

periodico de Esperanza



November 2012

Nominations Open for Volunteer of the Year

Plans are underway for the Volunteer Appreciation Party, which will be held on Saturday, April 6th. The event will be catered by Sweet Pea's of Arivaca, with a full dinner including salad, choice of delicious entrees, sides, bread, and dessert, plus complimentary coffee, water, beer and wine. Invitations will be delivered in February.

Committee chair Kay Miller invites residents to nominate candidates for the Volunteer of the Year Award as soon as possible. Please submit your choice via email (gvkaybaby@msn.com). Those without email may phone Kay at 393-1914 (if there's no answer, leave a message with your nomination). The deadline for nominations is March 1.

November Photo of the Month Congratulations to Del Bean!



Monthly photo contest details... see page 2

Around Esperanza

Board Meetings

2012
Dec. 17
2013

Annual Mtg.: Jan. 21
Feb. 18 • Mar. 18
April 15 • May 20
June 17

No meetings in July & August

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

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Thank you Tom and Boyd

Orv Smith captured Tom Cooke and Boyd Morse aboard the EE Gator in July. Thanks for your hard work and vigilance in keeping the weeds at bay!



Wedding Bells at the Ramada

The EE Ramada has been the scene of many wonderful events since it was built in 2006, and now it can tout being a destination wedding venue. Congratulations to Ron Zinn and Sunshine Bondy (niece of EE residents Donald and Evelyn Winfrey) who were married there on the Sunday before Thanksgiving.



"Green Valley Grin"

Here's a bit of nostalgia for long-time Green Valley residents. Do you remember the Green Valley Grin? It was a marketing slogan sung on the radio to promote Green Valley. "That Green Valley grin comes from living good again."



Photo of the Month Contest

Resident photographers are invited to submit up to three photos taken around EE during the past year. The judges will choose the winners, whose winning photo will be published in the next Periodico and displayed on the bulletin board at the Ramada. They will also receive a gift card.

Deadline for this month: Dec. 14th. Please only three photos per person. You may submit your entry/ies to Denise Roessle (droessle@mac.com) as an email attachment, or save them on a CD or provide actual prints and deliver to 801 Napa.

Name That Space

Nominations for names for the two new common area spaces on Circulo del Norte are in, and now you can vote for your favorite. You can also vote on whether to rename Esperanza Estates Park as Flag Park. To vote, send an email to ee.mondaymorningmemo@gmail.com or if you don't have email, call Cynthia at 205-2742 and leave a message with your vote. The deadline is December 15th.

The candidates are:

- Palo Verde Park
- Palo Verde del Norte Park
- Community Spirit Park

Another Taste of Esperanza

In the words of Julia Child: "Learn how to cook, try new recipes, learn from your mistakes, be fearless, and above all have fun." Our Enhancement Team is developing a new cookbook that will help you follow Julia's advice. Scheduled to be ready for sale next fall, the cookbook will include recipes from EE's cooks. If you have a little anecdote about the recipes, please include that too.



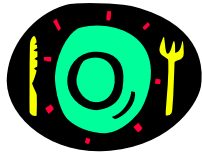
To submit your own favorite recipe, call Jane at 625-7782 or Cindy at 203-8292. Or you can leave a copy in the brown envelope marked "Recipes" in the Ramada kitchen.

EE Hikers

Seven persistent EE Hikers found and conquered on Monday, November 5. Yes, sir, the third time's the charm! Or was this the fourth try? No matter. Led by Scout Concetta "I think we're close," Deodati, the intrepid band of explorers headed up Madera Canyon's Super Trail determined to locate the elusive boulder. And locate it they did—with Big Al Prato noting that he'd been within 100 yards of it on the group's last excursion. Participants were Judy and Al Prato, Roger Oster, Del and Kris Bean, Eric Ellingson and Concetta Deodati. Was there ever any doubt that they'd reach their goal? Well, perhaps just a bit when Concetta turned to the group gathered at the trail head and asked, "Who's leading today?"



Everyone is welcome to join the EE Hikers on their Monday morning excursions. Watch the MMM for information on up-coming hikes.



Pearl Harbor Day Potluck at the Ramada

Friday, December 7th • 5:00 p.m.

