

## Board Appoints New Director

At its October meeting, the Board appointed Dave Sielken to the Board to fill the vacancy created by Jim Lindberg's resignation in August.

Dave and his wife, Linda, are both very familiar faces in Esperanza Estates. The Sielkens moved to EE in January of 2014 and immediately started pitching in to help our community. You've likely seen Dave working the grill at some of our EE social events or watering the parks on Tillie the tractor for the EE Gardeners. When he's not on the golf course, you can often find Dave walking their dog, Rachel, or in the pool or hot tub at the Ramada. You may also run into him at the American Legion Madera Post 131 where he is a member and volunteer cook.



Dave values EE's sense of community, and is delighted to serve on the Board where he can have an impact on the future of our HOA. He hopes to reach out to residents for their feedback and input on what should happen in EE. Dave believes it is important for residents to feel they are part of the process and he will encourage more involvement in both committee work and social activities.

Dave's business experience, especially in strategic planning, should prove to be a real asset to our HOA. He has also worked extensively with people worldwide which will make him effective in dealing with the various perspectives represented in EE's diverse neighborhood.

Our good wishes to Dave as he begins his term on the Board.

## No Wood Wanted

A very unsightly pile of wood has accumulated near the fire pit in Esperanza Estates Park (aka Flag Park). The HOA will have the wood removed, and residents are asked not to leave any more wood there. If you plan to have a fire in the pit, please bring your own wood and remove the leftovers and the ashes when you leave.

Under the supervision of Common Areas Maintenance, a small supply of wood will be available for use with the wood-burning oven in the park near the tennis/pickleball courts. Residents should refrain from adding any wood to what is stored there.

Residents are also requested not to drop off unwanted items in the Ramada. If you have something you think may be useful for the HOA and want to donate it, please contact Tom Cooke at 399-0455.

# Upcoming Events



## Halloween Party Saturday, October 31 4:30 p.m. • Sunset Ramada

Bring a potluck dish to share. Wine, beer, soft drinks and water will be provided. Costumes encouraged. Attendees are invited to bring a carved or painted pumpkin to be used as table centerpieces. Prizes will be awarded to the best in each category.



## Coffee & Donuts Starts up again in November Wednesdays following the board meeting 8:00 a.m. at the Ramada

Join your neighbors for complimentary coffee and donuts.

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## EE Name Badges Available

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

## Board Meetings

November 16 • December 21  
Annual Meeting: January 18  
February 15 • March 21 • April 18  
May 16 • June 20

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

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## Enhancement Team to Meet in November

*Watch the Monday Morning Memo for the  
date and time...*



## In Memoriam

*James Frazier  
721 Ensafmo*

# Green Valley Council October Activity

By Joe McCalpin

The most important activity on the GVC calendar has been the bond measure for the roads, Proposition 425. GVC has sponsored a Town Hall (October 15) and has addressed the bond issue in the Board Of Reps meeting. The Council has taken no position on the issue except to make as much information available as possible. GVC is not a political organization, nor is it a governmental organization.

The single contribution that GVC has made to the issue is a roads and streets study four years ago that did a complete survey of the condition of Green Valley streets. The study prioritized the streets in terms of Collector Streets, Distributor Streets and Residential Streets and the condition of those streets. I took part in that study evaluating the streets in our area. The Green Valley streets that are scheduled for repair are those that were mentioned in the study. Of particular interest to us in Esperanza Estates are Esperanza Boulevard and Camino Del Portillo. Esperanza Boulevard has already been repaired and Camino Del Portillo is designated for repair as part of the Roads Bond.

At the Town Hall, the County Administrator gave a clear picture of all of the issues that affect our streets at the State and local levels. He described what could be done at the County level in terms of taxation i.e. sales tax and/or gas tax. Any taxes levied at the County level must have the unanimous consent of the Board of Supervisors. At the present time, the Board of Supervisors is at five in favor and one against. Supervisor Carroll stands in favor of some form of taxation at the local level. At the Town Hall, and at the Board of Reps meeting, he made his position clear. He supports the Bond issue for roads.

Both Administrator Huckleberry and Supervisor Carroll have acknowledged the use of a bond vehicle is not the most preferred vehicle for road maintenance. They also made clear, that if the measure fails all of the momentum for fixing the streets will disappear. We will have to start over.

