



# SUNSCAPE WAY HAPPENINGS

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*WISHING ONE AND ALL A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS  
AND A HAPPY AND PEACEFUL NEW YEAR*

### **The Ghost of Christmas Past**

Christmas is such a joyous celebration and we are thankful to be here in Sunscape to celebrate it with all of you. We are enjoying the Christmas lights and golf carts that are decorated for the season.

The Christmas season many times brings out the best in people. The first Christmas brought out the best in God as he sent his only begotten Son to save all who will call upon his name and receive him into their heart.

Today if you have lost the excitement, the feeling, the special spirit this time of year then I invite you to look at the area of your heart and allow the love of God to rekindle your excitement about Christmas. Like Charles Dickens story The Christmas Carol a man named Ebenezer Scrooge is visited by the ghost of Christmas past.

Undoubtedly, we all have made some mistakes this year. Maybe you said or did something you regret. Today is a great day to lay all those past mistakes down and not allow them to hinder the joy we should have as we celebrate this Christmas season.

Past hurts can also affect the joy we have at Christmas and all through the year. It's helpful to forgive others who have hurt us and to realize we may need to apologize to those we have hurt as well. Another thing that helps me is to realize it doesn't matter where the blame is. It doesn't matter who is at fault. Forgiveness means we lay down the offense and move on with our lives.

We can be set free from the thing that holds many back this Christmas by releasing our past hurts to God and allowing him to heal them. As long as we are holding on to that it will continually come up and prevent us from being as blessed as we should be. God has made provision for this and few take his way. Below are a few tips to help each of us to move forward. It is my responsibility to give my past hurts to God and move ahead. It is not the person who hurt me who is responsible for my healing. It is mine. If they have done wrong believe me God will deal with them but the responsibility to get over it belongs to me and I will not move ahead until I

forget it!

I must forgive myself. There may be something in our past that we just know we really blew it. There are things that we wished we had done differently. There are things that if we could just go back and do over we would. We cannot. We all have this in common. Many times these negative thoughts come to visit us not just at Christmas but time after time as we lay our head upon the pillow. Our mistakes of the past can visit us daily and consume our vision for the future. We begin to think what is the use? Why strive for anything now? I blew it a long time ago. The best gift you can give yourself is forgiveness. Remember this; the only people who never fail or make a mistake are those who never do anything.

God came to us in the form of His son Jesus, to make our past what it is, our past. We need to stop reliving those moments and this Christmas put an end to the ghost of Christmas past.

**Contributed by Pastor Fred and Judy Connell**

### **PROMINENT VOLUNTEER AND MEMBER WILL BE MISSED** contributed by Mary Domejka

I have wanted to write an article to honor a man who gave so very much to this park. It's very hard to say good-bye to a friend who everyone was so aware of daily. We all knew he was in the park helping someone fix a pipe or put up a grab bar in a shower, helping move a stove or bed for someone, or in the park digging a waterline with other volunteers.

I am referring to a very special man LARRY EGINOIRE, who we lost this summer to that awful disease called cancer. He was head of the maintenance volunteers, he served on our Board of Directors. He turned no one down who needed help. How do you honor a man who required no thanks, no paybacks. Well here is "THANK YOU" anyway, sir. You are missed!

I would like to thank all of you, who sent cards, food, offered hugs and your thoughtful words about how much Larry will be missed here in the Park. It has been said before and I will say it again, I can't think of a better place to be than here in Sunscape.

Janelle Eginore

Lot 207

**A SMALL WORLD STORY**

by Nancy Beckstead

Many times, we have heard someone say here in Sunscape, it surely is a small world!

Well here's my small world story.

Sometime about 8 years or more ago, I apparently saved a poem I found somewhere. Hard to tell when, how or where. The "why" was because I hoped to 'do it' someday!

Then a few years ago, as I was down sizing, I found this poem again in my box of family, yard and vacation photos. Can't recollect how I got it, but it doesn't appear to have been machine copied or from a magazine as it is plain on the backside.