Bring your favorite entree, salad, or side dish.
Beverages will be provided by the Hospitality Committee.

Coffee & Donuts at the Ramada

The monthly Coffee & Donuts will not be held in December. When it resumes in January — the third Wednesday of each month, 8:30 a.m. — it will be re-named the EE Coffee Klach, but will provide the same coffee, pastries, prizes and conversation.

Help Decorate Our Common Areas

The Enhancement Team will decorate the Esperanza Monument, Esperanza Estates Park and Sunset Park Monument for the holiday season, and they need many volunteers to help. The Team will hold a planning meeting at the Ramada on Tuesday, November 27 at 1:30. If you are interested in helping out, you can attend the meeting or call Barb McCalpin at 867-8067. Each area will be decorated on a different day, so it should be easy to find one to fit your schedule.

Enhancement Elves

Need help decorating your lamp post for the holidays? Call the Enhancement Elves at 260-7864 by December 15 for assistance. The cost is \$10 if you already have decorations and \$15 if you don't. There is an additional \$2.00 charge if you need an electrical adapter for the pole.

Christmas Caroling

Get in the holiday spirit by joining a small group of your neighbors and strolling through EE caroling one night just before Christmas. All are welcome. You don't have to be a great singer to participate. We will hold a brief planning meeting and set a date shortly, but there won't be any rehearsals. Contact Cynthia Surprise at (857) 209-1978 or cjsurprise@verizon.net for more information or to sign up.

Annual Ramada/Bake Sale

Sat., March 2, 2013

Plans are already underway! Donate your "treasures" to this sale which benefits the further enhancement of Esperanza Estates. We can use furniture, housewares, linens, art, collectibles, books, toys and games. Anything except clothing. You can arrange for items to be picked up or bring them to: Lorna Kitchak (838-0653), Jackie Rautio (269-7864), Jane Ellingson (625-7782) or Sandi Oster (625-0039).

We also need people to offer their garage or storage area and someone to offer the use of a truck or suitable vehicle for transport of items from storage to the Ramada. If you have any questions, call Sandi Oster, 625-0039.

Who has more fun than EE residents on Halloween?



And at a parade?

Many EE residents are active in the greater Green Valley community in addition to volunteering in Esperanza Estates. Here are a few who participated in the White Elephant Parade in October.



Don Helms (far left) with other Honor Flight veterans



Stacie Meyer and Cynthia Surprise walking for AAUW



Mary Beth Wallace, Lions President



Terry and Donna Shay, representing the Optimist Club

“Hoo” Are The EE OWLS?

No, they aren't an exotic bird species. They are Older but Wiser Learners. So, who are they? There are probably many EE residents who qualify for the title, and the Periodico staff chatted with three of them to find out what it's like to go back to college as an older student.

Barbara Copeland went back to college in her mid-30's to finally complete her degree in education. She was a substitute teacher and then taught art in high school. Barb says that going back to school when she was older made it easier. For one thing, she was more focused on getting her education than she was when she was a younger student. “When you are a young college student, your social life has a higher priority.” She also found she had greater motivation to do well when she, rather than her parents, were paying the tuition. Barb didn't feel that relating to younger students was a problem.



Carolyn Acher started college in her mid-40s, when she decided she needed some technical training to supplement the experience she had gained after working in the home construction field for many years. Majoring in Architectural Drafting, she often found herself to be the only woman in many of her classes. She didn't find the age gap to be a problem, although she didn't join the guys who went out for beers on Friday nights. Carolyn believes that having the life experience that comes from being older contributed to her scholastic success.

Lynn Theder spent seven years earning her college degree and graduated when she was forty-one. She was working as a teacher's aid when she decided to go back to school. Her decision was based on her desire to understand why some students were having difficulty learning. Lynn's family was very supportive of her decision. Her husband helped out by taking care of the children while she was in school, and her children were very proud of her achievements. Lynn was like a mother to many of the students, and often gave them guidance. Lynn believes older students are overachievers. “They put more effort into what they do, and have a greater desire to do things perfectly,” Lynn says.



In Memoriam

Former Board Member and long-time EE resident, Dorothy “Dottie” Milne, passed away November 10, in Tucson. Dottie’s late husband, William “Bill” Milne, participated in the construction of EE and performed maintenance for many residents.

