ask questions, and make friends. Many hams participate in contests and special events, adding a competitive edge to the hobby.
4. Emergency preparedness. Hams are essential in emergency communications. When traditional communication networks fail, amateur radio operators can provide vital links for emergency services. It is a hobby that can make a real difference in times of need.
5. Endless variety. From voice communication and Morse code to digital modes like FT8 and PSK31, there is always something new to explore. You can even bounce signals off the moon or use satellites to communicate!

Getting started with amateur radio is simpler than you might expect. First, join our club, there are no membership fees, and we hold monthly meetings to discuss all things amateur radio. Next, enroll in our classes. There are three levels of licenses: Technician, General, and Extra. We offer a series of classes for each level every year.

Meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month at 10 a.m. but the location varies. Visit anthemhams.com or contact

Al Gettier at al@gettier.us for more information. If you would like to join our email list, send your name and email address to Al Gettier.

ANTHEM AUTHORS



It is now December, and we find ourselves amid two iconic holidays. We have just celebrated Thanksgiving, a day filled with family, food, and gratitude. As we move into the next festivities, the spirit of the season brings gift-giving, celebrations, remembrance, and, for many, a religious time of joy and reflection.



James and Sonia Logsdon



Donna Mabry and Pat Dowling



Daryl and Karen Reed



Happy October birthday to Irene, Joan, Jeanne, Lynne and Bev

A change in pace, as our club takes a moment to reminisce about our own cherished memories, featuring pictures from our Halloween party.

AQUACIZE



On Wednesday, December 18 at 11:30 a.m., the Aquacize Club will be having our holiday luncheon at Buckman's Grille at the Revere Golf Club. Look for additional details in the club president's email, arriving in your inbox around the first of the month. To RSVP for the luncheon, prepayment is required and must be received by Thursday, December 12.

Payment may be made by cash or check. If paying by check, leave the PAY TO line blank. Drop your payment in an envelope in the Aquacize mail slot in the Fitness Center. Full refunds will be accepted until Friday, December 13. We will be celebrating the birthdays of Deb Lopez, Lisa Scherer, and Sherry Van Osdol. If

you have questions about the luncheon or are not getting emails from the club, contact our secretary, Sharon Barnum, at 702-675-7365 or sharonbarnum@gmail.com.

Anyone who enjoys water aerobics is welcome to join our club. New membership dues are \$10. For a membership form, check the kiosk by the activity desk in Anthem Center, or contact Sharon Barnum.

You do not need to be a member of the club to attend Aquacize classes. Anyone with a valid SCA membership card can participate in classes.



Lucky prize winners Carol, Judi, Jeanne, Caryl, Patti and Susan



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Hydrotone class schedule, Anthem Center

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 With Amanda – Mondays, Thursdays and Saturdays, 9 a.m.
 With Eva – Sundays and Tuesdays, 9 a.m.

Capacity is 40 people per class. Classes are \$4 or you can purchase a 10-class pass for \$30.

Warm water class schedule, Liberty Center

With Lolita – Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, 9 a.m.
 and Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9:30 a.m.
 With Graylyn – Mondays and Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.

Capacity is eight people per class. Classes are \$5.

Any updated information on class schedules will be communicated to members through email, or you may consult the weekly eblast news bulletin. Reservations are required and are taken daily from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Make a reservation by phone, 702-638-5756, by email at FitnessReservations@scacai.com, or visit the front desk at Independence Center and fill out a monthly request form.

Aquacize is less stressful on joints and muscles than most exercise done on land. Water supports the body, and the force used in pushing against the water promotes strength. Less gravity in the water allows for a broader range of motion, and exercising in water reduces overheating.

ARTS AND CRAFTS

Arts and Crafts Club **A year of celebrations**

As 2024 draws to a close, it is a wonderful time to reflect on the accomplishments of the Arts and Crafts Club. Our membership is on the rise, currently boasting over 360 members who enjoy 16 special interest groups (SIGs). The leadership team, led by president Mary Ann Thyken for the last two years, has diligently worked to meet members' needs. Their efforts aim to create a safe and well-equipped environment where members can fully engage in their creative pursuits and friendships.

Two orientation sessions were held this year to assist members with navigating the club and all it has to offer. We now have a card scanner for entry into the classroom that helps objectively measure the utilization of the room. In the first three quarters of 2024, there were more than 5,000 member visits.

New equipment has been purchased such as a light table, furniture, and chairs. New kiln lids were installed, lockers were repaired, and the room was revitalized with fresh paint and signage. Scrapbooking and similar activities had significant growth, so an additional die cutting machine was purchased.

The leadership team revised the club's charter to better reflect evolving interests. Their roles were better defined by job descriptions and associated procedures were created to help govern them. Club policies were all updated and a comprehensive safety manual was written as well as reference and resource guides for group leaders and members.

Display cabinets were consolidated at Independence Center, where 36 active sellers of greeting cards jewelry, knit/crochet items, fused glass, polymer clay, needlecraft, and artwork have generated over \$5,600 in gross sales. This has resulted in more than \$550 in net proceeds for the club. If you have not taken a stroll by these cabinets, you are missing a wonderful display of handcrafted items from our community's artisans.



Top row: Sheila Hodis, Marcia Thompson, Claire Veyveris
 Bottom row: Sherry Camden-Anders, Mary Ann Thyken

That's a lot of accomplishments for the Arts and Crafts Club! Our club and community are a better place because of our volunteers, and we are grateful for their willingness to dedicate their time, energy, and talents.

Visit the club's website at acc.scaclub.org to learn more. We welcome you to stop by one of the workshops in Independence Center. Come on out and be creative!

The club president is forever grateful to this group of leaders for an exceptional year! Thanks just isn't enough!

BALLROOM DANCE



Ballroom Dance Club holiday dinner dance

All members are invited to the annual holiday dinner dance on Sunday, December 8, from 4:30 to 8:30 p.m. It is a semi-formal event that will be held in the Anthem Center Ballroom. Please extend an invitation to your friends who are not part of the club to join us for a festive holiday celebration. The cost is \$40 per person for club members and \$55 per person for guests. If you have any questions, reach out to club event coordinator Grace Hwang at 908-797-0404 or gh1986@gmail.com.

The menu will feature:

- Caprese salad
- Chicken marsala
- Lemon dill salmon
- Eggplant parmesan
- Slow-roasted vegetables
- Garlic herb toasted ciabatta bread
- Cheesecake



Winners of the best costume contest

Additionally, each table will receive a bottle of wine. Water, coffee, and tea will also be provided.

Halloween party

The Halloween party on October 13 was an enormous success, with club members and guests coming in their spooky costumes. The occasion was wickedly fun and an afternoon to remember. One of the highlights of the party, aside from the president announcing the winners of the best costume contest, was introducing the newly elected club officers for 2025: John Schwinning, president; Dorris Lung, vice president; Grace Hwang, treasurer; and Greg Castilla, secretary.



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Newly elected club officers Greg Castilla, John Schwinning, Dorris Lung and Grace Hwang

Annual dues

As the year ends, we encourage you to renew your club membership for 2025 to help keep our club going. The annual dues are \$10 per person, and we cannot emphasize enough how important these dues are for supporting our events. We also encourage you to invite your friends to join our club. The Ballroom Dance Club welcomes both newcomers and experienced dancers alike.

Dance lessons and practices

Dance lessons and practices take place weekdays at Liberty Center:

- Mondays, 10 to 11:50 a.m.
- Tuesdays, 2 to 4 p.m.
- Wednesdays, 6 to 8:30 p.m.
- Thursdays, 5 to 6:30 p.m.
- Fridays, 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Visit our website at ballroomdance.scaclub.org to keep current on scheduled practices and lessons with respective instructors.

*I have no desire to prove anything by dancing ... I just dance.
~ Fred Astaire*

Volunteer needed

The club is looking for a volunteer to take over the position of Sue Lynch as decoration director. This position is responsible for decorating the dance hall and its overall physical appearance every time there is a special event.

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BID WHIST - SPADES

The Bid Whist Club is one of the oldest clubs in Sun City Anthem. It was started in 2003 with the idea of giving people a fun-loving way to meet others and play the game of bid whist.

Bid whist is a strategic card game with a rich developmental history and is widely enjoyed by military personnel and on college campuses. Our club also plays the game of Spades which is very similar to bid whist.

Want to play or learn something new? We invite you to come out and join us. We meet every Friday from 5 to 9 p.m. in the Emerson/Franklin Rooms. All SCA members are welcome.

You can also learn more about our club at our website: <https://sites.google.com/view/scabidwhist/home?authuser=0>.

BILLIARDS / POOL

The Billiards Club is a social organization whose purpose is to promote interest in all cue sports. We invite and encourage residents of all skill levels to join our club.

We have a handicap-style Tuesday evening 8-ball league and a Thursday evening 9-ball league. Handicapped tournament play is open to all skill levels. We also hold eight-player tournaments usually at noon on Wednesday and Friday. If you have any interest in playing in either league or tournament play, contact any club officer. Visit our website for exact dates, times, and types of tournaments and to sign up.

We are offering lessons, followed by social play, to women interested in learning how to play pool or improving their game. We can also arrange for personal/private lessons. Call Cheryl Kraft if interested. We hold quarterly meetings throughout the year to discuss issues of interest to our members.

The Billiards Room in Independence Center is open to all residents when the centers are open. If you have never played pool, join us, and you will discover it is a lot of fun. There are 7-foot and 9-foot tables available for open play, as well as a carom table and a snooker table. There are also tables in the gallery at Anthem Center.

Club officers are Cheryl Kraft, president 716-523-2376; Beth Weddle, secretary 702-526-5934; Hank Stuckrath, treasurer 702-558-6392. For more information or to join the club, call any officer or visit our website at SCAPool.org.

BOCCE BALL



Bocce fall season. Fall league play resumed in September and ended in November. Planning for the spring league will begin in December with a tentative start date after mid-February. You can find information, membership details, and registration forms on the club website at bocce.scaclub.org. Direct questions concerning fall or spring leagues to our league coordinator, Marti Morris at morrismj22649@gmail.com.

Recreational. During the fall we continue to have open recreational bocce play on Saturday mornings at 10 a.m. for the remainder of the year. This is open to members and non-members. If you have never played regulation bocce, show up on any Saturday and we will pair you with an experienced player or players to teach you “bocce basics.”

We do not have recreational bocce or bocce lessons if the weather is a problem – e.g., rain, excessive heat or cold – or if a Bocce Club tournament is in progress.

Use of the bocce courts is for SCA residents only.

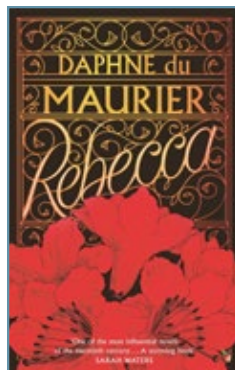
Fall tournaments. We had a successful series of spring and summer tournaments for members, hosting both 2 x 2 and Straight-Ball tournaments. Both formats had great participation. We will continue the 2 x 2 tournaments on Fridays during the fall league and the Straight Ball Shootout on Fridays during the spring league. All tournaments and additional club activities will be listed on the club website’s home page.

Membership. If you’d like to join the club, contact our treasurer, Jan Stahl at jcstahl5@aol.com. Annual dues are \$15 per member and the club supplies all the equipment. We love to teach this easygoing game, so please reach out to us!

If you have questions about the club, go to bocce.scaclub.org or contact any of our officers listed under the “Board” tab on the website.

BOOK

The SCA Book Club meets on the third Thursday of each month to discuss a book the members have selected to read during the year. Our next meeting will be on December 19 in the Morris/ Nelson Room, Independence Center at 1 p.m.



This month’s book selection is *Rebecca* by Daphne du Maurier. It is a true classic of gothic mystery and romance. First published in 1938, it tells the story of a young, inexperienced, and unworldly woman who winds up marrying a much older, sophisticated, and wealthy aristocrat whose massive estate in Cornwall still seems to vibrate with the memory of the man’s deceased first wife. As the second Mrs. De Winter begins to search for more information about her predecessor, what she finds out begins to impact her relationships with everyone around her, including her husband and the cold but competent housekeeper, Mrs. Danvers. Just the thing for a ‘chilly’ winter read here in the desert.

It has been a wonderful year of reading, sharing insights and enjoying the camaraderie of fellow literary adventurers! We were able to celebrate this special SCA community during our annual author’s luncheon where we hosted Amanda Skenandore, an accomplished writer of historical fiction who lives here in the Las Vegas Valley. After a delicious lunch and socializing, she



Library manager Janet Tiernan; treasurer Grace Cheah; secretary Kathleen Dussault; president Michelle Corona; guest author Amanda Skenandore and vice president Lou Anne Pletier

shared her thoughts on the creative process and challenged us to approach history as an opportunity to gain more experience about our world and ourselves. She challenged us with a quiz from the 1900 period of her new book *The Medicine Woman of Galveston* and gave prizes to the high scorers. We thoroughly enjoyed the time spent with this talented author and look forward to reading her works in the future.