Meanwhile, I had heard of Jim and Toma Chesness who were doing such a beautiful job of the decorating Sunscape with flowers, rocks, trees, gravel and cactus!

What does that have to do with anything? Well, here's the poem:

**SPENDING OUR KID'S INHERITANCE**

We quit our jobs and sold our home,  
we bought a trailer so we could roam.  
Now our boundaries have no fence,  
'cause we're spending our kid's inheritance.

Our mornings never come too soon,  
for we don't getup till the crack of noon.  
We put on sunglasses and very short pants,  
'cause we're spending our kid's inheritance.

We go hiking, golfing and even fishing,  
we can do anything that we are wishing  
In the evening we may go out and dance  
'cause we're spending our kid's inheritance.

We raised our kids for 30-plus years,  
and when we left there were many tears.  
They must have thought we'd lost our sense,  
'cause we're spending our kid's inheritance.

We traveled over mountains and to the sea,  
we've been every place we wanted to be.  
Where we end up next is great suspense,  
'cause we're spending our kid's inheritance.

Now would you believe it said:

**BY TOMA CHESNESS**

I'm thinking , how many people are named Toma? AND with a last name of Chesness?

I'm up North in Washington state, at this time during the summer, searched the Sunscape address book for Jim and Toma, from Minnesota.

Texted them and sure enough, Jim had written this years ago, signed Toma's name to it and remembered it had been published in the Coast to Coast magazine. We had a Coast to Coast membership in the 1980's, but I'm not in the habit of cutting articles out of a magazine!

Where did the poem come from?

How did it happen that I would come to know Jim and Toma - in Sunscape?

All I can say is -ITS A SMALL, SMALL WORLD!!!

And while thinking of Jim and Toma, many, many thanks to you for all of your time you spend making Sunscape beautiful and for 'spending your kid's inheritance' here with all of us !!!

Poem reprinted with Jim and Toma's permission

### SUNSCAPE BOARD OF DIRECTORS: Proposed New By-Laws for Meetings

In early 2017 a petition was circulated, gathering signatures for a proposed By-Law change regarding Board of Directors meetings. The petition was signed by a sufficient number of park members to have the proposed By-Law change included in the 2018 Annual Package for shareholder's vote. The proposal in the petition was not shared or circulated to the park's various committees for input through the normal ARF vetting process. Nor to the Board for consideration. Therefore, the Sunscape Board of Directors developed, along with support from the Administrative Support Committee, an alternate option to the petition proposal. It is worth noting that many who signed the petition had not read it nor were they aware of our status as explained in the following paragraph.

Sunscape Estates RV Park Cooperative is incorporated as a Non-profit corporation under Arizona Revised Statutes(ARS) Title 10 per our Articles of Incorporation dated November 15,1985. Our Attorney has confirmed that Sunscape Estates RV Park Cooperative is not a planned community or Homeowners Association. Therefore, ARS Title 33 does not apply to our corporation in that, the directives regarding Director meetings do not apply to Sunscape.

Until recently, when clarification of our status was provided, gatherings within the Park where four(4) BOD members were present, either a BOD meeting has to be called or one(1) of the BOD members had to leave. This situation was neither fair to the gathering nor to a BOD member who would have to leave. The Board's alternate option clarifies the types of meetings the BOD can call and specifies who can and cannot attend such meetings. These clarifications are in keeping with ARS Title 10 as referred to above.

**When you receive your Vote Packet, please read both the "Option A" Sunscape Board of Directors proposal and the "Option B" Petition proposal fully and carefully prior to casting your vote.**

**FROM THE WELCOME CENTER**

**For owners when paying their assessment(dues), if you plan to pay with cash, please bring exact change to the Welcome Center as assessments are different from other payments they receive. Assessments(dues) are not run through the cash register and that's the only cash the front office has. Also the bookkeeper has limited petty cash available for making change.**

