# Periodico de Esperanza



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# President's Message

Tom Cooke

The 33rd annual meeting of the Esperanza Estates Home Owners Association was held last Monday, January 17. The meeting was well attended.

Attendees at the meeting heard reports of the various volunteer committees operating within our subdivision, including Enhancement, Hospitality, Neighborhood Watch, and Bienvenidos a Esperanza. Also reporting were the Board members who are in charge of specific HOA functions.

It was noted with pleasure that all HOA matters are functioning well. We are meeting all operating challenges with alacrity, current on all obligations and requirements, and planning for our future.

Craig Surprise and Boyd Morse were elected, and Tom Cooke reelected, each to three-year terms on the Board. At an organizational meeting of the Board held immediately after the annual meeting, officers and committee chairs for 2011 were elected as follows: President, Tom Cooke; Vice President, Sam Barnard; Secretary, Joe McCalpin; Treasurer, Joan Moreaux; Common Areas, Stoney Brown; Architectural Control, Dean Hess and Craig Surprise; Recreational, Tom Cooke; Neighborhood Relations, Boyd Morse; Webmaster and Director of Communications, Craig Surprise; and Capital Projects, Barb McCalpin. With this line-up, we are looking forward to a good year ahead.

Thanks were given to all of our many EE volunteers, without whom our HOA would cease to function. We are indeed fortunate to

have such a spirit of willingness to pitch in and give support where needed. EE has great things ahead, and we want you to be a part of it. Stay tuned.

Enjoy Esperanza!

#### Periodico Reminder...

Beginning with this issue, the Periodico is being published electronically. If we know that you have access to a computer, you received email notification that the newsletter is available for viewing.

For those residents who are unable to receive the Periodico electronically:

- A supply will be placed at the Ramada each month about a week after each board meeting.
- If you are unable to pick up a copy from the Ramada (or have a neighbor get one for you) you may call Charl Petry at 648-2541. Give her your name and street address; if there's no answer, please leave a message on the answering machine with this information. A printed copy will be delivered to your home as usual. (Note: if you know of someone who needs home delivery and has not called, please remind them to do so.)

Also, if you are not already on the MMM list and wish to receive your Periodico electronically, please send your email address to Craig Surprise at ee-webmaster@msn.com.

Electronic publishing not only helps the HOA save money (thus keeping our dues down), it's good for the environment, and eliminates the possibility of a newsletter being left on your door when you're away.

# **Board Meetings 2011**

Feb. 21, Mar. 21, Apr. 18, May 16, June 20

# Committee Reports

#### Common Areas

Steve "Stoney" Brown

This is traditionally our "catch-up" time of the year. Nothing much is growing (even the weeds slow down and die back), and so we try to concentrate on cleaning up the fallen material and getting certain types of plantings cut back and ready for springtime.

The HOA recently acquired a "weed eater" and we anticipate this will allow us to do a lot of clean up work on certain types of weeds that had pretty much been invulnerable before now. We are anxious to try this out and see how it works. If successful, we think it will make a big difference in certain areas of EE. The unit is a fairly high-tech electric rechargeable model, so we will be able to use it anywhere without the need to maintain a gas and oil supply, or have to use an extension cord.

A very positive development recently in our common area maintenance has been the group of volunteers who meets after the monthly Coffee and Donuts morning to help out in one of the common areas that needs special attention. This effort is very much appreciated by the HOA, and we hope it continues on. Finding tasks in our neighborhood will never be a problem.

One volunteer, Terry Shay, has even carried this on further by tackling projects on his own, the most recent of which has been "skinning" some of the palms at EE Park, near the flag poles. This is an arduous task, for which we thank Terry very much. If you have an interest in taking on a project of this type, just give a call and we are sure something can be worked out.

Terry recently made a suggestion that we ask people to "adopt a palm" and assume responsibility for one of the 70 or so common area palms we have here. Nice thought, and we will see if it can be developed. Let anyone on the Board know if you may be interested in this as a program.

As always, if you have or observe problems in the common areas, please call 648-7235 or 399-0455.

