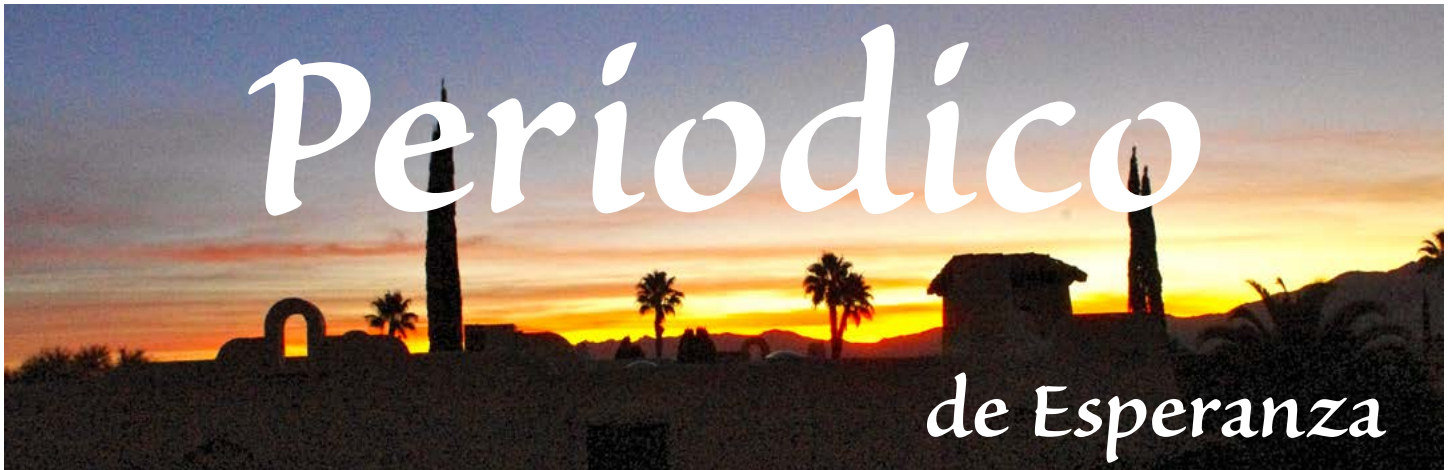


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## Around Esperanza

*The refinished kitchen floor at the Ramada has been completed in time for the July 4th festivities.*



*The storage building is nearing completion. The HOA board wishes to commend Ben Sheffield for his hard work in overseeing the project.*



# Upcoming Event



## Independence Day Party

Monday, July 4th • 4:30 p.m. • Sunset Ramada

*Sloppy Joes, chips, and cole slaw are on the menu for \$5. Libations will be provided. Dessert? Bring one if you like. There were plenty of them last year.*

*If you can help with the preparation, serving or clean-up call Linda Sielken at 908-240-1887.*

## HOA Insurance

*By Eric Ellingson*

This year the HOA experienced a substantial increase in the premium for insurance, which covers liability, the common area buildings, walls, the pool, ramada and storage facilities, as well as the Gator and Tilly. The increase was in excess of 10% from \$4569 in 2015 to \$5127 in 2016 an increase of \$558. Ben Sheffield and I met with Skip Francisco, the local State Farm manager, and he made several suggestions that could reduce our premium. These included some consolidation of our accounts and a reduction in our liability to levels consistent with conventional coverage by HOAs with recreational facilities like ours. We brought these changes before the Board and they were approved. As a result our premium was reduced to \$4,192.06 and we received a refund of \$934.94. We will go out on an open competitive bid for next year's policy in the fall as a part of the annual budgeting process.