Visit SCABookClub.com for more information about the club. Dues are only \$10 for an entire year of fascinating reading, discussion, and literary camaraderie. We're also known to gather after formal discussion, to socialize and get to know each other better. If you'd like to join or just come to check us out, our club president, Michelle Corona is available at michelle@coronahome.net should you have a question.

Club members also volunteer at the SCA library in Independence Center, open to all SCA residents on the honor system. The library's collection includes fiction and nonfiction books, magazines, puzzles and more. Book donations are welcome but only those published within the past 10 years can be accepted.

Michelle Corona, president; Lou Anne Peltier, vice president; Grace Cheah, treasurer; Kathleen Dussault, secretary; Janet Tiernan, library manager.

BOWLING

The Bowling Club promotes bowling for SCA residents. Our no-dues club meets once a year in October to elect officers and to review club issues, if any. Club president Dan Martens is the point of contact for club business. Other officers are vice president Larry Orlov and secretary/treasurer Robbi Senneke. The club conducts two bowling leagues at the South Point Bowling Center. If you are interested in joining either of these leagues, please contact the respective league secretary using information below.

The primary Bowling Club League is the Sin City Seniors Bowling League which bowls every Thursday at South Point. The four-person, mixed-gender teams bowl at 10 a.m. This league is open to bowlers who are age 55 or over. SCA residents have priority in filling vacant spots. Any remaining vacancies may be filled by non-residents. Only SCA resident bowlers will be included as members of the SCA Bowling Club. Each league member pays an annual USBC sanction fee plus a weekly bowling fee. League officers are president Bill Anderson, vice president Peter Gebhardt and secretary/treasurer Larry Orlov.

The 2024-2025 fall/winter season started September 5 and continues through May. The league is always looking for new bowlers, so if you're looking for a great social activity (as well as a little exercise) consider joining the Sin City Seniors Bowling League. For information regarding this league or to sign up, contact Larry at 702-325-9800 or sincityseniors@gmail.com, or Bill at 708-254-4232.

League officers develop the team listings and schedule. The secretary also maintains a list of individuals who wish to bowl. Vacancies due to illness, moving, or injury occur year-round. Be sure to contact Larry to fill these openings or get on the wait list.

A second league, the Anthem Rollers, is a 9:30 a.m. Monday league with three-person mixed-gender teams. This league is open to bowlers who are age 55 or over. The 2024-2025 fall/winter season will start in late August 2024.

The officers of the Anthem Rollers league are president Karen Miller, vice president Joe Halby and secretary/treasurer Morrie Mansell. This is not an SCA Bowling Club member league. To join or inquire about this league contact Morrie at 702-617-2565. Alternatively, you can get in touch with Debi Chapman at the South Point bowling desk at 702-797-8080, ext. 77174 or chapmand@southpointcasino.com.

BUNCO

The Bunco Club meets Mondays from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room in Liberty Center. Please be there by 6 p.m. to ensure a seat. We start playing at 6:30 p.m.

Bunco is a social dice game that involves 100% luck and no skill, because no decisions need to be made. Keeping score and our rules are simple. If you can throw three dice and count, you should

join our club and enjoy this easy-to-learn, fast-paced game. Don't worry if you have never played before because everyone at your table will be happy to help you learn.

If your Monday night routine could use a change and some fun, come join us for bunco. You will meet new friends and neighbors, catch up with old friends, and enjoy a fun night out. Bring a partner or friend. Everyone is welcome.

Membership is \$5 per year and \$2 to play each week. Call president Marci Turkel for more information at 702-327-3377, or secretary Carol Butler, at 702-586-7011. Come play every Monday. Hope to see you there.

CANASTA



Welcome to the world of canasta! Here you will find a mind-stimulating, social card game in a congenial atmosphere where your competitive spirit can thrive. The Canasta Club is for you.

This fascinating game of American-style canasta is a partnership game where you are part of a team. You will play offense and defense while giving silent signals to your partner. Tables can consist of four, five, or six players. It doesn't matter whether you've never played canasta, haven't played in years, or are just rusty.

There is always a welcome table where you may play. The club continues to offer lessons in American canasta. All supplies are provided by the club, including a guideline to scoring. All forms of canasta and groups are always welcome.

We meet Thursdays and Sundays in Liberty Center from noon to 4 p.m. For more information regarding our teaching program, contact president Fran Gardberg, FranGardberg4Canasta@gmail.com, or vice president Beverly Pollock, at 702-269-4698.

CERAMICS

The Ceramics Club is proud to offer a variety of opportunities to experience all facets of ceramics. We have two wheels for throwing pottery. A slab roller and all kinds of molds, stamps and textures are available for hand building. The club offers a selection of molded greenware for sale to members who would rather start with a formed piece. Members organize classes to share basic information for beginners or more advanced hand building or glazing techniques. We have three kilns so both class and individual project firing are free and timely.

All of this is made possible by members who volunteer to administer the club, lead classes, run the kilns, pour greenware and so much more. The club is a chance to interact with fellow ceramicists and learn new skills, but it is also a way to support others who share your creative interests and your community. We have window sales, craft fairs, social events, website maintenance, and orientations. There is so much that goes into maintaining a successful club that everyone can find a way to contribute and feel fully invested.

The SCA Club Fair will take place on December 7 from 9 a.m. to noon in Anthem Center. This is a great introduction to all the activities and social opportunities available in our community. Stop by the Ceramics Club table to learn about us or drop into the Ceramics Room any time to see the many ways members pursue this creative hobby. Additionally, our room's window features a wonderful selection of unique gifts such as puzzle pots and platters, vases, jewelry, and, of course, holiday items.

New members are always welcome, but joining now ensures that you are ready to start your adventure with the Beginning Series classes and Hand Building orientation offered early in the new year.

CHICAGO

It may seem a little nutty to show Halloween photos in December, but this is our first opportunity to share them with you. We are a fun and welcoming club that would love to have you join us. You don't need to be from Chicago, just be ready to have a great time.

We are planning our events for next year. Be sure to mark your calendars for the creative fun that only the Chicago Club can bring to you!

- January 19 – We know, but we are not telling yet.
- March 16 – This must be a St. Patrick's Day party!
- May 10 – We don't know yet, but of course, it will be fabulous.
- October 26 – Yes, this is our Halloween event.



Clubs



We held our elections for 2025 board members via email and here are the talented individuals who will lead our club in the new year:

Rich Blotner, president
Vanessa Ram, vice president programs
Pat Westbrook, vice president membership
Juanita Brown, treasurer
Mary Ann Dering, secretary
Margo Perusse, at large
Ken Moye, at large
Alan Gerstner, at large

You can visit our club website at chicago.scaclub.org which also gives you our calendar and manages our membership database and mailings for us. For more information about the club, contact us at SCAChicagoclub@gmail.com. For inquiries about dues or event payments contact Chicagoclubtreasurer@gmail.com. To pay your \$15 dues as a new member, make the check out to Sun City Anthem Community Association, Inc. and put it in our club mailbox in Anthem Center across from fitness.

CHINESE HERITAGE

CHC membership renewal and new sign ups, which began in September, are proceeding smoothly. If you have any questions, contact one of our club leaders. You can find their names on the CHC website.

CHC sponsored activities

CHC offers a variety of regular activities for residents of the Sun City Anthem community. Anyone can become a CHC member for \$10 per year and participate in these activities. Before committing to membership, residents can try any program for up to three classes free of charge. If you are interested in learning more or becoming a member, visit our website at chc.scaclub.org.

Chinese Arts and Crafts on Fridays from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at Liberty Center. Contact Frieda Li at 858-652-9016 or email ahfanli@yahoo.com.

Chinese Folk Dance on Tuesdays from 4:30 to 6 p.m., Fridays from 5:45 to 7:15 p.m., and Sundays from 3 to 4:30 p.m. at Liberty Center. Contact Lina Tsao at 702-321-7373 or email ltsao50@yahoo.com.

Health Enhancement Gatherings on Mondays from 5:15 to 6:45 p.m., Thursdays from 2:15 to 3:45 p.m., and Fridays from 9:30 to 11 a.m. at Liberty Center. Contact Lena Fong at 650-305-9590 or email lenafong@gmail.com.

Modern Chinese Dance on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Sundays from 8:30 to 10 a.m. at Liberty Center. Contact Reenie Wang at 732-485-2469 or email ReenieWang@hotmail.com.

Yuan Ji Dance on Mondays from 7:45 to 9:15 a.m., Wednesdays from 7:15 to 8:45 a.m., and Fridays from 7:45 to 9:15 a.m. at

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Liberty Center. Contact Chiming Hsu at 718-291-4590 or email chiminghsu44@gmail.com.

Chinese Literary Society on the second Tuesday of the quarter, from 2 to 5 p.m. in the Greene room, Anthem Center. Contact Anna Wang at 609-651-0877 or email annaxxwang@gmail.com.

COMPUTER

The Computer Club, located in Anthem Center, is open to any SCA resident in good standing. Visit our website at computer.scaclub.org to learn about us in detail.

One of our most active classes is Computer Talk, which meets on Thursdays at 9 a.m. In this comfortable group setting, you can ask for and share advice and opinions with a wide group of computer aficionados, including several folks who are highly seasoned in their various computer fields.

To join, visit our website and click on “Join the Club.” Fill out the online application. Then stop by the Computer Room so that the monitor on duty can finish processing your application. Be sure to bring your SCA membership card. Dues – \$10 per person per year – can be paid in cash (exact amount, we do not make change) or by check. Check should be made payable to Sun City Anthem Community Association, Inc. The monitor has a stamp, so you won’t have to write it all out.

Computer Club hours are Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. We are closed on Sunday for maintenance. Here are some benefits of membership:

- Access to our club facilities and use of our computers, scanners, printers, DVD duplicator, and fax machine. Members may print or copy a maximum of 10 pages per day. The club provides all paper. *We do not allow members to use their own paper.*
- Free classes – computer and iPhone / iPad. Check out the Calendar and Classes sections on our website for class offerings and descriptions. Classes may be taken as many times and as often as one desires.
- Monthly newsletters.
- Access to our house call program. For a \$20 donation to our club, our house call volunteers can provide personalized



Computer Club members meet weekly to brainstorm

instruction, assistance in troubleshooting and resolving computer issues, setting up a computer on your home network, etc. Visit the House Call section on our website for details, as well as a list of the volunteers and their areas of expertise.

- Learn and share useful information with fellow members. Discuss computer products, security, resolving issues, using specific applications, etc. See the calendar on our website for dates and times for Computer Talk and Apple Talk. All sessions meet in the computer classroom in Anthem Center.
- Periodic general membership meetings with the chance to win \$50.

To get more involved in our club, consider volunteering as a monitor, instructor, classroom aide or house call volunteer. Contact Warren Begas at manager@computer.scaclub.org for more information. To reach the computer lab call 702-614-5871.

CURRENT EVENTS AND HISTORY



Do you think Tom Brady’s new ownership position with the Las Vegas Raiders will influence the team’s performance? Should the United States resume nuclear testing? If your preferred presidential candidate wins, and the state of the country two years later is poor, would you acknowledge any failure by your candidate? These are just a few issues discussed recently at our club meetings.

These are opinion topics, and that is what we are: an opinion club. Since opinions can and do vary widely, we have rules designed to encourage participation and keep the discussions on point. These rules include a reminder that our meetings are for information and entertainment, that all opinions are encouraged and welcome, and will be respected, and that civility and politeness are expected. This is important as we do our best to respect the opinions of all.

We continue with our speakers’ forum as well. The forum allows club members who have knowledge in an area to highlight their expertise by doing a presentation to the club. The final topic for this year is *What is science?* This discussion will take place on December 2. Upcoming topics for 2025 (specific dates are TBD) include:

Stealth development and impact on the Air Force

What happened in the 2024 election and why: polls, research and media impressions

Guns and American history: from flintlocks to today

We meet on Monday mornings and Thursday afternoons. On Mondays we start with sports. This gives members a chance to brag (or lament) about their favorite school or hometown team or a sports incident that has caught their attention. On Thursdays we start with what happened that week in history. Next come Flips, which are short statements regarding an issue you may like (flip up) or dislike (flip down).

Following Flips are PSAs, general announcements made about club or association interests. Topics are then introduced, and club members may choose to offer their opinions or listen to others. Typically, there are two to four topics presented in the meeting, which runs for two hours. Each meeting is overseen by a club moderator who introduces the topics and manages the flow of the discussions.

If this sounds interesting, stop in at Anthem Center from 10 a.m. to noon on Mondays, or 2 to 4 p.m. on Thursdays. If you enjoy the experience, you can join the club for \$10 per year.

For more information contact club president Chuck Mazursky at chuckmaz222@gmail.com or 310-701-2571 or club secretary David Allen at david.allen50@gmail.com or 916-212-8506.

