

2016 EEHOA Annual Meeting Highlights

The day and location of the 38th Annual Meeting of the EEHOA may have been different than those in the past, but the enthusiasm and congeniality that are hallmarks of Esperanza Estates' meetings were the same.

Eric Ellingson gave a slide presentation to display the numerous accomplishments by EE's volunteers. He also talked about the storage facility to be constructed at the tennis/pickleball courts to house the HOAs Gator and garden tractor and to provide storage for the Enhancement Team.

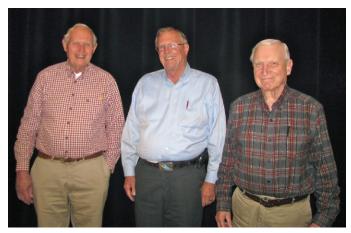
The directors and committees reported on their achievements in 2015 and their plans for 2016, and there were plenty of both. There seems to be no limit to the creativity and energy of our volunteers.

Incumbent board member Eric Ellingson was re-elected to the board and Frank McCabe and Howland Swift were elected to fill the other open positions. Frank and Howland are relative newcomers to EE, and their willingness to become involved in governing our HOA is to be applauded.

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Tom Cooke (right) honors outgoing board members with a commemorative brick to be added to the Ramada: (l to r) Jim Lindberg, Joe McCalpin and Sam Barnard.



(L to r) Eric Ellingson, re-elected to the HOA board, and newly elected board members Frank McCabe and Howland Swift.

Upcoming Events

Mark your calendars for these Hospitality Events

Feb. 9th: Italian Night • March 15th: Chili Cook-off • Details to come...



Valentine's Reception and Guitar Concert

Sat., February 13 · 2 p.m. at the Ramada

Acrist, a world-renowned classical guitarist, treating us to his amazing talent. Hewlett, one of our own EE residents, will be presenting his own compositions arranged for this venue named "Songs of the Desert." The music will begin at 2:00 PM on Saturday, February 13th at the EE Ramada, with a Wine and Cheese Reception following. So, please, don your finest attire, celebrate Valentine's day and join us in welcoming Hewlett. (See article on page 6.)

Tickets for the concert and the wine and cheese reception will be \$15.00 per person and are available by contacting Jackie Rautio at 602-206-3354.



Coffee & Donuts Wednesdays following the board meeting 8:30 a.m. at the Ramada

Join your neighbors for complimentary coffee and donuts.

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Board Meetings

February 15 • March 21 • April 18 May 16 • June 20 1:00 at the Ramada

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

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Annual Ramada/Bake Sale

It's that time again! Our annual Ramada sale will be Saturday, March 5th. EE residents will once again have exclusive early-bird buying on Friday, March 4th from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. Items to donate: all household items, jewelry, accessories, furniture, lawn furniture, garage items, bicycles, all kinds of computers (which can be ancient versions of Windows or even if they don't work), printers, and misc. We do not take old TVs, clothing, mattresses or box springs. To donate items call Marian Mundale, 625-2238, or Kraylen Miholer, 393-8133.

To donate baked goods, call Sandy Oster (625-0039), Jane Ellingson (625-7782), or Mona Sheffield (625-3797). To donate jewelry or other accessories call Kraylen Miholer (393-8133). If you are donating baked goods, please bring them to the Ramada on Friday during the presale or between 7:00 and 8:00 a.m. on the day of the sale.

Annual Meeting (continued)

In its post-meeting executive session, the Board elected Eric Ellingson as president, Tom Cooke as vice president, Ben Sheffield as secretary and Joan Moreaux as treasurer. Dean Hess will continue in his previous role as director of common area maintenance. Kevin Welsh and Howland Swift will comprise the architectural control committee. Frank McCabe is the new director of neighborhood relations, and Dave Sielken will head up capital projects.

After many years of serving on the EEHOA board, Sam Bernard and Joe McCalpin chose not to stand for re-election this year. Both of these men have served our community well, and we appreciate all their efforts and accomplishments. Because of their strong commitment to EE, the decision not to continue on the board wasn't an easy one for either man. But they recognize the value of fresh ideas and perspectives that new board members can bring.

Sam served on the board since 2008. For many of those years he was in charge of neighborhood relations and his diplomacy resolved many disputes in an amicable way. Sam admits he won't miss dealing with barking dog complaints. The board will miss his good counsel and common sense approach.

Joe was on the board for nine years. During that time he has served as secretary, head of capital projects and our representative to the Green Valley Council. Joe has strongly lobbied for road repairs in Green Valley, and has been known for his DIY repairs to some of EE's annoying potholes.

The board also recognized Jim Lindberg's departure from the board in September. Jim served as director of architectural control during his tenure on the board, and helped many homeowners make improvements to their homes while staying compliant with the CC&Rs.