On an editorial note, I have the same problem that the *Green Valley News and Sun* has. It is not the best vehicle for road maintenance and if the movement stalls, we could have to repair those same streets after the bond is paid off in ten years. The other side of the coin is that if the bond measure fails, the politicians have an opportunity to say "I did my best" and step away. I think that Supervisor Carroll is a pretty responsible guy and if you heard him at the Board of Reps meeting going after the recalcitrant Supervisor, you would have no doubt that he is capable of crossing party lines to work on this important issue.

I'm not going to suggest a yea or nay on this issue.

## More Small Changes = More Big Savings

Improvements were made to the solar pool heating system in June of 2014 when the Ramada roof was being recoated. Comparing natural gas bills for the 12 months after the change to the 12 months prior shows that we're saving an average of 36% on pool heating. Combined with the pump changes described last month, savings for pool operation now exceed \$15/day, on average. At their October meeting, the Board recognized the efforts of Craig Surprise who sketched out the design changes to the system (then quickly left for the summer, avoiding any "heavy lifting") and Ben Sheffield who did the work required to drain, remove, replace, and re-plumb the 18 solar collector coils on the Ramada roof.

# Your Fascinating Neighbors

## Joan Moreaux Reunites Families

*By Cynthia Surprise*

**P**icture the scene: Two women see each other across a room. One is a young woman seeing her biological mother for the first time. The other is a mother being reunited with the daughter she relinquished to adoption when the child was born and never thought she would see again. That's heady stuff, and Joan Moreaux takes pride in knowing she helped those women find each other.

Joan, herself, is an adoptee, and her own experience led her to become an Arizona Certified Confidential Intermediary so she could help others with their search. So far, she has helped bring together more than 70 families separated by adoption.



The Confidential Intermediary Program was established by the Arizona State Legislature (ARS 8-543) in 1992 to provide a service to facilitate contact between parties of an adoption known as "triad members."

In order to be certified Joan had to undergo training about Arizona adoption laws, how to conduct a search and to be sensitive to the feelings of the parties.

As a CI, Joan becomes a detective searching for clues that she hopes will eventually lead her to find the sought after party. Her quest starts by searching the court records of Arizona adoptions to obtain the name of the birth mother or the adoptee she is trying to locate. Because the records are sealed, the parties to an adoption cannot search them. But a CI like Joan is given access to these vital records.

Once Joan discovers the relevant name, her next step is to track the person down to obtain the consent needed to reveal their name to her client. "Unless I have the notarized consent of both the adoptee and the birth mother, I can't give any information to my client," Joan explains. "I have to protect the confidentiality of both the adoptee and the birth mother."

"Sometimes I have to really psyche myself up to make those critical first phone calls to get consent because I never know what the reaction will be," Joan says. She is thrilled when she hears "I've been waiting years for this call."

"This is probably the most difficult job I've ever had because of the effect you have on people's lives," Joan says. "You really need to be sensitive to the feelings of all parties involved," Joan explains. "Some mothers who gave up a child for adoption, do not want to meet that adult child. This can make the child feel abandoned twice."

Almost all of the birth mothers Joan has found want to have contact with their child. But that isn't always the case. Joan recalls one unhappy experience when the birth mother she called hung up on her, so she had to tell her client she couldn't give her the information the client was longing to hear.

Joan feared another of her cases was going to end badly. The birth mother declined to have contact

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with her child because she didn't want her teenage children to know she had given up a child. Happily, eight years later, when her children were adults, the mother changed her mind and Joan was able to effect a reunion.

Generally, Joan isn't present for the actual reunion between parent and child. But one reunion she did attend made a big impression on her. She drove the adoptee to the hotel where the reunion was to take place. The adoptee expected to meet solely with her birth mother, and was completely, but pleasantly, surprised when her entire family showed up to welcome her to the family. They celebrated the reunion with a two day party.

Although CI work can be very emotional, Joan has found a great deal of satisfaction in knowing she has been instrumental in reuniting families. She is very happy when her clients send her Christmas cards and pictures so she can keep in touch with how their reunions are working out.

Joan has first hand experience with the reunion journey since the very first family she tried to find was her own. Joan always knew she had been adopted when she was four months old, but waited until her adoptive parents had passed away before she started searching for her birth family. "My adoptive parents were wonderful, and I didn't want them to think I didn't love them," she explains. When she started her search, Joan knew her last name, but little else about her birth mother. "The name on my birth certificate was Chiquita, so I always thought I might be hispanic," she jokes. It turned out that the nurse who was in charge of the premee babies was hispanic and called Joan "Little One," so they gave her the name Chiquita which is Spanish for "little girl." After doing some genealogical sleuthing, Joan was able to find her aunt (her mother had passed away) and was later reunited with her birth family.

