

Bienvenidos Committee

Please join us in welcoming some new neighbors to Esperanza Estates.

Chuck and Camille Ellis (Calle del Ensalmo)

New residents Chuck and Camille Ellis and their bulldog, Gypsy Rose, have lived in Green Valley for about four years, but recently began to realize the new construction and increased traffic near their home on Abrego was becoming too much. They found just what they were looking for in Esperanza Estates, and after some remodeling and modernizing, they are thrilled with the peace and privacy here. Before Arizona, they lived in Portland, Oregon for thirty years, where Camille managed an import store and gift shop and Chuck travelled to several states for a commercial sign company.

Linda and Tom Kozik (Calle Excelso)

Linda is originally from Illinois and Tom is from California, but they now reside in Arkansas where they own an antiques mall in an old schoolhouse. The Koziks have family in Tucson and friends in Green Valley so they are familiar with the area. Linda enjoys knitting and making mosaic art and jewelry. She also crafts miniature furniture which she sells on Etsy. Tom collects antique guns and enjoys riding his Gold Wing motorcycle. The Koziks have done some remodeling to their home and hope to eventually be full time EE residents.

Phil and Sandy LaVoi (W Circulo Napa)

The LaVois most recently lived in Walker, Minnesota. They heard about Green Valley from friends who winter here. Like many other EE residents, they first rented in Villas West and walked around in Esperanza Estates thinking it would be a nice place to live. The LaVois love the outdoors and sunshine, and enjoy hiking and exploring. Sandy is an experienced gardener and looks forward to doing some work around their new home. She also enjoys yoga and staying fit by trying to keep up with Gracie, their Papillon. Phil likes to golf and fish.

Lila and Alex Stoffel (Calle del Regalo)

Lila and Alex are from Minnesota where they lived on Lake Lika near Detroit Lakes. They spent several winters in a townhouse in Continental Vistas, but with their looms, easels, a piano and lots of books, the Stoffels just had to have more room. Attracted by EE's unique architecture, they purchased an expanded three bedroom house here last spring. Alex had several careers including a computer science professor, a musician and a theologian. In retirement, he writes nonfiction in the western and action adventure genres. He also enjoys hunting. Lila retired from the University of Minnesota system after teaching art and design for thirty-four years. She continues to teach studio art classes, draw, paint, weave tapestries and garden. She also enjoys cooking and raising fresh herbs. Lila looks forward to becoming involved in EE's many activities.

Judy Hayes and Hugh Rhine (Calle Excelso)

Judy and Hugh never expected to like living in a retirement community in Arizona. But Kevin Welsh, Hugh's friend since high school, convinced them to come out and take a look, and the rest is history. Originally from Denver, the couple plans to spend several months there in their motorhome while visiting family. Hugh is interested in photography and woodworking and is an avid reader. Judy plays the piano and enjoys reading and crocheting. She hopes to learn Spanish and would like to try ceramics. They look forward to becoming involved in EE as they find the neighborhood welcoming and friendly. Since moving in, Hugh and Judy have spent many pleasant mornings having coffee on their patio while watching the many birds who visit their feeder.