EE Gardeners

The EE Gardeners have planned out their activities for the coming year. After spending much of last year working on the ceramic snake, they now want to focus on planting and landscaping our common areas.

The first priority will be to finish their work in Esperanza Estates Park by making it handicapped accessible. Then it's onward and upward to the new park on del Norte. Jane Ellingson and Stacie Meyer will head the effort to build a retaining wall and find plants that will show well in that area. Perhaps some tall, native grasses or wildflowers.

Bill Berdine, Chair of the Gardeners, has heard from many residents who would like to see improvements in Mesquite Park on Holgado. The Gardeners will meet on site there in December to develop a plan.

One of our more interesting parks is Mountain View Park on Napa. Established by residents many years ago, this park is devoted to cacti. The Gardeners plan to rejuvenate the Park and improve the signage which can be difficult to read. The EE Arts Club has also set its sights on Mountain View, and hope to place a mosaic desert tortoise there this year.

Sunset Park next to the Ramada will get an overhaul this year under the very capable direction of its original designer, Jane Ellingson.

Key to the success of these projects is finding residents willing to help with plant maintenance. Although any plantings by the Gardeners will have low water requirements, Bill reminds us that they will still need regular watering for the first two years until they become established. The group encourages residents to adopt a park, plant or tree and be responsible for its maintenance.

The Gardeners would appreciate donations of plants from residents. If you are planning to remove plants or trees from your yard, contact Bill (344-7301) to see if they could be used by the Gardeners. Monetary donations to purchase plants are also greatly appreciated.

Anyone interested in gardening and landscaping is welcome to join the Gardeners. Meetings are held at the Ramada at 1:30 p.m. the first Thursday of every month. Help keep EE one of the most beautiful subdivisions in Green Valley.

Show your pride in EE

The Gardeners will be selling these license plates for \$10.00 each. A great way to show your pride in EE wherever you go. To order a plate, contact Bill Berdine at whberdine@roadrunner.com or 344-7301.



Some Like It Hot

An Interview with EE resident Tom Buinicky

By Mary Ferland

How long were you a fire fighter?

I worked a total of 25 years as a fire fighter in Claremont, New Hampshire. But some of that was as a part-time call person and then I joined full-time in 1978 and retired in 2003.

How did you choose this career?

I had friends in the fire service and it sounded like an interesting career so I interviewed when a position came open. I had to take a state aptitude test and pass a physical. I had to wait four months and in the meantime I continued working with my father in his electrical business.

Once you started working full-time was the job what you thought it would be?

I found out that I liked being in a position to help people. Some days you got an adrenaline rush and some days you were really bored. The fire service is a brotherhood and when you have to rely on someone in life-threatening situations it teaches you a lot about them. They become an extended family.

What was a typical day like?

In the fire service there is no typical day. You have to be constantly ready to respond to any call that comes in whether it's rescuing cats in trees, responding to a car accident or a medical emergency. Time not spent during emergency calls is mostly used for training inspections and station maintenance, such as cleaning the apparatus and testing equipment. I especially liked going to the elementary schools and teaching the kids about fire safety.

For the first six years we worked twenty-four hour shifts: one day on, two days off. Then it changed to split shifts: two days on, two nights on then four days off. This is the schedule I was on when I retired. Having that much time off means that a lot of guys have second jobs. I did electrical work when I wasn't at the station.

Do firefighters sleep at the station and really slide down poles?

While we worked twenty-four hour shifts the fire station was like a second home. We cooked our own meals, had our own bedrooms and yes, we did respond to night fire calls by sliding down the brass pole. It became routine to wake up from a sound sleep, put on our fire gear which was placed next to the bed and be driving out of the station in thirty seconds.

What was the most memorable event of your career?

I participated in two large mill fires in Claremont. One was in June 1979 and the other was in June 1981. Both fires were in old buildings and each time one city block burned, which left two huge empty areas on the main street into town. The buildings had contained mill machinery and the old plank floors were soaked in oil which made them like tinder boxes. Each fire took about eighteen hours to get under control. During the 1981 fire I was positioned at the end of the snorkel and saw the fire



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the entire time from above.

