

Annual Meeting Highlights

By Cynthia Surprise

The 37th Annual Meeting of the EEHOA was an uneventful affair. And that's a good thing. The relaxed and congenial atmosphere at the meeting reflects the positive attitude homeowners have about what's happening in our community.

The lack of contentiousness in Esperanza Estates is due in part to how the Board views its role. President Eric Ellingson pointed out that the Board's objective is to be helpful to homeowners and the Board attempts to resolve any issues in a courteous, civil manner.

The committee chairs reported on what their committees had accomplished in 2014 and the plans they have for 2015. The ideas for upcoming events and activities are all fresh and new. That's what helps keep our community so vital. Our spirit of volunteerism becomes stronger each year. It's also clear that new residents are jumping right in and volunteering, which brings in new ideas and perspectives.

Eric reviewed the detailed study conducted by Jim Copeland and his team of volunteers to get a better handle on our financial picture. (See the article in the December issue of the *Periodico*.) This study helped in the Board's decision not to raise HOA dues for 2015.

Several completed projects will go a long way to reducing our expenses. Dean Hess negotiated a new three-year contract with Hot Desert Landscaping, which will save us \$10,000 per year. Some of this reduction is because volunteers Tom Cooke and Boyd Morse have taken responsibility for weed control in our common areas. Other projects will increase the efficiency of the swimming pool heating and filtering systems and thereby reduce our energy costs.



Dean Hess, Kevin Welch and Joan Moreaux were elected to the board in the election.

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Upcoming Events

EE Birthday Bash

Sponsored by the Enhancement Team

Sunday, Feb. 8th • 2 p.m. • Sunset Ramada

\$5 per person includes cake, ice cream, gifts and games



Please bring an inexpensive (\$5 max) gift or a "re-gift."

Gifts should be wrapped and marked for male, female or general. You can purchase tickets by calling Marian Mundale (625-2238) or Louise McCabe (445-6237).

Mardi Gras Party

Tuesday, Feb. 17th • Social Time 4:30 p.m., Dinner at 5p.m.

Dig out your colorful Mardi Gras party clothes and get ready for a good time and a delicious dinner! The Hospitality Committee will be cooking a full-course New Orleans Style meal. More details coming soon!



Coffee & Donuts
Third Wednesdays
8:00 a.m. at the Ramada

Join your neighbors
for complimentary
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& the Millers

Board Meetings

Feb. 16 • March 16 • April 20
May 18 • June 15
1:00 at the Ramada

Board member list & meeting minutes available at <http://esperanzaestates.net>

Esperanza Estates Homeowners Association
P.O. Box 181, Green Valley, AZ 85622-0181

Ramada Sale Coming Up

Saturday, March 7th

Preview for EE residents only:

Friday the 6th, 4-5 p.m.

The Enhancement Team's Ramada/Bake Sale is just over a month away. If you have new or gently-used items to donate, call Bev Brow (625-7741), Barb McCalpin (867-8067), Jackie Rautio (269-7864), Lorna Kitchak (838-0653), or Jane Ellingson (625-7782) for pick-up. For donations of electronics, you may also contact Craig Surprise (617-599-2204).

Fiber Arts and Crafts Group

...meets every Thursday at the Ramada at 1:00. They will announce special workshops such as the recent polymer clay class. Otherwise, bring what you are working on, thinking about working on, need help on, or suggestions for new workshops. All are welcome.

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Two incumbent Board members, Dean Hess and Joan Moreaux, were re-elected to the Board and Kevin Welsh was elected to fill the open position.

After the meeting, the Board elected Eric Ellingson as President, Tom Cooke as Vice President, Ben Sheffield as Secretary and Joan Moreaux as Treasurer. Also continuing in their previous roles are Dean Hess as Director of Common Area Maintenance, Jim Lindberg as Director of Architectural Control and Joe McCalpin as Green Valley Council Representative. Sam Barnard was appointed as Director of Neighborhood Relations, a position he held a few years ago. Kevin Welsh will be a member-at-large.

The Board also recognized the many contributions made by outgoing member Stacie Meyer, who served on the Board since 2012. While Stacie will no longer be on the Board, we will still benefit from her significant talent and dedication to EE through her continuing participation in several committees.

