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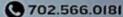
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## **Board Corner**



# Living Life at SCA: What It Takes

A Look Back at 2024

n the June 2024 Board Corner article, we wrote about change, and plans in process for the rest of the year. Looking back, we've had some successes but also some missteps.

Early in 2024, we identified the need to manage processes differently. We scrutinized the organization, created objectives, and set an ambitious workplan. This resulted in some realignment and positions added.

To accomplish some of our objectives, the board decided we needed to use outside experts to help with some projects. Our community, and especially our governance committees, have members with extraordinary expertise. They have helped us with each of the achievements listed below.

Global Northstar (GNS). The biggest triumph this year was to hire GNS to replace and integrate SCA's multiple databases and management programs into an integrated system that will increase efficiency, improve services, and provide more measurable data. GNS has worked with many other Sun City communities and came highly recommended.

The switch to GNS will be most noticeable when our new website goes live early January. The Communications Governance Committee (CGC), with input from Community Lifestyle, provided expertise to make the transition to this new system a success. The CGC conducted focus groups with residents to obtain feedback, and met with committee officers, club officers and management to ensure the website reflected the community.

**Plan for sports courts**. After several years and many challenges, our new pickleball courts are finished. The board took the lessons learned in that project to effectively and efficiently repair and replace the remaining sports courts. We hired a technical expert to review each court and make recommendations. A sports-court workgroup was set up to review the extensive technical report and help us develop a plan. The workgroup included members of the Facilities and Landscape, and Community Lifestyle committees. As a result, every court will be improved in 2025.

Yorktown Grill. Opened in August 2023, the restaurant has not been the success we planned for and the subsidy is at an unacceptable level. A restaurant workgroup was formed to engage in discussions with entities, including current operator WHG, to identify contractual elements to reduce or eliminate the subsidy, and satisfy the community with a long-term occupant.

**Other Changes**. We hired a new law firm, and a new tax and audit firm, both with broader experience and expertise. We put our landscape contracts out to bid. New HVAC systems were installed in Anthem and Independence Centers. We updated and improved our phone and IT systems, and we hired new vendors for the Spirit magazine.

Looking Ahead. We will have a new general manager in 2025 who has experience managing large organizations and projects, and strategic planning. And we are poised to accomplish even more in 2025 ... stay tuned.

Pamela Williams, Board Secretary

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# **BOD Meeting Summary/Upcoming Meetings**

### **BOD Meeting Summary**

The November Board Meeting was held on Thursday, November 21, at 1:30 p.m. in Freedom Hall, Independence Center, via GoToMeeting Webinar, as well as in-person.

### November 21, 2024 – Meeting Summary

- Approved the November 21, 2024, Board Meeting Agenda
- Approved the October 24, 2024, Board Meeting Minutes
- Accepted the Consent Calendar for Committees & Service Committees
- Approved Randy Buck as Chief of Community Patrol
- Opposed waiver of the CCPM for Community **Patrol Officers**
- Approved Vote HOA Now for electronic voting
- Approved Resolution of the Board of Directors, authorizing electronic voting
- Approved revised Election & Voting Manual
- Approved amended charter for the SCA Mah Jongg Club
- Approved Joan Holmstrom as the Chair of the Community Lifestyle Committee
- Approved Guy Raymaker as a member of the **Audit Committee**
- Approved Michael Catallo as a member of the **Audit Committee**
- Removed from agenda Clara Lau as Vice Chair of the Finance Committee
- Approved David Meredith as a member of the Finance Committee
- Approved Eddie Kadonick as Chair for the **Architectural Review Committee**
- · Approved Bill Williams for a two-year term on the **Architectural Review Committee**
- Approved BAI 46-11-21-2024-01 XL Landscape maintenance contract.

For more Board meeting information visit the SCA website at **scahoa.com** 

### **Meeting Schedule**

### January through April 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 **scahoa.com** website, on the bulletin board in the Anthem Center at 2450 Hampton Rd., Henderson, NV 89052, or by contacting the management office.

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

Tuesday, April 22, 2025 – Executive Session 9 a.m., Penn Room

Thursday, April 24, 2025 - Open Session 5:30 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.



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.



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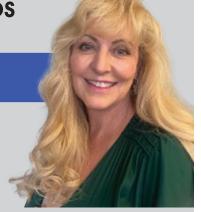
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# **Interim Chief Operating Officer Report**



Hello residents! Happy New Year 2025!

The time certainly goes by quickly as we welcome the new year. We aim to keep enhancing our facilities and the appearance of our beautiful community. Here are a few of the major items we will be addressing in 2025:

- We will be closing parts of the building in January as we continue to replace our HVAC Units at Anthem Center.
- We will be looking to replace flooring in many areas including fitness, the Ballroom, and the carpet in the Membership and Administrative offices in Anthem Center.
- We will be adding more surveillance throughout the property to ensure the safety of the premises.
- Planned maintenance of all sports courts throughout the year. This includes the paddle, tennis and Pickleball courts at Anthem and Liberty Centers.

- Additional fitness equipment at Anthem Center.
- An update of the sound, light, and stage in the Delaware Room.
- A new landscape vendor for common areas at Anthem, Liberty and Independence Centers.

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!

James McNamara, Interim Chief Operating Officer





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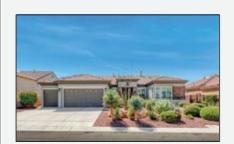
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### **ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW**

Bill Williams, Subcommittee Chair

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

### **Important**

All additions, casitas, exterior modifications, upgrades, and improvements require written ARC approval prior to starting. There have been cases where homeowners began a project without obtaining this approval, resulting in the need to either terminate or significantly change the project for it to gain approval. This has resulted in considerable delays and financial losses for the homeowner.

If your project is significant and time-sensitive enough to necessitate expedited approval, ARC has in the past and will continue to accommodate the homeowners needs. For projects requiring special attention, we strongly suggest that you contact the ARC before beginning work. If an ARC member is available, we can review your project outside of regular meeting times. It is the homeowners responsibility to have the approved paperwork (application) in hand before the project begins.

### 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.

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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**

Ioan Roth, Chair

### Communications.Committee@scacai.com

Next meeting Wednesday, January 8, 9:30 a.m., Concord Room

This committee seeks 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.

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### 2075 Bliss Corner, 2401 Sq. Ft.

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# **Committee Reports**

### **COMMUNITY LIFESTYLE**

Joan Holmstrom, Chair

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Next meeting Friday, January 10, 9:30 a.m. Arlington Room

For those unaware, I have been chosen as the new chair by the members of the Lifestyle Governance Committee. This decision was confirmed during the board of directors meeting on November 21. Additionally, Tim Miller was chosen to be vice chair.

Thank you to everyone who has offered me words of support as I adjust to this new role. It is challenging, even though I have had the opportunity to work alongside Carol Mehrhoff as vice chair for some time. She has been a great mentor. I also appreciate the feedback from those who are sharing their thoughts on how the CLC should be managed. While you may find me a little unconventional at times, I am sure that everything will work out, as life always does in the long run.

### **Meetings**

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.

### Workshop reminder

The workshop for 2025 club officers is scheduled for January 24, from 9 a.m. to noon in the Anthem Ballroom. The four main officers include the president, vice president, secretary and treasurer. Some clubs have more than four officers, and if one of the initial four is unable to attend, another officer can be substituted in their place. It is most important for presidents and treasurers to be present.

### **CLC** community role

We are one of the eight governance committees within SCA, acting as an extension of the board. At times, we collaborate directly with them, report on our activities and occasionally pass along their directives to the clubs. Our role involves working with the clubs that support the various lifestyle activities and events in our community.

#### Documentation

Visit the newly launched SCA website at scahoa.com. As a member, you can log in and discover the club pages, which provide information about the 59 clubs you can join as a resident. Each page includes a list of officers, and direct links to their websites if they have one. The Committees and Clubs Policy Manual (CCPM) and charters for all clubs can also be found on those club pages of the new website. Other documents and forms relating to club processes can be accessed here too.

#### **CLC** contact

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. You will find

a page of information about our committee on the new website as well. Send us an email at Lifestyle.Committee@scacai.com, contact your club liaison when questions arise, or attend our monthly meeting to learn more about the CLC. 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, January 7, 10 a.m., Concord Room

The duties and responsibilities of the Election Committee include overseeing that the elections of the SCA board of directors are conducted fairly and comply with Nevada law and SCA governing documents. Each May, an election is held for homeowners to select new board members to replace those whose terms are expiring. There will be five open positions in this year's election.

Now is the time to consider running for a position on the board. This is an opportunity to have a positive impact on the future of our community. All homeowners are eligible to apply, subject to only a few conditions. Review the information on the SCA website at scahoa.com if interested. Look for the Elections Central button for quick reference.

SCA residents wishing to declare their candidacy must submit a board of director candidate application form. These forms will be available starting Thursday, January 2 at the membership office and on the SCA website.



### Make sure your New Year is off to a sweet start!

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# **Committee Reports**

An overview of the election process for prospective candidates will be held on Tuesday, January 14 at 10 a.m. in the Bristol/ Concord Rooms. 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. The deadline for registration as a candidate is Friday, February 7.

### FACILITIES AND LANDSCAPE

Kathleen Mundy, Chair

mundykathleen1@gmail.com

Next meeting Tuesday, January 7, 10 a.m., Arlington Room

At the close of 2024, we can note the completion of the mandated grass removal and relandscaping of the Villas. Although not an SCA project, the new Liberty Cell tower is now operational for AT&T. Other carriers are expected to also use this new tower in the future, improving cell service within SCA.

Underway is the plan to renovate the existing sports courts. The sports courts workgroup has reviewed the comprehensive consultant report and is in the process of finalizing recommendations to the board for renovations of the existing sports courts in 2025. The types of court surfaces - hard or cushioned - have been selected in consultation with the associated clubs. The committee will also be proposing a plan for the periodic refurbishing of the surfaces. It is anticipated that the renovations and refurbishing plan will extend the life of the courts for decades.

The replacement of the air conditioning units for Anthem and Independence Centers is continuing and there will be additional parking lot closures this month.

The plans for the relandscaping of DiPinto Avenue and Hillside Village on the golf course side of Hampton Road are progressing. This will be a multiyear project.

Lastly, the committee would like to welcome Carol Mehrhoff, who recently joined the SCA board and will serve as our liaison.

Wishing everyone a happy and healthy new year.



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### FINANCE

David Levey, Chair

Finance.Committee@SCACAI.com

Next meeting Wednesday, January 15, 9 a.m.

Arlington Room

As we are preparing for the audit of our 2024 financial statements, SCA's accounting department has been busy providing Frazier & Deeter, our independent CPA firm, with numerous schedules and supporting documents to facilitate the process. In addition, because the Finance Committee is responsible for the review of SCA's income tax return, we are currently discussing various issues that need to be addressed to enable a prompt filing of the return.

Committee chair Dave Levey's term ends on March 31, but we are hopeful that he will agree to continue to serve as a member-at-large to provide guidance and assist in the transition to a new chairperson. The committee will nominate a new chairperson in February and submit the nomination to the board for their approval.

We are pleased to announce that former board member David Meredith was nominated to join the Finance Committee and was approved by the board at its November meeting. David brings a wealth of experience, and we look forward to his active participation in helping us better serve the needs of SCA homeowners.

Approximately \$2.6 million of main association capital projects are scheduled for 2025, including \$888,000 for renovations to the ballroom, almost \$330,000 to replace flooring and carpeting in numerous areas, over \$400,000 for landscaping improvements throughout the community and approximately \$510,000 on the Anthem Center sports courts. In addition to the above, the \$255,000 Pinnacle asphalt project will commence once the weather warms up sufficiently.

The terms of four current members of the Finance Committee will expire in 2025. Because we do not know if they are willing to serve another term, we may need to fill those positions to comply with our charter, which requires a minimum of five members. If you are interested in joining the Finance Committee, please review the committee mission statement, along with the qualifications/ experience requirements on the SCA Finance Committee webpage and consider filling out a volunteer application.

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.

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# **Community Standards**



# **Holiday Decorations**

s the holiday season ends, it is time to begin planning the removal of the decorations and to pack them away until next year. Some people take them down the day after Christmas, while others wait until January. There are those who believe it is bad luck to keep decorations up past Twelfth Night. But contrary to common belief, the Christmas season continues until Candlemas, which falls 40 days after Christmas and marks the conclusion of the festivities. Given the

year we've all experienced, we certainly deserve to keep the Christmas cheer going a little longer.

When it comes to taking down holiday decorations, there are no strict right or wrong answers. However, we request that you ensure their removal by the end of January, under our SCA Design Guidelines. This will also prevent annoyance to your neighbors caused by winter holiday decorations lingering into the spring or throughout the year.

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### **Section III Architectural and Improvement** Design Standards item H.

"Holiday Decorations: Exterior decorations appropriate for holidays determined by the ARC or the Board may be displayed 30 days prior to a holiday and must be taken down by 30 days after the holiday."

We wish you and your loved ones a year filled with health and happiness.

### **Community Standards Department**





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# **Emergency Preparedness (EPSG)**

# New Year - New (Re)solution for **Household Emergency Preparedness**



appy New Year! With its arrival, most of us make some commitments to start fresh and perhaps take on a few projects we've been considering for a while.

At EPSG, our goal is always to be better prepared than the year before, and we

hope yours is similar. To this end, we offer education, information, and resources throughout the year, and we encourage everyone to have individual emergency preparedness plans specific to their household's needs.

One of the basics of emergency preparation is having an emergency supplies kit. If you have not created one yet, we hope it is one of your projects to do this year. While this may sound like a big task, it is not that hard, and we are here to help you with an easy solution:

If you select a few items each time you go shopping and add a couple to your kit each month, by the end of the year, you will have successfully completed the task.