Joan's CI work keeps her busy and she is also very active in the genealogy community as a member of the Green Valley Genealogical Society. Last year she started a genealogy group in Esperanza Estates and is always happy to help people research their family history.

## End of an Era

**J**uan "Tony" Torres has been a fixture in Esperanza Estates since 1977 when Earl Whigham (EE's developer) hired him to paint the original EE homes. If you see a man in "whites" coating a roof or painting a house in EE, there's a good chance it's Tony.

As of last January, Tony has officially retired. But you'll still see him around the neighborhood from time to time doing small jobs for some of the residents he's worked for in the past.

Now that he's retired, he plans to spend time restoring his very cool vintage Chevy.

Tony knows the good, the bad and the ugly about most of the houses in our subdivision. Take a moment to chat with him, and he's likely to tell you some interesting tidbit about your home. He also knows some pretty good EE gossip, but is discrete enough not to reveal it.



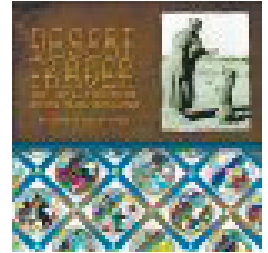
## Book Corner:

### Desert Trader: The Life and Quilts of Goldie Tracy Richmond

Carolyn O'Bagy David (2012)

Reviewed by Cindy Krantz

While the most likely place to find this book (other than a library shelf) is a quilt shop, it is more than the story of one of southern Arizona's better known quilters. Goldie's story is full of adventure, hardships, and survival in the AZ desert where she arrived in 1927.



In 1932, Goldie and her first husband, Marion Tracy, established a general store near San Simon, a small village along Arizona State Highway 86. They called it Tracy's Trading Post. Goldie was a pioneer woman who sewed for necessity and created beautiful appliquéd quilts that featured the beauty of the dry, inhospitable desert. Many scenes depicted the activities of the Tohono O'Odham Indians while others captured desert cacti. Many rituals of the Papago tribe, seldom witnessed by outsiders are depicted in the Papago Indian Activities quilt.

Goldie's story was first told in a book, published in 1964, *Angel to the Papagos*. It was written by a Texas journalist who met Goldie on a vacation to AZ. Carolyn Davis first learned of Goldie when she enrolled in an archaeology graduate seminar, studying the ceramics made by the desert dwellers. The more she learned about Goldie, the more she realized the woman's life was a special story. Born in 1896 in Eureka, KS, Goldie spent most of her adult life among the native Americans of AZ. She died in Mesa, AZ in 1972, with 41 ribbons for her prize-winning quilts and many friends who met her on their travels and in their daily lives in the desert.

Don't be fooled by the subtitle of this book. While photos of many of her quilts are shown throughout the book, many more photos show the life, the primitive structures and daily activities of desert life in the days before air-conditioning, city water and paved roads. *Desert Trader* is a treasure chest of history and hardscrabble survival beginning with the Great Depression in the land we call home.

*The EE Book Discussion Group's meeting dates and titles for the next three months are:*

Nov. 3      *State of Wonder* by Anne Patchett

Dec. 1      *Range of Motion* by Elizabeth Berg

Jan. 5      *The Last Days of Dogtown* by Anita Diamant

*The group meets at Sunset Ramada from 11 a.m. until noon. All are welcome. Come and meet your neighbors who enjoy reading.*

*Questions? Call Cindy Krantz @ 203-8292*

# Restaurant Review: Frankie's Philly Cheesesteaks

By Cynthia Surprise

Oh, my. I've never been to Philly or had a Philly cheesesteak sandwich, but after tasting one at Frankie's, I can see why it's "the food that made Philly famous."

Some neighbors who spent time in Philly recommended Frankie's for an authentic cheesesteak sandwich experience, so Craig and I stopped by for lunch while shopping in Tucson.

The owner, Frankie Santos, is a Philadelphia native, and the food he serves in his restaurant is the food he has enjoyed all his life. Momentos of Philly on the brightly colored walls give the place a great Philly vibe.

