

## Annual Meeting ~ New Place & Some New Procedures

Mark your calendar for **Monday, January 15, 2018, at 2:00 pm.** The EE HOA annual membership meeting will be held at a new location. The Community Performance & Art Center (CPAC) at 1250 W Continental will host our gathering. Just head south on Portillo and take a right at Continental. CPAC will be on your right just after you've decided there's nothing out there at all. Check-in begins at 1:30 pm. Come early to avoid the line. Comfortable seats are available for neighborly chats after you've checked in.



Changes in the Arizona statutes regarding planned communities and their elections, mean that **ALL BALLOTS MUST BE MAILED IN.** THE VOTER'S **SIGNATURE** MUST BE ON THE OUTSIDE OF THE BALLOT ENVELOPE IN THE SPACE PROVIDED. As usual, there's only one ballot per property.

Do you want to help Esperanza Estates continue to be the best community in Green Valley? Do you have new ideas you would like to introduce to your community? There are opportunities to serve as a member of the EE HOA Board of Director's. There will be three open positions on the Board in January. As of today, the publication date of this edition of the Periodico, two people have stepped forward to serve, both incumbents and both valuable assets to Esperanza.

### Meet the Candidates

#### Dean Hess

Dean Hess is running for reelection to the EE HOA Board, a position he has cheerfully held for seven years.

"Neighborhood governance is up close and personal. Serving on the board is my opportunity to get to know as many people as possible in this friendly subdivision.

## *Message from the President ~ Tom Cooke*

Our archival records reflect that as early as April 1978, at the first Board meeting of the Esperanza Estates HOA, and when most of the subdivision was still on the drawing board it was decided to begin a newsletter for the residents. Thus, the Periodico was born, nearly 40 years ago, and remained the only communications tool we had until the Monday Morning Memo was started in 2006.

Although the first issues were little more than a few mimeographed pages stapled together, in the ensuing years the publication got continuously better, reaching an apex in 2011 when Denise Roessle and Cynthia Surprise took charge of as co-editors, aided by additional volunteers. At that point it became a magazine, featuring a new logo, color photos, subdivision news, articles, resident biographies, contests, and more, all in a more readable format, and went on-line for the first time. It also became financially self-sufficient through advertising revenue. It was a truly impressive achievement, and we loved it and hoped it would go on forever. But at the same time to put it out on a monthly basis involved an exceptional amount of work for volunteers.

Sadly, Denise passed away earlier this year and Cynthia decided to retire, leaving no leadership and the question, what would become of our Periodico?

Fortunately Board member Joe McCalpin formed an ad hoc committee to explore what could be done to assure the publication would continue as we didn't want to lose it. Various other formats were being considered when to our delight, Marla Ries volunteered to take over as our new editor. Those who attend our social functions will recognize Marla as the former chairperson of our highly regarded Hospitality Committee--which set new attendance records under her leadership. She is a hard-working volunteer, who will do as terrific a job as our new editor as she did with Hospitality. We look forward to the new ideas Marla will put into the publication, and thank her for taking on this new role. She will be looking for help and we ask that you consider offering her assistance as she moves forward.

And we can all look forward to continuing to read our Periodico.

## *Board Meetings*

Board Meetings are held at 1pm on the third Monday of each month at the Sunset Ramada. No Board Meetings are scheduled during the months of July and August.

### **Next Board meetings:**

November 20th, December 18th

### **ANNUAL MEETING:**

**January 15th, CPAC (more information to follow in the Jan 2018 Edition of the Periodico)**

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

## *Report from the Board ~ by Tom Cooke*

As mandated by our CC&R's the Esperanza Estates Budget Committee met in late October to consider our operating budget for the coming year. For the 10th year in a row we are happy to report there will be no dues increase for 2018. Through careful management, making cost savings where we can, use of as much volunteer labor as possible, adequate reserves, and a generous Enhancement Team, we have been able to live within our budget and believe we can do so for another year.

Much of our fiscal prudence we owe to our long time treasurer, Joan Moreaux. Sadly, Joan has advised the Board she will not be a candidate for re-election in January. She has been a faithful and hard working servant of our HOA for many years and will be missed as a Board member.