DEMOCRATIC

Democracy cannot succeed unless those who express their choice are prepared to choose wisely. The real safeguard of democracy, therefore, is education. ~ Franklin Delano Roosevelt

The SCA Democratic Club seeks to advance the historical and cultural contributions inherent in the Democratic Party and to promote public policy through political issue analysis, education, recruitment, and other activities. We support the right to affordable healthcare, a woman's reproductive rights, voting rights, minority rights, and the right to a more equitable society.

Dozens of club members stepped up to help with "get out the vote" efforts on behalf of Democratic candidates up and down the ballot in the November election. These efforts, meant to help ensure a large voter turnout, included letter writing, phone calls, and canvassing. Connecting with neighbors who have a strong interest in understanding the issues and voting in November was a positive, rewarding, and joyful experience for these volunteers. Uplifting conversations took place that will be remembered for years to come.



A full house at a recent meeting of the Democratic Club

Throughout the past year, we have welcomed a variety of speakers who shared engaging topics and addressed questions from our club members.

- Former Governor Steve Sisolak
- Nevada Supreme Court Chief Justice
- Majority Leader of the Nevada State Senate
- Executive Director of the Nevada American Civil Liberties Union
- Director of the Henderson District Public Libraries
- Young Democrats of Nevada
- Nevadans for Reproductive Rights
- Nevadans for Reproductive Freedom
- Actions for Nevada Now
- Candidates and representatives of candidates running for office in the 2024 election.

We are proud that the SCA Democratic Club has 500 members, making it the largest Democratic Club in Nevada. Monthly meetings draw an average of 150 attendees and take place on the third Wednesday of the month in Independence Center. Doors open at 5:30 p.m.

As we approach 2025, we will continue to offer interesting speakers and advocacy opportunities. We invite all those who share our vision, our values, and our passion to become members and join us every month. For more information about the club, contact David Hatton at djhatton9@gmail.com or visit the club's website at democratic.scaclub.org.

DUPLICATE BRIDGE

Why do people enjoy playing bridge? Bridge is the perfect balance of fun and logic. As we age, it is important to challenge our brains.

Duplicate bridge is a competitive form of bridge in which the same hands are played successively by different partnerships. In other words, a single hand of bridge is "duplicated" so it can be played a dozen or more times in a session of bridge.

Duplication of hands takes the luck of the cards out of play, thus providing fair competition. When you and your partner play a hand that is subsequently played by a dozen other pairs, the resulting range of scores represents a true picture of the relative skill of all the pairs playing that hand and "the luck of the cards" is eliminated.

Our club is open to all levels of players, beginner through expert. The games are not sanctioned by the American Contract Bridge League; therefore, points are not awarded.

However, we abide by ACBL rules and standards of play. Scores and recaps are sent to all members following each game. The yearly dues of \$10 provide a wonderful opportunity to play in a competitive but friendly environment.

Our games are played in the Emerson/Franklin Rooms. Play times are Wednesdays from 5:30 to 9 p.m. and Saturdays from noon to 3:30 p.m. Please arrive 15 minutes before the start time.

If you would like to play, but need a partner, contact Joan Fine at 413-531-3770 or Arline Rubin at 210-383-2995. If you want to know more, we welcome you to stop in before the start of the game.

FILIPINIANA



On October 2, club members took a second trip to St. George, Utah to see the musical play Frozen at the Tuacahn outdoor theater. The story centers around the relationship between two princess sisters, Elsa and Anna. Elsa has magical powers to freeze objects and people, which she does not know how to control. After inheriting the throne, Elsa flees, inadvertently causing the kingdom to become frozen in an eternal winter, and nearly kills her sister. She must sacrifice and show true love to save the day. It was a fun production with familiar songs throughout.



The stage is ready for the performance of Frozen to begin



Folks at seat drawing for the bus trip



Club members await the start of the show

Upcoming event

The Christmas party will be on December 1.

Next year's events

Independence party, June 7
Christmas party, December 13

We are looking for ideas for a club trip in 2025. If you have any suggestions, contact us at the numbers below.

For details on upcoming events or to express interest in potential future events, contact Vivian Enverga at 702-353-5551 or Carmelo Belay at 702-613-6807. Note our website is currently undergoing improvements.

Membership

If you are new to the community or have any changes, contact Linda Joven at 908-451-8129 or erlindajoven7@gmail.com.

FINANCIAL



The Anthem Financial Club empowers our members to make their own financial decisions and provides forums for member discussion of financial concepts and issues.

This month's quote: *The stock market is the only place when the items go on sale, people run out of the store.* ~ Warren Buffet

Each month a knowledgeable guest speaker discusses financial and economic items covering topics such as investment management, trading strategies, taxes, Medicare, estate planning, IRAs, casino management, local government, economics, utilities, and more.



The next meeting will be Thursday, December 5 at 4 p.m. in the Delaware Room. Our guest speaker will be Melissa Matson. Melissa is a licensed insurance professional focused on helping pre-retirees and retirees preserve and grow their retirement savings utilizing strategic retirement income planning. This will be an educational talk on methods of tax savings and growing and preserving your investment capital.

The club conducts three discussion groups in Liberty Center.

- The Breakfast Group discusses a variety of subjects from fixed investments to insurance. Next meeting is on Wednesday, December 11 at 9 a.m.
- The Stock Group examines aspects of selecting, timing, buying, and selling stocks. Next meeting is on Friday, December 20 at 2 p.m.
- The ETF Group focuses on exchange-traded funds and mutual funds for income and growth in your portfolio. This group will not meet in December.

Be sure to check the club website at financial.scaclub.org frequently.

Clubs

GARDEN

At our meeting on December 9, Alec Pridgeon will present an updated, humorous reprise of a comprehensive talk with new videos on Nevada's hummingbirds and their favorite nectar-bearing flowers. Learn what plants attract them to your garden here in Anthem, what feeders to buy, and why Sir David Attenborough has ranked them among the most spectacular creatures on Earth.

For our first presentation in the new year, SCA's Assistant Facilities and Landscape Director, Larry Fossan, plans to discuss and illustrate irrigation principles and materials with giveaways for attendees. Drip irrigation is probably the least understood landscape issue among homeowners. How often do I water? How many gallons per minute? How do I set the timer? What emitters should I buy, and where do I place them? Larry, who led the team that made the common areas of SCA water-smart, will have all the answers. Your plants will thank you for attending.

Be sure and attend the SCA Club Fair in Anthem Center on Saturday, December 7, to renew your membership easily and enjoy the rewards that come along with it, such as the free house calls and refreshments at meetings.

We meet in the Penn/Morris/Nelson Rooms, Independence Center from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. on the second Monday of each month except July and August. Free coffee, tea, and cookies are available from 9 a.m.



Female Costa's hummingbird visiting red yucca



Male Costa's hummingbird drinking from aloe flower



Male Costa's hummingbird on almond

SCA residents are welcome to attend two meetings per year without joining. Dues for 2025 remain \$15; checks may be made payable exactly to: Sun City Anthem Community Association, Inc. with "Garden Club" on the memo line. Enrollment forms are also available at the Anthem Center kiosk and on our website at garden.scaclub.org and can be placed in the Garden Club mailbox located outside Anthem's Fitness Center along with your check payable as above. Email questions about the club to its president, Dr. Alec Pridgeon at apridg1@gmail.com.

HAND AND FOOT

You get two "hands" in our game. It's almost like cheating! Actually, hand and foot gives you a second chance to score; after you play all the cards in your first hand, you pick up and play the second (your "foot"). With the help of your partner, you compete against another duo and play to the finish!

Seven identical cards are "booked", and if there are no wild cards, they're pure (red) and count 500 points. With one or two wild cards, they're dirty or black, and count 300 points. Unlike canasta, red threes count against you (100 points each!) when you add up the final points.

We meet twice a week in the Morris/Nelson Rooms in Independence Center. Tuesday games start promptly at 5:30 p.m. Please try to arrive by 5:15 p.m. On Fridays, play begins promptly at 12:30 p.m. Please try to arrive by 12:15 p.m. No one can start after those times.

We welcome new players to enjoy the camaraderie and game. Questions? Contact Charlene at acwakkuri@gmail.com.

HAVURAH



Shalom. "Havurah," loosely translated from Hebrew, means "friendship circle." The club began in 2002 when a group of 40 people came together to form a social club that would celebrate Jewish holidays and culture. Over the years, the group has grown to approximately 375 members. We welcome singles and couples of all beliefs to join us. We are dedicated to providing a warm, friendly environment.



Sufganyot (jelly donuts) are traditional Chanukah treats. The oil used to fry them is symbolic of the oil that miraculously lasted for 8 days



The menorah (candelabra), dreidel (spinning top), and sufganyot are symbols of Chanukah



Latkes (potato pancakes) are a traditional Chanukah food fried in oil. They can also be made with carrots

Our annual Chanukah Gala, with a "Light the Night" theme will take place on Saturday, December 21. Each attendee will have a chance to win one of several wonderful gift baskets. We will enjoy a sumptuous dinner buffet catered by Yorktown Grill. This year, we will once again enjoy the entertainment and dance to the music of Cool Change.

Save the date

Friday, January 24 will be our first Shabbat Dinner of the year. A program, to be announced, will follow. Members receive details of our events via email.

If you have recently joined the club but have not yet attended a new member welcome meeting, contact Ricki Weintraub at ricketweintraub@att.net or Carol Levey at carolclevey@gmail.com to sign up for one. These are wonderful opportunities to meet other members in a small setting and learn more about our club.

For more details, membership forms, upcoming events, photo galleries, and to contact any leadership team member, visit our website at Havurah.scaclub.org. You can also find membership forms at the kiosk outside the Activities office. The Havurah mailbox is located across from the fitness desk at Anthem Center.

Clubs

Membership dues are \$15 per person. Questions? Contact our president Debbie Blonder at DebbieBlonder@icloud.com or 703-624-0897.

Jewish Tidbits –

What is Chanukah (Hannukah)?

The story of Chanukah began in 167 B.C.E. when Jerusalem was ruled by the Greek Empire. King Antiochus IV forced the Jews to renounce their religion and to worship the Greek gods in their own Temple, which had been desecrated. This resulted in a revolt by the Jews, led by Judas Maccabeus. The Maccabee army forced Antiochus IV out of Judea, reclaimed the Temple, and rebuilt the altar. When the altar was completed, the rededication included relighting the menorah — a candelabra. The soldiers only had enough oil to light the menorah for a single night, but that little bit of oil lasted for eight full nights — thus the Miracle of Chanukah. That is why Chanukah lasts for eight nights and is referred to as the Festival of Lights.

This holiday season, Chanukah will be celebrated in two different months and two different years! It begins on December 25 and ends on January 2.

HIKING AND OUTING



One of our Hiking Club members, Karen Gibson, embarked on an extensive hike this summer, and we wanted to share some highlights with you.

Karen took on the historic Camino de Santiago, a renowned pilgrimage route leading to the shrine of the apostle Saint James the Great in the Cathedral of Santiago de Compostela in Galicia, Spain. For over a thousand years, pilgrims have walked this famous path, known for its scenic landscapes, rich cultural heritage, and spiritual significance, attracting people from all over the world.



Taking a break with fellow walkers in Riego de Ambros



100 km to go

Why do people embark on this journey? The reasons vary — from spiritual growth and physical challenges to a break from daily life and a chance to meet fellow travelers. With multiple routes available, each one offering unique history and spectacular sights, Karen chose the Camino Francés (French Way).

Starting in Saint-Jean-Pied-de-Port on the French side of the Pyrenees, Karen stopped by the chamber office to pick up her stamp book and Camino shell. The shell clipped to her backpack, marked her as a pilgrim, and she collected stamps along the route. Covering 500 miles on foot, she completed her journey in 38 days!

Preparation and planning were key to Karen's adventure, including careful consideration of what to bring: sleeping essentials, laundry items, weather gear, snacks, and personal care. Carrying everything in her pack, she navigated Spain by watching for the distinctive yellow scallop shells that have marked the route for centuries.

The journey experience. Along the way, Karen stayed in albergues (like hostels) located in towns and villages along the route. These welcoming places often provided group meals, beds, and showers for pilgrims. Her favorite part of the journey was sharing life experiences with people from around



Arrival at Cathedral of Santiago de Compostela

the world, enjoying communal meals, and embracing the long, contemplative walks alone on the trail. She met a diverse range of people, from their early 20s to their 80s, including both Camino veterans and first-timers.

Among the many route markers, the one indicating 100 kilometers left to go held special significance for Karen, as it was there, she felt confident she would finish the journey. Upon reaching the final stop in Santiago de Compostela, she was thrilled to receive her certificate of completion and final stamp.

Challenges on the trail. The terrain varied daily, from rocky paths to narrow roadways, though vehicles were rarely an issue on the route. Karen’s biggest challenge was navigating the rocky sections in her trail running shoes. Next time, she says, she would opt for hiking boots.