## Reminder: Change in Periodico Schedule

*Beginning in September 2016, the Periodico will be published bimonthly (September, November, January, March and May). Advertisers will be advised of the change and the new rates. This change will not affect the Monday Morning Memo.*

## Board Meetings

*No Board Meetings during July & August*

Board member list & meeting minutes  
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## In Memoriam

*Alexander (Sandy) Reed  
261 S. Circulo Napa  
May 26, 2016*

# A Tribute to Alexander P. “Sandy” Reed, Jr.

By Tom Cooke

Esperanza Estates lost a good friend on May 26th, when Sandy Reed died, following a 20-year battle with prostate cancer. He was 91.

Sandy was born in Pennsylvania, and educated at Amherst College and Harvard Law School. He served as a naval officer in the Pacific during the Second World War.

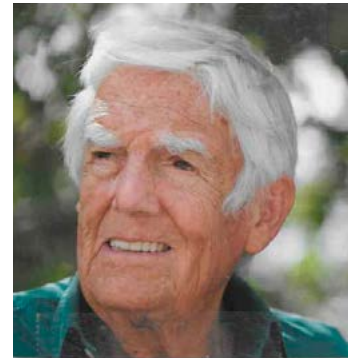
Following the war, he practiced law in Pennsylvania for several years before entering the field of international banking. He worked for a number of banking institutions in Central and South America, as well as Europe, spending about 40 years overseas. He was fluent in Spanish and Portuguese. When he returned to the United States, he bought a home in Esperanza Estates, where he had lived since.

Not content to sit in his rocking chair, Sandy became active with our HOA, serving two terms on the Board, and participating in other groups as well. He wrote a textbook on the international monetary system that was published in England and the US, and is still widely used in universities and the banking field. He also wrote a novel, two books of short stories, and served as editor and publisher of “The Love Stories of Esperanza Estates”, a collection of romantic stories about our neighborhood residents.

Sandy loved Esperanza Estates. He played tennis at our court for years, often lamenting the fact that it had no restroom facilities. Thinking that he might be able to do something about that, through an intermediary he made an anonymous donation of \$5,000 to the Board, on the condition that it be used for the construction of restrooms at the courts. The Board felt it could not turn down such generosity, and the facilities were built. Consistent with his sense of humor, he left instructions among his estate settlement papers asking that a sign be posted on the restrooms as follows: Baños de Felicidad (bathrooms of happiness).

As he aged, Sandy was less able to remain physically involved with his EE community, but continued to want to help. Accordingly he made another anonymous donation of \$6,000 to enable the construction of our shade tree park called (at Sandy’s suggestion) Parque Felicidad.

Sandy wanted no mention of his gifts to be made during his lifetime, but gave me the choice to disclose them following his death. I chose to tell our community of the gifts Sandy left us. He was a good neighbor, who saw needs and tried to fill them, and left our EE community a better place. He will be missed.





# Virtual Home Tour: Problem Solved

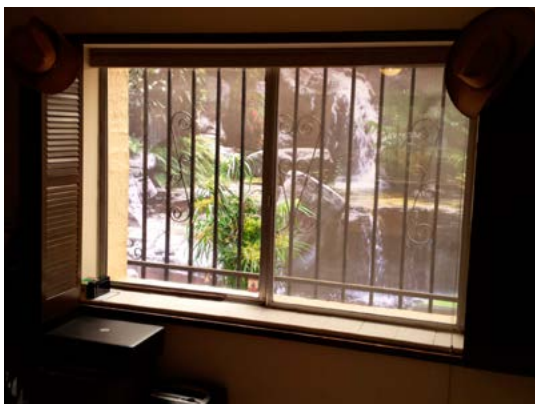
By Cynthia Surprise

In past articles in this series, we focused on an individual home that represented outstanding décor. This month we bring you three clever solutions homeowners devised to solve a problem in their home. While you may not have the same problem these owners faced, their projects prove that “where there's a will there's a way,” and you too can likely improve on whatever bothers you about your house.

## Garage Screen

First up is the easiest solution of all, and one I wish I had known about when we owned our first home in EE. The problem: the home's second bedroom faces into an open garage. Not the prettiest view, especially for guests, and unless you have an extremely attractive garage, you may not enjoy sitting out in the little courtyard between the house and garage.