# Nominees Sought for Volunteer-of-the-Year Award

Kay Miller, Chair of this year's Volunteers Appreciation Party, is accepting nominations for the annual Volunteer-of-the-Year Award. Phone your nomintation(s) to Kay at 393-1914 (leave a message if there's no answer) or via email at gvkaybaby@msn.com no later than Feb. 15th. Nominees will be announced in the next Periodico and everyone will have an opportunity to vote for the most deserving volunteer.

#### Enhancement Committee Gears Up for March Ramada Sale

Barb McCalpin

Did you make a New Year's resolution to clear out old clutter and get rid of items you're no longer using? You're in luck! The Enhancement Team is collecting used clean household items, small furniture, decor, linens, books (anything except clothing) for their annual Ramada Sale on Saturday, March 5th. For pickup, call: Bev Brow, 625-7741, Lorna Kitchak, 838-0653, or Jackie Rautio, 269-7864. This is the team's major fundraiser and all proceeds from the sale are invested right back into EE for improvements and enhancements.

#### The Bienvenidos Committee

... will shortly be contacting new residents to attend a welcome and informational gathering in February.

#### **EE Finances**

Copies of the EE HOA's current financial statements are available to Esperanza Estates homeowners upon request (by contacting Joan Moreaux, Treasurer, 648-7515), as well as at all monthly HOA Board meetings.



# Around Esperanza

## Luminarias of Esperanza Estates

By Cynthia Surprise

The soft glow of hundreds of flickering candles and the melodious strains of seasonal music delighted Esperanza residents who strolled along lower Circulo Napa in the early evening on December 23. The festive display of luminarias in the lower Napa area has become an annual tradition in Esperanza. The number of participating homes has increased over the past several years, and this year the display ran along Circulo Napa from Portillo all the way to Whigham Wash. After lighting their luminarias, the participants gathered for their traditional luminarias festivities at the home of Mary Beth Wallace. This event is just one of the many reasons that Esperanza is such a special community.

While many homes in EE and elsewhere are decorated with artificial luminarias, the Napa display consists of the traditional luminarias made from brown paper bags weighted down with sand and illuminated from within by a burning candle.

This Southwestern tradition has its origins in the 16th century Spanish tradition of lighting small bonfires alongside the roads and churchyards to guide worshipers to midnight mass on the final night of Las Posadas. Las Posadas, a Spanish word meaning "lodging" or "inn," is a nine-day celebration commemorating the story of Mary and

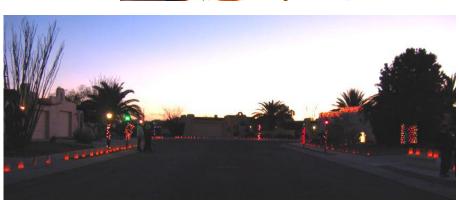
Residents prepare for Luminaria Night on lower Napa...











#### Hiking Group

Interested in joining an Esperanza Estates hiking group? If so, please call Marian Mundale at 625-2238.

# EE Residents: Do you have a loved one on active duty overseas?

Nancy Moore is organizing a project to send boxes of needed items to their units. Please call Nancy (625-2415) and give your name and phone number. She will be in touch to get more information.

# **Upcoming Events**



## Esperanza Estates Dessert Buffet Sunday, January 30th, 6 p.m. Sunset Ramada



You're invited to attend the EE Dessert Buffet! This fundraiser is sponsored by the Enhancement Committee. There will be a variety of desserts available, including some gluten-free and diabetic-friendly selections. Of course, there will be desserts which will satisfy your sweet-tooth also. Each ticket, at \$5.00, allows you to sample three delicious desserts, along with coffee or tea.

Tickets will be available at the door if you haven't already purchased one. There will be a bit of entertainment and an old-fashioned cake walk.

BAKERS: If you haven't volunteered to donate a dessert, there is still time to call Jackie Rautio (269-7864) or Lorna Kitchak (838-0653) to do so. We are looking for all kinds of desserts. Maybe you could help support EE by donating your best pie or cake. If you are not a baker, you could donate something from a bakery or ice cream. Each donation will help to make it a special night and a profitable fundraiser.