Memorable moments. Karen’s favorite memories include her arrival in Santiago and the days that followed, including meeting friends, attending Mass, witnessing the swinging of the giant incense burner (Botafumeiro), and leaving a memorable stone in the cathedral. She describes letting go of the past and embracing the Camino, where she learned the true beauty of living in the moment.

Join us for our next general membership meeting in the Delaware Room on Tuesday, January 28 at 8:30 a.m.

Opening December

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HORSE RACING



Have you ever walked past a casino sports book and heard all the yelling and excitement over a horse race and wondered why? Well, join the Sun City Anthem Horse Racing Club to find out.

On Friday mornings, many members of the club have been meeting online to handicap the following Saturday's races. All club members are invited to join us at the South Point Hotel and Casino's Race and Sports Book. Don't be left at the gate. Join our club, and we'll wager you are bound to have fun. We are a dues-free club. See you there! Contact Bill Hoge at 702-776-7793, or our president, Ralph, at 702-685-7246, for more information.

INTERNATIONAL CULTURAL CONNECTIONS



"I have something that I call my Golden Rule. It goes something like this: 'Do unto others twenty-five percent better than you expect them to do unto you.' ... The twenty-five percent is for error." ~ Linus Pauling

December celebrations

- December 5 – Krampusnacht
- December 8 – Bodhi Day, Immaculate Conception
- December 11 – Ping'an Ye
- December 13 – Saint Lucia
- December 16 to 24 – Las Posadas
- December 21 – Solstice
- December 25 – Christmas, Mele Kalikimaka, and Pasko
- Dec 25 to Jan 2 – Hanukkah
- Dec 26 – Boxing Day, Commonwealth of Nations
- Dec 26 to January 1 – Kwanzaa
- December 26 – Saint Stephen's Day
- Dec 31 – New Year's Eve, Omisoka



Judy and Linda

The "Holidays Around the World" champagne brunch will take place on Sunday, December 1.

Thank you. Gracias, Merci, Danke, Xie Xie, Mahalo, Arigatou, and more to our wonderful social committee, entertainers, and all those who share the spirit of the holidays with us. We LOVE our volunteers and supporters! Photos and videos will be in our gallery on our website at iccc.scaclub.org soon.

Monthly meetups

Who likes meetings? Nobody! That is why we are changing our approach for 2025. We will host monthly Monday meetups in the Nelson Room, Independence Center, which will be informal celebrations of a featured culture. Expect a short video, a variety of entertainment, dancers, singers, chats, and music. Of course, there will be refreshments to match the theme. Visit our website for dates and times. Let us know if you would like to contribute in any way to feature your heritage.

Save the date

Our election for officers is scheduled for December 11 from 2 to 5 p.m. in the Nelson room, Independence Center featuring a festive vibe with refreshments and music. We invite you to join us and to bring a new member along. We are asking for help in planning, organizing and secretarial duties to support our fun activities.

Member feature



Grace Lin moved to SCA in 2017 from California. She started dancing hula with her mother at home in the 80s and then joined two prominent hula schools or "halau" before moving to Nevada. She now teaches the Kapuna Hula Ladies through the SCA Performing Arts Club. They recently won a gold medal at the 2024 Nevada Senior Games for dance. Grace is of Taiwanese descent and is also immensely fond of the Hawaiian culture and believes the best way to express the culture is through hula. Mahalo to the Kapuna Hula



Ladies who are sharing their aloha at our December 1 event. Mele Kalikimaka and Hau'oli Makahiki Hou to these beautiful dancers and all on our 9th Island.

Join us

Become a member today and your \$10 annual dues will be valid through 2025. We will be at the SCA Club Fair on Saturday, December 7 in Anthem Center. Stop by our table located near the stage. You can also fill out a membership request online at iccc.scaclub.org. Checks should be payable to Sun City Anthem Community Assoc. Inc. with ICCC noted on the memo line and deposited in our mailbox in the Fitness Center mailbox. Applications are also located at the kiosk located near the Activities office or send an email to phyllperryiccc@gmail.com

"Connecting Cultures, Creating Friendships"

ITALIAN FORUM



Buon Giorno.

We hope you had a fulfilling Thanksgiving. Yes, it has been an unpredictable year, with peaks and valleys in various areas of our lives. Let us take the time this holiday season to enjoy, smile and relax. Let's love and celebrate Christmas, Chanukah, and the new year together. Take the time to pray for all those in need. A simple call, a thoughtful card, a good deed, or a kind gesture is all it takes to brighten someone's day. May our goodness shine. Amore in pace! Love and peace.

The Christmas season in Italy officially begins on December 8, the Day of the Immaculate Conception. In churches, piazzas, and homes throughout the country, elaborate decorations abound. The Nativity scene, depicting the Three Wise Men (the Magi), bringing gifts to the manger in Bethlehem for the infant Jesus, is most often the focal point. Babbo Natale (Father Christmas) and gift giving on Christmas Eve are now becoming more popular in Italy. However, many Italian families still follow the tradition of the La Befana, the old woman who brings gifts on the eve of the Epiphany, January 5.



Chanukah is also celebrated passionately in Italy, with Rome having one of the oldest Jewish communities in Western Europe, dating back to 160 B.C. The Festival of Lights lasts for eight days and commemorates the rededication of the Second Holy Temple in Jerusalem in 165 B.C.

Upcoming

We look forward to seeing you at our Let It Snow holiday gala on December 4. It promises to be an elegant and fun event.

If you would like to meet warm people and experience quality events, while sharing various aspects of the beautiful Italian culture, come join us. Our goal is always to leave you with a little bit of Italy in your mind and heart. Everyone is welcome. You can access more information, membership forms, election results, and more on the Italian Forum Club's website at ItalianForum.SCAClub.org.

We at the Italian Forum Club would like to wish all of you, your family, and your friends a peaceful and happy holiday! It is a wonderful time to share love with those who have a special place in your heart. Merry Christmas! Buon Natale. Happy New Year! Felice Anno Nuovo. Ciao for now.

Club officers are Dean McQuillan, president; Sal Longo, vice president; Fred Napurano, treasurer; Deanna Johnson, secretary; and Dorlisa McQuillan, event coordinator.

LIFELONG LEARNING



The Lifelong Learning Club pursues knowledge through the presentation of lectures on topics of general interest to the public.

Defending Your Money: Protecting You and Your Finances Against Fraud

Gary Barboa
Chief investigator, office of Nevada State Secretary,
Criminal Investigations Division
Monday, December 2
10 a.m., Delaware Room

This presentation will discuss the hazards of investment fraud. What are some of the newest scams? Do you know what cryptocurrency is? Can you spot a romantic scam? Do you know how to file a complaint if you have been the victim of a scam? Get help identifying the resources available to you.

Latest Developments Between Israel and the Middle East

Uri Ram, Brigadier General (Retired),
Israeli Defense Forces, Israeli Air Defense
Tuesday, December 10
1 p.m., Delaware Room



Uri Ram

Many SCA residents are already familiar with Uri's informed presentations. Lifelong Learning is so pleased to offer this opportunity to our club members and offer access to other interested residents.

There will be no meeting on Monday, December 16, and the discussion group planned for Friday, December 27 has also been canceled.



On October 29, Lifelong Learning sponsored an outing to the Atomic Museum. Deputy director and museum curator, Joe Kent welcomed club member John Marshall who donated a 1956 Hoffman Labs Hunter Geiger Counter. This vintage device had never left its box and was warmly accepted by the museum.



MAH JONGG



The board of the Mah Jongg Club wishes everyone a happy, healthy, and safe holiday season.

The Mah Jongg Club promotes the social aspects of this beloved game. One benefit of joining the club is receiving free lessons for American and Asian mah jongg. Over the years individuals have taken advantage of this wonderful opportunity and have met many people and formed new friendships.

Club members enjoy birthday celebrations on the third Tuesday of each month at noon in the Morris/Nelson Rooms, with at least 40 members in attendance for the celebration. And for the icing on the cupcakes or cookies, a lucky club member receives a gift card.

Club officers meet the third Tuesday of each month at 10 a.m. in the Morris/Nelson Rooms. All club members are welcome to attend and share their suggestions.

2025 Mah Jongg Club officers

Jackie Carroll, president	Jolie Rubin, secretary
Marilyn Doran, vice president	Jacqueline Preta, treasurer



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Upcoming event

December 10 – holiday party (save something for the White Elephant Gift Exchange). The event will take place in the Morris/Nelson Room with a catered lunch. Watch emails for more information.

Looking to start a game or wish to sub? Check the bulletin board in the Morris/Nelson mah jongg room. If you wish to learn the fun and social game of American or Asian mah jongg, free lessons will be given when a group of at least four is formed. If interested in Asian lessons, contact Dottie Gennes at 702-202-3459 or dotti@aol.com.

If you are interested in American lessons, Marilyn Doran will be teaching on Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to noon in the Morris/Nelson Room. For inquiries, reach out to Marilyn at marilyndlv@gmail.com. You must be a club member to receive lessons.

If you find a mah jongg tile, please put it in an envelope and mark it lost tile and leave it in the Morris/Nelson Room.

SCA Asian mah jongg fan cards are available for \$3 from any club officer. Call or text club president Jackie Carroll at 909-263-7989.

May you have many mah jonggs!

MULTIMEDIA



Television is an invention that permits you to be entertained in your living room by people you wouldn't have in your home. ~ David Frost

What is the Multimedia Club?

We invite you to watch a video featuring our cast members found on the club's webpage at

multimedia.scaclub.org/node/14.

It's the season to sit in front of a cozy crackling fireplace. If you don't have one, thanks to the magic of television and AI, you can click your remote and enjoy an amazing selection of fireplace options. From scenes featuring dogs and cats to music and animations, there's a fireplace to suit every home. There is also a Hanukkah fireplace video.

In 1966, the TV Yule Log was introduced in New York City by Fred Throver, the president and chief officer of WPIX. This was a thoughtful and different gift for residents in apartments and homes without fireplaces. It also allowed his employees at his station to stay home with their families on December 25. Go to the story on our website at multimedia.scaclub.org to see our favorite Yule log choices to share and enjoy.

Holiday happy hour

Members and guests are invited to join us on December 12 at 5 p.m. in the Nelson Room, Independence Center. Don your ugly holiday sweater or T-shirt, funny hats, or horns, and come join the festivities! If you haven't become a member yet, do not miss out! Sign up on our website now for the chance to win a prize at the event. For just \$10 annually, you can enjoy the many club benefits, all of which are detailed on our website.



Workshops

Check the website calendar for our upcoming workshops.

Member reels

Every month we have a new subject. Join us for a delightful experience filled with creativity, learning, tips, and camaraderie. We thank all the members of our leadership team for all their achievements this past year, and we congratulate Team 25! An exciting year awaits us filled with podcasts, music videos, AI workshops, and more.

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Spooky AI workshop by Mike Molony



We hope that your New Year's resolutions include joining the Multimedia Club. Come see us at the SCA Club Fair on December 7, Anthem Center. For information, new member orientation and more, contact club president, Phyll Perry at multimediasca@gmail.com.

Whatever holiday you are celebrating this month we wish you Season's greetings!

It's a WRAP!



NEW YORK METRO

NEW YORK METRO CLUB

Welcome to December and happy holidays to all!



The New York Metro Club's leadership team has been hard at work planning wonderful events for the new year. In addition to our Bagel Brunch Night and annual Deli Night, there will be a Halloween party in October. To learn more, stop by the New York Metro Club's table at the Club Fair in Anthem Center on Saturday, December 7 from 9 a.m. to noon.

The next event will be a celebration of the Chinese New Year on January 30. Stay tuned for more information and join us for a fun and delicious evening.

The New York Metro Club is dedicated to bringing New York fun and excitement to SCA residents who hail from or have connections to the east coast. The club is open to members in good standing in SCA who enjoy fun events. We welcome and appreciate new members.

Find membership applications at Anthem Center, either on the kiosk outside the Fitness Center or near the main entrance. Contact Diane Askwyth, club president for an application or for more information at diane52a@gmail.com or sca.ny.metro@outlook.com.

PADDLE TENNIS



What's all the racket going on at Liberty Center? It's paddle tennis! If you like to have fun while exercising, then this is the club for you.

This great sport is not the same as tennis. The court is much smaller, the net is lower, and we use paddles and deflated tennis balls.

Don't worry if you have never played before. Our fellow members will get you started. You don't even have to worry about bringing equipment. Our club supplies paddles and balls for your use during club hours. All you need to do is show up with non-marking court shoes.

We play at Liberty Center and our dues are \$10 per year. Club play days are Sunday, Tuesday, and Friday mornings at 8:30 a.m. For more information contact ReneeCochran1@gmail.com.

PAN



Come join us! Get out of the house and learn an exciting new card game similar to gin rummy. This game is played with up to eight people using eight decks of cards. There are runs and sets, and no 8s, 9s, or

10s, so a run would be a 6, 7, and Jack. Certain cards are pay cards, and all spades are double.