### THE BEST TIME TO PREPARE **FOR AN EMERGENCY IS WHEN** THERE IS NO EMERGENCY.

### **EMERGENCY SUPPLY** SHOPPING LIST

### **January**

- ☐ One gallon of water
- One jar of nut butter
- ☐ One can of meat
- One can of fruit
- Manual can openers
- Sunscreen

- Anti-diarrhea medicine
- ☐ Two pairs of latex gloves
- Safety pins
- Waterproof matches
- ☐ Rope

### The purpose of an emergency supplies kit

Many situations may require people to shelter in place for an extended period. High winds, power loss, chemical leaks, active shooter situations, and road closures are just a few examples, and which have happened in the Las Vegas area in recent years. To be prepared for such an event, we recommend residents have at least a three to seven-day supply kit.

To begin, choose a less used space in your home (such as a closet, cabinet, or under the bed) to assemble a box. Be sure to consider the following:

- 1. It should be in a location that is not exposed to extreme temperatures.
- 2. It is easily accessible, allowing you to check it at least once a year to rotate expiring items and make sure everything is in usable condition.

Once you've selected your spot, you are ready to get started.

For the next 12 months, you'll discover a list of new items to add to your kit in the red box featured in our Spirit article. You can either cut it out and paste it into your shopping list or take a photo for reference. Then simply place these items in the box, and every month you will be more prepared than the last.

If you have any questions or want to share your progress, visit our website at scaepsg.org. We would love to hear your comments and see your photos.

If you already have an emergency kit, this is a good time to review its contents, rotate items that may be expiring soon, and replace any that are no longer functional.



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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, 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.



CSCHelp4U.org 702-614-5862 Weekdays 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., closed weekends and holidays, close at noon on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve

# Support Groups

Friends of Bill W.

Mondays, 6:30 to 8 p.m. Saturdays, 9 to 10 a.m. Greene Room, Anthem Center

**Bereavement Support** 

First and third Monday, 5 to 6:30 p.m. Arlington Room, Anthem Center

**Caregivers Support (includes** Alzheimer's information)

Wednesday, January 8, 10 a.m. to noon Franklin/Emerson Rooms, Anthem Center

For more information about these and other support groups in SCA, go to CSCHelp4U.org.

- Ensure availability for CSC to leave a message on your answering machine. After three attempts, your request will be can-
- Call for pickup of durable medical equipment no longer needed.
- 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**

Volunteering with CSC allows you to help your neighbors throughout our community. Volunteers are always needed because you can make a difference. There are many positions to suit your skills. Visit CSC's website.

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2779 Foxtail Creek Ave., \$575,000 1,715sq.ft. 2-bd+den, 2-bath.

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# **Community Patrol**

## VOLUNTEERS ARE OUR MOST IMPORTANT ASSET AND THE SPIRIT OF OUR COMMUNITY

EMERGENCY	911
Non Emergency	311
SCACP	702-614-6751

## **Chief Chat**



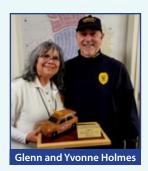
Hi! My name is Randy Buck, and I am the incoming chief of the SCA Community Patrol. 2025 will be a year of change for the Patrol as we adjust to the new HOA website. If you haven't seen it yet, it looks great! The new website will allow us to automate many of the processes we currently do on paper. Bear with us in the coming weeks and months as we automate our processes, and our members get used to the new way of doing things.

Another item I'd like to touch on is volunteering for the Patrol. If you're a regular reader of this space you've seen innumerable requests for people to volunteer for us, but one question we haven't answered very well is WIIFM (What's In It For Me?). Volunteering can be very fulfilling. As a driver, you get to see all of the villages of SCA. Residents are very grateful when we notify them about water leaks or open garage doors. As a dispatcher, you get to help residents as they come in to request house checks or other Patrol services. Walkers and bikers get to know their neighborhoods and meet some of their neighbors as they are out patrolling. Then there's the family of members you'll meet and socialize with at our various activities. Plus, you'll have the satisfaction of knowing you're helping to keep your community safe. If this sounds good to you, come to the Patrol office any day of the week between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. to fill out a membership application.

# **Please Give Us** Your Number!

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 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

# **Members of the Month**



Our Members of the Month are Glenn and Yvonne Holmes. Glenn and Yvonne bought their home in Black Mountain Village in 2017 and moved to SCA permanently in 2019. In 2021, as the Covid restrictions were being lifted, they signed up for Community Patrol to give back to the community, first as walkers

and then as drivers, adding house check duties in 2023.

They both grew up in southern California, in the same neighborhood, and went to the same high school, but did not know each other until they met while working on the 10-year reunion. They have now been married for 41 years! They lived in Chino Hills, California for over 30 years, where they raised their four kids, and have since added seven grandkids and a great-granddaughter.

Yvonne retired from Ontario-Montclair School District after 38 plus years as a special education teacher, and also as a school psychologist. Glenn retired as a civil engineer, having worked for private consulting firms for more than 45 years. While located primarily in California, his engineering projects included site work in Oregon, Idaho, Nevada, Arizona and Acapulco, Mexico.

Glenn and Yvonne love to travel and explore, and in 2024 traveled from Kauai to London, and Cabo San Lucas to Seattle, visiting family and friends and enjoying new adventures. When people inquire about retirement, they say they volunteer and vacation!

> The Community Patrol is always looking for volunteers. **Help Keep Your Community Safe!**

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# Neighborhood Watch (NWSC)



# **Neighborhood Watch Needs Volunteers!**

'e always say that but haven't done a good job telling you what our volunteers do. So, here goes!

Participants. When you agree to join the Neighborhood Watch Program (NWP), we simply ask that you follow the principle: "If you see something, say something." If you are looking out your window, walking in your neighborhood, checking your mailbox, taking your trash containers to the street, or returning home from a shopping trip, let us know if you see something suspicious!

We can get the word out to the rest of your neighbors. To do this, we will need your contact information (phone number and email address), so we can share updates with you. We will not inundate you with emails. We try to keep them to once a month unless there's vital information you need immediately.

### How to sign up to participate in NWP

- Visit the Neighborhood Watch page on the SCA website.
- Pick up a form at our kiosk in Anthem Center and when completed drop it in our mailbox across from the Fitness check-in area.
- Answer the door when your block captain comes around for our twice-a-year canvass.

Block captains. Block captains act as the primary "boots on the ground" for NWP, overseeing an assigned group of homes, and acting as the main contact for NWP. Their responsibilities include:

- · Monitoring home sales on their block to identify new neigh-
- Informing neighbors that they are the communication focal point for the block.
- · Distributing new NWP materials, such as meeting announcements, as requested by the village facilitator.
- Reaching out to new residents on the block and asking them to participate.

It isn't much work at all, other than the spring and fall canvassing efforts. You will need a computer to update the spreadsheet with information about new neighbors.

Village facilitators. If block captains are the captains, village facilitators are the generals. They coordinate all NWP activities in their village, including:

- · Coordinating NWP activities in the village, especially the annual meeting.
- · Communicating with your block captains and participants on safety and security issues (e.g., current criminal activity).
- Maintaining the database for village NWP participation and communication.
- · Attending semi-annual facilitator group meetings.
- Being a resource for materials for the block captains of the vil-
- Recruiting new block captains, as necessary.
- Providing communications to village residents on NWP issues (e.g., regular emails on NWP).
- Serving as the liaison between the village and the SCA NWP

If you are interested in being a village facilitator, the following villages need help: Black Mountain (zones 1 and 5, see map), Clubhouse Village, High Mesa Village, Pinnacle Village, and Tall Mesa Village North.



# VIVA VOLUNTEERS - TODAY FOR TOMORROW



appy New Year everyone. I plan to fully enjoy 2025 by maximizing all SCA has to offer.

I often surprise family and friends when describing our amenities and then the astonishingly reasonable assessment fees we pay. One of our unique benefits is our resident-run service committees, which include Emergency Preparedness, Community Service, Community Patrol, and Neighborhood Watch. These committees provide a wide range of services to all residents within our 7,144 homes.

One of the more intricate service committees is our Community Service group. This team of resident volunteers offers support, including home maintenance, medical equipment for residents and transportation to various appointments and locations. Additionally, they have a communications team that coordinates requests and connects residents with the appropriate services and/or support groups.

Currently, CSC is focusing on recruitment for the transportation team. If you can spare a few hours a month, your help as a driver would be invaluable. Many residents find themselves unable to drive and rely on others for assistance, while some may become isolated because they don't want to "bother" friends and neighbors. Providing a ride to a medical appointment, one of our community centers, a friend's house, or a store can greatly enhance someone's life.

Volunteer drivers use their personal vehicles, gas, insurance and time. In return, they gain the satisfaction of making a difference in our community. We are in need of drivers, so please consider dedicating a few hours a month to assist.

Volunteer applications can be filled out online or picked up from the 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 many volunteer opportunities. I would be thrilled to help you decide what works best for you.

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# **Club Activities**

## **Club Activities**

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

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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 PAC.SCAClub.org, or by calling 702-614-5822.



Join SCA Board for coffee & conversation.

Friday, January 24 8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m.

> **Independence Center** Morris & Nelson Room

The Current Events Club Presents ... The 2024 Election ... A Political Party Realignment Monday, February 3,10 a.m. • Delaware Room, Anthem Center



### The Financial Club Presents ... **FINRA Breakfast Seminar**

Thursday, February 6, 9 a.m. with breakfast served at 8:30 a.m. Anthem Center Ballroom

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~ T.S. Eliot

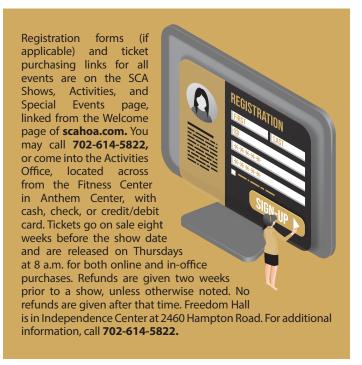
### **Seminars**

### **Hospice Care & Resources Hosted by Integrity Hospice**

Thursday, February 13, 11 a.m. Penn Room, Independence Center Free Admission, Registration Encouraged • Limited Space



At Integrity Hospice, we provide compassionate, individualized care plans that prioritize dignity, comfort, and quality of life for our patients. Our palliative care and symptom management services are designed to support both patients and their families, ensuring that every decision reflects their values and preferences. We believe in the power of advocacy, actively involving families in the care process to enhance the overall experience. Committed to the highest standard of patient care, as we strive to create a nurturing environment that honors each person's unique journey.



### **Empowered Caregiver Hosted by Alzheimer's Association**

Friday, February 21, 1 p.m. Delaware Room, Anthem Center Free Admission, Registration Encouraged



Are you a caregiver for someone living with dementia or Alzheimer's disease? Spend the afternoon with the Alzheimer's Association and learn how you can better communicate with your loved one and understand some of the behavior changes that can happen.

This two-hour series will discuss the following:

Communicating effectively. Teaches how dementia affects communication, including tips for communicating well with family, friends, and healthcare professionals.

Responding to dementia-related behaviors. Details common behavior changes and how they are a form of communication, non-medical approaches to behaviors and recognizing when additional help is needed



### **Events**

#### **Blood Drive**



### **Shredder Truck**

Tuesday, February 18, 6 to 10 a.m. Anthem Center Parking Lot (between Anthem and Independence Centers) Free with SCA Membership Card Drive-thru only, No walk-ups



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The shredder is designated for document destruction only, not recycling, so please refrain from using plastic bags. No newspapers, magazines, garbage, food products, large metal clips, or plastics.

For your safety, remain in your vehicle. Staff members will retrieve your documents as per your instructions.

This event will end at 10 a.m. or earlier if the shredder truck reaches full capacity. Please come early!

### **Excursion**

### The Smith Center Bus Trip ... Hamilton

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

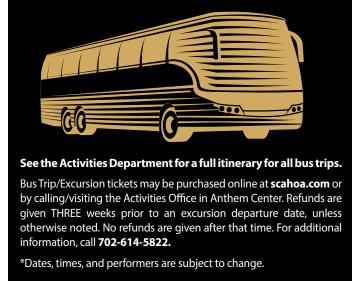


The bus departs SCA at 5:30 p.m. and is expected to return approximately 11:30 p.m.

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

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

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.



### **Shows**

### Sun City Anthem Presents ... Sun City Anthem Variety Show starring Mark OToole

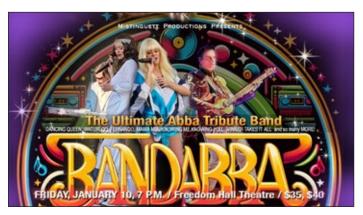
Thursday, January 2, 3 p.m. Wednesday, January 15, 3 p.m. Freedom Hall, Independence Center Tickets \$20 residents, \$25 non-residents



The Sun City Variety Show starring Mark OToole continues in Freedom Hall Theatre. 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 ... 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, spinetingling sights and sounds of an actual Abba show. BandAbba

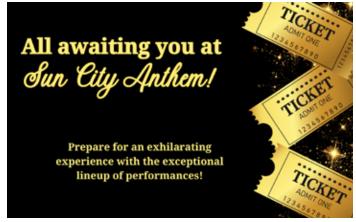
utilizes a cast consisting of the best of the best talent that the entertainment capital of the world has to offer. Each of the fronting members could easily headline their own show. Collectively they are a powerhouse that has come together to create a unique and stunningly authentic Abba tribute concert 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



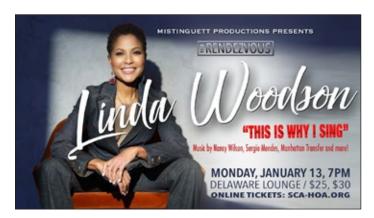
The evening comes alive with the rhythmic beats of congas and captivating guitar riffs, leading to an exhilarating musical experience inspired by Santana. Freedom the Santana Experience, led by guitarist Daniel Gomez and featuring top Las Vegas musicians, offers a journey through classic hits like Black Magic Woman and Oye Como Va. Audiences can expect an energetic blend of talent and enthusiasm that will get everyone dancing and singing along.