**Thank you**

## INTRODUCING THE MEMBERS RUNNING FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2018



**VERN BECKSTEAD**



**JUDY CONLEY**



**KEITH CORNISH**



**DARYL HENDERSON**



**GERRY HIGGINSON**



**RICHARD HINKLE**



**PATRICIA OLSEN**



**DALE SCHOENEBERGER**



**NEAL WEHMER**

**INCLUDED IN YOUR VOTING PACKET THAT EACH MEMBER WILL RECEIVE WILL BE A SERIES OF QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS PROVIDED BY THE CANDIDATES, TO FURTHER INFORM YOU OF THEIR INTERESTS AND IDEAS FOR THE FUTURE OF THE PARK.**

### **Sunscape Estates RV Resort Cooperative**

#### **What is the Board of Directors?**

Sunscape Estates RV Resort Cooperative is a non-profit organization that was formed in the mid-1980's to have an RV park for members that is a place that they could enjoy living throughout the year. The Articles of Incorporation state there shall be documents established that would manage the park operation as well as lot use.

Those documents that were set up established that the Park would be managed under the direction of a Board of Directors.

The seven Board members take on significant tasks to assure that the park is managed in a responsible manner and is acceptable to members. With a park of 502 lots and 480 of the lots belonging to members, the tasks become daunting in order to satisfy the needs and desires of a majority of the park membership.

The managing documents provide the Board with a wide range of responsibilities. Included, are 9 standing committees currently, 10 if Safety is reinstated, that work on details involved to maintain the health of the park, both in infrastructure and member enjoyment.

A system has been established, the ARF process, that makes it relatively simple for any member of the park to put forth ideas that the originator feels would be beneficial to the membership. The process includes involving as many member committees as possible in order to recommend a direction to the Board.

The Board is not allowed to make decisions that are contrary to Arizona law, local agency rules, or even contrary to a majority of the membership. When a proposal comes before the Board that does not include the necessary components required by the By-Laws and other park documents or even the approval of local agencies, the Board will not be able to move that proposal to completion.

As noted before the 7 members of the Board are dealt with major responsibility to assure that this park meets 'A Vision for Sunscape' RV Resort – go read it sometime. The "A Vision for Sunscape" Poster is found in all the buildings and on the website.

In doing so, a responsible Board member must do a lot of work to keep abreast of what is going on in the park so that they can make responsible decisions. Please do not condemn any member of the Board for trying to keep abreast of issues. It's what they have to do if you, the membership, want them to act responsibly.

**MARY'S MUSINGS - Tis the month of sharing.**

Oh yes it sure is, let's see here at Sunscape we have shared colds, flu, upset (you know that) and other sorts of germs. Then, seeing it is the month of giving and sharing we then go off to the stores to get the grandchildren toys etc . What to our wondering eyes do appear, but snotty nose kids and even more of their peers with pink eye and infections of costly medical care. Well, now onto the real reason for the season, Christmas. I always loved Christmas. I come from a large family 12 children and lots of love and laughter. Little did we know that we were not rich for at Christmas time we made gifts for each other and wrapped them and placed them under the tree, for our parents and our siblings. Lots of presents filled our home, maybe not of any monetary value but loads of love and thoughtfulness. My childhood was one of giving and sharing and now I still love this tradition. Hope you all get to give and share this awesome season of love and kindness.

A little bit of humor is now forth coming. A few days ago I was informed of the passing of a member of our park. I went to see the spouse of said member and between hugs and tears I asked how they were doing. I was then informed that all was pretty good and the spouse was in the bedroom.. Surprised was I as it have been quite sometime since I had heard of the passing. All of a sudden I heard the spouse call out that they had company and Mary was coming to visit them. My mouth dropped open and what to my eyes did appear but the sweet smile of a dear friend upright and sincere. Just another lesson in life that all that is heard is not what is so.

So now dear fellow Sunscaper's, my wish for you all is love and peace this beautiful Christmas season and for the coming New Year..