We appreciate the efforts of the Board and our community's many volunteers to make EE a great place to live.

Eric wasn't exaggerating when he called EE "the best HOA in North America."



Around Esperanza



In the winter, everything from beautiful skies and foliage to frozen fountains and delicious citrus.

Fountain, rainbow and kumquats by Craig Surprise; Sunrise by Cheri Day; Mountain view and Mexican bird of paradise by Carolyn Dyck-Maynard.



Creative residents flocked to the workshop on how to make polymer clay treasures, led by Marla Ries and Joey Sourant.

Dave Sielken proves that "real men" are creative too.



Yoga Classes

Gentle yoga classes, led by a certified yoga instructor, are held at the Ramada held every Monday and Wednesday at 3:00 p.m. The suggested donation is \$5-\$6 dollars per class. For more information, contact Sharon Rowe (srowe62902@aol.com or 520-625-5201) or Mary Grgich (marygrgich17@gmail.com or 520-207-8069).

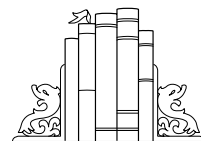


Sausage Fest



Book Corner

By Cindy Krantz



This month's column highlights non-fiction and fiction titles about Southern Arizona.

NON-FICTION:

- 304.8 The Devil's Highway / Luis Urrea; 2004. Mexican / American border; human smuggling, and social aspects of immigration and emigration.
- 305.9 The Death of Josseline: Immigration Stories from the AZ Borderlands / Margaret Regan; 2010.
- 325.27209 A Land of Hard Edges: serving the front lines of the border / Peg Bowden; 2014.
- 347.73 Lazy B: Growing up on a Cattle Ranch in the American Southwest / Sandra Day O'Connor; 2002.
- 363.45092 Sixty Miles of Border: an American lawman battles drugs on the Mexican Border / Terry Kirkpatrick; 2012.
- 364.1523 Son of a Gun / Justin St.Germain; 2013. Growing up in Tombstone.
- 398.08968 Songs my Mother Sang to Me / Patricia Preciado Martin; 1992. 10 women in their 80's recall a bygone era in southern AZ.
- 917.910453 Travel AZ: the back roads / AZ Dept. of Transportation; 1989. 20 back road tours.
- 920.720971 Levi's and Lace: AZ women who made history / Jan Cleere; 2011.
- 976.1 Arizona: a History / Thomas E. Sheridan; 1995.
- 978 Cowgirls; Women of the American West / Teresa Jordan; 1992.
- 978.004824 Pioneer Jews: a new life in the Far West / Harriet Rochlin; 2000.
- 979.1 Arizona Towns and Tales / Lowell Parker; 1975. Story collection of territorial AZ.
- 979.1 Going Back to Bisbee / Richard Shelton; 1992. A memoir of local history and the Southwestern desert.
- 979.100497 Desert Indian Woman: stories and dreams / Frances Manuel; 2001. The author is a living preserver of the Tohono O'odham culture.
- 979.179 They Lived in Tubac / Elizabeth R. Brownell; 1986. Stories of Tubac settlers from every state in the union as well as Germany, Italy and Mexico.
- TN24.A6 Ruby, Arizona: Mining, Mayhem and Murder / Bob & Al Ring, Tallia P. Cahoon; 2005.

FICTION:

Stephen Downing is Dead / Dan Goss Anderson; 2012. Life & the law in territorial AZ in 1905.

The Tortilla Curtain / T.C.Boyle; 1995. Conflict between LA liberals and Mexican illegals.

Desert Dwellers Trilogy / Harriet Rochlin:

The Reformer's Apprentice; 1995

The First Lady of Dos Cacahuates; 1998

On Her Way Home; 2001

Old Border Road/ Susan Froderberg; 2010

The Last Kind Words Saloon/ Larry McMurty; 2014.

The Wild Girl/ Jim Fergus; 2005. A Southwest Books of the Year Top Pick.

Cindy Krantz leads the EE Book Discussion Group (pictured below) and maintains the Book Exchange.



HOA election ballot counters on the job. (L to r) Ben Sheffield, Mona Sheffield, Jane Ellingson, Sandi Oster and Roger Oster Not pictured: Cynthia Surprise.