### **Shows**

### **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



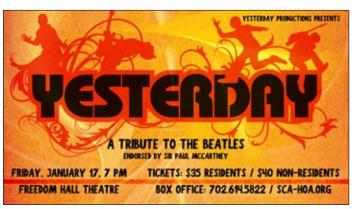
Linda Woodson returns with "This Is Why I Sing," a musical tribute to special songs and artists that shaped her love for singing. Her repertoire weaves between many genres, but the one thing her songs have in common is her classy phrasing and her smooth, sultry sound.

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.

### 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.

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 scahoa.com. 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.** 



### **Shows**

### 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!

### **Mistinguett Productions Presents... Comedy Tonight!**

Monday, January 20, 7 p.m Delaware Lounge, Anthem Center Tickets \$25 residents, \$30 non-residents



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!

### 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 betterknown 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.



### **Shows**

### 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.

### **Mistinguett Productions Presents... Grady Harrell's Tribute to The Temptations**

Friday, February 7, 7 p.m. Freedom Hall, Independence Center Tickets \$35 residents, \$40 non-residents



Grady Harrell pays homage to Motown's iconic male group, The Temptations, in a thrilling tribute. Backed by his childhood friends, the performance showcases the Temptations' legendary hits like Just My Imagination, My Girl, and Papa Was a Rolling Stone. Under Berry Gordy's 1961 signing, the group recorded chart-topping hits, and Grady recreates the magic with intricate choreography. Joined by a Vegas all-star band, this unforgettable show invites the audience to dance in their seats and sing along to the timeless tunes that define The Temptations' legacy.

### Mistinguett Productions Presents ... Mr. NOBODY

Monday, February 10, 7 p.m. Delaware Lounge, Anthem Center Tickets \$25 residents, \$30 non-residents



Three incredible musicians take the stage in the form of a vintage speakeasy trio. Mr. Nobody features multi-awardwinning singer/songwriter and Las Vegas headliner Michael Grimm, piano/comedy extraordinaire Bill Zappia and multiinstrumentalist and soul singer (aka Golden Boy) Jimmy Tripi. The trio plays vintage blues jazz like you have never experienced before, along with special material they only perform. Come check out this underground performance of Mr. Nobody!



Show tickets may be purchased online at scahoa.com. Scroll down under "SCA Shows, Activities and Special Events", and click on that link or purchase tickets inperson 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 inoffice 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 ... **Genevieve Dew ... A Valentine Serenade**

Friday, February 14, 7 p.m. Freedom Hall, Independence Center Tickets \$35 residents, \$40 non-residents



Mark your calendars for February 14 and get ready to be swept away by an enchanting evening filled with music, love, and heartwarming moments. Come and experience the magic as Genevieve serenades you with her most romantic and captivating performances. Plus, as a special treat, she'll be handing out delightful valentine's goodies to all her guests!

### Sal Cucco Entertainment Presents ... Lou Gazzara

Friday, February 21, 7 p.m. Freedom Hall, Independence Center Tickets \$35 residents, \$40 non-residents



American Idol finalist, three times Broadway world nominee, and Las Vegas headliner, Gazzara uses a five-octave range and world-class vocals to deliver mind-blowing renditions of the greatest hits of all time. From Sinatra to Bruno Mars, Elvis Presley to Pavarotti, Frankie Valli to Journey and more! You will be on the edge of your seat and dancing in the aisles with this nonstop, high-energy, true Las Vegas showman musical concert.

**Mistinguett Productions Presents...** The Rendezvous ... starring Simon & Garfunkel ... A Tribute to One of the Most Iconic Pop Duos of All-Time

Monday, February 24, 7 p.m. Delaware Lounge, Anthem Center Tickets \$25 residents, \$30 non-residents



Comedian/singer/recording artist Dennis Blair (opening act for such celebrities as Rodney Dangerfield, Joan Rivers, and George Carlin, and author of the new book Touring with Legends) and Kenny Davidsen (winner of Best Lounge Show in Las Vegas for his Bowtie Cabaret running for over eight years at the Tuscany Hotel) are joining forces once again to honor the music of the legendary Simon & Garfunkel. This show, which earns accolades and standing ovations everywhere it plays, is supported by an exceptional band and includes a cameo appearance by the amazing Toscha Comeaux. Thrill once again to classic songs like Homeward Bound, Mrs. Robinson, I Am a Rock, The Sound of Silence, Bridge Over Troubled Water, and many more.

# **COMING SOON**

February 5: SCA Variety Show starring Mark OToole, Wednesday at 3 p.m. On sale now

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

March 7: Journey Tribute, Friday at 7 p.m. On sale January 9

March 14: Las Vegas Bellas, Friday at 7 p.m. On sale January 16

March 15: Kelly Vohnn, Saturday at 7 p.m. On sale January 16

March 17: Comedy Tonight, Monday at 7 p.m. On sale January 16

March 24: Jimmy Hopper, Monday at 7 p.m. On sale January 23

March 28: Dondino Show, Friday at 7 p.m. On sale January 30

## Fitness | SCA Membership I.D. Required for Entry

### **Four Easy Meal Prep Ideas**



Dillon Martin, RDN

Meal preparation doesn't have to be complicated, yet it offers many health benefits. Regular meal prepping helps maintain a balanced diet, controls portions, reduces mealtime stress, and saves money.

Here are four simple and nutritious meal prep ideas that make cooking easier:

- 1. Overnight oats with fruit and nuts. Combine oats, milk, yogurt, and your choice of fruits and nuts in a jar overnight. The oats soften naturally, creating a creamy, nutritious breakfast that's ready to eat.
- 2. Pre-portioned smoothie bags. Fill freezer bags with measured amounts of fruits, leafy greens, and optional add-ins like chia seeds. When ready, simply empty a bag into your blender with liquid for a fresh, nutritious drink.
- 3. Mason jar salads. Create layered salads that stay fresh for days. Start with dressing at the bottom then add hard vegetables like bell pepper, cucumber, and zucchini and proteins such as chicken or tofu, and finish with lettuce on top. Shake when ready to eat.
- 4.Slow cooker soup portions. Combine vegetables, meat, and broth in a slow cooker for hands-off cooking. Make hearty soups like chicken, vegetable, or lentil that freeze well for future meals.

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. Our next class, on Saturday, January 18, will discuss "meal prep mastery." 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

### **Monitors Spotlight**



The monitors at SCA play a vital role in enhancing residents' experiences, and we think they are the most important part! They are here not only to warmly greet you but also to answer any questions you have, point you in the right direction, assist in emergencies, check you in, sell passes and services,

manage the opening and closing of the centers and help replenish supplies. Many are also your neighbors and friends.

We are incredibly grateful for our monitors, and they deserve every bit of recognition. The next time you are in one of the centers, let them know how much you appreciate them too!

### **Fitness Superstar** Gary K.



Gary retired from the USPS in 2010 after dedicating 30 years as a mail carrier. Following retirement, he decided he wasn't done moving yet and began walking the beautiful hills and trails of SCA. He committed himself to swimming in Anthem Center for 30 minutes 350 days a year.

On March 25, Gary collapsed at the pool. The assistant fitness director performed CPR and two shocks of the AED to keep him alive until EMTs arrived. He ended up needing a quintuple bypass.

Gary not only survived but is thriving. He has been in cardiac rehab healing and getting stronger. He has continued his rehabilitation program here at SCA and has been regularly walking the fitness track and using fitness equipment.

Gary's workout regime built his auxiliary cardiac blood vessels developed after the age of 50 into a viable auxiliary heart support system, which ultimately saved him. Gary is eager to return to the pool for his daily swimming. He misses his 6 a.m. crew!

Gary's outcome is remarkable and shows it truly takes a village. In his case, SCA is that village. Make a New Year's resolution to come and join him here.

### **SCA Pool News & Rules**



SCA outdoor pool season has come to an end. Pools will be heated again beginning 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.

### **Exercise Spotlight Reformer Pilates**

A comprehensive fitness system that uses the Pilates reformer, a unique piece of exercise equipment that enhances strength, flexibility, and posture. This sophisticated apparatus is outfitted with a sliding carriage, springs, ropes with handles, and a foot bar to provide resistance and support to a variety of movements. This makes reformer Pilates an ideal choice for beginners and seasoned practitioners alike. Interested in trying out the Pilates reformer? Call the personal trainer office at 702-614-5893, and we will connect you with one of our amazing Pilates instructors.

### 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.

### **Trainer Tip** Heidi D., Pilates Instructor



#### How to stand up properly from a seated position

Bring your inner thighs and ankles close together. Suck in from your pubic bone to your breastbone (transverse abdominis). Slightly unlock knees. Lengthen the top back of your skull. Open the soles of your feet and widen your toes. This will be 60 per-

cent pressure on the balls of the feet and 40 percent pressure on the heels of the feet. Square off, and engage your thighs, glutes, back, and core to come to standing.



### **New Year's Resolutions**

This year, why not focus on recovery and self-care as part of your New Year's resolutions? Physical therapy is a wonderful way to improve strength, balance, and flexibility, especially if you're managing chronic pain or recovering from an injury. It can even help with every movement. Making daily activities more comfortable and making you active longer.

Massage therapy is another great option for self-care. It can help relax muscles, reduce stress, and improve circulation. It can boost your mood and even help with better sleep.

Both therapies offer a way to prioritize your health, giving your body the care it needs to feel its best. Starting the year with a focus on recovery might just make 2025 your most balanced year yet!

#### AFRICAN AMERICAN HERITAGE



Happy New Year! We hope everyone had a wonderful holiday experience, and we welcome you to 2025.

The AAHC hosted its annual holiday dinner dance on Saturday, December 28. It was an awesome way to end the year. Thanks to everyone who joined us and contributed to its success.

#### Leadership team

Alongside the transition of seasons, came the change of our leadership team. Elections were held, and we wrapped up the year by expressing our sincere gratitude to our 2024 officers with a warm heartfelt valediction for their dedication and outstanding work.

We bid farewell to Carolyn Fortune and Annette Irving who served as vice president and secretary tirelessly during the year. Their immense energy and enthusiasm contributed significantly to the success of the AAHC. Although they have stepped down from their leadership roles, they have promised to continue supporting the club in other ways. We thank them for their ongoing service.

We are delighted to present our leadership team for 2025, thankful to have maintained our current president, Bernita Glenn and treasurer, Dr. Michele Bowers, both of whom have served themselves with diligence. We welcome Chester Hinds as our new vice president and Juanita Brown as secretary. Standing behind them proudly, we are certain they will perform with dignity and pride, and we appreciate their willingness to move us forward into the new year.

#### Mark your calendar

Our Black History Month celebration begins with a dynamic film festival consisting of three marvelous movies:

- February 6 Selma is a 2014 historical drama directed by Ava DuVernay and written by Paul Webb. It is based on the 1965 Selma to Montgomery voting rights marches which were initiated by James Bevel and led by Martin Luther King Jr, Hosea Williams, and John Lewis.
- February 12 Get on Up is a 2014 American biographical musical about the life of singer James Brown (played by Chadwick Boseman) and directed by Tate Taylor.
- February 18 *Devotion* is an American biographical war film that tells of the comradeship between naval officers Jesse L. Brown (played by Jonathan Majors) and Tom Hudner (Glen Powell) during the Korean War.

Following each of these films, there will be a wine and cheese reception. Look for more information coming soon.

On Saturday, February 22 we will conclude the celebration with our annual event featuring food, guest speakers and vendors. Admission is free.

The AAHC is open to all, and we welcome your membership. Joining is as easy as completing the form, located in the kiosk near the Activities office. Complete the information, include the \$20 annual membership fee, and drop it in our mailbox across from the Fitness check-in.

#### AMATEUR RADIO



Skywarn is a volunteer program developed by the National Weather Service (NWS) that relies on trained spotters to provide real-time reports of severe weather, such as tornadoes, hail, and flooding. This network of spotters plays a critical role in enhancing public safety by

supplying the NWS with localized, ground-level observations to supplement radar data.

Amateur radio operators, often called "hams," are integral to the Skywarn program. Their extensive communication skills and equipment allow them to provide vital weather information even when conventional systems fail. Amateur radio provides a reliable means of communication during emergencies, especially in rural or remote areas where storms may disrupt other communication infrastructure.

SCA Amateur Radio Club members participate in Skywarn by relaying weather reports from spotters in the field to local NWS offices. These volunteers are often among the first to report severe weather events, giving timely warnings to the public. Additionally, in severe weather situations, amateur radio operators can assist in coordinating emergency response efforts.

This partnership between Skywarn and amateur radio boosts community preparedness and response, demonstrating the strength of volunteerism during severe weather and disaster situations. As a result of this collaboration, public safety is improved and lives are often saved.

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. You can start with your Technician rating in June.

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**



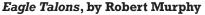
Four members of the Anthem Authors Club have recently published new books. Each comes highly recommended.

#### My Name Is Jimmy, by Iris Hattersley

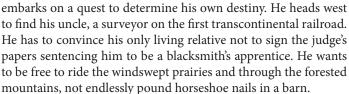
A newborn baby boy is left at a Bakersfield,

California fire station with a note pinned to his blanket. It reads, "My Name Is Jimmy." Fortunately, Jimmy grows up with adoptive parents in a loving family.

