

Palm Lakes Village

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“Some circumstantial evidence is very strong, as when you find a trout in milk”.

Henry David Thoreau, 1803-1862

FROM THE PRESIDENT – Arthur Welch, President

I would like to introduce our newest board members. They are Jerry Bourgeois, Cleo King, and Chris Spicer. I am looking forward to working with all of them. Welcome aboard!

Construction of the rear office is almost complete. New carpet has been installed in both offices and cubicles installed in the back office. It is almost finished with an electrician and computer techs completing it by this Friday. I hope we can show it off to everyone at our February board meeting.

I want to remind all the committees, clubs and groups that they will have five minutes to give a report about their group's activities at this Thursday's annual meeting.

FirstService Residential has sent out welcome letters to owners with instructions to change your billing information. I understand that not all of you received this letter. If you are having a problem and need help, please call Silvia Vilbrandt at 480-551-1523. I have asked her to be at our February meeting to be introduced and to answer questions that you may have about FirstService and what they can do for us.

FROM THE SECRETARY – Tom Gilbert

We have elected 3 new Board members this last Thursday, from a field of 4 candidates, and here are the results:

Chris Spicer	129
Jerry Bourgeois	121
Cleo King	101
Elizabeth Lay	54

They will be sworn in at the Annual Meeting on Thursday, January 21, 2016 at 7pm in the Clubhouse.

The 3 exiting Board members are: Daryl Struiksma / Jerry Scott / Tom Gilbert

Palm Lakes Village Resident's Forum, January 14, 2016

Welcome and Pledge - 7:00 pm

Attendance: 62

Pledge & Rules of Order

Alex Michaud, MC

Topics discussed:

Beautification Program - Diana Day gave a comprehensive report on the program starting with a recap of the various efforts (parking lot sale, Chat & Chew, donations, etc.) that have provided \$13,000.00 to use for this program. She gave credit to the many that helped to make this possible. She also commended the Design Committee that spent many hours discussing options for the use of this money at both the front and back gates, redoing the announcements board areas at both gates, and replacing trees that have been lost in our park. Her detailed report of their "pre-plans" showed the extensive care and thought that she, and her committee, have put into this so far.

Having laid out the general area to be worked on, she then stated that the project would require regrading, taking out or moving some plants and putting in others, changing some fascia and signage, and painting walls, guardhouse and possibly the gates. At this point she asked the audience to state what their expectations would be to accomplish this. Most felt it would take at least 3 to 9 months to complete.

She then gave her proposed schedule: The first step was getting the blessings of the PLV Board to contact Landscapers and begin the project. This has been done. Art Welch was instrumental in contacting Landscapers during the Christmas season. One company has already submitted a preliminary plan and two others are in the process. The companies have been asked to submit design renderings by Jan. 26th.

The PLV Annual Meeting is Thursday, Jan. 21st and the New Board will meet for their first Monthly Board Meeting on Thursday, Jan. 28th. The Board will be asked to approve all three designs so that whichever one the residents choose will be sanctioned by the Board. There will be a Resident's Meeting in January, so that each of the three companies can present their designs. The community will vote on Feb. 2nd. This election will be supervised by Martha Parrell and the Beautification Committee will not be involved. On Wednesday, Feb. 3rd, the winning design will be announced. On Feb. 4th the chosen Landscapers will begin construction. The companies have indicated that the project should be completed by Feb. 27th.

After her presentation, Diana opened the floor for questions:

Do we own the property outside our gates on which this work will be done? Yes.

Whichever company presents their design last would have the advantage of being able to add ideas presented by the others. The suggestion was made to have each company present their design separately without seeing the others.

Have you considered the vendors background? These are big, well-known companies and they will not be paid until the work is finished.

Will there be a traffic problem during construction? The committee will work with the company to keep closures at a minimum.

Will there be good lighting included in the designs? Grants have been submitted this year to provide lighting at our gates. Since this is a safety factor, it should be approved. This would provide a good sum of money beyond the \$13,000.00 to use specifically for lights. Unfortunately, this money is distributed in June, so the lighting will be done as a second stage in July or August. A company has been contacted and plans made. They have been assured that this installation will not disturb the landscaping.

Will the guardhouse be retained and can it be made to look like it is used? We will definitely keep it and it will be painted the secondary color used on the walls. Our plan is to use two neutral colors on the walls, plus colored granite stone to provide a variety of color without the high maintenance cost of flowers. The paint on the walls will go all the way north and south on 32nd St to the corner.

We will save money by having volunteers spray paint the walls. This is not a difficult job. About 6 or 8 people volunteered to help.

Since we are named PALM Lakes Village, will you be using Palms as well as cactus? Yes. We will use miniature palms that stay small and will be very visible for a long time.

Can you give us the company names that have been contacted? Sun Country (they seem most organized and have already provided preliminary plans), Green Goddess (which had no time until April or after, so they have been eliminated), Desert Classic, and Moon Valley (this company put in the palms around the Clubhouse Parking Lot.) Moon Valley has a new software program that shows a rendering of the actual look of the finished project, along with a picture of what it will look like in 5 and in 10 years.