What was the worst event that you remember?

There are a couple of events that stand out. We responded to a house fire, and the family told us that their eight- year old son was still in the house. He wasn't in his bedroom, and we discovered later that he had been asleep in the basement. He must have been disoriented because of the smoke and couldn't find the exit. When we entered the house we had a hard time opening the door. As we worked to put out the fire we discovered his body behind the door. That's why it was so hard to open. If he had been in his bedroom he might have gotten out with the rest of his family. That was a hard time for the guys to get thorough. The city hired counselors to come in to the station and meet with us. I'll never forget it.

On the night of January 5, 2001 I was on duty with only four firefighters. It was a frigid night when we got a call about an apartment house fire two blocks from the station. My driver, Buzz Chamberlain, and I were the first to respond and when we got there the tenants told us that an infant was still in a third floor apartment. We entered to do a rescue but found no one. We tried to get back down the stairs but the fire had erupted into the stairwell which cut off our escape route. The other two fire fighters who responded right after us only had time to get one ladder up to the third floor. Buzz grabbed onto it with one arm but I realized I had no choice: I'd have to jump. It was the most trapped I had ever felt in my career. I landed on solid ice and broke my foot. Buzz suffered serious burns to his arms and legs and when he grabbed the ladder he tore all the muscles in his arm and as a result had to take early disability retirement. That injury made me realize that fire fighting is a young man's job which helped me make my decision to retire a couple of years later.

Was that event the reason you both were honored for your heroism?

Yes, someone submitted our names to receive the Union Leader Hero Award which honors NH residents who have risked their lives to save or attempt to save the life of another person. We attended a banquet in Manchester, NH to receive our award. I still don't consider myself a hero, I was just doing my job.

Note: On April 18, 2002, Senator Bob Smith entered a recap of this event into the Congressional Record praising Tom and Amos (Buzz) Chamberlain for their courage, heroism and dedication.

Baby On Board?

By Lorna Kitchak

The Enhancement Team is planning to provide a new service for Esperanza Estates residents. We have noticed that each time we have young visitors we are looking for equipment designed especially for babies and toddlers. We would like to provide a lending hand to residents who need to borrow a baby or toddler car seat and a booster car seat. In addition, we would like to have a highchair and a small stroller available to borrow. The committee plans to acquire this equipment, and have them available for residents to borrow. All one would have to do to use the equipment is to check them out from the Enhancement Team.

To get this service started, we are collecting the necessary equipment. If suitable equipment is donated, we will gladly accept it. If we cannot get donations, we will attempt to purchase the equipment. If you have a car seat or highchair you would like to donate, please call Lorna Kitchak at 838-0653. When we have the equipment gathered, you will be given a number to call to put your name on the calendar for each piece of equipment. We do not plan to acquire a crib at this time, due to storage space, but if you have a collapsible play pen, it could be used for sleeping. Thank you in advance to anyone who is willing to donate any of these items. The grandparents of EE will be truly grateful!

What's New About Being Old

By Sandy Reed

Most of us are living longer than we probably expected at our midlives. It's obviously because of better medical treatment, better food, and perhaps the more relaxed life styles of retirement. But there are many among us who are not completely happy with their lives, perhaps suffering unexplained pains, lonely, maybe a bit despondent. They explain this to themselves and to others as an unavoidable part of being "elderly." They're wrong! There are many ways to rid your system of elderly feelings and ideas.

One wise philosopher opined: "To be truly happy, you must 1) have something to do, 2) something to look forward to, and 3) someone or something to love." Let's analyze this.

1) Something to do? Oh, sure there's plenty to do - shopping, doctors, TV. But those activities are lonesome and don't squeeze anything out of elderly. On the contrary. Try rule one: To do something, get involved with other people. How? Volunteers are needed everywhere in Green Valley, including our own Esperanza Estates, where we have a garden club, community property needs, a hiking group, an entertainment committee, and even this very Periodico. Investigate church groups, or get out and play golf, tennis, pickleball, poker, bridge. Check out the drama crowd, exercise groups, or even the GVR aquabelles.