After serving a tour in Vietnam, he joins the Kern County Sheriff's Office, first as a deputy sheriff, and later promoted to homicide detective where he is faced with horrific crimes and murder scenes. One will affect him in a personal way, more than he could ever have imagined.



Will Braddock does not want some old judge dictating his future. The newly orphaned fourteen-year-old



After Will achieves a coveted position as a hunter for Union Pacific, a feisty young girl he befriends is kidnapped by the Cheyenne Indians. When the Army refuses to assist in her recovery, Will decides to disobey his uncle and risks his life to save her.

## Imagine That! Wonders of a Late Bloomer, by Soon Bock Moon

A collection of short stories and views that combine Soon's observations and comparisons from a poor Korean childhood and education, coupled with her growth and experience in the American culture.

### Remember Me, A Sonnet for Marigold, by Mia Michaels (pen name)

Natalie suffers a brain injury in a private plane crash in which the pilot is killed. As she struggles to remember the details of her life, during a slow recovering amnesia with partial loss of memory, a shocking revelation about an affair she may have had with the handsome pilot surfaces.

Natalie's accident gives her husband, Paul, a wake-up call. He is determined to be the husband she needs, but at every turn, someone tries to sabotage their efforts at forming a new commitment with one another. Whose diamond engagement ring

is on Natalie's finger? Who is sending her gifts meant to turn her heart away from Paul?

If only Natalie's memory would return, perhaps she and Paul could rebuild their relationship before it's too late.

A must-read for lovers of multiple genres, you won't want to miss out on the excitement, mystery, and unpredictable journey of true love. *Remember Me: A Sonnet for Marigold* is a romantic suspense novel sprinkled with humor and a dash of fantasy.

### **AQUACIZE**



On Wednesday, January 15 at 11:30 a.m., the Aquacize Club will be having our luncheon at Social Station. 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, January 9.

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 across from the Fitness Center. Full refunds will be accepted until Friday, January 10. We will be celebrating the birthdays of Carol Rosario, Jackie Taylor, Jane Lee, Laurie DeGarmo, Lori Rostad, Rose Stortz and Valerie Traum. If you have any questions about the luncheon or are not getting emails from the club, contact our Secretary Mary Kolesar at 603-767-0509 or at t\_kolesar@yahoo.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 Roxy, Patti, Sherry, Lourdes, Lori and Kathy



Happy November birthday to Margie, Lynne, Debbie and Diane

#### Hydrotone class schedule, Anthem Center

With Petra - Wednesdays and Fridays, 9 a.m. 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 Petra - Mondays, 9 a.m.

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

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



2025 leadership team Lori, Maria, Mary, Jodi and Debbie

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



When was the last time you tried something for the first time?

The new year is a wonderful time to commit to a fresh adventure. Trying new things helps you discover hidden talents, interests, and passions you never knew you had. Stepping outside your comfort zone can boost your confidence and resilience.

A new hobby injects excitement and variety into your life, and it provides an opportunity for shared experiences that can lead to new friendships and deeper connections with existing ones.



If you are ready to explore new creative avenues, the Arts and Crafts Club is the place for you. We offer 16 special interest groups that cater to an array of artistic pursuits. From woodcarving to fused glass, we make trying a new activity easy with group members available to teach and support you on your journey.

ARTS AND CRAFTS CLUB MEETING SCHEDULE	
Adult Coloring	Thurs.
	1 to 3 p.m.
Bead Weaving	Wed. & Fri.
	1 to 3 p.m.
<b>Card Making Beginning</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Wed. of the month
	9 or 10:45 a.m.
Morning	2 <sup>nd</sup> Mon. 10 a.m.to noon
Afternoon	3 <sup>rd</sup> Mon. 1 to 3 p.m.
Colored Pencil	Fri.
	10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
EZ Make & Take	3 <sup>rd</sup> or 4 <sup>th</sup> Mon. of the
	month 10 a.m. to noon
Fused Glass	Tues., Thurs.
	9:30 a.m. to noon
	Tues. 6 to 8 p.m.
	Sat. 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.
	Sun. 1 to 4 p.m.
Knit/Crochet	Wed. 10 a.m. to noon
	Fri. 1 to 4 p.m.
Mosaics	Fri.
	9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Needle Crafts	Wed.
	1 to 4 p.m.
Polymer Clay	Thurs.
	12:30 to 3:30 p.m.
Scrapbooking & More	Sun. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
	Mon. 1 to 4 p.m.
Stained Glass	Mon. & Tues.
	9:30 a.m. to noon
<b>Tuesday Painters</b>	Tues.
	1 to 4:30 p.m.
Woodcarving	Tues. & Sat.
	9 a.m. to noon

Come join us and try something new in 2025. Annual dues of \$25 allow you to attend as many of the groups and classes as you like. Check out our schedule and drop in the Arts & Club room at Independence Center. For more information visit the club's website at acc.scaclub.org!

#### **BALLROOM DANCE**



#### **Happy New Year**

Wishing our club members a prosperous new year filled with good

health, happy memories, and good times as we interact with other people through dancing. Let's do what we can to support our club in 2025. Happy dancing!

#### Sunday social dance parties

Our monthly social dance parties are held every second Sunday of the month from 2 to 5 p.m. in the Anthem Center Ballroom. Nonclub members are welcome for only \$10 per person.

#### **Upcoming**

Our monthly potluck is scheduled for Friday, January 17, at 5:30 p.m. in Liberty Center. We encourage all members to attend and socialize with new friends.

#### Decoration director

We are still seeking a volunteer to take on the role of decoration director. This position is responsible for leading the decorating



Live to dance, dance to live



November social dance party attendees



Camaraderie at its best after a dance practice

efforts for the dance hall during special events. With assistance from fellow club members, the decorating process typically takes no more than one hour.

#### Dancing into the new year

Whether you are an amateur dancer or someone who just loves to dance, join the Ballroom Dance Club (BDC) and enjoy the many benefits of dancing and socializing with people. The club provides residents of SCA with the chance to learn the five most popular ballroom dances: waltz, swing, rumba, cha cha and foxtrot. Additionally, line dancing classes are available.

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 lessons with respective instructors.

#### Membership

A reminder to all members to renew their club membership for 2025. The annual dues are \$10 per person. For inquiries, contact Grace Hwang, club treasurer.

For additional details on how to join the club, you can reach out to any of the club officers.

President John Schwinning, 908-338-0362 Vice president Dorris Lung, 201-688-6394 Treasurer Grace Hwang, 908-797-0404 Secretary Greg Castilla, 425-443-2826

Our website also provides general information about the club.

Some people seem to think that good dancers are born, but all the good dancers I have known are taught or trained ~ Fred Astaire

#### **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.

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#### **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 president Cheryl Kraft 716-523-2376; secretary Jude Nelson 801-792-9614; treasurer Cheryl Glenn 702-419-0109 and vice president Lloyd Gagnon 702-419-0109. For more information or to join the club, call any officer or visit our website at SCAPool.org.

#### BOCCE



#### The Bocce Club welcomes its new leadership team for 2025

Katrina Heath, president Randy Peters, vice-president Patty Hatch, secretary Jan Stahl, treasurer Marti Morris, Lynette Webber, Victor Izakson, Brian Leslie and Paul Fass are atlarge leaders

Bocce spring season. Planning for the spring league began 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 the spring or fall leagues to our league coordinator, Marti Morris at morrismj22649@gmail.com.

Recreational. During the winter we continue to have open recreational bocce play on Saturday mornings at 10 a.m. However, from April through October, the start time shifts to 9 a.m. 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.

Tournaments. The club continues both 2x2 and Straight Ball Shootouts. Details and schedules for all tournaments, along with other 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 January 16 in the Morris/Nelson Room, Independence Center at 1 p.m.



We are ready to kick off another year of interesting reads and stimulating discussions. For the cold month of January, we will be reading The Frozen River by New York Times bestselling author Ariel Lawton. It was included in NPR's Books We Love 2023: Historical Fiction list and was a Good Morning America pick. It presents a gripping historical mystery inspired by the life and diary of Martha Ballard, a renowned 18th-century midwife who defied the legal system and

wrote herself into American history. When the Kennebec River freezes, entombing a man in the ice, Martha Ballard is summoned to examine the body and determine the cause of death.

Over the course of one winter, as the trial nears, and whispers and prejudices mount, Martha doggedly pursues the truth.

#### And here's what else is coming up in 2025

February 20, The Women by Kristin Hannah November 21, The Midnight Library by Matt Haig December 19, The Maid by Nita Prose

For more information, visit the SCA website at scahoa.com and look for us under the club listings. Dues are only \$10 for an entire year of fascinating reading, discussion, and literary camaraderie. If you're interested in joining us or simply want to see what we're all about, send us an email using the 'email the club' button on our website. We'll respond to you promptly.

Club members also volunteer at the SCA library in Independence Center, open to 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.

Joan Fine, president; Diane Stein, vice president; Lou Anne Peltier, treasurer; Kathleen Dussault, secretary; Janet Tiernan, library manager.

#### **BOWLING**

The Bowling Club promotes bowling for SCA residents. Our nodues 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 fourperson, 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.

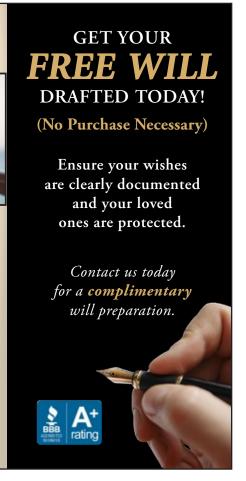
A second league, the Anthem Rollers, is a 9:30 a.m. Monday league with three-person mixed-gender teams. This league is open to bowlers who are age 55 or over. The 2024-2025 fall/winter season will start in late August 2024.

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.



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#### **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.

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.

The Canasta Club is for you. 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 at FranGardberg4Canasta@gmail.com, or vice president Beverly Pollock, at 702-269-4698.

#### **CERAMICS**

The Ceramics Club is pleased to announce its 2025 officers:

Cheryl Moloney, president Connie Richards, vice president Jan Stahl, treasurer Vicki Storberg, secretary



Marcea Reid assists Cindy Dayney with her first attempt at using crystal glaze as part of the Beginners Series of classes

We are fortunate to have Jan and Vicki return to their positions, lending valuable experience to our leadership team. Additionally, we are excited to see Cheryl and Connie step up, bringing fresh perspectives and energy to the club. We are looking forward to a new year filled with innovative ideas.

The Ceramics Room is accessible to members whenever Anthem Center is open, except Wednesday mornings when used by the Porcelain Club. Come by anytime for a visit or to browse our window display featuring the amazing work of our members. You might find the perfect gift to buy or get inspired to start on your own creative journey.

We welcome new members throughout the year, but January is a great time to join us. Following a brief orientation addressing club operations and procedures, new members will have the opportunity to participate in a three-part Beginners Series. This series, which covers low fire glazing and general ceramics basics, will take place over three consecutive Thursday afternoons starting January 9.

A Beginning Hand Building orientation will soon be scheduled to provide instruction on the equipment and techniques used to create original pieces from clay.

We will be introducing additional classes to learn new techniques and scheduling open workshops for idea sharing in an informal setting. Current members can find more information on our website. If you're ready to get in on this fun and creative hobby, simply click "join the club" at ceramics.scaclub.org to get started.

#### **CHICAGO**

Happy New Year from the Chicago Club! We are ready to kick off the year with our Loventines Celebration of Love & Friendship on January 19. This event falls perfectly between the holiday season and the Super Bowl, so come join us for the festivities! You can find additional information about this event on the club's website.

Here is the rest of our lineup for 2025, showcasing the best that SCA has to offer:

- March 16 This must be the 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 infamous Halloween party.

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. And nope, you don't need to be from Chicago to join.

#### CHINESE HERITAGE

The CHC general meeting to elect the club leaders for 2025 was held on November 23 at Independence Center. Attendees enjoyed a lunch featuring Chinese dishes, cookies and bottled water. After counting the ballots cast by 103 members, the newly elected club leaders are:

President, Lena Fong Vice president, Rose Hu Treasury, Jade Hu Secretary, Dorothy Shea Activity director, Lina Tsao

For inquiries regarding CHC membership renewals and new sign ups, reach out to one of our club leaders. You can find their contact information on our 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



General meeting check-in table



Current and past club leaders



Members participate in voting

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 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.

In late November, we disposed of the last of the club's old Intel iMacs. The Computer Club then purchased nine new iMacs. The six in the first row of the club classroom have the latest version of Photoshop Elements 2025 on the Mac side and Microsoft 365 (Office) on the Windows side.

As we begin 2025, consider signing up for one or more classes and learning something new.

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 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.



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• 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



Happy New Year! We hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season. If you are looking for something new in the coming year and want to hear your neighbors' thoughts on world events while also sharing your views, we invite you to consider our club.

Did President-elect Trump's election signal the end of identitarian politics? What do you think his foreign policy will look like? Colleges and universities will soon face an "enrollment cliff" as dwindling numbers present themselves. What should these institutions consider when evaluating their budgets? These are just a few issues discussed recently at our club meetings.

These topics 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. Upcoming topics include:

- What happened in the 2024 election and why: polls, research and media impressions, February 3
- Stealth development and impact on the Air Force, date TBD
- Anatomy of a civil lawsuit, date TBD
- Guns and American history: from flintlocks to today, date TBD

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**

The SCA Democratic Club seeks to advance the historical and cultural contributions inherent in the Democratic Party. Our mission is to promote the Democratic Party and Democratic candidates and to inform and bring our members together. The club is dedicated to advocating for 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.

The club held its membership meeting and annual election on December 18. Here is our 2025 leadership team:

Lance Arnt, president Alan Gerstner, vice president Harriet Lerner, treasurer Wendy Linow, secretary Joan Fine, M.D., membership coordinator Alan Alterbaum, Elizabeth Brickfield, Tony Doom and Barbara Weier are at-large leaders

The new leadership team is excited to bring speakers of interest to club members and prepare for the mid-term elections in November 2026.