Although we won't see Sam, Joe or Jim sitting at the board table any more, we know they will continue to contribute to our community in other ways. That's just who they are, and we're fortunate to have them as neighbors.

We appreciate the efforts of the board and our community's many volunteers to make EE a great place to live. It is, after all, "the best HOA anywhere."











Around Esperanza



Excavation begins for improvements to Flag Park.



New sign at the Flag Park firepit.



Happy 90th Birthday, Ellie Franz! Celebrated with an open house hosted by Donna Shay and Linda Welsh.



Joey Sourant demonstrates shoe painting technique to the EE Artisans.



Around Esperanza

First Day Potluck











Sausage Night













Hewlett Crist: Live in Concert at the EE Ramada

By Cynthia Surprise

n February 13, EE residents will be treated to a concert by Hewlett Crist, a world-renowned composer and musician. He will be playing a selection of songs he wrote called Songs of the Desert.

Hewlett has been involved in music for his entire life. "My father introduced me to guitar when I was twelve, and by age sixteen I was playing in garage bands which led to sock hops, parties, dances and eventually clubs and lounges," he says.

Hewlett's taste in music has evolved throughout his life. He was initially interested in blues and R&B and later in progressive jazz. He has played bass, harmonica and Hammond organ in addition to guitar.

"My music has been composed as an expression of my life experience in the desert southwest regions of the Texas Rio Grande Valley, New Mexico, Arizona and Northern Mexico," Hewlett explains. He was born in San Antonio and raised in various border towns in Texas in close proximity to Hispanic neighborhoods. He later spent a time in Chihuahua City, Mexico, where he was surrounded by the classic Mariachi sounds. Hewlett also admired the flamenco masters Andres Segovia and Carlos Montoya.

Hewlett has produced five albums: Rio Grande Songs I-IV and Dos Padres. He chose the title "Rio Grande Songs" because he has lived in many of the cities through which the Rio Grande flows, and his songs reflect their ambiance and his experiences there.

For example, his first song, The Lonely Gringo, expresses the loneliness he sometimes experienced while living in a "back porch" apartment in a Hispanic neighborhood in El Paso.

In contrast, his happiest song "Gypsy Joy" was written for his wife Joy. "Joy says she always wanted to live like a gypsy since her childhood experiences with a circus group," Hewlett explains. Hewlett and Joy have managed to fulfill Joy's dream by wandering from coast to coast seeking favorable weather using their bus as a permanent residence. They also wandered outside the country for two years.



In addition to his successful solo career, Hewlett has worked as a DJ, record producer, and as a studio recording musician for Mercury Records and Columbia Records. He has performed throughout the county including locally in the Green Valley area.

We are thrilled that we will be able to enjoy his live performance in our very own neighborhood.

GVC Activities for 2015

By Joe McCalpin

It has been an interesting year for the Green Valley Council. With the loss of the phone directory income, GVC has been strapped financially. This past year, the Council has been forced to fall back on reserves to keep the place open. Several activities have been started to raise income.

The Preferred Vendor Program allowed GVC to enroll contractors who have been vetted. The list is located on the GVC website (http://gvccc.org/) so people who need work done can locate a reliable contractor. (*Editor's Note: The new program web page is under construction. For any referral requests, please contact the Program Director at* 520-444-6760 or email pvp@gvcouncil.org)

The next venture was water and sewage line insurance. GVC is to get a commission for every homeowner who bought the insurance. Every homeowner has been contacted. I'm not sure how much has been earned to date, but the offer still stands.

The Council recently signed a contract with another directory company for a much smaller effort. This revenue does not replace the original deal, but it helps.

As you have read in the *Green Valley News*, Pima County has signed an agreement with GVC to reimburse the Council for the variety of services they perform for the County. There has been a plethora of verbiage expended on this issue, some of it even knowledgeable. The bottom line is that if the County thinks the services are worthwhile, it should pay for them.

Then there was the bond package. The streets are failing and there is no mechanism in place to repair them. The County assembled a bond package that, among other things, would raise a lot of money to repair the streets, but these would be limited to major streets and the I-11 connector as a new road. GVC sponsored town hall meetings and published several documents covering the street issue, keeping its role to that of information provider and staying apolitical. The entire package failed. Issuing bonds for maintaining infrastructure is, in my opinion, a mistake. Maintaining streets is a recurring expense and should be paid for by taxation.

In December, GVC lost its rock when Sandi Richey retired. She will be missed.



As a final note, I have enjoyed being EE's representative on the Council. It has been a privilege to serve on your HOA Board for nine years. I feel it is time to bring in new faces and personalities. If needed, I will serve again at another time.