We have had a pretty successful year in Esperanza Estates and have been able to hold our own and make some significant improvements. We updated and replaced our pool solar heating system, and through the use of programmable electric motors have been able to cut our electrical bill by about \$1800. This was largely due to the efforts of Craig Surprise, our Board Technical Advisor, who completed a study and made the necessary recommendations. The solar pool heater has saved us substantially on our gas bill. Our Gardner group erected a new EE entrance monument on upper Esperanza Blvd at our park, and completed a number of other beautification improvements to the common areas. Our Enhancement Team paid for replacements for 12 new chaise lounges for the pool area, and also added two new sun/wind screens at the Ramada, rendering it now almost 100% closable against the elements. Some final items were completed at the new storage building, including preparation of a new area for our archives, which will be relocated from the Ramada area to free up needed space for the Hospitality Committee. A solar electrical system was also installed by Craig at the storage building, and he completed a number of other improvements and assisted the Board in other areas. Our Weed Patrol continues to keep our weed situation largely under control, and common area maintenance is being handled as required within our means.

All things considered, not a bad year. The Board appreciates input from all residents and attempts to be responsive to concerns. Talk to any Board member if you have an issue, and all residents are welcome at Board meetings, always held the third Monday of each month at the Ramada.

### *Ramada Use*

Did you know that you, as an Esperanza Estates resident, are allowed to use the Ramada for your own private party or meeting at no cost? As with all EE parties and events/club and committee meetings, the only requirement is that you note your name, phone number and time of event on the calendar on the bulletin board in the Ramada kitchen. And, of course you do need to follow the "Rules of Use" posted on the wall at the Ramada.

## **Upcoming Events**

### **Sat, Nov 18th, Italian Night**

#### **Social Hour 5PM/Dinner at 5:30PM**

The Hospitality Committee will hold another great event at the Ramada serving homemade lasagna, garlic bread, salad, dessert, beer, wine and soft drinks for \$7. Cash, please (exact change appreciated, no checks or credit cards)

### **Sat, Dec 2nd, EE Artisans Arts & Crafts Sale, 1 - 4PM:**

Esperanza resident artists and craftspeople will be offering their creations for sale; the perfect opportunity for Christmas shopping!

If you are interested in selling your creations please contact Marla Ries at [gymarlaries@gmail.com](mailto:gymarlaries@gmail.com) or call 360-708-0855. You must be an EE resident, your creations must be handmade, and you are limited to one table.

### **Sat, Dec 16th, Christmas Party**

#### **Social Hour 4:30PM/Eating at 5PM**

This party will be our traditional sweet & savory potluck. If your house number is an even number, please bring a sweet to share (cookies, bars, etc.; something not requiring utensils). If your house number is an odd number, please bring a hearty appetizer to share (something not requiring utensils).

Of course, no Christmas party is complete without an "Ugliest Christmas Sweater or T-Shirt Contest" Prizes will be awarded for the ugliest!!!



### **Sat, Jan 13th: Pulled Pork/Baked Potato Bar**

#### **Social Hour 4:30PM/Dinner at 5PM**

A wide variety of toppings will be available for your baked potato, INCLUDING PULLED PORK!!! The meal, beer, wine and soft drinks for just \$8

### **Fri, Feb 16th: Optimist Club Italian Sausage Dinner**

#### **Social Hour 4:30PM/Dinner at 5PM**

An immodest hand made Italian sausage in a bun with grilled onions and green peppers (and sauerkraut), chips, cookies, beer, wine & soft drinks, \$8

### **Sat, March 17th: Traditional Corned Beef Meal**

#### **Social Hour 4:30/Dinner at 5PM**

Corned Beef, Cabbage, Carrots, Potatoes, Dessert (AND, HAM!), beer, wine and soft drinks \$8

### **Sat, April 14th: "Spring Fling", Burgers/Dogs and MUSIC!**

## The Bienvenitos Committee Welcomes New Owners



The committee has been visiting new residents to tell them about our wonderful neighborhood and find out a little about them. Please join us in welcoming some of our new neighbors.

**Steve and Cyndie Alto (Camino Holgado)** Steve and Cyndie recently became EE residents, even though they have owned their home for many years. Steve inherited the house from his brother, who was known in EE for having made the exquisite mesquite cabinetry and furniture in the home. The Altos are from Wenatchee, Washington, where their family still lives, so they plan to visit there frequently during the summer. Before they retired, Cyndie taught computer skills and Steve worked for a company that produced trays used primarily in apple

boxes. Cyndie likes being active, and recently took third place in a triathlon. Steve enjoys turkey hunting. In EE, both Cyndie and Steve have started playing pickleball. Much of their time back in Wenatchee includes attending their grandchildren's sporting events. The Altos look forward to becoming involved in the EE community.