It didn't take Frank and Louise McCabe long to come up with an attractive and easy solution. While browsing through Lowes, Frank



had a “light bulb moment” when he noticed a custom printed, mesh banner used in an advertising display and thought: “Hey, why not use that to block off the view of the garage from the house?” Now, that's ingenuity, folks! The banner wasn't for sale at Lowes, but after some research on the internet, Frank found what he was seeking. He ordered a banner depicting a forest with a waterfall and hung it from the beam in the garage. Louise then decorated the courtyard with a bistro set and plants. It's proved to be a cool little oasis where they can have their morning coffee. They don't even notice that the hood of their car is two feet away.

## Southwestern Fireplace



Jim and Joey Sourant immediately loved everything about the house on Circulo del Norte that they purchased in April 2011. Well, almost everything. Their southwestern style of décor was at odds with the distinctly non-southwestern brick fireplace in the living room. Making matters worse, the position of the fireplace in the middle of the wall meant it dominated the room.

The Sourants finally tackled the problem last winter. They contacted contractor Miguel Elisalde (of Ramada kitchen renovation fame) and by adding a coat of stucco, lowering the mantel, and applying some Talavera tile, they transformed a midwestern brick

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*AFTER*

fireplace into a southwestern charmer. The bold pattern of tile they selected catches your attention and complements the surrounding décor. What previously was the elephant in the room has now become its focal point.

## Outdoor Dining Area

Steve and Cheri Day are both creative people, so it's not surprising that their recent home improvement project involved a unique solution. Their home on Circulo del Sol featured a large arched window looking out on a lovely courtyard, but they longed for a secluded, outdoor dining area with easy access from the house.

So, they removed several of the large agaves from their courtyard and built a separate wall to section off a dining area next to the house. That was the easy part. Now, for the unexpected: They turned the window into a door. No, they didn't replace the window with a door. They built the door in the middle of the arched window, retaining this distinctive feature of many EE homes.

Finding someone to make the custom windows took some doing and caused a bit of frustration. So too did coordinating the removal of the original window, cutting the lower block wall, and installing the new door. But Steve and Cheri agree that in the end, the work was worth the effort.



*BEFORE*



*AFTER*







*A mother hummingbird and her two babies nesting in the front door hanging light at Pat and Chuck Shipman's home on Nueva.*



*TIM-BER! A century plant puts out its once-in-a-lifetime bloom.*

*Photo by Lenny Borgmann*



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# Summer at the Movies



*Eric and Jane Ellingson have been hosting movie nights at the Ramada. Here, a happy group viewed the musical "Chicago."*



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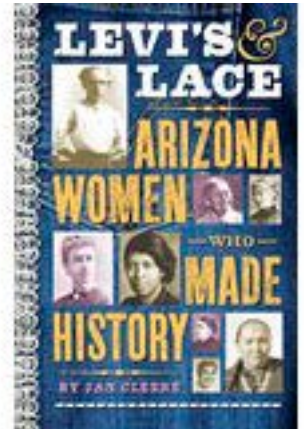
By Cindy Krantz

## *Levi's and Lace: Arizona Women Who Made History by Jan Cleere*

Jan Cleere's book concentrates on over 35 women who helped establish a rich history in Arizona from 1840 through the end of the 20th century. These women were Native Americans, African-Americans, Hispanics and Anglicans. Their contributions were in architecture, education, religion, law, art and medicine.

This carefully researched book is organized into the following categories: Healers, Entrepreneurs, Educators, and Women of the Land, Women of the Arts, and Women of the Law. Photos are throughout the pages to aid the reader in picturing the time in which they were alive. Each woman's time period is given at the beginning of her chapter.

An Arizona timeline in the Appendix presents highlights of the settling of Arizona. Seven pages of resources and suggested further reading afford an opportunity to read more about the rich history of women who made a difference in the history of Arizona.



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