Please join us for a night of special desserts and a chance to meet your neighbors and friends at the Ramada. We hope to see you there!

## Mark your calendars...

# Hamburger Nights: Tuesday, Feb. 8th & March 8th

4:30 Cocktails, 5:00 Grilling Begins · Sunset Ramada \$5.00 per person (hamburger, cheeseburger or veggie burger) Sodas, beer and mixes supplied



**FOOD BANK DONATIONS:** As usual, there will be a collection bin at all events held at the Ramada. Please help us support the local Food Bank by bringing a can of food or a non-perishable item.



#### Coffee & Donuts: Feb. 9th

Join your neighbors at Sunset Ramada at 8:00 a.m. — usually every second Wednesday of the month. There is no charge. Just come and enjoy!

Ken Miller would like to reciprocate and thank Tom Cooke for his participation in this event.

#### Trivia Teaser

Each month, we'll pose six trivia questions. To play, email your answers, along with your name and phone number, to Denise Roessle at droessle@mac.com or drop them at 801 W. Circulo Napa. The entry with the most correct answers will win a free meal at the next hamburger night (or admission to a special event). In the case of a tie, all of the top scoring entries will go into a drawing to determine the winner.

Don't be discouraged if you don't know the answers off the top of your head. It's okay to research! Google is your friend.

December's winner was Mary Buchholz (whose name was drawn from several correct entries). She won a free ticket to the Dessert Buffet on Jan. 30th.

#### **DECEMBER ANSWERS:**

- 1. According to the film It's A Wonderful Life, when a bell rings, an angel gets its wings.
- 2. Alvin the chipmunk wants a hula hoop.
- 3. Clement Moore wrote "The Night Before Christmas."
- 4. Christmas Island is in the Indian Ocean.
- 5. Felix the Cat was the first balloon in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade.
- 6. In 1907, the ball dropped for the first time on New Year's Eve in Times Square.

#### **JANUARY QUESTIONS:**

This month's winner will attend the Feb. 8th Hamburger Night for free.

- 1. What is Arizona's state bird?
- 2. Raised in Bisbee, what successful mystery novelist has a room named for her at the Copper Queen hotel in that town?
- 3. According to the Coaster's tune "Little Egypt," she had a picture of a cowboy tattooed on her spine that reads what?
- 4. On what nearby peak is the Whipple Observatory located?
- 5. What Tucson native became a famous recording artist, first with the Stone Poneys and then on her own?
- 6. What former Arizona Cardinal quarterback appeared on the last season of Dancing With The Stars?

## January Mystery Corner

#### **CHECKMATE**

Tack Porterfield grew up in the Middle East when his parents were missionaries there in the long ago calmer days before 9/11. He loves to return, even today, to some of his old haunts with his wife. Now in retirement in Southern Arizona, he displays on a coffee table at his home a white marbled chess set bought in Tehran a few years ago.

Over cocktails he exclaims, "This set dates from about the sixteenth century, made in what is now Iran. You can see that it's well-worn and a bit chipped. Just imagine the colors of the various hands that have played with these pieces. See the carefully carved face of the queen and the bishops' robes. The antique dealer who sold the set to us knew his business, but not much about this type of antique. It was very expensive, but I paid maybe five hundred dollars less than I think the set is worth."

The history professor who is having drinks with the Porterfields that day, looks hesitantly at his host and says, "I think the antique dealer knew his chess sets pretty well. This set is not at all what you think it is."

What does the history professor have in mind to make such a statement?

Answer in the next issue of the Periodico. The Puzzleman is available to give minor hints at 648-0334 or 393-1427.

Answer to the December puzzle:
The saboteur sailor declared that the two brass
monkeys colliding caused a spark which set off the
scattered gunpowder. Brass hitting brass does not
create a spark.