2025 leadership team and outgoing acting president David Hatton

Our club has 512 members, making it the largest Democratic club in Nevada. Monthly meetings take place on the third Wednesday of the month in Independence Center. Doors open at 5:30 p.m.

We invite all those who share our vision, values, and passion to become members and join us each month.

For more information and upcoming volunteer opportunities, contact Lance Arnt at scadems.president@gmail.com or visit the 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, reach out to Liz Macera at 510-813-2175 or lizmacera@gmail.com, or Barbara Seely at 702-683-9616 or barbs89052@yahoo.com. For more information, we welcome you to visit us before the game begins.

#### FILIPINIANA



We wish everyone Manigong Bagong Taon! That's Happy New Year in Tagalog.

We completed another year of activities on December 1 with our annual Christmas party. Photos from the celebration will be featured in next month's Spirit.

Here's a recap of some activities from last year: we hosted two annual parties (Christmas and Philippines Independence), organized a two-week tour of the Philippines, and took two trips to the Tuacahn outdoor theater in St. George, Utah. We look forward to another active year filled with activities and fellowship.

#### Save the dates

Independence party, June 7 Christmas Party, December 13

We are looking for ideas for a club trip this year. 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: *Someday I want to be rich. Some people get so* rich they lose all respect for humanity. That's how rich I want to be. ~ Rita Rudner

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, January 9 at 3 p.m. in the Delaware Room. Our guest speaker could not be confirmed before press time of the Spirit. Check our website for updates at financial.scaclub.org.

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, January 8 at 9 a.m.
- The Stock Group examines aspects of selecting, timing, buying, and selling stocks. Next meeting is on Friday, January 17 at 2 p.m.
- The ETF Group focuses on exchange-traded funds and mutual funds for income and growth in your portfolio. Next meeting is on Friday, January 31 at 2 p.m.

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

#### **GARDEN**

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 and eye-catching, will have all the answers. Your plants will thank you for attending.

Looking ahead, our speaker for February will be arborist and president of Mr. Tree, Joe Noriega, who will bring plant health care and pruning into focus. His firm is respected for all aspects of tree care, including removal—but is even known for rescuing cats from tall trees. The ever-popular Norm Schilling, president of Schilling Horticulture and the nursery Mojave Bloom, will speak to us again in March, this time on plants that can beat the heat. Landscapes across Clark County were decimated by last summer's temperatures and high UV radiation, so we're all wondering how to save or replace damaged plants. Norm, also a podcaster for the program "Desert Bloom" on Nevada Public Radio, has some solutions.

You don't want to miss these and later talks as well as our members' garden tour in April and field trip in October. You can renew your membership at any Garden Club meeting or leave a check in our mailbox mentioned below.

A warm welcome to our new leaders, secretary Carol Kruep and treasurer Marlene Genadry.

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.

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



Grouping of agave, cacti, and lantana at SCA



Beaked yucca



Texas mountain laurel, barrel cactus and agave (background), and gopher plant (foreground)

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.



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.

Our first Shabbat Dinner of the year will be on Friday, January 24. Dinner and dessert will contain assorted foods typically eaten at a Tu B'Shevat Seder, including the seven species of fruits, nuts, and grains mentioned in the Bible.



Barbara Miller introduces the 2025 leadership team



Traditional foods of Tu B'Shevat include pomegranates, figs, raisins, olives, dates and grains of wheat

Following our meal, Susan Dubin will be presenting a very interesting program called Tu B'Shevat in Theresienstadt: Spiritual Resistance During the Holocaust. Susan Dubin has been a Jewish educator for over 50 years. In 2021, she was named Jewish Educator of the Year in the state of Nevada. She is currently the library director and Holocaust educator at the Sperling Kronberg Mack Holocaust Resource Center. Besides teaching, Susan is the author of seven books including Kol Isha: Poems in the Voices of Women in the Bible and Jewish Stories and Holiday Tales All Around the Year.

#### Save the date

Our next membership meeting will be Monday, February 24. Members receive details of our events via email.

If you recently joined the club but have not yet attended a new member welcome meeting, contact Ricki Weintraub at ricki.weintraub@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.



A recent Shabbat dinner featured a miner's special menu with a "Shabbat at the Saloon" theme

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

#### **Jewish tidbits**

What is Tu B'Shevat? Tu B'Shevat, also known as the Jewish New Year for Trees, is February 13. A joyous holiday celebrated to mark the beginning of the agricultural year in Israel, it holds a special significance as a day to appreciate and honor trees and the natural world. Traditionally, it was a time for people to calculate the age of fruit-bearing trees for tithing purposes. In contemporary times, Tu B'Shevat evolved into an environmental awareness day, promoting ecological responsibility and sustainable practices. Many Jewish communities commemorate the holiday by planting trees, engaging in environmental education, and enjoying a variety of fruits, particularly those native to the land of Israel. The celebration reflects a deep connection to the land and a commitment to the preservation of nature within the rich tapestry of Jewish tradition.

#### HIKING AND OUTING



As we begin the new year, it's a great time to set plans that will help us navigate through our golden years. Call them resolutions if you like, but what matters most is to ensure your goals specific, measurable, achievable, relevant, and time-based (SMART goals).

#### Why hiking is an excellent choice

Hiking is one of the best ways to stay active and improve your overall well-being. Whether you're tackling a mountain trail or taking a leisurely walk, hiking provides a full body workout. As a weight-bearing exercise, hiking can:

- Strengthen muscles and bones
- Enhance your balance
- Improve heart health
- Support weight management
- Lower the risk of certain respiratory issues

In addition to physical benefits, spending time in nature can significantly boost your mood and mental health. Time outdoors reduces stress, eases anxiety, and may lower the risk of depression.

#### Join the SCA Hiking and Outing Club

Are you interested in staying fit and getting a great workout while enjoying the beautiful outdoors of southern Nevada? If you have never tried hiking before, or want to get back into it again, the Hiking and Outing Club has a new program for you.

We're introducing a **Beginner Hiker Series**, led by our experienced female hiking leader Beth Lane. This program will cover essentials such as the necessary equipment, appropriate attire, packing tips, and other helpful information.



Beth Lane, new member advisor



Picnic and barbecue at Cornerstone Park



Hiking and Outing Club 2025 officers

Then we will venture out on the trails. The group will start with easy hikes, progressing at a comfortable pace for everyone. Weekly hikes will help you gradually develop your skills, and as you advance, you will be cleared to join regular club hikes.

#### Mark your calendar

- Orientation meeting, Wednesday, January 15, 9 a.m. in Liberty Center
- Introductory hike, Wednesday, January 22, 10 a.m.
- Introductory hike, Wednesday, February 5, 10 a.m.

Sign up on our website at scahikingclub.com. For more information, contact Beth at 702-592-8733 or bethlane1950@gmail.com.

#### **Outing successes**

We recently held our delightful annual picnic and barbecue at Cornerstone Park. Special thanks to the SCA hula dancers for their beautiful performance, and to everyone who cooked, planned, set up, cleaned up and joined this enjoyable event. We also had fun at our annual Halloween party, graciously hosted by the Sapersteins. Thank you for the wonderful event and congratulations to the Butkis for winning the costume contest!

#### Welcome our 2025 officers

We're proud to announce our officers for 2025, elected at the November general membership meeting:

- Sunny Easwaran, president
- Steve Lynch, vice president of local hikes
- Mike Messenger, vice president of away trips
- CJ Wisner, secretary
- Neil Brown, treasurer

Of course, the best part of the meeting was eating the delicious Pink Box doughnuts and the warm coffee.

#### Membership dues for 2025

Annual membership dues are \$10. Make the check out to Sun City Anthem Community Association, Inc. and put it in our club mailbox in Anthem Center.

#### Upcoming membership meeting

Our next membership meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 28 at 8:30 a.m. in the Delaware Room. We hope to see you there!



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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 duesfree 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



May we all have a vision now and then of a world where every neighbor is a friend. ~ ABBA "Happy New Year"

Feliz Año Nuevo, Buon Anno Nuovo, Gott nytt år, Xīn nián kuàilè, maligayang bagong taon, Frohes Neues JahrZ, Novym Rokom, Chúc mừng năm mới, Boldog új évet, Akemashite omedetou gozaimasu, Bonne Année, Hau'oli Makahiki Hou, Happy New Year!

We are looking forward to another fabulous year filled with fun events in our 20th year as an SCA club.

Our International Cultural Connections Club celebrated the "Holidays Around the World" champagne brunch" on December 1. The cuisine was superb, the entertainment delightful and the holiday spirit flourished among members and friends.

Thank you to Bob Bush for his vocals, Dr. Will Krom for his harmonica magic and a big mahalo to the beautiful hula ladies and all our wonderful elves and helpers.



2024 leadership team Deb Bush, Phyll Perry and Judy Gorum



Kapuna Hula ladies



Celebrating Pasko

Check out more photos and videos of the event on our website at iccc.scaclub.org.

#### **Upcoming in 2025**

- Cuisine discovery outings at ethnic restaurants hosted by members
- Monthly coffee and pastry meetups at Independence Center, featuring videos, entertainment and travel tips
- Our 20th anniversary cultural fair
- Oktoberfest festival and more exciting events

#### January celebrations

January 1 - New Year's Day, World Day of Peace

January 2 - Carnival of Blacks and Whites

January 6 – Epiphany

January 7 - Nanakusa

January 20 – Martin Luther King Jr Day

January 29 – Lunar New Year, Chinese New Year

If you haven't renewed your membership or signed up during last month's SCA Club Fair, you can easily do so either online or by completing a form available at the kiosk near the Activities office.

"Connecting Cultures, Creating Friendships"

#### ITALIAN FORUM



#### Buon Giorno.

Happy New Year! Felice anno nuovo! We hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season.

We celebrated with our club holiday party on December 4. The champagne was flowing, the Hot Ice Band was smokin' and the Let It Snow videos were gorgeous. Some of you looked like movie stars. What a night! Grazie.

#### 2025 leadership officers

Dean McQuillan, president Arlene Fortunato, vice president Deanna Johnson, treasurer Rose Lara, secretary Dorlisa McQuillan, special event coordinator

The new leadership team has already planned some fresh and exciting events for 2025. It will be a fun year!

#### Upcoming

We will kick off the festivities in March with a yacht rock party, starring the incredible Windjammers. In May, back by popular demand, will be Chase Brown with his new show.

If you would like to meet warm people, and experience quality events, while sharing various aspects of the beautiful Italian culture, come join us. Everyone of all nationalities is welcome. Annual dues are \$15 per person. Our goal is always to leave you with a little bit of Italy in your mind and heart. You can access more information, membership forms, and more on our website at ItalianForum.SCAClub.org. Ciao for now!



#### LIFELONG LEARNING



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

#### Controlling Climate Change: The Big Picture - Part I

John Waterhouse MS Physics, BS Math Monday, January 6 10 a.m., Delaware Room

A history of information about Earth's energy obtained from astronomical data from outside our planet.

The entire world is concerned about global warming, producing dangerously high temperatures and severe storms resulting in wide-range flooding and property damage. These storms are becoming more severe and happening more frequently.

#### Controlling Climate Change: The Big Picture - Part II

John Waterhouse MS Physics, BS Math Wednesday, January 15 10 a.m., Delaware Room

The continuation of Professor Waterhouse's Big Picture will cover Earth's geological history as it relates to climate change, and a look at governments' approach around the world to reversing it.

For a variety of reasons, the current approach may not work. These presentations offer the facts and an alternate plan of action for your consideration.

#### Discussion Group: Which States Get the Most Public Assistance Money? How Is It Distributed?

Friday, January 24 10 a.m., Penn Room, Independence Center

### MAH IONGG



The club leadership wishes everyone a very Happy New Year!.

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.

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.

#### 2025 Mah Jongg Club officers

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

May you have many mah jonggs!

#### MULTIMEDIA



Approach the New Year with resolve to find the opportunities hidden in each new day.

~ Michael Josephson



Why make a New Year's resolution? Because when we make resolutions, we use an important concept called self-efficacy. By aspiring to a goal and

following through, it gives us a sense of control over our lives. It also provides great satisfaction if completed.

There's no need to cut and paste photos from a magazine to make a vision board anymore. Instead, you can easily download an app like Dreamer on your phone. Let us show you how to turn your dreams into reality! Our vision for 2025 includes creating podcasts and music videos.





Christina and Jim Starr making a music video

#### What is the Multimedia Club?

We invite you to watch a video on our webpage at multimedia.scaclub.org/node/14 to learn more about who we are and what we do.

Overheard during a Multimedia Club meeting, someone asked, "So, what is your resolution for the New Year?" The response was, "1280 x 720 - same as always!"

We have many ways to help you achieve your goals. New phone for Christmas or Hanukkah? We have an Apple class coming up. Android too! Learn in a friendly environment with other seniors. You can utilize your new device — be it a phone, computer, or notebook — to collaboratively create and edit videos, write screenplays, develop skits, make short movies for YouTube, or just a video to capture family events. For ideas, explore our website video gallery by scanning our QR code.

If you missed joining us at the SCA Club Fair last month, you could sign up for membership online. Just an annual \$10 investment! Tour our SCA Studio at Independence Center or come on a discovery trip adventure with us when we film.



Clark County Museum discovery tour November 8

#### Monthly brain busters

One Thursday evening each month at 5 p.m., we host "brain busters." The event covers everything from television and movies to actors, producers, locations, photography, or anything mediarelated. It is fun, great for your brain, and more exciting than trivia! Sign up on our website.