We play in the Anthem Gallery near the Fitness Center on Mondays, Thursdays, and Saturdays from 12:15 to 3:30 p.m. Come about five minutes early as we draw for seats.

If you have questions or would be interested in lessons, call Kellee Kempf at 702-434-1909 or email lvmamie@msn.com.

Hope to see you soon.



Pan, a fun rummy game played differently

PARTY BRIDGE



Party Bridge – a place to play bridge because you enjoy the game. Players of all skill levels are invited and welcome.

Play starts at 1 p.m. on Sundays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays. We request that you arrive no later than 12:45 p.m. Frequently, players arrive without a partner and are matched with another single.

We play five rounds of four deals (modified Chicago style) in 30 minutes. The game is usually finished by 3:30 p.m.

All sessions are in the Emerson/Franklin Rooms. For more information about the club, contact our president Owen Miller at 702-326-3768 or email NVSnowbird@gmail.com.



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- Sunday, December 15th at 8am
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Promotion begins on the 1st of December, with a different offer each day.

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FOOD & BEVERAGE

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- Saturday, December 7th Last Seating 12:30pm
- Thursday, December 12th..... Last Seating 12:30pm
- Friday, December 13th Last Seating 2:30pm
- Tuesday, December 24th..... Last Seating 3:00pm
- Wednesday, December 25th .. CLOSED Merry Christmas
- Saturday, December 28th Last Seating 1:00pm
- Monday, December 30th..... Last Seating 12:30pm
- Tuesday, December 31st Last Seating 12:30pm

Dates and times subject to change. Please confirm your reservation through Open Table or call 702.617.5783



**Getting to know you:
Owen and Karen Miller**

Owen and Karen Miller are longstanding members of the Party Bridge Club, frequently taking on leadership roles, which is greatly appreciated. Owen serves as our current president, while Karen lends her help in many ways. With a passion

for both duplicate and party bridge, they have participated in several bridge cruises and bridge tournaments.

Owen grew up in Iowa and attended Iowa State University where he majored in chemical engineering. During his college years, he joined the Navy ROTC program which led to a three-year commitment to service, utilizing his engineering training. He worked on a landing ship tank (LST) that carried hundreds of marines for deployment on enemy beaches. He called it a pleasure assignment due to the many visits to Asian ports.

The next 35 years had Owen working in his father's business, catering to plant and process engineers managing process plants. They sold equipment that helped enhance reliability, improve product quality, and bolster safety.

Owen and Karen were married in Las Vegas in 1990 and have three children and one grandchild between them. The family enjoyed a decade of country life in rural Le Claire before leaving Iowa. Raising bobwhite quails and trumpeter swans was a great hobby and country living instilled a strong work ethic in the children.

Vegas was always a favorite vacation destination, so it was an easy choice to make for retirement living. We are delighted that Owen and Karen chose Las Vegas and especially SCA for retirement. When they are not bowling or playing in the casinos, we enjoy having them join us for a fun game of bridge.

PERFORMING ARTS



December news

Charlie Sees the Light tickets are on sale now!

Tickets for our heavenly musical comedy are available in the Activities Department and on our website at scapac.org. Performances begin on January 29.

Learn to run show lights

Seeking a light board operator for our shows in Freedom Hall. No prior experience is required. For details, contact Jim at dochowe@sbcglobal.net.

New classes and choreographer for Showstoppers

We would like to express our gratitude to our talented choreographer, Mary Richard, for her years of guidance, encouragement, and dedication. Starting in January, join us as we focus on dance techniques with our new choreographer, Susan Girard. Classes will meet at 11 a.m. in Liberty Center, with the specific day of the week TBD. Contact Kandi at profepla@aol.com.

Seeking pianist for spring concert

Accomplished volunteer (unpaid) pianist needed to accompany the Choraliers for their spring concert. Must be able to sight read and be collaborative. Contact Choraliers Director, Ira King at iratheking@gmail.com.

Marketing volunteers needed

We are looking for creative individuals to join our marketing committee, and we need an experienced coordinator to lead them. Advertising or publicity experience is a plus. For more information, contact Meridee at meridee@outlook.com.

Explore your performing arts potential with a supportive community in one of our shared interest groups.

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Karaoke is on hiatus. If you are interested in assisting or leading this group contact Vince at vintzinvegas2019@gmail.com.

The Musicians' Guild brings together like-minded musicians and vocalists to create small ensembles.

The Last Ride Band is available to perform at SCA club events for a small donation to the Performing Arts Club. Contact Jim at dochowe@sbcglobal.net.

Reader's Playhouse performs skits with no memorization required! Meetings are on the third Thursday monthly at 5:30 p.m. in Liberty Center. Contact Phil at pschlaeger@msn.com.

Showstoppers latest information is shared in the December news. Contact Kandi at profepa@aol.com.

Storytellers invites you to hear and share stories with a new monthly theme. Visitors welcome. Meetings are the first Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. outside Anthem Center, weather permitting, or in the Greene Room. Contact Shirley at 214-263-5770 or o.shirley@yahoo.com.

Tapping for Fun is for tappers at any level, including beginners. For information and the 2025 schedule, contact Samaria, at airamasretten219@gmail.com.

Technicians are skilled in lighting, sound, stage management and computers. To join and for future training, contact Jim, at dochowe@sbcglobal.net.

For more club information visit scapac.org or send an email to Norene Collins at norwalco@cox.net. Dues are \$10 a year.

PET



As I take a moment and contemplate what to write, a few things come to mind.

I have been president of the SCA Pet Club for the past year and I am happy to say I have been re-elected for 2025. Our mission has always been to help animals in need, and I am delighted to say we have achieved this in large part from the generosity of our community.

When Bingo started, we never imagined the impact it would have on all the rescues we have helped. Many have received a substantial amount of money. A big thank you to all who have contributed by participating. We promise to continue our mission of helping all animals! Thanks to our leadership team, all the volunteers, and the friends we have met through Bingo.

Our next Bingo is on Wednesday, January 29. If you need assistance registering, contact Jo Phillips at 702-465-0456.

Wishing each of you a healthy, happy, and prosperous new year!

Rhonda Marazzo, president



The Desert Divas performed hula-style at the annual Hiking Club picnic



Fabulous Showstoppers in the holiday spirit

Anthem Jazz Dancers are buzzing with new energy, and now is the perfect time to check us out. No dance experience? No problem! We promise a fun and relaxed atmosphere. Join us in Liberty Center on Mondays and Saturdays at 3 p.m. Contact Linda at VegasLindaLou@gmail.com.

Choraliers is a mixed choral group that enjoys singing four-part harmony in a variety of genres. Rehearsals are Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to noon. New members are welcome, and auditions are not necessary. Contact Ronnie at savino2140@gmail.com.

Desert Divas offers hula dancing classes Sundays, 12:30 to 2 p.m. and Mondays and Fridays, 1:30 to 3 p.m. in Liberty Center. Join our award-winning Kupuna Hula Ohana dancers. Classes are free for club members. Contact Diana at DianaMChang@msn.com.

Clubs



Dog lovers' shoes. As animal lovers sometimes we have matching attire, Dogtoberfest 2024



Have a very "bear-y" Christmas. Photo by Dale Popkin



People and their pets enjoyed trying out the obstacle course at our annual Dogtoberfest



San Diego holiday tree. Photo by Diane O'Leary

PHOTO

Season's greetings! It is time to focus our cameras and cellphones on holiday decorations, whether they're indoors or outside. Whatever subject you choose, if you shoot the photos early enough, you can create your own personalized cards and ecards to capture the festive spirit.



An elfish Christmas. Photo by Cindy Rhodes

General tips

- The best time to take photos of outdoor holiday lights is between sunset and darkness. Regardless of whether indoors or out, be careful not to capture your reflection in shiny objects.
- Shoot in manual mode or aperture priority. Start with a shutter speed of 1/60 sec. and use the widest possible aperture (about f/2.8) with an ISO of at least 400. If the results are too dark, use a faster shutter speed. Experiment with your settings and composition. You do not need to fill the frame with decorations.
- When using a cellphone to photograph outdoor lighting use a night mode and turn your flash off. If possible, use a tripod, or place your cellphone on a stable object so your image will be sharp and clear. Use slow exposure and consider holding the camera horizontally.

If you are an SCA resident interested in photography, we would love to meet you. Visit the Photo Club's table at the Club Fair in Anthem Center on Saturday, December 7 from 9 a.m. to noon.

The next regular meeting is December 19, from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Penn Room, Independence Center.

The informal Cameras, Coffee, and Chat sessions will resume in January.

For more information, see our website at scaphotoclub.com. To join send an email to scaphotoclub2023@gmail.com.

PICKLEBALL



Happy Holidays to all our members, their families, and friends!

Let us celebrate together on December 13, at our club party. We hope you join us at this fun and festive event.

Coming soon

New player orientation. Monday, December 2 at 10 a.m. Contact Larry Strumwasser for details at tpsfoto@gmail.com

Meet-up time change. Beginning Monday, December 2 all meetups will begin at 1:45 p.m. Mark your calendar.

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Clubs



Monthly new player orientation led by Larry Strumwasser



Susan, Jay, Nikki and Melissa are all smiles after their match



Bill, Lisa and Ron are warmed up and ready to play

Thank you to all our members for an active 2024 and we are deeply grateful to the board for their hard work and dedication.

Shout out to our many volunteers who assisted with tournaments and events. We could not have done it without you. You are truly invaluable.

A special thanks to our meetup facilitators who volunteered their time every week, all year.

- Jerry Edelman (men's & mixed meetup)
- Jan Stahl (women's meetup)
- Roxane Rusch (women's meetup)
- Cydney Crossman (mixed meetup)

Some highlights of things we did together this year

- Open-play and early-bird play every morning
- Monthly new player orientation
- Five organized, weekly meetups (men's, women's, two mixed, beginner)
- Spring fun league (five weeks)
- Fall fun league (five weeks)
- Saturdays on the court sessions
- Paddle day
- Essential shots of pickleball with Guy Anderson
- Drill sessions/lessons with our pros: Guy Anderson and Mario Najera
- Men's Mayhem tournament
- Women's Spring Fling tournament
- Charity tournament for NV Homeless Youth
- Charity Dinkathon for Street Dogz
- Mixed doubles tournament
- Beginner-only tournament
- Chili cookoff
- Holiday party
- Member potluck meetings

The new club officers are eager to start planning events for 2025, and as always, we welcome your feedback.

See you on the courts!

PINOCHLE



Play or learn the pinochle game! Pinochle is an engaging card game that offers a mix of strategy, luck, friendly competition, and fun. Engaging in the game can help to keep your mind sharp.

Pinochle is played in partnerships, requiring collaboration and teamwork. If you enjoy friendly competition, the game offers a platform for testing your skills against others.

New members wanted! Annual dues are \$5. If you know the game, please join us. If you want to learn or just need a refresher, we will teach you. We play both single and double deck pinochle.

Play starts promptly on Wednesdays from 1 to 4 p.m. in the Emerson/Franklin Rooms. Instructions for new players or experienced players needing a refresher course is provided during the Wednesday play starting at 1 p.m.

For more information, contact Cyndy Crossman at 951-897-1701 or Danelle Glassburg at 847-533-7455.

POKER



Poker is a skill game pretending to be a chance game. ~ James Altucher

On the first Saturday of October, the Poker Club held the third annual joint tournament with the Solera Poker Club. Forty-eight players had a great time playing with (and telling bad beat stories to) players from the other club. We had 28 from SCA and 20 from Solera. The final table ended up being seven from SCA and two from Solera. This was even a bracelet event with the top winner receiving the coveted Poker Club bracelet. We are already looking forward to doing it again next year!



A summit meeting with SCA Poker Club president Randy Buck and Solera Poker Club president Donna Tipps



Our final table



Bracelet winner, Cheryl Enge

We have a great assortment of poker games most days of the week:

- Texas hold'em no limit tournaments on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays at 10 a.m. Usually, three to four tables. Just show up.
- On the second and fourth Wednesdays at 5 p.m., there is a tournament limited to 16 players. Contact Barry at barryvg50@cox.net or 917-603-7994 to sign up for a seat.
- Texas hold'em limit games are on Thursdays at 1 p.m. and Saturdays at 9:45 a.m. Usually enough for one table of eight or more. The games are for two and a half hours. Just show up.

Clubs

- Omaha hi-lo 8 or better is our newest addition which has been getting two tables of players on Monday from 1 to 3 p.m. Contact Donna E. if you want to be on the list of players at 949-257-7584 or donnaeiben@gmail.com.
- Dealer's choice is for the really creative player. Everyone deals their own game – all high and low with some declare games included. No wild cards though. Pete runs this game on Tuesdays at noon. Contact him to get on his player list at pcoley8@gmail.com or 201-602-6444.
- Seven card stud hi-low declare is another Pete-managed game. Play it on Saturdays from 1 to 3:30 p.m. Contact Pete at pcoley8@gmail.com or 201-602-6444. Pete has lately been getting two tables of players for this favorite game.