You say that your body isn't quite up to those physical activities. Well, you can't just do nothing. How about exploring local politics - both major parties have Green Valley offices and active organizations? Or teaching? GVR is always looking for talented people to explain their trade, interests, or hobby. Ben Franklin said we should spend the first third of our lives learning, the second third working, and the last third teaching what we've learned in life. Good for Ben. Maybe good for you.

2) Something to look forward to? It would be a pretty dull life if you never had something interesting to look forward to. But maybe some of the people described above fall into this category. Why? Create something. The fact that you join some of the activities just described gives you a constant stream of things to look forward to. Or how about other things. Long walks, day driving trips, maybe travel around our state. Being invited out for dinner. Invite people in. Or children's visits, writing one's memoirs, the great American novel. How about playing a musical instrument or finishing that end table or soup bowl at the GVR workshops. Shake it up. You'll find something.

3) As for someone to love, that is too individual to discuss. But if there is no person at hand, spread the love you have by helping others in the things mentioned above.

And as for the things you may love, here's my personal thought for those elders near the end of their lives: Slowly give away your possessions, no matter your love for them. You can't enjoy the giving when you're dead; give them now. Try it; you'll like it. And there's a plus. Giving your things away in life will greatly help your executor in settling your estate and the arguments that often ensue among heirs over personal objects.

Perhaps one of the most important rules for any lifetime, and especially the elderly who may be role models to some, is to remember that everything you do affects others. Ralph Emerson wrote this poetic adage, "Nor knowest thou what argument thy life to thy neighbor's creed has lent." That is, at whatever your age or place in life, people notice you, may imitate you, and follow your values. Therefore you can make a better world by showing the community that you are kind, tolerant, generous, and morally strong.

EE History: Pre-Ramada Socials

Those of us who moved to Esperanza Estates after the construction of the Ramada in 2006, can't imagine what EE was like without this popular venue for all community-wide social events. To get a glimpse of those times, the Periodico staff talked to Pat Flowers and Suzanne Keitzer, who were part of the Social Committee from 1990 to 1994.

Pat and Suzanne recall a fall festival on at Anamax Park Sunday, November 4, 1990. It was a glorious fall day, and a sell-out crowd of 175 residents enjoyed getting together with their neighbors. Participants savored a tasty meal catered by Old Chicago Deli featuring bratwurst, sauerkraut, baked beans, corn on the cob, cider and mouth-watering pies. They also played basketball and other games.

Another successful event was a catered dinner at the West Center in February 1991. After the 17-piece Green Valley Stage Band turned back the clock to the 1940s and 1950s and entertained the crowd with the Big Band sounds of Tommy Dorsey, Glenn Miller and all the other great musicians of that era. EE resident Allan Niemi was a member of the band.

Dinner-dances were popular among EE residents in those days, and the Social Committee organized another one in October 1992. Held at the Desert Hills Recreation Center, the dinner was catered by the Continental Feed Lot and offered a choice of swiss steak or baked chicken breast for \$7.50 per person. After the meal, attendees danced the night away (at least until 9:00 p.m.) to the music of Chuck Wayne's Swing'n Seven.

Pat and Suzanne noted an important difference between the operation of the Social Committee and the current Hospitality Committee. In the past, the HOA budget included \$1,000 for the Social Committee to help cover the cost to rent space for the events. Now, the Hospitality Committee is self sufficient, using money made at functions to fund future parties. But one thing hasn't changed over the years. The committee's goal is for all homeowners to socialize and enjoy a sense of togetherness.

We thank all members of the Social/Hospitality Committee, past and present. They work hard to make sure the rest of us have fun.

Sons of Orpheus Choir Concert

The Sons of Orpheus Male Choir will again be in Green Valley for its annual Holiday Concert. This year the concert will be held at the Green Valley Center for Performance and Art, on Friday, December 7, at 7 p.m. The theater is located at 1250 W. Continental Rd., Green Valley.

The chorus will perform holiday favorites, from classics to modern, along with a 'spoof' or two, such as The Jalapeno Chorus, a tongue-in-cheek rendition of the famous Hallelujah Chorus. Featuring several U of A student soloists, the concert promises to be a lovely addition to the holiday season.

Tickets are available in advance for \$15, and at the door for \$18. A cash wine bar will be available. For ticket information and reservations call 520-399-1750.