#### January's brain teaser

When was the Rose Bowl Parade first televised and who was the grand marshal? Send answers to multimediasca@gmail.com and win a prize.

#### Workshops

Upcoming is another on-camera makeup class and a session on AI for writers and editors.

#### Wanted

Techie or non-techie. We are looking for secretarial support, marketing, and social media mavens, among other roles. Become a part of our team today.

#### Club requests

Do you need a club or private video created? Email club president Phyll Perry. Contact information is on our website.

#### Discovery trips

What would you like to see? Do we have a destination on your wish list? You can find the calendar on our website.

#### Holiday and special events

Find our ugly sweater party photos and videos in our gallery.



#### It's a WRAP!

#### NEW YORK METRO



NEW YORK METRO CLUB Happy 2025 to all from the New York Metro Club! The club's leadership team has been working hard at planning wonderful events for the new year. In addition to our Bagel Brunch Night and annual Deli Night, there will be a

Halloween fall bash in October.

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



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Check out the photos from our recent game night. We always have an enthusiastic crowd eager for fun, tasty food and exciting prizes.

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 of 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 fitness or near the main entrance. Contact Diane Askwyth, club president for an application or 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 nonmarking 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.



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 lymamie@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. If you don't have a partner, we will try to match you with another single.

We play five rounds of four deals (Chicago style scoring) 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 Ann Murray at 619-820-4306.



#### Getting to know you: Jim and Linda Valkenburg

Jim and Linda Valkenburg have been residents of SCA and members of the Party Bridge Club since 2014. Linda is a long-time bridge player, having started lessons at age 12 to fill in for her mother during gatherings after school. Jim shares that Linda agreed

to marry him only if he learned to play bridge, which he did by reading books and playing with Linda's parents. They eventually joined the ACBL and played in duplicate tournaments.

Jim was raised in Allendale, NJ. He studied electrical engineering at Arizona State University and later earned an MBA from Florida State University, with tuition and expenses covered by the Air Force.

Linda spent her early years in North Carolina. She met her future husband while attending Florida State University where she was also pursuing an MBA degree. Jim tutored her in graduate statistics, becoming close friends that blossomed into marriage. The couple have one son and two granddaughters.

Throughout his service in the Air Force, Jim spent six years as an enlisted member before moving into an officer role for the next 15 years. He was privileged to spend his final four years as a professor of aerospace studies at UC Berkeley. Meanwhile, Linda pursued a career in the insurance industry.

After Jim retired from the Air Force in 1985, they relocated to Las Vegas. They seized the opportunity to purchase an insurance agency, which they happily operated until its sale in 2009. Upon moving to SCA, Jim became a volunteer at the SCA TV station and Linda continued her profession in insurance until retiring in 2024.

Linda is a diehard Dodger fan, and she and Jim have enjoyed attending spring training games in the Phoenix area annually, except during the Covid pandemic.

Do you like cookies? This couple has a passion for them and is fortunate to have a friend who bakes their chosen recipe for them each month. During the Christmas season, they dedicate an entire day to creating up to 17 different cookie recipes, which they share with friends, neighbors and service workers.

We are delighted to have this fun couple in our club. We cheer them on frequently as they often rank among the top winners of the day. If you happen to play at their table, be sure to ask Jim to tell you one of his latest jokes.

#### PERFORMING ARTS



#### **January 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 PAC.SCAclub.org. Performances begin on January 29.

#### New Dance Fuzion technique classes

Susan Girard begins teaching this class for Showstoppers on Wednesday, January 8 from 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. in Liberty Center. If you are interested in a technique class instead of just rehearsing for a performance, this is the class for you! For more information, contact Susan at susan5005@hotmail.com.

#### Karaoke night at the grill

Join us for a pre-Valentine's Day celebration at Yorktown Grill, where you can sing your hearts out on Monday, February 3 from 4 to 6 p.m. This event is hosted by the SCA Performing Arts Club and Yorktown Grill, with sponsorship from Karaoke SIG.

#### Seeking male singers and pianist for spring concert

Choraliers is looking for male singers and a keyboard player to play at rehearsals and the spring show. Choraliers Director, Ira King at iratheking@gmail.com.

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

Anthem Community Players include actors, singers, musicians, dancers, and a wide range of backstage roles. Contact Norene at norwalco@cox.net.

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 in the Morris/Nelson Room. New members are



Welcome PAC's 2025 leadership Ira King, president and Vince McCann, vice president

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 Cyndi at cynthiamapes@aol.com.

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.

Bill Henggeler, Pam Pace, and crew members intensely rehearse for the January debut of Charlie Sees the Light

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 Richard at r\_guaraldi@yahoo.com.

Showstoppers inquiries should be emailed to Andrea at alennon315@gmail.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. in Anthem Center. Contact Shirley at 214-263-5770 or SinCity.Shirley@gmail.com.

Tapping for Fun is for tappers at any level, including beginners. Tentatively scheduled for January 2 and 16 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. in the Delaware Room. 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. Annual dues are \$10.

#### $\mathbf{PET}$



I would like to start by wishing everyone a happy and healthy new year.

For those who are not familiar with our club, here are some key facts:

- The SCA Pet Club was established in 2002.
- Everything we do is focused on pets and their humans.
- Some of the club's accomplishments through the years have included the installation of pet waste stations and benches, the "Pick up the Poop "campaign and bringing Bingo to SCA. Our community Bingo supports local rescues and animal welfare organizations.



We are very fortunate to have a wonderful group who have stepped up to be club leaders for 2025

- Club annual dues are \$15 per household.
- Our meetings are generally held in the courtyard of Independence Center, weather permitting. Leashed pets are welcome!

We are planning exciting field trips for 2025. Our meetings will feature guest speakers, and in January, we will welcome a representative from Pawtastic Friends. They aim to provide training programs to shelter dogs to make them adoptable.

Bingo is played the last Wednesday of each month from January through October in the Morris/Nelson/Penn Rooms at Independence Center. It is open to all SCA residents.

To sign up, go to pet.scaclub.org/Bingo or contact Jo Phillips at 702-465-0456. There are membership forms available at the kiosk outside the Activities office or in the documents tab on our website at pet.scaclub.org.

Looking forward to seeing you soon!

Rhonda Marazzo, president



#### **PHOTO**

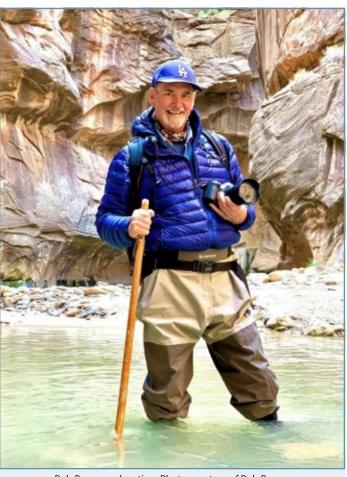


Happy New Year! On January 23, the Photo Photo Club will hold a Photography Basics for Beginners workshop from 1 to 2 p.m. in the Room, Independence Center.

Throughout the year, we will have additional workshops, speakers, and more of our popular photo outings. However, let's take time to recall three highlights from late 2024.

The first was a presentation by professional photographer Rob Brown. Rob's career boasts sports photography, featuring a 20year tenure with the NFL, including 14 Super Bowls, as well as covering the US Open for the golf industry. Rob also served as a portrait specialist for USA Today in Hollywood. Now, specializing in landscapes, he shared a variety of techniques for landscape and travel photography.

Next was a photo outing to Las Vegas's Nevada Art Printers, acclaimed as the nation's top art printing company. Clients include world-famous photographers and galleries. Our guide was photographer/owner Robert Park. He developed the proprietary printing process, Lumachrome, which creates a glowing, backlit effect. Robert showed us examples of various print surfaces as well as a 10-ft long photo in the process of being printed.

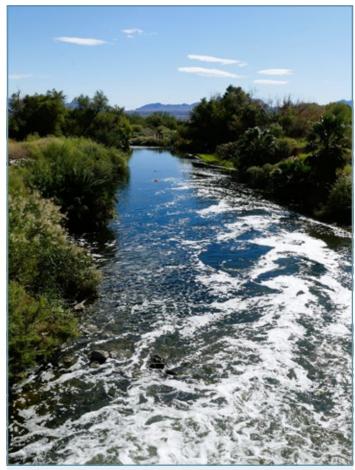


Rob Brown on location. Photo courtesy of Rob Brown



Robert Park (right) of Nevada Art Printers shows a photo detail to club member Nicholas Nizich. Photo by M.A.R. Unger

A photo outing to Clark County's Wetlands Park was a third highlight. Located on the eastern edge of the valley, the 210-acre nature preserve has several trailheads and provides opportunities to view and photograph a variety of wildlife habitats.



Clark County Wetlands Park. Photo by Jan Rohde

If you are an SCA resident interested in photography, no matter what your level of experience, we want to meet you.

Our next regular meeting is January 16, from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Penn Room, Independence Center.

The next informal Cameras, Coffee, and Chat gathering is January 22, from 10 to 11 a.m. in the Knox Room.

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

#### PICKLEBALL



Happy New Year to all our members and their families. Wishing you happiness, good health, and prosperity in 2025, along with

great times on the courts!

The new board looks forward to collaborating with our members for a fun year ahead, packed with activities, events and opportunities for pickleball education.

#### Congratulations to the 2025 leadership team

President, Abe Hasbun Vice president, Bob Wendling Treasurer, Melissa Laughin Secretary, Jennifer Carlson Cyndy Crossman, Joan Moore and Stefanie Newmark are at-large leaders



Fun league and mixed doubles winners are all smiles



Congrats to fun league and beginner's tournament champions



Happy winners from mixed doubles and fun league

#### Tournaments

October and November were busy times on the courts featuring three different tournaments: mixed doubles, fun league and the Dinkathon. A heartfelt thank you to all who participants and volunteers who contributed to the success of the events.

#### **Ongoing meetups for 2025**

The meetup time remains at 1:45 p.m. until further notice.

Mondays, women only (Roxane Rusch facilitator)

Tuesdays, mixed (Jerry Edelman facilitator)

Wednesdays, beginners (Dody Garcia, Gail Kingham, Becky Munoz and Joe Pitts facilitators)

Thursdays, men only (Jerry Edelman facilitator)

Fridays, mixed (Cyndy Crossman facilitator)

#### Coming soon

- New player orientation with Larry Strumwasser, Monday, January 6. Check the calendar for time.
- Fundamentals of pickleball clinic, January dates TBA.
- General meeting, Monday, January 27 at 5 p.m., Independence Center.

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



Life, like poker, has an element of risk. It shouldn't be avoided. It should be faced. ~ Edward Norton

In November, the Poker Club held its annual banquet and election. Food was purchased from

BJ's Brewhouse and everybody enjoyed the selections provided. Officer elections were completed, and the following individuals were elected:

Randy Buck, president Lucille Maranda, vice president Jackie Preta, treasurer Donna Eiben, secretary

Check out the photos that showcase some fun moments from the party.







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

- Texas holdem 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 holdem 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.
- 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 pcfoley8@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 pcfoley8@gmail.com or 201-602-6444. Pete has lately been getting two tables of players for this favorite game.

If you have 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 scahoa.com, clicking on Clubs, and then selecting Poker.

#### **PORCELAIN**

Happy New Year! Today is the day. Not yesterday, and not tomorrow. We have a new year that is waiting for you!

Now is a fantastic time to meet new friends and try something different or revisit a familiar activity. We have members who took a class on porcelain years ago and others who walked in the door because they were curious. Once they arrived in the class, we could hear their experiences and highlight the latest developments in the world of porcelain.

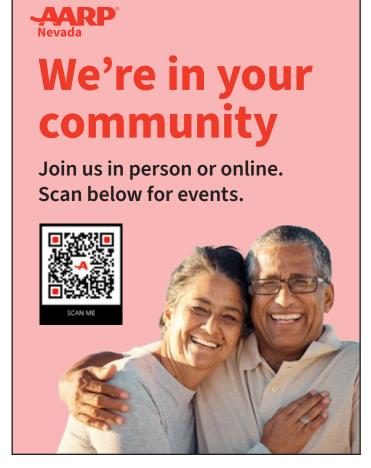
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Our members share, laugh, and paint. We share ideas and our supplies.

The club recognizes and celebrates birthdays at Yorktown Grill or a local restaurant. Not only do we create beautiful art together, but we also become quick friends.



Tea cup set by Carol





Celebrating Sharron Shulan's birthday at Yorktown Grill



Kathy's blue-striped dish

We paint on glazed items that are available on Amazon or in a local store like Home Goods. Brushes can be purchased at Hobby Lobby or Michaels. We supply new members with an object and paint to get them started. 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.

#### November meeting

On November 9, the general meeting began with the election of new club officers.

Congratulations to our newly elected leadership team:

President, Sharon McCabe Vice president, Sherry Yetter Secretary, Bill Stieren Treasurer, Dennis Brown At-large leaders, John Waterhouse, Jim Stevens, Pamela Winger, Linda Buckardt and David Dickey

The 2025 budget was presented and unanimously approved by the membership.

We were honored to welcome assembly member Danielle Gallant and Henderson City council member Monica Larson, who expressed their gratitude for the club's hard work and dedication during their campaigns.



Club president Sharon McCabe, council member Monica Larson, member Sandy Lewis

Our keynote speaker was nationally known radio and television personality and friend of President-elect Donald Trump, Wayne Allyn Root. True to form, Wayne was dynamic and entertaining. One fascinating story he shared was how Barron Trump, the president's son, influenced his father to utilize podcasts to connect with younger and minority voters. Wayne also explained the role of election processes and odds makers in predicting results.

Wayne took questions from members and stayed afterward to sign copies of his new book, How Democrats Have Made America Great: Everything You Need To Know. Locally, you can listen to him on AM670 from 3 to 6 p.m.