### **??COMMUNITY CENTER - REPAIR/ REBUILD/REPLACE??**

#### **From your Board of Directors**

Sunscape residents have expressed an interest in preserving and renovating our buildings. The existing Community Center is especially outdated and it is time to consider what to do with it. This structure started out as an open-air pavilion. In 1997 Sunscape volunteers enclosed it with plywood, roofing, sheetrock, doors, lighting, fans, a stage and was renamed the Community Center. After a season of use, heating was added and finally in 2005, air conditioning units were installed.

The Community Center provides Sunscape with a large amount of use, including the Community Church Services, Sunscape Plays, Town Hall and Board Meetings, Bingo, Park Party Activities, Craft Fairs, No Budget Productions, Jam Sessions, Social Events, Holiday Dinners and numerous entertainment venues. We rely heavily on this building for the enjoyment of our park residents.

We are now faced with repairing, rebuilding or replacement decisions in relation to all our cooperative buildings and clearly, a large factor in the decision-making process is the comparative cost of each option. With recommendation from the Long-Range Planning Committee, funds have been placed in the 2018 Major Projects Budget for an Architectural Review of all of our buildings. Architects and engineers can predict the costs of either repairing/rebuilding the structure or total replacement. These professionals can then present to the Sunscape Members,

a comparative cost analysis to either repair/renovate the existing structure or replace it with a new building.

To alleviate concerns of some members, the current Board of Directors *is not* proposing that a loan be taken to do anything in the Park at this time. From our perspective "*if*" something was to be done about the Community Center, with approval by the Members, then possibly a loan could be utilized to fund the project. This would certainly be in the future. To even think about the process, it must be started. Yes, there are many considerations to resolve, but if we do not begin thinking about it, we will arrive at *NO* conclusion, either positive or negative. It's time to be open minded, allow the research, listen, and then consider all our options.

### **THE CHANGING WANTS AND NEEDS OF TODAY'S RETIREEES.**

As baby boomers face retirement, they bring with them the individuality that has defined their generation -- and they're looking for that same individuality in their retirement communities. There's no question that the older, traditional versions of retirement have changed. For generations it used to be that people had a couple of years of a healthy life after retirement, but now a person can expect to live 18 healthy years afterwards and the image of the retiree sitting in a chair beside the fire is gone. Research in various retirement magazines revealed the number of Americans 62 and older is growing, with most of the increase expected by 2030. Plus, Americans ages 62-plus have a net worth 40 percent higher than that age group did 25 years ago.

Recreation for today's younger and healthier retirees is also a big consideration. People want to live in a community that's significant to them; one that blends an active sporting lifestyle with large numbers of entertainment events. A location that offers plenty of activities and entertainment events is a big plus for young retirees and for many, location is the driving force behind choosing a destination. A recent newspaper article showed that Arizona has seen an 18% increase in the 55 and older category of retiree moving to this state in the years 2009-2012 period. Low cost of living and warm weather are prime draws for retirees. But climate is not the most important factor for everyone.

Today's younger retirees focus on the "active" component of an active adult community. They want a comfortable low-maintenance place to live and community amenities that meet their busy lifestyles. There's a gigantic need for fitness. "They don't want to get old and wait to die. They want to go on adventures, live life to the fullest. And they can afford to — if they have the functional capacity. That's key."

As increasing amount of research is put into what allows older people to age well, the issue of social connection continually pops up – whether it is with family or friends. Social engagement and resident interaction can help combat depression. Since depression is a contributing factor in a myriad of health problems — ranging from memory loss to fatigue to ineffective autoimmune responses — keeping an active social calendar helps with human interaction and stimulation. Seniors tend to slow down as they get older and social engagement can be limited. A well-run retirement cooperative like Sunscape provides social events and programs to promote socialization (and, hopefully, the variety appeals to many different personalities).

It's all about quality of life, and the retirees that are seen in Sunscape who have committed to active living seem to be happier than those who do not. It is never too late, and don't be discouraged if you are overweight and unfit. You can totally remake yourself over a period of several months. Pay attention to your diet and your exercise but also to making sure you sleep well and manage stress. Get out and, enjoy what we have here at Sunscape, enjoy your retirement, you have earned it.