In Memoriam

Kay Wahl 1142 Circulo del Sur January 5, 2016

Carolyn Kooistra 1030 Regalo January 21, 2016

Virtual Home Tour: Seeing the Potential

By Cynthia Surprise

We all enjoy looking at how other EE residents have decorated or renovated their homes, especially when it's the same model as our own. This is the first in a series of articles featuring some ideas we hope will inspire you.

With Mary Ferland's keen eye for color and design and Tom Buinicky's DIY skills, this couple knew they would have no trouble transforming their "diamond in the rough" house into a warm and inviting home. And with a "to die for" view of the mountains, they needed no time at all to decide to buy their EE home. Now, several years later, they have accomplished their dream.

Their first project was to tackle their kitchen and hall bath. Rather than ripping out the cabinetry, Mary and Tom repainted them a soft green for an updated and more colorful look.

Tom installed can lights in the kitchen and pendant lights (brought from back east) over the breakfast bar. They removed the florescent light from the skylight, and to give it a unique touch, contractor Bill Key faux painted it to look like copper. It certainly fooled me.

Mary and Tom are savvy shoppers, and their home is filled with wonderful items collected at estate sales, consignment stores, and the White Elephant. The decor reflects the couple's love of southwest style.

Applying their philosophy of reuse, repaint and repurpose, they combined a short night table from the White Elephant with taller legs from another WE find. Mary antiqued it with a coat of turquoise paint, and voila! the perfect table. (See photo on next page.)

Tom spends many hours working on projects, so an enclosed garage was a top priority for him. He built a wall and added glass blocks for light and design to create the perfect workshop.

What can you say about their garden except "wow." It took several years of planning and construction to create their little oasis, but it was well worth the wait. They essentially ripped out overgrown and unattractive shrubbery and created an inviting courtyard, an outdoor kitchen, and an entertainment area complete with a waterfall (with remote control), hot tub and ramada. Soft green walls provide a backdrop for their plantings and a painted wooden back gate adds a touch of color. A land-scape designer gave them an overall plan for the space, but they heavily relied on contractor Patrick Perkins for details to both the hardscape and

plantings.

Tom and Mary are extremely pleased with how all the work has turned out. They are about to tackle one more project: an enclosed Arizona room which will increase their indoor living space while keeping their magnificent view.



Living Room

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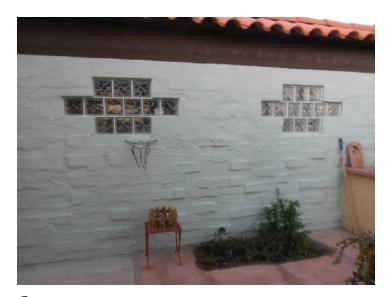


Bathroom: before and after



Kitchen: before and after





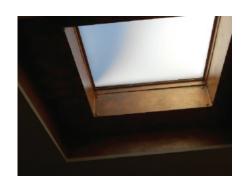
Garage



Garden



Outdoor Kitchen



Skylight



Table, after

Bienvenidos Committee Report

Welcome to Esperanza, you are now part of a wonderful community" was the message to new Esperanzans at the convivial wine and cheese reception hosted by the Bienvenidos Committee this month. Twenty new residents introduced themselves, learned a bit about what EE has to offer, and socialized with other newcomers and some of our board members.

In addition to hosting the annual reception, the Bienvenidos Committee members (Cheri Day, Cindy Krantz, Barb McCalpin, Joey Sourant, Cynthia Surprise and our newest member Robbi Swift) have been busy paying personal visits to new residents to acquaint them with their new community.

Please join us in welcoming all our new Esperanzans. We profile a few of our newcomers each month in the Periodico. Watch for others in the coming months.

Jody and Jim Hauge (Calle del Regalo)

Jody and Jim are from North Dakota--and are proud of their winning Bisons! They followed the pattern so many EE residents have by moving west from the Villas to their new home on Regalo. The pickleball courts and our swimming pool drew them to our community. After years of life on a ranch, raising cattle and crops, they moved to Bismark. Both enjoy reading and are looking forward to spending several months every year enjoying the Arizona sun.

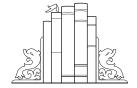
John and Bernie Straatman (Calle del Regalo)

The Straatmans are new full time residents from Lilliwaup, Washington. Their lifelong dream has been to retire to Arizona, although John plans to spend summers on their 16 acre parcel in Anchor Point, Alaska. Bernie, who has a degree in psychology, most recently worked in retail. John retired from being an electrician, and also built their Washington home. Two dogs share their Green Valley life.



Book Corner

Arizona--off the beaten path! Ghost Towns and Historical Haunts in Arizona



Reviewed by Cindy Krantz

Both of the above books were written by Thelma Heatwole, a noted journalist and reporter in Arizona. She authored many articles for "The Arizona Republic" and "The Phoenix Gazette," as a "stringer" and a full staffer.