Wayne Allyn Root and member Pamela Winger

#### **Holiday celebration**

On December 14, the club hosted its annual social holiday "Winter Holidays Around the World" celebrating both Christmas and Hanukkah to honor our members' diverse beliefs. The festivities began with a delicious catered brunch from New Day Cafe, followed by warm holiday greetings from president Sharon McCabe.

Sharon presented awards to members who made significant contributions over the past year and thanked outgoing leadership team members Lyn Rubinson, Helene Lindon and Trudi Daily for their dedication and service.

The event featured holiday Bingo and trivia, offering fun and insightful ways to learn about traditions from around the world. A wonderful time was had by all.

#### Upcoming club events

#### January 11

We're thrilled to welcome Dan Lier as our first speaker of the year. Dan is a best-selling author and internationally acclaimed expert on sales, leadership, and motivation. A fellow Republican and former Nevada assembly candidate (2022), Dan will inspire us with his talk, *Making 2025 Our Best Year Ever*. Do not miss this energizing meeting!

#### February 8

Details coming soon.

#### A New Year's Resolution

In the coming year, let us resolve to embrace kindness, civility, and compassion in our daily lives, recognizing the strength that lies in our diversity. Together, we commit to listening to one another, finding common ground, and working toward solutions that uplift our communities.

For more information about the Republican Club, contact our president, Sharon McCabe at Sharon.McCabesca@gmail.com. If you are not currently a member, consider joining. Dues are \$15 per person and can be paid at our club meetings, or placed in our mailbox, in Anthem Center. Include the club membership application and your check made out to Sun City Anthem Community Association and indicate "Republican Club" on the memo Line.

#### **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 SCA is a requirement for membership. Start times change with the seasons: earlier in summer and later times 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.

The 2024 Revere Men's Club Championships were held in November and the flighted champions were:

- The A flight Gross winner was Donn Laden
- The A flight Net winner was David Davis
- The B flight Gross winner was Mark Taylor
- The B flight Net winner was Kevin Smith
- The C flight Gross winner was Bob Koval
- The C flight Net winner was Rodney Tharaldson
- The D flight Gross winner was Michael Cummins
- The D flight Net winner Paul White
- The E flight Gross winner was Edward Schavitz
- The E flight Net Winner was Jack Walsh
- The overall Men's Club Champion was Scott Wandro

Congratulations to all our winners!



Scott Wandro

Tee times will be at 8 a.m. January's schedule is:

- Eclectic Rd 1 + Deuces on Concord will be on January 2
- Eclectic Rd 2 + CTP End of Year Celebration with lunch will be on January 8a
- Chicago Quota on Lexington will be played on January 15
- Stableford + Deuces on Lexington to be played on January 29

#### ROCK AND ROLL PLUS DANCE



Dance into 2025 with the Rock and Roll Plus Dance Club. We offer opportunities to learn and engage in dancing to the music of the 50s, 60s and 70s. All skill levels are welcome. The main ingredients are music, movement, and merriment.

#### 2025 leadership

Our new leadership team was elected at our annual membership meeting held on November 9.

Wes McGlaughlin, president Glenna Parkinson, vice president Karen Majeski, treasurer Fran Smith, secretary

Mary Ann Dering, Sal Longo, Michael Pacifico, Marlene Silver, and Eileen Warren are at-large leaders

Brenda Johnson, a club founder, and former club president also serves on the leadership team.

Mark your calendars for our 2025 dance parties:

- Dinner dances on Saturdays, April 5, September 13, and Sunday, December 28
- Social dances on Sundays, February 16, June 22, and August 17



2025 leadership team

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#### GOLF

Tips and Sips '25 New Year's Edition – \$99 per person (2 sessions available)

- Tuesday session 3:30pm 4:30pm
  - January 7th, 14th, 21st, and 28th
- Thursday session 3:30pm 4:30pm
  - January 9th, 16th, 23rd, and 30th
    - Wine provided + other giveaway items
    - Great way to meet ladies who want to golf more/ network
    - Limited to the first 25 signups
    - Signup through Eventbrite or at the golf shop

#### 4 Week Junior Clinic

- Wednesdays: January 15th, 22nd, 29th, and February
- 4pm 5pm
- \$125 for all 4 sessions

#### New Year, New Swing

- January 1-31
- Promotion: Free \$50 Range Card with any new lesson series package
- Email Tyce Calvert for more information at tcalvert@reveregolf.com

#### Golf Before the Big Game Shotgun Start

- Sunday, February 9th
- 8am Shotgun start on the Concord Golf Course
- \$399/foursome includes prizes + buffet after golf

### **FOOD & BEVERAGE**

Buckman's Grille Early Closures & Events:

Wednesday, January 8th ....... Band Night - Peter LaCascia

4pm - 7pm

Saturday, January 11th.....Last Seating 3pm Wednesday, January 22nd...... Band Night 4pm - 7pm Wednesday, January 29th...... Last Seating 2:30pm

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



Fay Maria and Houston Shoopman



Current and past presidents Wes McGlaughlin and Brenda Johnson

The events will take place in the Anthem Center Ballroom

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.

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 beginnerimprover 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 scahoa.com.

Our dues are \$15 per calendar 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.

#### RV

The new year has arrived! As we embark on 2025, we look forward to numerous rallies with our friends and fellow club members.

We had a rollicking good time at our annual holiday party held at Roy and Joanie's house this year with fabulous catered food and great entertainment. Following that, some members of the group decided to spend New Year's camping at Lakeside RV Resort in Pahrump, a spontaneous event organized by Doug and Connie Kimball.

Our first rally for 2025 is set for April, taking us to Paso Robles and the wine country, hosted by Bruce Lindsay and Alisa Cross at the Paso Robles RV Ranch. They have arranged two days of



chauffeured wine tasting. Of course, you would not want to drive after a day of drinking wine! The weather should be perfect, promising a fantastic time. We can hardly wait!



In case you were unaware or do not remember, the SCA RV club was established in 2004 by founders Jack and Rochelle Silas. Some of the original members remain active in the club today, including Jack and Rochelle Silas, Jim and Lynn Casimir and John and Emma Strasner. Just a tidbit to share in the new year, especially for our newer members.

The SCA RV Club meets on the last Tuesday of the month in the Penn Room, Independence Center, at 4 pm. 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**



We thank our 2024 officers for their service:

Samaria N. Graham, president Jan Rohde, vice president Kathy Stieren, recording secretary

Barbara Kawell, corresponding secretary for six years Shelley Lake, treasurer

#### Welcome to our 2025 officers



Kathy Stieren, president

My husband Bill and I have lived in SCA since 2004, being refugees from the Illinois weather! I have been an RN for 58 years (whew), with a BSN from the University of Illinois College of Nursing, Chicago, and an MSN in nursing education from Grand Canyon

University. I retired in 2018, after teaching nursing since the 1990s. My last employment was at Roseman University of Health Sciences in Henderson. Bill and I have two sons and five grandchildren. The two oldest grandsons both graduated from the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs (a little bit proud!)

I started playing Scrabble as a child with my mother during the summer of the polio epidemic in the 50s when we were sequestered at home. I continued to play in the dormitory of my first hospitalbased nursing school. I have loved this game since then!

In addition to Scrabble, I also play Mah Jongg and have taken up making things in fused glass. Having worked with stained glass in the past, I decided I wanted to try this art form. I frequent the Fitness center whenever possible and introduced the "Scrabble Stretch," where members stand up and do a little exercise during our sessions.



Jan Rohde, vice president; Samaria N. Graham, treasurer; Dave Sobel, recording secretary

#### Jan Rohde, vice president

After not playing Scrabble for over 55 years, I stumbled into the club. My spelling has always been very good, but my vocabulary needed a lot of work. Now I know many words that are never used in conversation, but I have improved my Scrabble performance to the point where I am no longer afraid to show up to our meetings.

#### Dave Sobel, recording secretary

Dave and his wife Rita relocated to Henderson last April to be closer to family after living in Connecticut for 40 years. They love their new home and surroundings. The Scrabble Club has provided them with both mental stimulation and the opportunity to meet people.

#### Samaria N. Graham, treasurer

As the founder of our club, I have enjoyed helping to keep it alive since 2002.



Carol Yu, corresponding secretary

My husband and I purchased our home in SCA in 2000 as a winter getaway. After 19 years of living as "snowbirds," we decided we liked the weather better here than in Ohio. We are now year-round residents, and I have people to play Scrabble with throughout the entire year.

#### Come join us

- Mondays and Fridays, 12:30 to 4 p.m. in the Emerson/Franklin Room
- Annual dues are \$10

### **SEWING & QUILTING**

The leadership team of the Sewing & Quilting Club extends warm wishes for a Happy New Year to our members and residents. We are looking forward to spending 2025 with our members. This upcoming year, we will introduce a variety of new classes and events to keep our members busy.

Elections took place at the end of November, resulting in the following leadership team:

Katrina Heath, president Diane Deep, vice president (first) Jean Abraham, vice president (second) Lorene Osterday, secretary Lynn Lincoln, treasurer

We have new groups forming for the year. While many of our classes will be fresh for our newer members, they will be familiar to those who have been part of our club for years. These classes will provide new members with the opportunity to engage in experiences that long-standing members have enjoyed, and they may even spark a new interest among our seasoned members.





Georgia Tobey displaying her grandmother, Bertha Shaffer's, quilt that she did by hand

We appreciate our monitors. Our sewing room hours are Mondays through Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Fridays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and weekends from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. We invite you to stop by to inquire about our club and the possibility of joining. We thank our monitors for volunteering. They help to keep our room open for our members to work on their various projects and to allow our residents to stop by and shop for items they see in our sales window.

This year we plan on keeping our members busy. We have shared interest groups to encourage participation among our members:

Loose Threads quilting group for those interested in quilting.

Stitching Divas is for members who focus on machine embroidery.



Cheryl Scott displaying a quilt that her great-grandmother, Carrie Gilbert, did in the 30s

Quilters for Charity is for members interested in making quilts to distribute to various charities in the Las Vegas and Henderson area.

Featherweight Fanatics is for members who own a Featherweight machine.

We also have other groups and workshops to keep our members actively engaged including Garment Gals, basic sewing classes and refreshers, Quilting 101 (and sometimes Quilting 102), Machine Applique, Hand-tastic, Cutting Machine Users, and Creative Wall Hangings. There are too many classes to name them all here!

Learn workshop items led by Diane Deep. This endeavor will teach members how to cut, sew and complete items that we sell in our windows. Hopefully, it will bring more members to our monthly workshops.

As you may notice from this and our other articles, we are a busy group. We also love our members!

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

Katrina Heath, club president, can be contacted at Alaskak64@gmail.com. She will be more than happy to answer your questions.



#### 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 Social & Travel Club 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 making new friends and embracing new experiences.

Our travel calendar is full of great itineraries, with fresh ones added often by our travel professionals. Why not come and travel with your Silver Foxes friends? Warm up in the Caribbean this winter. 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 our pre-Mardi Gras New Orleans extravaganza. A summer trip to Montana to beat the heat sounds great, and later in the year, we will visit Zion National Park and the beautiful Tuacahn theater. The club's Canadian Rockies adventure is back by popular demand. The club's travel professionals are ready to help with any travel arrangements.

Socially, the Foxes celebrated a successful year at the holiday party held at the Italian American Club and are eager to embark on 2025 with exciting adventures and good times. Our leadership team is busy planning activities for the new year, alongside our ongoing social events like Foxy Ladies Luncheons and Dinners with the Den.



Newly elected 2025 leadership: Cynthia Dubinsky, Anna Blyton, Debbie Mitsch, Debra Reckling and Geri Neber

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). Due to member demand, we are in the process of starting another bunco group. Let us know if you are interested in participating. Our wine appreciation group will be meeting on January 22 for a special tasting. These smaller group activities are perfect for socializing with like-minded members and making new friends.

Join us for our general meeting on January 10 to learn what is in store. We will formally welcome our new club members at a reception scheduled for February 15.

Not a member yet? You can 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. 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 or contact our president Geri Neber at gerineb@gmail.com for more information or volunteer opportunities.

#### **SINGLES**

Happy New Year. Our club is off to a great start, welcoming new members, and some fresh officers. We are excited for a year filled with friendship and fun activities. Along with local trips and other events, we meet bi-monthly for our T-Times. During these gatherings, we enjoy happy hours from 4 to 6 p.m. at SCA or various restaurants. This is a chance to socialize with old friends and meet new singles. Information about our T-Times is sent to members by email.

Holiday party. Our holiday party took place on Tuesday afternoon, December 3 in the Delaware Room. Yorktown Grill provided a delightful brunch, ensuring everyone enjoyed a wonderful kickoff to the holiday season.

Special interest groups. The Singles Club has special interest groups, including two dining out groups, and one dedicated to Rummikub. We are considering starting a book group, as well as others for shopping, lunch, and breakfast. Sign-up sheets will be available during our T-Times.

Membership. Annual dues are \$10 per person. A membership form can be found in the kiosk next to the Activities office in Anthem Center. Checks should be made payable to Sun City Anthem Community Association, Inc. with Singles Club noted on the memo line, and deposited in the Fitness Center mailbox. Direct any questions to our club secretary Judy Barbour at judybarbour@yahoo.com.

Everyone has fun



We always have a crowd at T-Time



2025 Leadership: Vice president Hanna Apple, secretary Judy Barbour, treasurer Helene Linden, president Gunnar Oehman

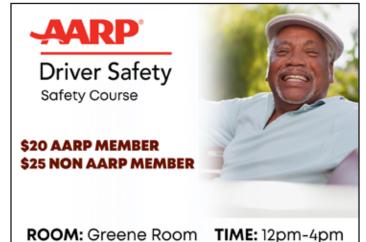
#### SOFTBALL

The SCA 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!