**Stacey Hammond (Placita Nueva)** Originally from Tucson where she grew up, Stacey is very familiar with our little corner of the Southwest. She has lived in Green Valley for ten years, but has recently moved to Esperanza Estates. Before that she lived in Dallas, Texas for 25 years. Stacey works as a pediatric RN in Tucson for a group of doctors. She has a son in Tucson, two daughters in Texas and two adorable Shitzus that lovingly greeted us! Stacey loves the outdoors and having her family and friends surround her.

**Susan and David Hoekema (Circulo del Sur)** The recent temperature in Grand Rapids, Michigan was 45 degrees, so Susan Hoekema was happy to be here in her house in Esperanza Estates. She and her husband, David, live next to the pickleball and tennis court. After the holidays they both will be in EE since David is retiring. He is currently a Professor of Philosophy at Calvin College in Grand Rapids. Susan was a lawyer for many years dealing in commercial litigation (construction). She studied at Princeton in the first co-ed class. Susan and David have two grown children in the Grand Rapids area, so they probably will not be living here full time, but Susan's mother lives in Green Valley, close enough to walk the trail that leads to Susan's house. Susan and David are passionate hikers. Susan loves ceramics of all kinds and plans to use the GVR facilities. David is a biker, a musician, and a singer.

**Linda Van Koevering and Will Hollingsworth (Circulo del Norte)** Lin and Will just moved into their new home in EE on October 30, and they've already had house guests who are now looking for a home in Green Valley. Lin and Will live in Kohler, Wisconsin half the year. They have 7 children between them (it's a second marriage for them) and 14 grandchildren. Will is a golfing enthusiast and is excited to try the Green Valley courses. Before retirement, his background was in the machinery business. Lin's background is judicial, working in different areas in the court system. She's a quilter and wood carver.

## Book Discussion Group

The EE Book Discussion Group meets at 11am on the first Tuesday of each month at the Sunset Ramada. New group members are always welcome.

### 2017 - 2018 Titles:

Dec 5th: Author Ginny Sollars will be discussing her book, "*Windswept, A South Pacific Sailing Adventure*" (see more information on pg 7)

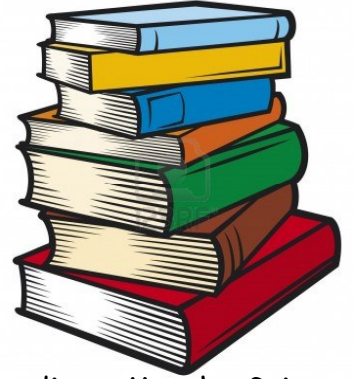
Jan 9th: *Glory over Everything* - Kathleen Grissom

Feb 6th: *The Nest* - Cynthia D'Aprix Sweeney

Mar 6th: *Inside the O'Brien's* - Lisa Genova

April 3rd: *Hotel Paradise* - Martha Grimes

May 1st: *The Known World* - Edward P Jones



## Book Review by Cynthia Krantz

**THE GREAT ARIZONA ORPHAN ABDUCTION** by Linda Gordon; c 1999

This book is a non-fiction tale of a plan to reduce the number of orphans in New York City in 1904. Over forty Irish orphans were put on a train to ultimately be placed with Mexican Catholic families in SW Arizona. The children were sent to a remote mining camp and the story of what occurred when a group of vigilantes kidnapped those children. It is an almost unknown tale in the history of the Southwest. Yet a part of the story made it as far as the U.S. Supreme Court when the Catholic Church sued to get their wards returned.

In September of 1904, 57 toddlers, ages 2 to 6, were put on a train from Grand Central Station in NYC, bound for SW Arizona. They were accompanied by 3 Sisters of Charity of the New York Foundling Hospital, 4 nurses and a male placement agent. Each child had a letter of introduction to their foster family, instructing them to fill out the enclosed slip and return it to the orphanage along with a request to write yearly with progress reports on the child. Although the children were called orphans, many were turned over to the Foundling Hospital by poor mothers who could not afford to keep them. Many parents were Irish immigrants who had come to America to find work. While the young children were being sent West to live with families, they did not realize that in the Southwest they'd be thought of as "white" rather than "Irish" children and many of the families were looking for child laborers. Therein lay the motivation of the vigilante group which fought to free the young children from becoming "indentured servants". They questioned the reasoning of the Catholic Church which maintained it was acting in the "best interests of the children."