Coming in the February Periódico... Shade Tree Park progress and results of the Art Auction fundraiser, about to start as this issue goes to press!

Wildlife Watch: Rats!

By Mike Gerrard



The company we use to get rid of the critters we don't want, Bill's Home Service, recently started posting their service visits online instead of leaving us with a printed report. Unfortunately, the first one we saw, done by a new guy, told us they'd treated the front and the side of the house for kangaroo rats. Our regular guy knew we didn't mind the kangaroo rats, as he told us they did no harm other than maybe nibbling a few plants now and then. Their burrows were noticeable, but as long as they weren't a nuisance we adopted a 'live and let live' policy. They are desert creatures, after all.

It's a completely different story for pack rats, of course, who like chewing on car cables and nesting in engines, and can do a vast amount of damage in a short space of time. Any hint of pack rats and down go the traps – baited with peanut butter is the advice from Bill's Home Service. With pack rats, it's more live and let die.

Kangaroo rats, though, are kinda cute. They get their name because they have longer back legs than front legs, and hop like kangaroos to get around. They've a heck of a long tail too. They look more like a pet mouse or a hamster, and like a hamster they have cheek pouches for storing food in.

There are several different kinds of kangaroo rat and, as the advertisers like to say, they come in a range of colours, from dark brown to light grey. The way they move around is interesting. They can leap a distance of 6-9 feet and might leap several times in succession, changing direction the minute they hit the ground. Sometimes they'll hop and then stand motionless for a while. It's a good way to avoid or trick predators.

They eat mostly seeds, so when the seeds are out the rats will be busy gathering them up, and storing them away for the future. They'll keep a stash in their burrows and also bury some in hiding places, like squirrels. They will also eat insects – cockroaches, yum-yum!

One guy from Bill's Home Service told us they have extensive burrowing systems. We were looking at a new hole at the front of our house and he told us it could well be part of a network that ran under the house and all the way to the wash at the back. The systems have several different entrances, to enable the rats to have an escape route if a predator comes down, or in case of flooding or other blockages.

The burrows also have different chambers for different purposes. The rats will sleep in one chamber but store their seeds in another one, and use yet another for hanging out in. I kind-of like the idea of kangaroo rats having separate bedrooms that they head to when they want a nap. Although the rats love hot climates, when it's extremely hot they will seal the burrow entrances during the day, to keep the heat out and humidity in, and burrow their way out again to go looking for seeds at night.

Although one burrow could shelter a colony of kangaroo rats, they live solitary lives rather than living as families. They're promiscuous, and one female may have litters with several different males, with 2-3 litters a year. The young are born blind and hairless, and will stay with mom for anything from 1-6 months, and will then be encouraged to leave and start their own colonies.

The size of the litters varies, as kangaroo rats will alter their breeding patterns according to circumstances. If there's a bad harvest and a seed shortage, fewer females will breed and they'll have fewer young. If there's a wet summer likely to bring better crops, there will be more and bigger litters.

Now I feel even worse about our guy putting poison down for the kangaroo rats. They were getting to feel like family!

EE History: Say It With Barbecue

By Cynthia Surprise

The Green Valley flood of 1983 (see *Periodico* October 2011) wrecked havoc in Esperanza Estates, and the aftermath left residents exhausted. When the rebuilding and restoring was finished, a party was in order to thank the volunteers who had donated many hours to the effort and to show EE's appreciation to Cyprus Pima Mine for donating tons of rock to fill in the arroyos.

By popular demand, the celebration took the form of a barbecue. Keep in mind this was in the early days of EE and long before the Ramada was built. Resident Bill Milne built a 6 ft. by 2 ft. by 3 ft pit in his side yard at 1210 Circulo del Norte and gathered mesquite wood. Then he and resident Clay Crawford went to a meat wholesaler and purchased 140 pounds of roasts.