#### Recent Sales

1/7/11 Richard N. Thomson & Fern C. Gunther 780 W. Calle del Ensalmo Lot #58

# Your Fascinating Neighbors

## Hugh & Cynthia Gates: An Example of Yankee Ingenuity & the American Spirit

By Mary Hess

If you watch Hugh and Cynthia Gates on the EE pickleball court, you will see a display of energy bred and nurtured in the woods of Northern Vermont. If you visit with them for a spell, you hear tales of hard work and community service, sprinkled with charming colloquialisms. They are the embodiment of Yankee ingenuity and the American spirit.

The couple lives on Napa six months a year, but home is the community of Franklin, VT, population 1,200+. The Gates family oversees the telephone company, a business started by Hugh's grandfather, Charles W. Gates, who served a term as governor between 1915 and 1917. Educator, farmer, and businessman, the elder Gates wanted to be able to contact the railroad depot to ship butter to market. Telegraph, telephone and electric distribution businesses grew out of this need.

Starting with one customer in the late 1800's, the Franklin Telephone Company now serves about 850 residences. It is the smallest phone service provider in New England and is one of nine remaining independent operations in Vermont. Keeping up with technology has presented challenges over the years.

Gates says switching from manual switchboard to dial service came close to sinking the business; however, today's customers can get fiber optic high-speed internet. Cell phone reception in the remote location is not the best, and the phone company's reputation for community action and personalized service earns loyal consumer support.

"Our grandkids go door to door passing out phone bills just like our own daughters did," Cynthia said.

Hugh enjoys staffing the office on summer Saturdays to visit with customers who come in to settle up accounts in person. The office is downtown on Main Street, and in some ways it is frozen in time. The desks were purchased from Army surplus after World War II, and the old switchboard still stands where it was when Ruth Toof slept beside it so as not to miss a call.

"Ruth knew when someone was out of town and when they were back home. She was not at all happy when we switched to dial," Cynthia said. In all, the dependable switchboard operator/bookkeeper worked for the company over 62 years. She died a few years ago in her apartment located above the office.

Kim Gates, the third daughter, runs the business now that Hugh is "sort of" retired. Her husband and a cousin are the line crew, and another longtime employee handles customer service. Cynthia reports their daughter is a "hands on" CEO, who doesn't hesitate to ride a bucket atop a pole to do repairs when necessary.

Hugh and Cynthia married after he graduated from the Naval Academy at Annapolis, MD in 1958. His five years of active military duty included stints on a destroyer and a diesel submarine. Though the Navy was a satisfying career, the situation back home was deteriorating. The phone company was in crisis: poles were old and rotting; wires needed replacing; customers were 12 to a party line using crank phones. To make matters worse, some customers had not received bills for years. The couple made a decision to return home to Franklin to raise their family (they are parents of four girls) and tend to business.



"We used things up and made do with what we had," Hugh said. Yankee frugality and dedication to the family legacy paid off. Today the company is

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Cynthia & Hugh in 1956 debt-free and looking forward to the day when the next Gates descendent steps forward to run the business.

Hugh served as representative to the Vermont Legislature for two terms and also was elected to the local school board. His most satisfying political activity, however, was his service as moderator for annual Franklin town meetings for more than twenty years.

Both Hugh and Cynthia served as EMTs on the Franklin Rescue Squad. During 35-plus years as a responder, Cynthia delivered three babies, one of whom was her granddaughter, who arrived without much warning in the middle of a New England snowstorm. Retirement allows her more time to play golf and do lawn maintenance with her John Deere tractor.

An unexpected business upturn allowed the Gates to realize several dreams for their community, the foremost being affordable, elderly housing facilities. They led a community non-profit organization through fund raising and construction of Franklin Homestead (23 independent living apartments) and Franklin Carriage House (18 studio apartments), an assisted living facility. The complex was completed with private funding and minimal government money or interference, an issue of paramount importance to the Gates. They also established college scholarship funds and added a community room to the Carriage House campus.

Established with proceeds from the sale of the electric business, the Franklin Electric Light Co. (FELCO) Foundation supports various community projects and provides college scholarship funds to Franklin youth. Through that source, Hugh and Cynthia hope to build a heated swimming pool and hot tub for the citizens of their town.