The following quote by author William Cronon sums up the message of this powerful story: "Sometimes it is the smallest stories that teach the largest and most important lessons. Linda Gordon has taken an obscure incident involving a group of orphans in the Arizona desert and found in it . . . a window on past American attitudes toward religious prejudice, ethnic and racial identity . . .". This book is another page in the history of America as a melting pot and a harbor of freedom and opportunity.

## A Few Words from "Newish" Neighbor, James Sollars

My wife, Ginny, and I moved to EE in April and are very happy with our choice of year-round home on Circulo Napa.

Ginny has recently published her new book on Amazon as a Kindle e-book. The title is **WINDSWEPT A SOUTH PACIFIC SAILING ADVENTURE**. This is Ginny's account of an amazing 3-year real McCoy sailing voyage throughout the South Pacific and nasty Southern Ocean. Of course I think it's great, but if you want to know the real nitty gritty of paradise, hell, and everything in between, you'll find this about the most realistic accounting of true blue water sailing over long distances and scary/fun destinations. The book is written with both narrative and active dialogue and reads as interesting as an adventure novel.



*Editors Note: Curious? Join the EE Book Discussion Group at 11AM on Tuesday, December 5th to hear more from the author.*

## Have You Noticed a Tree Missing???. . . .

We have some funds to replace trees in common areas that were lost during last summer's storms. If you have a request for type and location of a tree, please forward it to Jim Copeland at [jlbrcopeland@aol.com](mailto:jlbrcopeland@aol.com). The EE Gardeners are interested in desert survivors which can go without watering after they are established. If you would like to see examples, Jim suggests you look at the recent plantings at Shade Tree Park, next to the pickleball courts or Esperanza Park (a/k/a Flag Park) on Camino Holgado. Those trees are 2-3 years old. Go soon while the leaves are still on.



**The EE Gardeners will be meeting at 9AM, Wed., Nov. 15th at the Ramada.**

## Coffee & Doughnuts

Join your neighbors at 8:30am on the third Wednesday of each month (during "the season") for complimentary coffee and donuts.



**Next dates:**

Nov 15th AND Dec 20th

*Hosted by the Cookes & the Surprises*

Food Bank donations are always welcome.

Today is a  
good day for a  
good day!

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## Household Hints

Okay, this is what happens when I don't get your articles or stories for publication in the Periodico! I have lots of hints!

For 25 years my husband, Steve and I lived near the water on an island in Northwest Washington. Salt water spray hitting the windows was a constant. A neighbor gave me the following recipe for easy, streak-free washing of the outside of our windows.

### Rinse Off Window Cleaner

2 Gallons Warm Water

1/2 Cup Ammonia

1/2 Cups White Vinegar

2 Tablespoons Corn Starch

Mix all above ingredients. Using a soft brush or rag, generously apply/rub/brush the mixture to your windows and hose off....that's it; no wiping to dry, no squeegee, just clean streak-free windows.

Now if I could just find an easy way to do the inside of the windows!

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The maintenance of EE common areas is my current duty and passion. I coordinate tree services and work with the Hot Desert crew to determine resident needs and maximize work crew responsiveness. I am proud of the system of check dams that have reduced the effects of water runoff into the streets when the rains come. Things get done because the Board works together for the betterment of all.

Prior to relocating to Arizona with my wife, Mary, I held leadership positions in several organizations, including my church, labor union and local school board."

## Kevin Welsh

I have been in Esperanza for 9 years, first as a winter resident for 3 followed by a full time resident for the next 6. During this time I have been very active in the neighborhood with the Arts Club, the construction of the Ramada and the Italian oven at Shade Tree Park, Neighborhood Watch, Court Master for the Tennis/Pickleball Courts, and for the last 3 years, on the HOA Board as the Architectural Control Committee Chairman. I'm also active in the local Optimist Club, helping raise money for local kids. My goal is to see Esperanza Estates remain one of the most desirable subdivisions in Green Valley and foster our great sense of community.

## Name Badges

Name badges for Ramada gatherings are available for \$6.00 each. If you would like to order a badge, contact Melodye Cooke: (520)336-8844 or melodye1@cox.net. If you've lost your magnet, replacements are available for \$1.00