If you have any questions, contact our president Randy at rab52764@gmail.com or 319-431-7049 or our secretary Donna at donnaeiben@gmail.com or 949-257-7584. You can access our website by logging on to SCA's website at sca-hoa.org, clicking on Clubs, and then selecting Poker.

PORCELAIN

Everyone is welcome to visit the Porcelain Club, which meets in the Ceramic Room on Wednesday mornings from 9 a.m. to noon. Come check out our friendly members and their beautiful projects. Last month we had a group painting class, where everyone was able to create beautiful Christmas ball ornaments.

We paint on glazed items and use special porcelain paint to craft stunning items. You can paint a cup and saucer, a plate or platter, figurines, and more.

If interested in joining our club, the annual dues are \$5. We supply paint, a brush, and a small piece of porcelain to get you started. Our goal is to encourage and inspire our



Reindeer in the trees by Shulan



Two giraffes by Helen



Peace, Love and Joy by Sherry

members to relax and paint or to challenge themselves by trying new techniques or tackling larger projects. The choice is entirely yours. For more information contact Carol Montambeau at 702-895-0095.

Come join the fun!

REPUBLICAN



The Republican Club meets on the second Saturday of each month at 10 a.m. in the Morris/Nelson Room in Independence Center. All SCA residents are invited to attend. We proudly embrace all genders, races, ethnic groups, cultures, nationalities and religions. The Republican Club has worked hard to build networks of influence in city, county, state and national matters.

Did you miss our October meeting? It opened with Henderson fire captain Dan Pentkowski discussing ballot measure 1. With Henderson's rapid growth, the surge in demand for fire and rescue services stretched resources thin. Measure 1 proposed a \$21 charge per \$100,000 of assessed property value, funneling these funds directly to the Fire Department.

The meeting's keynote speaker was Andy Matthews, Nevada state controller. He shed light on the crucial work of his office, which oversees state funds and approves state payments. While the controller doesn't have veto power over spending, Andy has taken strides toward greater transparency in government finances. He introduced us to Checkbook.NV.gov, a state transparency website where Nevadans can track spending in real-time.

Andy is also working with local governments — counties, cities, and school boards — to create similar financial transparency sites



Henderson fire captain Dan Pentkowski

that reflect the needs of each of these organizations. His message was clear: taxpayers have the right to know exactly where their money goes, ensuring government accountability at every level.

Election activity. November is always an exciting time, especially during election season! This year was no exception. The Republican Party mobilized all affiliated groups to get out the vote, vote early, make phone calls and knock on doors to encourage the amazing groundswell of active participants in our communities. Your knowledge of the questions and the candidates helped to promote participation on every level. Our sincerest thanks to everyone who contributed to this effort.



Nevada state controller Andy Matthews

Upcoming events

- December 14 / You're invited to an exclusive celebration of Winter Holidays Around the World. This is a members-only event, and reservations are required. RSVP by December 4 to InfoRepClub@gmail.com to secure your spot for this festive holiday party.

- January 11 / Kicking off the new year, we're excited to welcome Dan Lier as our first speaker. Dan is a best-selling author and internationally acclaimed expert on sales, leadership and motivation. A fellow Republican, some may remember Dan from his candidacy for Nevada assembly in 2022. Dan's talk, Making 2025 Our Best Year Ever, is designed to inspire.

Holiday wishes. The Republican Club extends warm wishes to all for a joyful and peaceful holiday season. As we gather with loved ones and reflect on the year gone by, may this season be filled with gratitude, joy, and the spirit of giving.

Let us cherish our shared values and the strength of our community, taking time to appreciate the blessings of freedom. Wishing you a season filled with warmth, love and hope for a bright and prosperous New Year ahead. Happy holidays from all of us at the Sun City Anthem Republican Club.

For more information about the club, contact president Sharon McCabe at Sharon.McCablesca@gmail.com. Dues are \$15 per person, and may be paid at our club meetings or placed in our mailbox in Anthem Center. Include the club membership application and be sure to make your check out to Sun City Anthem Community Association; indicate Republican Club on the memo line.




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REVERE MEN'S GOLF

The purpose of the club is to develop and coordinate the golfing activities and play dates for our membership and to see that golf days and types of play are organized and responsive to our membership. Throughout all our activities, it is our goal to promote goodwill and fellowship.

The Revere Men's Golf Club holds its games every Wednesday. Residency in Sun City Anthem is a requirement for membership. Start times change with the seasons: earlier in summer and later in winter. Both courses are used on a rotating basis, with the Concord course being more frequently used.

The cost to join is \$70 per person per year. This includes membership in the SNGA, through which one can establish and maintain a handicap (index).

There is also an optional \$15 hole in one fee. Everyone who gets a hole in one during the calendar year will share this prize.

Tee times will be 9 a.m. December's schedule is:

- Team Fourball Nassau Match Play on Lexington will be on December 4.
- New Member Scramble on Concord will be on December 5. Note this is at 8 a.m.
- Blind Nine in a Row on Concord will be played on December 11.
- Beat the Pro on Lexington will be on December 18.
- Individual Gross and Net + Skins will be played on December 26.

For more information on our club, google Revere Men's Golf Club or type in your browser reveremensgolfclub.godaddysites.com.

ROCK AND ROLL PLUS DANCE



Come dance with us! The Rock and Roll Plus Dance Club offers opportunities to learn and engage in dancing to the music of the 50s, 60s and 70s. Studies have shown that moving to music can benefit everything from blood pressure to weight loss, resilience, mental health, and more.

Join us for a magical evening of Rockin' in a Winter Wonderland on Friday, December 27 in the Anthem Center Ballroom. Live music will be provided by the Vegas Good Fellas band. Event details and registration information are on our website at rockroll.scaclub.org. The party registration deadline is Friday, December 13.

Stop by our table at the Club Fair on Saturday, December 7 in Anthem Center from 9 a.m. to noon. Here, you can pay your 2025 annual dues of \$15, pick up our schedule of dances and dance lessons for the upcoming year, and meet some of our club leadership team to learn more about the activities we offer.



Line dancers dancing the night away

We hold free dance lessons on Tuesdays, Fridays and Sundays. All lessons take place at Liberty Center in the movement room.

On Tuesdays at 12:45 p.m. sharp, Marlene will teach line dancing for newcomers or beginners, as well as for line dancers who just want to do simple, easy dances to slower music. We encourage those new to dance to start on the first Tuesday of the month, since new steps and dances are taught that day and then will be repeated every Tuesday throughout the month.



Susan Lynch and Ira Tishk



Sheila Gillis, Brenda Johnson and Mary Ann

Marlene is available at 12:30 p.m. to help anyone with our new steps or steps that they may be having difficulty with.

On Fridays from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Marlene teaches beginner-improver line dancing. A preview of the day's steps begins at 11:15 a.m.

On Sundays from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Ed Hecker and Mary Ann Dering teach swing and other social dances. Single dancers rotate so no need to worry if you do not have a dance partner.

Information on dance lessons and events is posted on our club website. Photos from previous events are found in our photo gallery. Videos from previous events are also viewable on our website at rockroll.scaclub.org. To access, you must first sign into the SCA website at sca-hoa.org.

Our dues are \$15 per calendar year. However, if you join this month, your membership dues will extend through December of next year. Fill out an application online at our website or pick one up at the kiosk near the Activities Department in Anthem Center. After filling out the form, submit it with your dues payment in the club mailbox across from the Fitness check-in desk. If paying by check, make the check payable to Sun City Anthem Community Association, Inc. (exact wording) or leave the payee line blank and we will stamp it with proper wording.

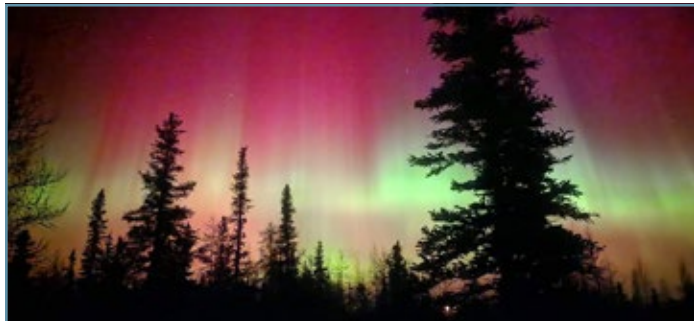
This month's photos feature our Back by Popular Demand dance, held on October 6.

RV

It has been an exciting year for the members of the SCA RV Club. They traveled both far and near participating in rallies with the club and on individual trips, spanning from Pahrump to Manitoba, Canada, and everything in between.

One of the most exhilarating things that our members saw this year was the Aurora Borealis or Northern Lights. Some of the group

at the Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta saw them in Santa Fe, New Mexico. Ralph and Linda Burns saw an even more spectacular view from Churchill, Manitoba, Canada on their trip with Fantasy RV Tours. They also saw lots of polar bears. Manitoba is home to one of the world's largest polar bear populations and they gather each fall on the shores of Hudson Bay. The bears are huge, weighing about 1,400 pounds and standing 10 feet high. Ralph and Linda saw lots of these majestic polar bears. How exciting was that!



Our rally to Puerto Penasco, Mexico last October was fantastic with numerous rigs crossing the border seamlessly. The Sea of Cortez was as warm and beautiful as ever. We noticed several improvements in the city's infrastructure, making it easier to walk on the sidewalks. That allowed our ladies to indulge in shopping, mostly for garden items, which are among our most-liked things from Mexico.

Roy and Joanie Prince generously offered their home for our holiday party. It will be fantastic with catered food and entertainment by one of our favorites, Jimmie Ellis.

As this year draws to a close, we reflect on all the joy we had and how fortunate we are to travel and see the country. We are certainly grateful for the friends we have in the club and the new friends we have made along the way.



Quartered letters on board set up to begin play

The SCA RV Club meets on the last Tuesday of the month in the Penn Room, Independence Center, at 4 p.m. There are no meetings in June, July or December. Look for us on the web at SCA-RV-Club.com. For more specific information, contact Lennard Grodzinsky, president, at Lennard@rgrgroup.com or 702-499-8570 (cell).

SCRABBLE



Most of the time, our members have fun playing noncompetitive games. The laughter that permeates the room is often contagious, especially when the “stretch bell” tinkles, signaling that it’s stretching time. You will notice the odd ways people stretch or bend to stimulate their bodies after sitting for an extended time. It’s a sight to see.

Every quarter, at least four times during the year, we provide the chance for members to demonstrate how they have improved their vocabulary and game strategy skills. This is done through competitive play in a timed session. We call this “one-on-one round robin” play.

Our most recent one-on-one round robin session was held on September 27. Six players eagerly squared their letters on the board before the clock started their competition.

Three rounds of play began with just two words being challenged. A **challenge** is when player one does not accept the word played by player two. If the word is proven to be unacceptable (using the 2024 Scrabble word list) player two must remove the word and receive a score of zero for that play and player one plays. If the word is acceptable, challenger player one will receive a score of zero and skip one turn, and player two will add the value of the word to his/her score. A tactic used by some players is to let an unacceptable word be played to play a higher scoring word in a space on the board. On these days prizes are available for all participants.

We are proud to announce that the following members have participated in these sessions this year: Arlene Lesner, Audrey Uchill, Dave Sobel, Diana Francois, Elaina Hisgen, Ellen Dreyer, Helene Linden, Jan Rohde, Les Mintz, Linda Jarosz, Renee DuBoff, Ron Santo, Samaria N. Graham, Shelley Lake, Marieke Samonte and Kathy Stieren.

December 27 will mark our last one-on-one round robin session for the year. Join us if you would like to participate.

Happy Hannukah, Merry Christmas, Happy Kwanzaa, and a great New Year with best wishes to our SCA neighbors.

Come join us

- Mondays and Fridays, 12:30 to 4 p.m. in the Emerson/Franklin Room
- Fun Fridays and tutoring activities

Year-end special: If you pay your 2025 \$10 dues now, December is free. For more information, email scrabblemeinsca@gmail.com.



Marieke and Dave



One-on-one round robin



Judy, Teri and Ewa with their stunning poinsettia table runners



These smiling faces belong to members who took Carol Meyers' ever-popular Rope Bowl class

SEWING & QUILTING

Welcome to December — the end of another year! We are looking forward to a successful 2025 for our Sewing Club, our members, and the residents of SCA. December finds us winding down after a mostly busy year of sewing, quilting, classes, and fellowship. We have some classes scheduled for the month and our usual groups are meeting. The SCA Sewing & Quilting leadership team wishes all its club members and our community a happy holiday season.

Our annual holiday dinner 'Tis the Season will be held on December 4 at Buckman's Grille at the Revere Golf Club under the guidance of vice president Diane Deep. Our members look forward to this event which allows us to connect while enjoying a wonderful evening of food and fun.