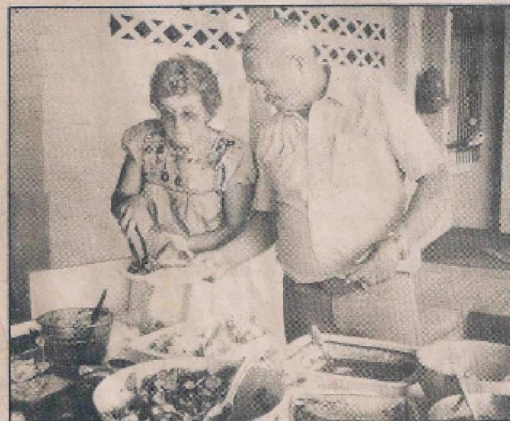
The meat was prepared by putting a roast on a piece of cotton cloth. It was sprinkled with spices, tenderizer, and onion slices and then another roast was placed on top. More spices and more meat were added until five or six roasts were stacked together. The cloth was folded over the meat and it was placed in a burlap bag. Then the next stack of roasts was prepared.

At 8:00 p.m., half the roasts were placed in six inches of red coals in the pit, planks were laid on top, and the pit was then covered with a foot of dirt. The pit was opened at 8:00 a.m. the next morning and the aromatic bags of meat were removed and put in the refrigerator of an empty house next door. The process was repeated with the second group of roasts. When the meat was finished roasting, five volunteers shredded it and it was again refrigerated until the party.

A volunteer crew brought a couple of truckloads of tables and chairs borrowed from a local church, and serving tables were set up in the carport of Milne's home. The meat was reheated and a huge amount of other foods was arranged on platters.

Over 40 volunteers were involved in preparing for the celebration, and approximately 250 residents showed up for EE's first testimonial dinner.

Sec. 1, Page 14 — Friday, April 17, 1987 — Green Valley News/Sun.



THANK YOU POT LUCK—230 people turned out for the Cyprus Pima Mine thank you pot luck at the William Milne residence Friday. Chief organizer of the event, William Milne (bottom right) takes some time to eat after everyone else has been served as Sharon Engar fills up Milne's plate with barbecue beef. The event was organized in order that the Esperanza Estates homeowners could express their appreciation to the mining company and manager Charles Reno who have donated 400 tons of rocks to the association for use in filling in and shoring up the arroyos in the area to prevent flooding. "We want to thank him for a nice gesture," Milne said. Milne purchased 160 pounds of beef for the occasion, and cooked it for days in a pit in the ground.

(News photos by Susan Pearce)

Sun Sounds of Arizona

By Becky McCreary

As a VIP (Visually Impaired Person) reading the newspaper and some magazines can be a daunting task. I don't read newspapers as thoroughly as I once did and when I do, it is with the aid of a magnifying glass. Recently I found someone to read to me!

Sun Sounds of Arizona is a free service which provides audio access to those with disabilities. It was founded by Dr. Frank Kells, an employee of Rehabilitation Services Administration, a unit of the Arizona Department of Economic Security. In October 1979 he launched an organization called Sun Sounds of Arizona. It was operated by KJZZ-FM and administered by Rio Salado College in Tempe. In 1992 President George H.W. Bush awarded Sun Sounds the 665th Point of Light; it is the only radio reading service to be recognized in this fashion. It is a not for profit organization; they received a substantial estate gift in 2007 that carried them through the next few years of recession; if it hadn't been for a gift of \$500,000, they may not have made it. Gifts and an annual "Suds for Sun Sounds" festival are their main financial support. Amazon has created a program, Amazon Smile, in which you may designate where they give their corporate donations. You may designate a percent of your Amazon purchase price be donated to Sun Sounds.

With four affiliate stations, shows are broadcast 24/7. All readers are volunteers. Access is made though either individual Sun Sounds Radio, Sun Sound II telephone access, Stream Sun Sounds Online, iBlink App, On Demand (download to MP3 player), and HD Radio (Phoenix metro). I chose the radio so I could listen to it after I shut the computer down — I listen mostly at night. There have been a few times, I've used the Online if I've missed a program.

What is available? Currently there are 110 programs — depending on the publication, some are daily (Arizona Daily Star) and some are weekly (Rolling Stone). Green Valley News, TV Guide, Arizona Capital Times, Smithsonian, Book Reviews, Sci-Fi Short Stories, Weekly Grocery Ads, Natural Health, New York Times, and Soap Opera Digest are examples. One of my favorites is Christian Science Monitor.