Arizona--off the beaten path! is 140 pages filled with photos and maps of 50 interesting sights throughout Arizona. The Table of Contents divides our state into geographic areas for the explorer to plan day trips to specific destinations.

Ghost Towns and Historical Haunts in Arizona is 143 pages and also presented geographically, highlighting 52 of the legendary haunts found throughout Arizona. The book ends with a brief chapter and photos of graveyards of interest in the state.

Both titles are available through Amazon.com. The Pima county Public Library has both e-book and paperback editions available for lending of *Ghost Towns and Historical Haunts*. *Arizona--off the beaten path!* is "Library Use Only" at the Joel D. Valdez Main Library.





Everything You Wanted to Know About Esperanza's Street Names

By Cynthia Surprise

Looking for the full name of a street in EE? You can now easily find it on the map in the 2016 EE Name and Address Directory. Street names in other sections of the directory are shortened so we can keep all necessary information on one line to limit the size and cost of the directory.



If you've wondered what Esperanza's street names mean, you can find the English translations in this article. As you probably know, "esperanza" is the Spanish word meaning "hope."

First things first: Street names in EE are influenced by the Hispanic culture of our region, so Spanish prefix words like "calle" are used as the first word of the street name instead of after the street name as they are in English. They are often combined with prepositional phrases such as "del" meaning "of the."

Here are their English translations: calle – street, camino – road, circulo – circle, vereda – foot path, and placita – little plaza.

Placita Nueva. "Placita" is the diminuitive form of "plaza" which is a town square. Best translation here might be "a little place." "Nueva" means "new." Interestingly, when EE was first built, Placita Nueva was part of Circulo Napa. When the county renamed a few streets in Green Valley, residents were allowed to choose the new name, and they chose Nueva.

Calle del Ensalmo. "Ensalmo" means "enchantment," and is a fine name for the Ramada's street.

Camino del Portillo. A "portillo" is a "passage" or a "narrow pass." Think of it as the passage way from Esperanza Blvd to Continental Road. That accounts for its high traffic volume.

Circulo Napa. The meaning of the word "napa" seems to be somewhat of a mystery. I consulted several native Spanish speakers, and they said it's really just a name. I did discover there is the Spanish word "napa" (used in some countries in South America) which means "bonus." Maybe that's what someone had in mind when naming our Circulo Napa.

Calle del Regalo. The most common meaning of "regalo" is "gift." But whoever named the street may have had it's other translations "joy" and "delight" in mind.

Vereda Calma. "Vereda" means "footpath," and "calma" means "tranquil." Certainly an appropriate name for EE's shortest street with it's serene view of the mountains and our walking trail.

Camino Holgado. "Holgado" means "comodious" or "spacious." Sadly, this street's name is the most mispronounced of all EE's streets.

Circulo del Norte. A no brainer to translate. So named because it circles north from Excelso.

Circulo del Sur. You guessed correctly; it circles south from Excelso.

Calle Excelso. I particularly like this one. "Excelso" translates as "elevated" or "sublime."

And now, a word about those directional designations. All EE streets (except for two) include "west"

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in their official names. That's because they are located west of La Cañada which is Green Valley's principal street. Portillo and Holgado have the designation "south" to show they are south of Esperanza Boulevard. Lucky Napa has both a west (starting at Mountain View Park and running west toward Portillo) and a south (from Placita Nueva to Mountain View Park) directional designation. It may be helpful to use the directional designation when giving someone outside of EE directions to your house.

According to the US Postal Service, the standard abbreviations for Spanish language addresses are: "cll" for "calle," "cam" for "camino," "cir" for "circulo," "pla" for "placita" and "ver" for "vereda." My observation is that the Department of Transportation doesn't necessarily follow these conventions.

Lastly, for those of you who embrace the culture of our region, here's a hint on pronouncing our street names. In Spanish, a double "1" is pronounced like the letter "y." That means that "calle" is pronounced "ka -yay" and "Portillo" is pronounced "Por - tea – yo." The "h" in "Holgado" is silent. But, don't worry. Many Esperanzans don't use the Spanish pronounciations, so no matter how you pronounce the names people will know what you mean.



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Pet plaques (on the post at the southwest corner of the ramada) are also available from Geri Lindberg for \$25.

EE Name Badges Available

Name badges for Ramada gatherings are available for \$6.00 each. If you would like to order a badge, contact Melodye Cooke: 336-8844 or melodye1@cox.net. If you've lost your magnet, replacements are available for \$1.



Coming in the February issue...

2016 EE Board list, including committee chair contacts. AND clarification on who to contact on various aspects of the Periodico, the Monday Morning Memo, and the EE Website.





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