Elections for the 2025 leadership team took place on November 25 during the monthly general membership meeting. The names of the elected candidates and respective positions will be announced in next month's Spirit. As the new year approaches, there will be many opportunities for members to contribute to our wonderful club. Watch the website for opportunities on how you can get involved.

We would like to update our residents on our Quilters for Charity group, which is comprised of members who get together to make quilts for various charities in our community. This endeavor is under the coordination of Shiela DeFrancesco. As of October 31, 372 quilts have been donated this year, bringing the overall total from May 2021 to 955 quilts. Great job, ladies!

Are your cupboards filled with quilts? Is your stash bursting the "seams" of your house? Would you like to meet new SCA friends?

If you can answer yes to any of these questions this is the group for you. The charity group's purpose is to keep us active utilizing our talents and most importantly giving back to our community.

If you are looking for a last-minute gift, visit the Sewing Room. We have many items to choose from. Our room is usually open on Mondays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Tuesdays through Fridays from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and weekends from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

We thank our monitors for volunteering to keep our room open for our members to come into the room and work on their projects and to allow residents to browse items in our windows for that unique gift. We appreciate our monitors!

The club website is saq.scaclub.org. The phone number for the sewing room is 702-614-5830.

We will be posting our club president's contact information in next month's Spirit. If a club member wants information on our Facebook Group, contact Katrina Heath at Alaskak64@gmail.com.

SILVER FOXES AND TRAVEL



Silver Foxes Social and Travel Club was established 12 years ago to foster friendships and organize group activities for men and women. Many of us moved to SCA for the active lifestyle, to meet like-minded individuals, and to enjoy the various amenities the area has to offer. Each month we indulge in dining out, touring local sites, and taking domestic and international trips. We are meeting new friends and enjoying new experiences.

Our club officers were voted on at our annual election meeting and we are proud to announce the following leadership for 2025:

- Geri Neber, president
- Debra Reckling, vice president
- Anna Blyton, treasurer
- Cynthia Dubinsky, secretary/membership director
- Debbie Mitsch, member at large

Thank you to our retiring officers and our entire leadership team for everything that was accomplished in 2024.

Even as we enjoy this holiday season, many of us are thinking about our 2025 travel plans. We have a variety of trips with great itineraries, with new ones added often by our travel professionals. Why not travel with your Silver Foxes friends? Cool off in Antarctica, Greenland or Iceland. Enjoy something more exotic like Singapore, Tahiti, Japan, Vietnam, or the Galapagos. Europe is always wonderful, and we are traveling to France, Portugal, Spain, and more.

If you prefer to stay in the northern hemisphere, we are looking forward to traveling to California for an exciting New Year's celebration and the Rose Parade before our pre-Mardi Gras New Orleans extravaganza. Later in the year, we will visit Zion National Park and the beautiful Tuacahn theater. Summer will bring a Canadian Rockies adventure. Our travel professionals are ready to help with any travel arrangements.



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Socially, we will soon be enjoying our annual holiday party at the Italian American Club. Our festive holiday lunch and cookie exchange is scheduled for December 3, followed by a day trip to Bellagio. Then we will take time off for the rest of the month. Our leadership team is currently engaged in planning activities for next year, alongside our ongoing social events like Foxy Ladies Luncheons and Dinner with the Den.

Shared interest groups are another way to become active with the Silver Foxes. Members can enjoy bunco, book clubs, gourmet dinner groups and Silver Wolves (for the men). Our Wine Appreciation Group is celebrating one year of tasting and learning about wine with fellow oenophiles. Most importantly, we are socializing with like-minded members and making new friends.

Not a member yet? Stop by and meet us at the Club Fair on Saturday, December 7 in Anthem Center from 9 a.m. to noon. We will have membership applications and all you will need to get started. You can also find our membership application on the SCA website. Just click on clubs, scroll down, and select Silver Foxes. You will also find the most up-to-date information on our travel and social activities. Annual dues are \$10 per person. We are now collecting 2025 dues. Join now and enjoy an extra month of fun! Drop off dues at the Silver Foxes mailbox in Anthem Center across from the Fitness desk. Make checks payable to Sun City Anthem Community Association, Inc., and write Silver Foxes dues in the memo section.

Reach us at silverfoxessocialandtravelclub@gmail.com or contact our president Debbie Mitsch at debmitsch@yahoo.com for more information or volunteer opportunities.

SINGLES

Season's greetings. As we approach the end of another year, we take a moment to reflect on the Singles Club, its members, and the events we have shared. This year has been a success with many members creating fond memories, forging friendships, and sharing special times. May the New Year bring you good health, safety, joy, financial stability, and peace.

Wishing you all the best from the leadership team of Jane MacDonald, Judy Barbour, Linda Lau, and Helene Linden.

Invitation to all singles. If you would like to come to any of our events, contact our club president, Jane MacDonald to register at drjanimac@yahoo.com. You can come as a guest up to three times. Then we hope you will join us as a member.

Meetings/T-Times. The Singles Club gathers bi-monthly for T-Time social events on the second and fourth Wednesdays from 4 to 6 p.m.

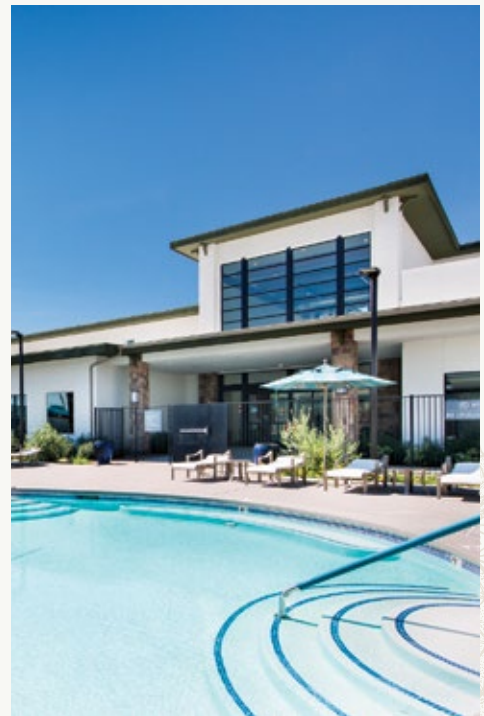
On the second Wednesday of each month, we meet in the kitchen rooms in Liberty Center. Members bring snacks, finger foods, fruit, appetizers, or desserts to share, along with their own

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Clubs



Holiday brunch buffet. December 3 is the date for our holiday brunch. It will be held from noon to 4 p.m. in the Delaware Room. The cost is \$25 per attendee. There will be entertainment, food, fun and friendship.

Special interest groups. The Singles Club has two special interest groups. One is dining out and the other is Rummikub. We play in Anthem Center on Saturday evenings starting at 6 p.m. If you are interested in joining, contact our vice president/secretary, Judy Barbour, at judybarbour@yahoo.com.

Newsletter. A monthly newsletter is distributed to all our members listing club-sponsored events and other SCA activities as well as community activities that may be of interest to individuals. At times, our club has purchased a table at these events so that our members can attend with others from our club. This has proved helpful for singles new to SCA and seeking new friendships.

Membership. We currently have 126 members. Annual dues are \$10 per person. Direct any questions to Jane MacDonald.

If you know a member who is not receiving emails, remind them to check their SPAM folder. You can also have members reach out to Jane MacDonald as there might be a discrepancy regarding their email address.

SOFTBALL

The Sun City Anthem Softball Club provides an outstanding slow-pitch softball experience for men and women 50 years and older. In the Las Vegas area, there are numerous amateur clubs for players of all skill levels. Since 2002, the SCA Softball Club has continued to be the best!

Every Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, recreational-level senior slow-pitch softball games are hosted by the club. We welcome players of all skill levels. Folks at least 50 years old play on



beverages. In addition to delicious food and great company, we enjoy games with prizes and engaging get-to-know-you activities.

Our T-Time on the fourth Wednesday has been taking place at BJ's Restaurant on Eastern Avenue. An email is sent out to members ahead of time to register for the event.



Anthem Hills Park field #1

Tuesday and Friday mornings. The Cool Kids, 65 and older, play Wednesday mornings, September through June. Our field is the Anthem Hills Park field #1, next to the Anthem East Trailhead. The address is 2256 N. Reunion Dr. Henderson, NV 89052. On occasion, we play at Vivaldi Park in Seven Hills or Sunridge Park.

The triple play

Find groups of three things that share a common thread. Answers will relate to Major League Baseball (MLB). Watch out for items that seem to belong to multiple categories. Answers below, no peeking!

Red Stockings	White Stockings	Brown Stockings
Colts	Red Caps	Perfectos
Browns	Orphans	Beanaters

Softball is a variant of baseball that is played on a smaller field. The game was invented in Chicago (1887) and originally played indoors. It quickly spread to outdoor fields and became popular in the United States and around the world. It is a wonderfully curious game. The defense (pitcher, catcher, infielders, and outfielders) controls the ball (how odd) but cannot score points (runs), odder still. The objective of the offense (batting team) is to hit a thrown round object (softball) by swinging a round stick (bat) all the while trying to “keep your eye on the ball” and “squaring it up.” The batter does not want to be out but wants to return home safely.

For more information contact club president Brad Blake at 408-832-2291 or visit scasoftballclub.wordpress.com. Our email is scasoftballclub@gmail.com.

The triple play answers

Red Stockings, Red Caps, Beanaters – early names for the Boston, Milwaukee and Atlanta Braves 1876 – present

White Stockings, Colts, Orphans – early names for the Chicago Cubs 1876 – present

Brown Stockings, Browns, Perfectos – early names for the St. Louis Cardinals 1882 – present

SPOTLIGHT

Applause, applause! Congratulations to the Spotlight cast and crew and their fabulous November performances of *A Variety Revue*. And thank you to our amazing audiences, you are the reason we love to perform.

You said you want more. The directors and cast are already hard at work preparing for another Spotlight original production, *Come Sail Away*, which will be performed at Freedom Hall in May. The captain and crew will take you on a musical journey of songs and dances from around the world and under the sea.

More information about the club is available on our website at spotlightclub.org.



A Variety Review





View past issues at sca-hoa.org

STRATEGY GAMES



The Strategy Games Club has many fun and challenging games, to suit players of all skill levels. Come check out our library of games, where we have over 70 games ranging from easy to complex. There's something for you.

Why should you try us out? Joining a strategy board games club can enhance quality of life by promoting social engagement, mental stimulation, and overall well-being. Playing strategy board games is an enjoyable and fulfilling activity that encourages continued learning and interaction within the community. Our members say they have observed tangible benefits:

- *Social interaction:* get out of the house, relieve loneliness and depression, meet regularly with like-minded individuals.
- *Therapeutic benefits:* stress relief, distraction from chronic pain, relaxation.
- *Mental stimulation:* critical thinking, problem-solving and strategic planning keeps minds sharp, improves cognitive function, and lowers the risk of age-related decline.
- *Sense of achievement:* boost self-esteem, feel a sense of accomplishment.
- *Develop resilience:* even when players lose, they win because they learn from their mistakes and develop resilience.
- *Learning opportunities:* variety of game complexities and themes provides a continuous learning process.
- *Physical activity:* get up off the couch, get out of the house, have a destination other than the supermarket.

Many of our club members had never played modern board games, and although they might have felt a little intimidated by the word strategy, they are some of our best players. Start slow and advance to more complex games at your own pace. We have an informal mentoring system, where members teach other members and take newbies under their wings: nothing to fear!

Come to one of our club's three weekly sessions. We meet in Liberty Center multipurpose rooms Saturdays and Mondays from 1 to 5 p.m., and Thursdays from 5 p.m. on. Our dues are \$7 but come try us out for free! Come at the beginning of the session, and stay for one game, two or more! We are a collegial group that just wants to have fun, and we look forward to meeting you.

For more information, click on Strategy Games under the Clubs section of the SCA website, or send an email to sca-sgc@googlegroups.com, or call Doug Chorey at 425-802-4718.

Autumn social. The Strategy Games Club recently had a pizza social. After gobbling pizza and chit-chatting, we got down to business: the **2024 SPLENDOR tournament**.



SPLENDOR is one of the first games that we roll out to new players who never partook in modern board games. It's a game of chip-collecting and card development. It's easy to learn but offers a challenging puzzle every time.



The final four: Don, Maggie, Guy, Karen

SPLENDOR offers a balance of strategy and luck, which makes it accessible yet challenging. Because of its simple rules and engaging gameplay, beginners are able to quickly understand and enjoy the game.



Karen snagged the gold, Guy the silver

New and long-time club members competed for bragging rights. Sixteen players entered the contest, four at a table. The best player from each table advanced to the final four.

Visit us in Liberty Center, and we'll teach you **SPLENDOR** or any of our other games. Soon you'll be ready to compete in our next tournament!

TABLE TENNIS



The Table Tennis Club accommodates all SCA members and their guests, regardless of skill level. Table tennis is a great sport for individuals who want to have fun and at the same time get physical and mental exercise while improving their hand-eye coordination in a friendly social setting. Table tennis is a game that can be enjoyed by people of all ages, fitness levels, and abilities.