The club hosts every Tuesday and Friday mornings recreationallevel senior slow-pitch softball games. We welcome players of all skill levels. 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.



Frank Russo, center, newest member of the SCA Softball Hall of Fame with fellow HOF members Dan LoBue, left and J.P. Molfetta, right

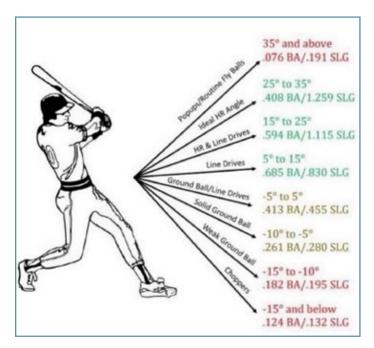


#### 2025 Class Dates:

- January 17
- February 21
- March 21
- April 18
- May 16
- June 20

- July 18
- August 15
- September 19
- October 17
- November 21
- December 19

See Activities to sign up today!



#### The triple play

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

Philadelphia	Jack	Oakland
K	Tater	Whiff
Punch Out	Kansas City	Dinger

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

Philadelphia, Kansas City, Oakland - cities that hosted the Athletics, 1901 to present. Sacramento, CA for 2025, 2026 2027. Las Vegas begins in 2028

Jack, Tater, Dinger – slang for a home run

K, Punch Out, Whiff - slang for a strikeout

#### SPOTLIGHT

Happy New Year! Spotlight Club wishes you and yours a happy and healthy 2025.

Last year was outstanding for the Spotlight Club, highlighted by the successful performances of A Million Dreams in May and A Variety Revue in November. Once again, congratulations to the cast and crew and their amazing work. A heartfelt thank you also goes out to our wonderful audiences.

Looking ahead, 2025 promises to be another spectacular year. Rehearsals are already underway for the club's original production of Come Sail Away. Performances are scheduled for May 14, 17 and 18 in Freedom Hall. The captain and crew will take you on a musical journey of song and dance around the world and under the sea.



Spotlight Club 2025 leadership team

#### Spotlight welcomes the 2025 leadership team

Mary Hoover, president Bonnie Harrell, vice president MaryAnn Reiland, treasurer Victorina Renacia, secretary





A Variety Review cast

#### Membership

If you haven't renewed your membership or joined yet, the annual club dues are \$10, which can be paid in cash or by check made out to Sun City Anthem Community Association, Inc. Place your payment in an envelope and put it in our mailbox (#8) at Independence Center. More information about the club is available on our website at spotlightclub.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.

If you're skittish and a little intimidated by the word "strategy" don't be! We have an informal mentoring system, where members teach other members and take newbies under their wings.

POINT CITY is a fast-paced strategy card game that can be played by two to four players, and typically lasts 30 to 45 minutes. Some players notice similarities to SPLENDOR, another of our popular games.

The game is lightweight and quick to learn, but the decisionmaking process becomes increasingly complex as you attempt to balance short-term gains with long-term strategies. The game encourages players to think carefully about how to manage their hand of cards efficiently.



Pastry chefs Ron (seated) and Ann Marie (right) provide much-appreciated sustenance



Building cards with costs at bottom, and permanent resources and points at top



The tableau of resources and buildings

Each turn a player drafts two cards from a shared 4x4 tableau. Cards are double-sided, with resource icons on one side, while the reverse side shows buildings.

To start, all cards show resources (energy, industry, economy, community or ecology) that are needed to purchase buildings. When a card is drawn, it is replaced with the next card from the deck, but with the opposite side. This generates an ever-changing display of resources and buildings.



When drawing cards from the tableau, the cards must be adjacent (no diagonals). If you take a building card, you must be able to pay the cost with a combination of temporary and permanent resources from previously constructed buildings in your play area, or an adjacent card that provides a needed resource for purchase. The cost of each building is shown at the bottom of each building card.

Buildings may be worth end-game points in addition to the permanent resource discount they provide. There are also civic buildings that offer no resources but allow you to take one of the random available civic tokens which score points at the end of the game if their conditions are met.

The game concludes when the deck of cards is exhausted. Players then tally their victory points from completed buildings, civic token bonuses, and any other card-based points they have accumulated. The player with the most points is declared the winner.

Come to one of our club's three weekly sessions, and we'll teach you how to play POINT CITY or any of our other games. 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, send an email to sca-sgc@googlegroups.com, or call Doug Chorey at 425 802-4718.

#### **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.

Club members performed well at the Huntsman World Senior Games where we were awarded in 15 events and a total of 17 medals with doubles. Following these games, the SCA Table Tennis Club featured four of the top nine USATT ranking players in all of Nevada, regardless of age.



Robert, Odo, Ester, Mark and Oscar at the 2024 Huntsman World Senior Games

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.

#### 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.

To find out more about our club, contact any of the club's officers, or send us a note at Table. Tennis. Club. SCA@gmail.com. Members who have not been receiving our regular newsletters can also contact us at the same email.

#### **TENNIS**



The Tennis Club welcomes everyone to join, no matter what your prior tennis experience or skill level. We offer plenty of play groups, drop-in sessions, and leagues for your interests and abilities, making it easy to get started. Throughout the year, we also have monthly events that

blend tennis and social time. Sign up to become a new member or renew your membership for 2025. Visit our website at tennis.scaclub.org for more information including key contacts.



November cocktail party attendees mingle over delicious apps and desserts

#### General election meeting and cocktail party, November 8

Newly nominated club officers and at-large leaders were formally approved at the meeting:

Ted Turner, president Mark Tetzlaff, vice president Mary Ann Apone, secretary Debbie Rogers, treasurer Ken Delman, Susan Stephens, Kelly Schwalbe and Margaret

Hicks are at-large leaders

We appreciate Ken Delman's five years of contribution as president and vice president.

Following the meeting, attendees enjoyed a cocktail party where they mingled over delectable appetizers and desserts. The enormous charcuterie board set in the middle of the room particularly delighted everyone's eyes and palate.

#### The Impact Team Tennis National Championship, November 22 to 24

Hooray! Congrats to SCA Tennis Club members Fay Gallus and Ginger Nakamura for winning the Impact Team Tennis National Championship at the USTA National Campus in Orlando, FL. They and their team are the best of the best!



Congratulations to our proud champions Fay and Ginger

#### Captains' Cup team tournament, January 4

To account for the decreased attendance during the holiday, we rescheduled the Captains' Cup team tournament to Saturday, January 4. This was a new attempt to assign teams to former club presidents and vice presidents. We will share more about this event in next month's Spirit.

#### New and upcoming

We will present our preliminary plans for 2025 very soon. For the latest information and updates, we invite you to check our website.

#### **Court surface improvement**

Maintenance and repairs for the necessary courts are set to begin in March/April. The Sports Court Committee is diligently working on a long-term maintenance and repair strategy to keep the courts in playable condition.



The USTA Senior fall league women's 6.0 team is ready for the match

#### **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. Play continues through December. Here is the status as of November 22:

- Women's 7.0 team #1 co-captained by Debbie Fox and Patty Yamano is currently in third place (tied with Spanish Trail #2 team) with three wins and five losses.
- Women's 7.0 team #2 co-captained by Ginger Nakamura and Dixie Stephens is currently in first place (tied with Summerlin Arbors team and Life Time Fitness/GV #2 team) with six wins and two losses.
- Women's 6.0 team #3 co-captained by Mary Anne VanLiere and Dixie Stephens is currently in second place (tied with Dragon Ridge CC team) with two wins and one loss.

#### **VETERANS**



Happy New Year. Thank you to Laurie DeGarmo, Patty Ko, Mike O'Connell and Tony Patire for their service in 2024. We are looking forward to an exciting year.

#### 2025 Veterans Club officers

Frank Bianca, president Frederick Ludd, Sr., vice president Bonnie Tuttle, treasurer Debbie Glazier, secretary

#### Mark your calendars

May 10 - Red, White and Blue BBQ August 2 - The Annual Ice Cream Social fundraiser October 8 - Membership Appreciation Night and election November 11 - Celebrate Veterans Day

Thank you to all who participated in the Wreaths Across America campaign, whether sponsoring wreaths or visiting the Boulder City Southern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery to place them. Your involvement benefits our local quilters for veterans group. Speaking of charitable efforts, with your help, we raised and donated \$7,000 to veterans charities in our community last year.

Hope you enjoyed December's game night. It sure was interesting to see the creative watchtower designs built by the SCA "engineers."

#### Military history

On January 1, 1776, during the American Revolution, George Washington unveiled the Grand Union Flag, the first national flag in America. Hard to believe we will celebrate our Semiquincentennial this year.

Who remembers the song "The Battle of New Orleans?"



Don Walsh and Ray Danowski lead Bell Honors for SCA veterans who died in 2024



Sherry Winger and Gail Beckman sing America the Beautiful to accompany Tom Stanford's poem "I Wanted to Complain"

In 1814 we took a little trip

Along with Colonel Jackson down the mighty Mississip'

By the time the battle took place on January 8, 1815, the British were defeated by General Jackson, forcing their withdrawal from Louisiana.

On January 27, 1973, the Paris Peace Accords were signed, stipulating a ceasefire across South Vietnam, the withdrawal of all U.S. troops within 60 days, and the return of American prisoners of war.



Veterans Day keynote speaker and club treasurer Laurie DeGarmo speaks to us on patriotism

On January 16, 1991, Operation Desert Storm began, marking the start of the U.S.-led multinational coalition military campaign against Iraq, following the August 2, 1990, Iraqi invasion of sovereign Kuwait. According to the Army historian, in 100 hours, U.S. and allied ground forces in Iraq and Kuwait decisively defeated a battle-hardened, dangerous enemy. U.S. and allied forces destroyed over 3,000 tanks, 1,400 armed personnel carriers and 2,200 artillery pieces along with countless other vehicles.

Keep us informed about any life updates, including 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, please contact Debbie Glazier at debglazier@gmail. com to ensure we have the correct email address in our database.

The SCA Veterans Club supports veterans and their families in SCA and the surrounding community. We meet on the second Tuesday of each month (September through June) in the Delaware Room from 6 to 7 p.m. Annual dues are \$15. All SCA residents are invited to join the club, whether one is a veteran or not.

#### **WOMEN'S**



Making A Difference

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 its 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.

#### **Happy New Year**

We eagerly anticipate the new year filled with our luncheons, trips to local places of interest as well as Bingo, a fashion show, and line dancing (just to name a few). We will also remain committed to our important work supporting local non-profit charities in the Henderson area.



The WC ladies who helped size the shoes for Shoes That Fit service day



WC ladies at Left, Right, Center special event



WC ladies at the Just One Project food packing service day

#### Accomplishment in 2024

The leadership team would like to share a significant achievement from the past year that our members can truly take pride in. Thanks to the funds raised at our gala, including a very generous contribution from M Resort, we were able to provide our designated charity, Shoes That Fit, with enough money to purchase new shoes for every student at John Dooley Elementary School, a Title 1 school.

The children not only received new shoes — many for the very first time — but also got Bombas socks for everyone. Additionally, many of our members contributed over 1,000 pairs of shoelaces, with the sparkly and neon colors being a huge hit among both the girls and boys! Several of our ladies attended the service day outing to assist with fitting the children for their new footwear.

It is important to remember that while we enjoy talking with our friends and making new ones during our regular luncheons, the funds raised (typically between \$1600 to \$2200) through donations hold significant meaning for the vetted small charities that we support. Many of these organizations are moved to tears by our members' generosity, not only by the monies raised but

also from the in-kind donations brought by members, such as coloring books, socks, shampoo, dog food, and more, as requested by the charities.

In the 20-plus years of the Women's Club, we have raised \$550,000 for local charities. Again, if you are looking for a club where you can make new friends while having fun and doing meaningful work, this is the club for you. Come join us!

#### WOODCHIPS



#### The 2025 leadership team

Happy New Year! Another year has arrived, bringing with it a new leadership team to guide our club. Before announcing the new team,

we want to acknowledge all the club members who have donated their time and talents in 2024, helping to make Woodchips the great club it is today.

Behind the leadership team is an army of devoted members who support the club in numerous capacities. While there is not sufficient space to mention everyone by name, the contributions of foremen, monitors, instructors, social directors, schedulers, project teams and others cannot be overemphasized. We are grateful for these members who continually step forward and fulfill these vital roles.

In November, officer elections were held, resulting in the selection of the leadership team for 2025.

President for his first term is Bob Campana. Bob has previously served as vice president and is currently a foreman and an active project team leader.

Returning to the leadership team as vice president is Tim Miller. Tim previously served in this position in 2023, he is also a foreman and instructor.

The secretary for his first term is Van Johnson. Van is a monitor and an active projects team member.

Tim Klein returns as treasurer for his third term. We are lucky to have him, especially considering our club's substantial budget, which involves managing equipment purchases, maintenance costs, and bookkeeping for custom projects.

Bill Beers also returns for a third term as membership officer. Bill is a foreman, and projects team member, and also maintains our website.

Scott Sturman retains his position as operations officer. He previously served as vice president and safety officer. Scott is also a foreman and instructor. The operations officer role is key to maintaining equipment, overseeing repairs, and buying shop supplies.

Gary Saunders steps down from the position of president after serving two terms and fills the position of safety officer. The 2024 leadership team would like to give a special thanks to Gary for his dedication and organizational skills as club president.

Stepping down after two years of service as secretary is Steve Koncilia. Steve will continue in the role of shop project manager.

We thank the 2024 leadership team for their commitment to the club and welcome the new team as we look forward to another great year of woodchipping!

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. For more information and pictures of members' projects visit the club's website at scawoodchips.org.



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