Local Authors' Holiday Book Fair

December 1, 1-4 p.m.

Community Performing Arts Center

Meet 40 local authors — including EE's own Richard Chamberlin, Robert Hunton & Denise Roessle. Browse titles in all genres and purchase signed books just in time for holiday gift giving. Plus: "test drive" the most popular e-readers at the Pima County Library's "Virtual Library" table and learn how to download free e-books from the library.

Watch for an article about some of the local authors and the event in this week's Green Valley News!

Bienvenidos

By Barb McCalpin

Please join us in welcoming new EE residents **Ron and Ole McLaughling** (Placita Nueva).

Ron and Ole plan on splitting their time between Green Valley and Wenatchee, WA, where all four of their children live.

Ron and Ole were attracted to exciting, pressure-filled occupations. Ron spent 26 years working for the Seattle Fire Department, a great job he found both challenging and satisfying. Ole was a Program Assistant in the emergency section of Harborview Hospital in Seattle, where her volunteer job worked into a regular position.

Ron and Ole love to explore backroads and new places. In their travels they found that they love the desert. They spent a lot of time poking around Nevada and the Phoenix area and then explored all over southern Arizona.

While renting a place in The Springs in Green Valley, they filled up some spare time by looking at open houses. They had no intention of buying, but when they visited what was to become their new home in Esperanza, they were hooked. They fell in love with the architecture, the sense of serenity and the friendly neighbors. So, here they are! Sometime in the future, they may consider organizing some EE trips to some of the interesting places they learned about in the travels around southern Arizona.

The Bienvenidos Committee will hold a wine and cheese reception for all new EE residents at the end of November. These gatherings are an ideal way for newcomers to our community to meet other newcomers, and to learn why Esperanza Estates is such a great place to live.

Day Trip: Boyce Thompson Arboretum

The 323-acre Boyce Thompson Arboretum, located approximately 90 minutes north of Tucson in Superior, is Arizona's oldest and largest botanical garden. It features plants from the world's deserts, towering trees, 600 kinds of cacti, sheer mountain cliffs, a streamside forest, panoramic vistas, many natural habitats with varied wildlife, a desert lake, a hidden canyon, and specialty gardens.

Directions: From Tucson, take Oracle Road North to Highway 79, continue through and past the town of Florence to the junction where Highway 79 meets Highway 60, then turn right and drive another 12 miles east on Highway 60 to the arboretum.

Hours: From September through April admission is daily from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and the arboretum closes promptly at 5:00 p.m. Closed Christmas Day. From May through August, the arboretum is open daily from 6:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Admissions is until 2:00 p.m. and the park closes promptly at 3:00 p.m. Admission: \$9.00 for adults, \$4.50 for ages 5 to 12; children under age five are admitted free. Go to www.arboretum.ag.arizona.edu for further information.



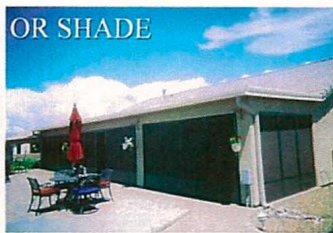
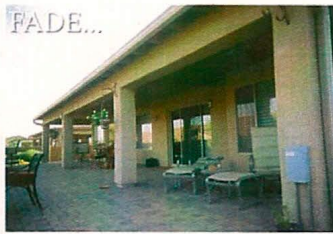
Luminarias

The annual lighting of the luminarias by residents along Circulo Napa will take place on December 22 at dusk. Mark your calendar now so you don't miss this beautiful display.

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: 399-0455 or melodye1@cox.net.

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New EE Interest Groups

EE has added two new interest groups to its ever-growing list of activities. The first is the Fiber Arts Group, which meets at the Ramada at 1:30 on the last Tuesday of the month. If you enjoy quilting, knitting or other fiber arts, this may be the group for you. Contact Donna Shay at (815) 243-3402 for further information

The second group is a Book Club, which will begin in January. Meeting dates and times have not yet been determined. If you are interested in joining or for more information, contact Kathy LaVanway at kathylavanway@gmail.com.

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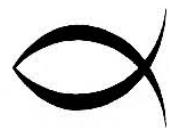


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