Today their farm outside of town is their summer sanctuary, where Hugh raises a garden and gives away what they can't eat themselves. Their livestock consists of a borrowed pig, a cat who divides its time between two households, and a few chickens that Cynthia raises from peeps in her warm kitchen.

As Annapolis alum, Hugh was honored to swear in his grandson upon completion of his training at the U.S. Naval Academy.

Cynthia recently celebrated a milestone birthday, and all of their daughters returned home to Vermont to celebrate with her. Vera lives in San Francisco and Amanda lives in South Dakota. The Gates family boasts three generations of EE residents. Daughter Tammy Gates Kemper lives on Norte with her husband, Larry, and their son makes his home with his parents while attending college in Tucson.

Cynthia enjoys zipping back and forth on her golf cart. Hugh prefers to walk or ride on his vintage Schwin bicycle. Ask him to toot his horn for you.



Cynthia & Hugh in 2010

Esperanza Estates is populated by many folks with interesting pasts and brushes with fame. If you know someone who would make an interesting profile, contact Denise Roessle, 399-3312, droessle@mac.com, who will turn you over to one of our talented EE "cub reporters" (Mary Hess and Cynthia Surprise). We welcome your suggestions!



#### In Memoriam

Barbara Roeming 212 Circulo Napa January 8, 2011

Donald F. Loeffler, M.D. 1041 Calle Del Regalo January 11, 2011

## Behind the Scenes at the 2011 HOA Annual Meeting

Photos by Cynthia Surprise

Lois Blacker prepares to give residents their lot numbers.



Outgoing Board Member Bob Hunton attends his last meeting as a Director.



Teller Ben Sheffield tallies the final ballots.



New Recording Secretary Patty Adler prepares to take the meeting minutes.



Tom Cooke presents outgoing Vice President Bruce Liljegren with a commemorative brick.



Gail Chelseth

confer before

for check-in.

The new Architectural Control Committee, Craig Surprise and Dean Hess.



Sam Barnard takes on a new role as **HOA Vice** President.



The 2011 HOA Board of Directors: (left to right) Steve Brown, Joe McCalpin, Barb McCalpin, Boyd Morse, Tom Cooke, Dean Hess, Joan Moreaux, Craig Surprise, Sam Barnard.



President Tom Cooke welcomes Boyd Morse to the Board.

## **COMING SOON:** Delivery of the 2011 Green Valley Council Directory

The new Directory is tentatively expected to arrive on Wed., Feb. 27th. The volunteers who delivered the Periodico during 2010 have agreed to deliver the directory to your door. Please leave your gate unlocked that day as we are not permitted to leave directories outside the gates. Any change in the date will appear in a Monday Morning Memo.

# Thank you, thank you!

To the Periodico Deliverers who worked so faithfully, to deliver the Periodico to your door each month throughout 2010, and delivered the GVC Directory in February as well. Some are regulars, some subs who jump in when needed. In no special order they are: ARLENE RIGGERT, PAT SHARP, LILLI SHEHAN, ROSEMARIE SUPER, BOB VENHAUS, EDNA CARELLA, MARY BETH WALLACE, MARY & DEAN HESS, DENISE ROESSLE, DON BJORKMAN, GAIL CHELSETH, TOM COOKE, KATHRYN SARVIS, CHARL PETRY, NANCY MOORE, BARBARA LAUBER, and IOANNE & CHRIS AMOROSO.

# Pickleball anyone?

EE now has 50 players joining us for pickleball each week. Games are held at the EE tennis/pickleball court on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays at 9:30 a.m. Our instructor/coach, Gary Beatty, is available for lessons and help at each session, free of charge. Come and join the fun!

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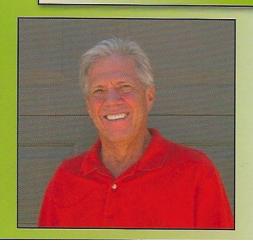
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