You are welcome to visit us for our open-play format during the club hours listed. If you decide you are going to have as much fun and exercise as we are having, you can join our club by filling out a membership application form. The membership fee is \$10.

Five members of the club competed in the Nevada Senior Games. They won awards in nine events, earning a total of 11 medals (including doubles): seven gold, two silver, and two bronze.

Our club has reserved times at Independence Center, which is our normal schedule. Drop-ins are allowed when either of these rooms is available.

Fitness room

Weekdays except Tuesday 5:30 to 9 p.m.
 Tuesday 7 to 9 p.m.
 Saturday & Sunday 2 to 7 p.m.



Club members Oscar, Odo, Ester, Mark and Robert

Aerobics room

Weekdays except Wednesday 5:30 to 9 p.m.
 Wednesday 6:45 to 9 p.m.
 Saturday 2 to 7 p.m.
 Sunday 5:30 to 9 p.m.

All club members have access to a table tennis ball machine (robot), which can help players improve their skills and work on a multitude of different strokes at varying speeds. The machine is set up on Monday evenings in our equipment room from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Most players bring their paddles and balls. If you do not have your own, loaner club paddles are available.

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TENNIS



The Tennis Club welcomes everyone to join, no matter what your prior tennis experience or skill level. We offer plenty of play groups and drills for your interests and abilities, making it easy to get started. Throughout the year, you can look forward to a variety of fun, social and competitive events aimed at helping you meet and connect with fellow members. December is the perfect time to become a new member or renew your membership for 2025.

Oktoberfest was an enormous success, filling all eight courts to the maximum capacity. Congratulations to our winners:

Group A – Beverly Ginsberg (first), Jerry Nalewaik and Mary Kaplan (tied for second)

Group B – Raymond Sun (first), James Logsdon (second), Mike Hicks (third)

Group C – Dante Nagtalon (first), Roy Hilario (second), Raul Maza and Mitch Baron (tied for third)

Everyone enjoyed the assortment of German and non-German dishes, beer, and other beverages with an Oktoberfest theme. We are grateful to Peg and Mike for always creating a fun atmosphere during the post-game social time. Check out these Oktoberfest photos and more in the photo gallery on our website.

SCA Tennis Club website

Visit tennis.scaclub.org to make the most out of our website. This serves as the central hub for communication and activities, keeping you updated, facilitating your participation in play groups, and enabling event registration.



Peg and Mike



Post-game social



Oktoberfest participant members

Visit tennis.scaclub.org/groups to learn about play groups and access the event calendar at tennis.scaclub.org/club_event/calendar.

Use the “contact us” page to:

- List a new play group
- Report issues with site login or event registration
- Submit general inquiries or suggestions for the website

Election meeting cocktail party

The results of the election will be covered in next month's Spirit. Visit the website to find out more about the newly elected leadership team as well as the November 8 cocktail party.

New and upcoming

In January, we will introduce what is tentatively planned for the new year. Check the website for updates.

Presidents' Cup team tournament, December 14

We have moved the traditional November Turkey Trot team tournament to December, introducing a new competition called the "Presidents' Cup" in its place. Former club presidents and vice presidents will lead their teams. Find details on our website and register today! The enrollment period will be closing soon.

USTA leagues

Three women's teams started competing in the USTA Senior fall league the first week in October. All SCA three teams are playing exceptionally well so far. Here is the status as of October 24:

- Women's 7.0 team #1 co-captained by Debbie Fox and Patty Yamano, is in third place (tied with two other teams) with two wins and two losses.
- Women's 7.0 team #2 team co-captained by Ginger Nakamura and Dixie Stephens is in second place with three wins and one loss.
- Women's 6.0 team #3 team co-captained by Mary Anne VanLiere and Dixie Stephens is in second place (tied with one other team) with two wins and one loss..

VETERANS



It's December, and the leadership team of your Veterans Club extends warm wishes for a happy, healthy and safe holiday season. May it be filled with tasty food, wonderful company, and the creation of new memories. As part of the fun, we invite you to Game Night during our meeting on Tuesday, December 10 in the Delaware Room from 6 to 7 p.m. (or later). This year, we are introducing new games, so be sure to brush up on your military history and trivia.

Thank you for being part of our annual Veterans Day program, honoring all who served and those who serve today. In December we turn our focus to our comrades in arms who have gone before us by participating in Wreaths Across America. We will have information available at our December meeting, or you can visit our website at veterans.scaclub.org. Keep an eye on your email for details on how to participate in National Wreaths Across America Day on Saturday, December 14 at the Southern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Boulder City. While it will be early morning and a bit chilly, it will be worth every minute to honor those who have gone before us with a wreath.

December is a significant month in military history for the U.S. On December 7, we remember the attack on the U.S. Naval Base Pearl Harbor by Japanese forces, "a date which will live in infamy." The attack resulted in over 2,300 American lives, the USS Arizona was destroyed, and the USS Oklahoma capsized. In total, 12 ships sank or were beached during the assault with over 160 aircraft destroyed and more than 150 others damaged.

On a brighter note, the National Guard celebrates its birthday on December 13, commemorating the establishment of the first North American militia regiments in Massachusetts in 1636. This makes the National Guard the oldest component of the U.S. military.

On Christmas Day, 1776, George Washington led his Continental Army troops across the icy Delaware River, surprising the Hessians



Phil Citron, our color guard commander and Paul MacDowell, past club president and current audiovisual expert

stationed in Trenton, New Jersey. The Hessians surrendered quickly, but most importantly, the Battle of Trenton raised troop morale, reviving the colonists' hope that independence was possible.

Keep us informed about any life updates, including changes in your email address, moving away from SCA, moving to another home in SCA (SCA ID number changes), or the passing of club members. If you are not receiving club emails, contact Laurie DeGarmo at LADeGarmo@aol.com to ensure we have the correct email address in our database.

Big news! Club dues will be increasing to \$15 for new, returning, and memorial memberships, effective January 1. However, you can renew for a discounted rate of \$10 if you do so before December 31. Visit the re-up table at our meeting or drop your membership form and check in our mailbox located outside Anthem's Fitness Center.



Ray Danowski, canteen host and newly elected member of the 2025 leadership team

Clubs

The SCA Veterans Club supports veterans and their families in SCA and the surrounding community. All SCA residents are invited to join the club, whether one is a veteran or not.

WOMEN'S



The SCA Women's Club fosters meaningful community relationships, provides charitable contributions to southern Nevada non-profit organizations, and creates a spirit of camaraderie and informational opportunities for members.

The club's mission is accomplished through fun and innovative programs and events supported by our membership. If you are looking for a group doing important work in our community while making friends, having fun, and participating in philanthropy then the Women's Club is the place for you.

December's luncheon will be held on the first Thursday of the month. Beginning in January, we will return to our regular schedule, with luncheons taking place on the second Thursday.

We hope everyone will renew their membership at the Club Fair on Saturday, December 7 from 9 a.m. to noon in Anthem Center.



Women's Club special event attendees on Springs Preserve tour



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- December 20



SCAN ME

See Activities for more information



Ladies who lunch

Welcome to all the new members who have joined us over the last few months. You will be sent an invitation to our New Members Coffee event in January. Watch your email for details on the date and location. It is a terrific way to meet and interact with other new members.

Contact the club's president, Michele Borges at micheleborges47@yahoo.com with any questions.

Wishing you and your families happy holidays from the leadership team.

WOODCHIPS



The best toys

It's the end of the year, the time for holiday cheer and gift-giving. At Woodchips, this means increased activity in the shop as the elves start making gifts for friends and family, which always includes toys for the grandchildren. In today's world, it can be hard to compete with the plastic, electronic, and animated toys from Target or Amazon. At Woodchips, we turn back the clock.

Wooden toys have been around for centuries, and we believe the best toys for toddlers are crafted from wood. Their simple designs encourage children to use their imagination and creativity. Our toys are timeless, durable, and don't require batteries. Shortly after Christmas most toys are either broken or stored in the back of the closet, while our toys are proudly put on display. Why is this? It's because handmade presents are more than just gifts. They are a personal connection between the giver and the recipient. The time and effort in creating a gift are recognized as being the gift itself!

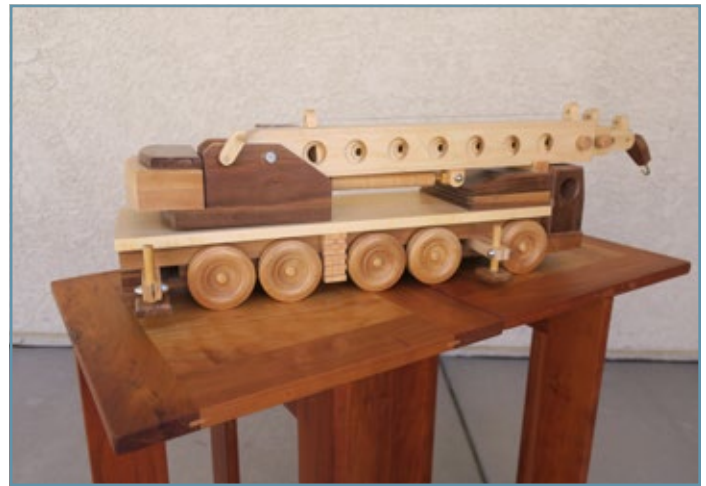
When you think of a simple toy, you probably envision something like the simple car shown in the photo. Indeed, our shop has produced countless toy cars with this design. However, for some Woodchippers, simple is not good enough. Phil Menser has taken making wooden toys to a higher level. His creations exemplify what can be accomplished with patience, attention to detail and woodworking skills. Undoubtedly, his toys are something special.



Simple toy car



Cement truck by Phil Menser



Truck crane by Phil Menser

Whether you are an accomplished woodworker or someone who has just used basic hand tools, you are welcome to join our club. Many new members with limited woodworking knowledge have continued to improve their skills. Several have progressed to building projects for their homes, including furniture, wall units, closet storage, and more.

Woodchips can be more than just a hobby. Our club is unique as it offers the resources to make almost anything made of wood. No matter how small or how big, there is great satisfaction in transforming a block of wood into your "David."

Woodchips membership is open to all SCA residents for only \$40 a year. After mandatory safety training, new members are on their way as woodworkers.

Woodchips hours for general members are from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Wednesdays through Saturdays. Our woodshop is located at the rear of Independence Center. Stop by for a tour. For more information and pictures of members' projects visit the club's website at scawoodchips.org.

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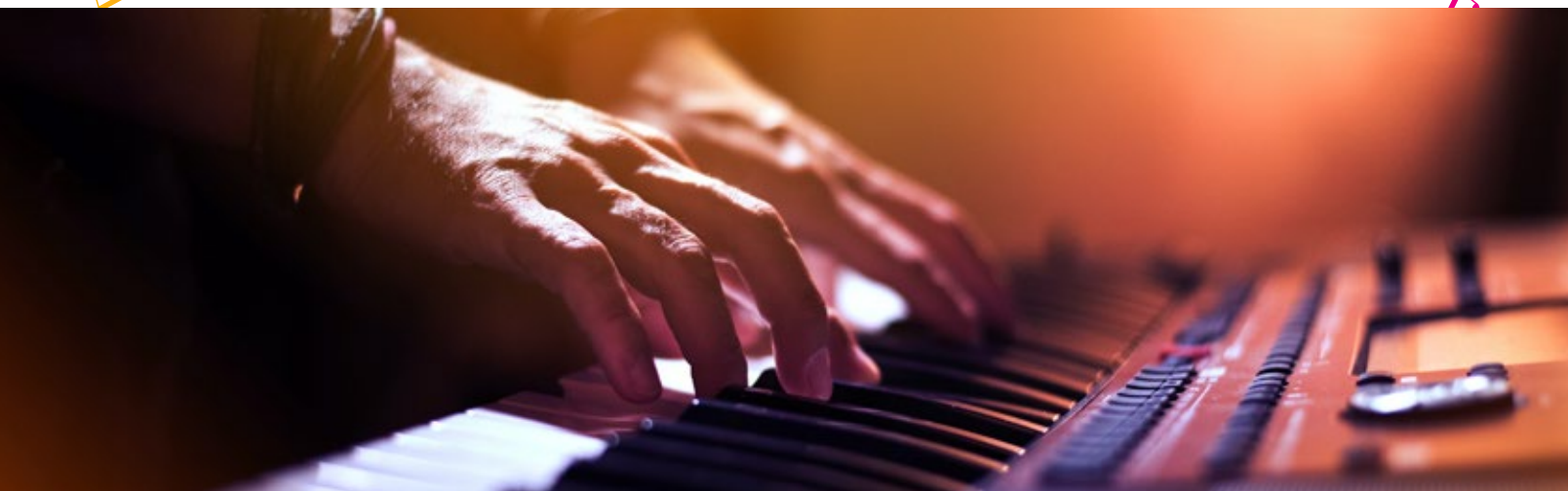
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