Of course the publications are not read in their entirety; readers choose a number of articles to fit into their allotted broadcast time. As with any audio program, there are very good readers and there are some who aren't as good — I remind myself that they are giving their time for those who cannot read as easily. This is a valuable asset to the public. As with any organization, they welcome volunteers.

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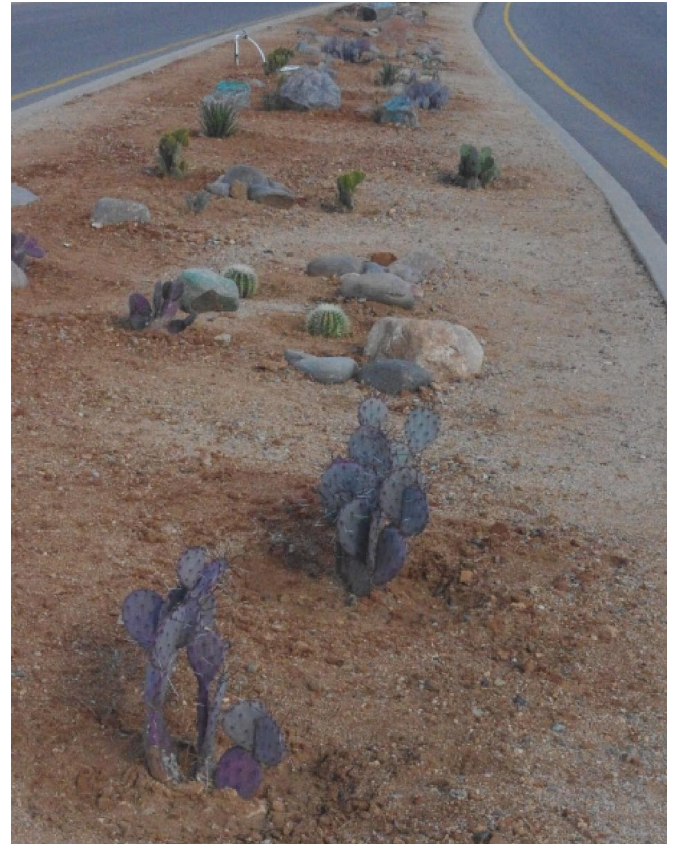
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Rock 'n Roll Oldies Trivia

1. For which label did Elvis Presley first record? (a) Atlantic (b) RCA (c) Sun
 2. He asked, "Why's everybody always pickin' on me?" Who was he? (a) Bad, Bad Leroy Brown (b) Charlie Brown (c) Buster Brown
 3. In Bobby Darin's "Mack The Knife," the one with the knife was named: (a) Mac Heath (b) Mac Cloud (c) McNamara
 4. Paul Anka's "Puppy Love" is written to what star? (a) Brenda Lee (b) Connie Francis (c) Annette Funicello
 5. The Everly Brothers were... (a) Pete and Dick (b) Don and Phil (c) Bob and Bill
 6. Who is generally given credit for originating the term "Rock And Roll"? (a) Dick Clark (b) Wolfman Jack (c) Alan Freed
 7. Chuck Berry sang "Oh, _____, why can't you be true?" (a) Suzie Q (b) Peggy Sue (c) Maybelline
 8. "Wooly _____" (a) Mammouth (b) Bully (c) Pully
 9. "I'm like a one-eyed cat..." (a) can't go into town no more (b) sleepin' on a cold hard floor (c) peepin' in a seafood store
 10. In 1959, Berry Gordy, Jr., started a small record company called... (a) Decca (b) Cameo (c) Motown
 11. Edd Brynes had a hit with "Kookie, Kookie, Lend Me Your Comb"... What TV show was he on? (a) 77 Sunset Strip (b) Hawaiian Eye (c) Surfside Six
 12. They were a one hit wonder with "Book Of Love": (a) The Penguins (b) The Monotones (c) The Moonglows
- ANSWERS: 1. c; 2. b; 3. a; 4. c; 5. b; 6. c; 7. c; 8. b; 9. c; 10. c. 11. a; 12. b.



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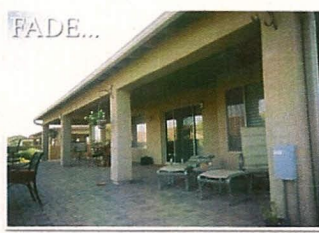
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