I didn't know quite what to expect, and was surprised to be offered Cheez Whiz as one of the cheese choices for my sandwich. I went with provolone, but later learned that Cheez Whiz is traditional. A 1986 New York Times article called Cheez Whiz the essential ingredient for cheesesteak connoisseurs. A bit of political trivia: during his run for president, John Kerry committed a Philly faux pas by ordering cheesesteak with Swiss cheese. (Hey, we're both from Boston, what do we know?) If you want to sound like a cheesesteak aficionado, order yours "with Whiz."

My sandwich also included mushrooms (which are sauteed in red wine and garlic) and sweet and hot peppers. Craig ordered the South Philly Cheesesteak, which is topped with broccoli rabe. I'm definitely having that next time.



For those of you who aren't familiar with the Philly cheesesteak sandwich, it's thinly sliced pieces of steak and melted cheese stuffed into a long roll. The steak is quickly browned on a griddle and then scrambled into smaller pieces with a flat spatula.

In Philadelphia, most cheesesteak places use Amoroso rolls, which are long, soft and slightly salted. Frankie's advertises that it imports their Amoroso rolls from Philly.

Frankie's is located at 2574 N. Campbell Avenue. Hours are: Monday – Saturday 11 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.; Sunday 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

*From Becky McCreary: This little gila monster, about 8 inches long, was in an in-ground trash can across the street in a vacant house this summer. A Nueva resident was walking his dog late at night and the dog discovered it. He called Snake Patrol and when they took the baby out, I was able to get a photo. He was released in the desert area behind our house, along Esperanza.*



# Tucson's Antique Fairs

By Cynthia Surprise

Shhh! Here's a well kept secret I'm sharing with my 350 BFFs (i.e. all our EE households). For those of you who enjoyed visiting some of the premier antiques stores mentioned in past Periodico articles, consider an antiques fair or a vintage market for your next shopping adventure.

If you don't mind getting up early on a Sunday morning to find a treasure, there are two really good antiques fairs you may want to explore.

You'll find quality vintage items including Mexican, western, and southwestern pieces, among other antiques, at both of the fairs. Many of the vendors are experienced collectors with expert knowledge of their items, so it's a good opportunity to learn as well as buy.

The first fair is held on the first Sunday of every month at the Tanque Verde Elementary School on Fennimore Road in northeast Tucson. There are vendors both inside the school and in the field out back.

The second fair is held on the third Sunday of the month from October through March at Brandi Fenton Park (*pictured below*), 3482 East River Road. This fair is outdoors only.

Both fairs start early, and most dealers set up at daybreak. The Tanque Verde fair runs until about 1:00 p.m., and the Brandi Fenton until about 3:00 p.m. Of course, the earlier you arrive, the better the selection.

For lovers of vintage items, Gather A Vintage Market is worth a trip. This is a four day, once a month market in downtown Tucson that sells vintage treasures. Each month the market centers around a different theme, and new merchandise is brought in to create the new theme. You'll also find inspiration for incorporating your vintage finds into your home and garden. Market dates for the remainder of 2015 are: November 12, 13, 14, 15 and December 10, 11, 12, 13. Hours are: Thursday-Saturday 10-6; Sunday 10-3. Gather is located at 657 W. St. Mary's Road.

Happy hunting!

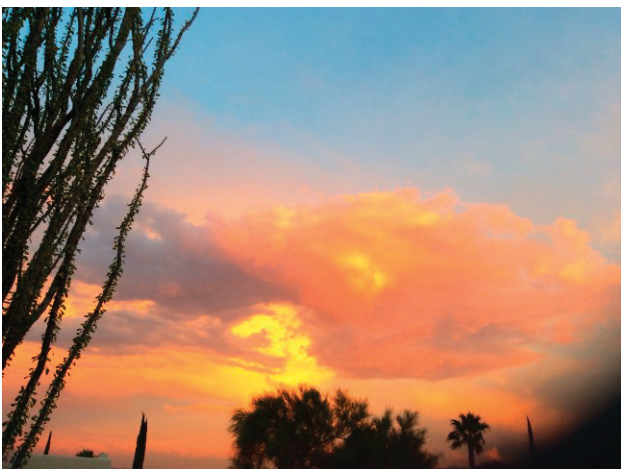


# Eclipse Party

Held on September 27 at Esperanza Park. Thanks to Del and Kris Bean who brought their telescope, attendees got a great view!



Below: Another beautiful EE sunset, captured by Joey Sourant.



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