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September HOA Board Summary

This is a brief summary of The Springs at Santa Rita HOA Board Meeting September 25. Rebecca Keenan, HOA Board President, presided. Board members not physically present attended by conference call. Reports of various committees were given. Old business was discussed including the sidewalk repairs, Heartwatch (heart defibrillator) update, garbage collection trial, and entrance canopy assessment. New business was discussed involving a proposed Green Valley bike trail, the capital reserve fund, frontage road speed control, budget timeline, and new Microsoft Office software. Last, an open forum was made available to the attending 24 homeowners. Minutes of the meeting will be posted on our website (see box, above) after they are approved by the board. The next monthly board meeting will be at 9 AM on October 9 in the Fiesta room. The annual meeting will be held on January 19, 2019 at 3 PM. The board encourages you to attend any and all of our board meetings. -BRENT GORDY

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October Events

Amigas	10/4
Meet and Greet	10/5
HOA board meeting	10/9
Amigos	10/20
Potluck	10/25
CHAT deadline for November	10/15

Meet Your Neighbor

By Sally Bryan

Perhaps you've seen this busy couple driving their golf cart in The Springs, while checking on homes for absent homeowners.

Cindy and Gary Deckinger lived most of their adult lives in Southern California, where Cindy taught middle school social studies and language arts. Gary's career was in manufacturing as a mechanic, fabricator, welder and machinist. He was well suited for his work, as Cindy says "he can fix anything, with the exception of a computer. He even repaired a helicopter for his boss after a hard landing."



Before moving to Green Valley in 2014, they spent three years in Kansas, caring for Cindy's elderly parents. After her parents passed, they found Kansas to be cold, dark and gloomy, so Arizona was a natural move for them, as they had visited relatives in Tucson for many years. Green Valley weather, golf, cost of living and proximity to family members made this a perfect location.

Gary works as an assistant to the golf pro at John Jacobs Golf School at Canoa Ranch. It's a good fit, as golf is one of Gary's favorite pastimes.

Cindy also enjoys learning to play billiards through GVR. She now plays with Gary, but plans to join a women's league in the future.

Animals have always been a passion and they owned horses for pleasure riding while in California. In fact, the horses even travelled to Kansas with them. Over the years their menagerie has included dogs, iguanas, rabbits and other critters.

Jack, their nine-year-old black Lab, whom they raised from a puppy and now weighs 115 pounds, is their only critter right now. Jack swallowed two golf balls last year, resulting in a \$2,000 surgery! The veterinarian saved the golf balls for them. You may also see Jack enjoying his time as a passenger riding around The Springs in their golf cart.

Pinetop, Arizona is a favorite getaway spot for trout fishing at A1 and Reservation Lake. On a recent visit, they saw herds of elk and bald eagles.

Cindy knits afghans, mostly for family members. She prefers to work without a pattern and makes up her own designs. Her next knitting project is for their son, who lives in Long Beach.

For the last three years, Gary and Cindy have run a house-sitting service, checking homes twice a month. In addition to making sure all the doors and windows are secure, they run water in all drains to maintain the P traps, preventing sewer gas odors. Their service also includes termite watch, weeds, drip system inspection/repair. After each visit the homeowner receives an email/text letting them know status of their home.

Because Gary is handy, he is often able to remedy any problems that come up or he will contact an expert when needed. Their business has grown over the years, because of the great job they do. Word of mouth has been their best publicity.

When you see Gary and Cindy, be sure to say hello or introduce yourself. You'll enjoy getting to know them. —SALLY BRYAN



Jack (minus golf balls, which he may never eat again), in golf cart

Editorial Policy

In order to meet our community's needs, both deadlines and light editing are needed. Our HOA CHAT is limited to 4 mb per issue. We ask that articles, except for occasionals with multiple contributors, be limited to 500 words. Photos need to be formatted as Jpegs. Deadlines, approximately mid-month preceding the following month's issue, will be printed on the front page. Your generous cooperation with these few rules, is much appreciated.--THE EDITOR

Snake Removal Call Number

Those of you who may be returning to Green Valley from other areas may need a refresher on local snakes. They may not want to contact us more than we want to interact with them, but it's always wise not to get close to a snake you don't recognize. Rattlesnakes, in particular, may need to be removed. Fortunately, there is a snake removal squad, which is on call to rid your yard or garage from such unwanted reptiles. Call the squad at 520 629-9200, a number you may want to post on your refrigerator.

November Potluck Plans

While October's potluck will still be as usual, on the fourth Thursday, (25th). November's potluck will focus on a facet of genealogy that is often overlooked: family stories. We all have them, but when we're gone they are lost, too, unless they're written down and shared.

Hopefully this potluck will inspire us all to begin writing down some of these stories.

Please begin now to write a 1-3-minute family story. Either send it to Laurie Boyett at lkah240ri@gmail.com before November 1, or bring it to the potluck in November.

After dinner all the stories will be put in a hat, from which ten will be drawn and shared with the audience.

The range of topics is endless. Write any story related to yourself or a long-gone family member. Stories can be happy, sad, uplifting, thought-provoking, or incredible. We will set a timer for three minutes, so please stick with that time limit.—LAURIE BOYETT

Amigas, Amigos

Amigas, the club for all Green Valley women, will hold its first fall Meet & Greet on Oct. 4, 4-5:30 PM in The Springs rec center's Anza Room. The group has grown so large that it offers a selection of interest groups, so it will be a good time to come and find yours. To learn more, call 520 289-9215.

Amigos, the men's group, meets on the third Saturdays. For more information, call 917 599-7663.

Recent Home Sales

3826 S. Camino del Golfista	Todd Stadler	Loves Park, IL
3741 S. Avenida de los Solmos		Gary & Gail Myhre
	New London, MN	
3664 S. Paseo de los Nardos	Steven Barton	Murrieta, CA
3870 S. Camino del Golfista	Catherine Alstatt	Benson, AZ
3857 S. Camino del Golfista	Larry & Barbara Swanson	Tulalip, WA
989 W. Via del Placio	Brad Gauthier	Green Valley, AZ
870 W. Calle de la Pelotita	Susan Kay Gwerder	Dublin, CA
3673 S. Paseo de los Nardos	Jane K. Tuft	Moab, UT
3680 S. Paseo de los Nardos	Juanita Rose Lawson	Green Valley, AZ
981 W. Camino Erranle	Kevin & Mary Launer	Green Valley, AZ
3772 S. Calle Rambles	Robert Grimshaw	St. Louis, MO