Will the PLV lettering on the walls be changed? These are very well made and, while they may be moved, we hope to use them. The comment was made that these had been made years ago by a resident of PLV and they were glad they would be retained.

Beano said she had a huge cactus with many arms that she will donate if the Landscaper takes it out.

A resident mentioned that there are colored plants for arid regions that have seasonal changes in color but are very low maintenance. This could be another option for providing contrast.

A great round of applause was made for all the work Diana and her committee have done so far.

Letter from new HOA service – there was a lengthy discussion regarding the directions for getting Association Dues set up with the new company. Several were unsure what to do if they did not use a computer and wanted to establish SurePay. Tom is willing to help people if you come to the Office, but someone said you had to have an email address in order to set it up online. You can also mail a check voided on both sides to the First Service Office at 9000 E Pima Center Parkway, Suite 300, Scottsdale, AZ 85258. However, requests received after Jan. 15th (tomorrow) will not be processed for the Feb. payment. Some indicated they had not received the letter from First Service. We were assured that a payment not received for February will be billed along with the March bill and there will be no late fees if that is paid on time. It was suggested that you call our community manager, Silvia Vilbrandt, at 480-551-4523 or 480-551-4300. She is prepared to help you with any questions as we make this change. It was suggested that an article be prepared for the next newsletter giving all the information regarding making payments for February.

Canceling payments to previous HOA - If you had automatic payment of dues with the previous HOA, THEY will cancel this arrangement. You should not have to do anything at your bank to stop these payments. The HOA cannot collect dues without a signed contract with PLV.

Meeting with new HOA - Although no date has been set, it is planned to have the new HOA come out to the park for a meeting with the residents. In the meantime, Silvia Vilbrandt, our PLV manager, will be glad to help with any questions.

Previous HOA has issued fines – It was mentioned that the previous HOA has gone through the Park and has issued fines on violations. Residents were not sure how this will be handled.

Announcements -

A Book Club has started on Thursday afternoons at 2:00pm. Come for a relaxing 1 to 1 ½ hours of listening to an exciting story. Sonja Swanson will do the reading. Bring a pillow or cup of coffee if you wish and enjoy friends and a fun break. Although all are welcome, those who have difficulty reading are especially encouraged to come.

Everyone was encouraged to come to the Friday night “Fun Night” starting at 6:30 pm. A variety of games are enjoyed.

Chat & Chew is this Saturday, Jan. 16th from 8:00 to 9:30 am. Come join your friends and enjoy a Continental Breakfast which benefits our Park.

Men’s Club Potato Feast – Saturday, Jan. 23rd starting at 4:30 pm.

Dennis Mowrey has resigned from the Financial Committee so there is a position open. If you are interested in volunteering, please call Alex Michaud.

The second heater that used to be on the patio has been moved to the pool area.

Some dollies borrowed for the parking lot sale are still at the Clubhouse. Please see Daryl Struiksma if you are missing one.

Final David Jeremiah DVD about the end times will be shown on Sunday, Jan. 24th at 6:30 pm at the Clubhouse.

Our PLV Annual Meeting is next week, Jan. 21st

Our Monthly Board Meeting is the following Thursday, Jan. 28th

ELECTION RESULTS: Our new Board Members are Chris Spicer, Jerry Bourgeois, and Cleo King. Congratulations.

With no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 8:12 pm

These notes are available on the Clubhouse Bulletin Board and on the PLV Website

“A team effort is a lot of people doing what I say”.
Michael Winner, 1935-

THE BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT DESIGN - Diana Day

At the Community Forum I explained that three landscape companies have been asked to create a design for our entrance. With \$13,000.00 from both donations and the Parking Lot Sale, they have been asked to stretch these dollars, if possible, to not only the entrance but to also the vacant lot at the rear entry and the front median where the Daily Activities sign is.

After the designers submit their plans, our HOA Board will be asked to approve all three plans. Then, the community will be invited to a meeting at the Clubhouse where the designers will explain their designs and answer questions (date to be determined).

The community will have time to digest these plans and then will vote for the plan they like best. Once contracts have been signed, work on our projects will begin immediately.

Our new and improved entrance will soon become a reality! Deborah and I sincerely appreciate all who helped with this endeavor.

“Moderation is the last refuge for the unimaginative”.
Oscar Wilde, 1854-1900

CHRISTIAN
FELLOWSHIP
Howard Miner



JUDGEMENT; Unavoidable? By whom? For whom? Sentenced to? Taken from the Holy Bible, this last film in the series "Agents of the Apocalypse" may be the most important one yet, so don't miss seeing it. It will be shown in our Palm Lakes Village Club House on next Sunday, January 24 at 6:30 PM, sponsored by PLV Christian Fellowship. If you have any questions call Howard Miner at 493 0431.

What's the Plural of Mongoose?

A zookeeper is ordering new animals. As he fills out the forms, he types "two mongeese." That doesn't look right, so he tries "two mongoose," then "two mongooses." Giving up, he types, "One mongoose, and while you're at it, send another one."

BOOK READING
Sonja Swanson



Join our Book Club with NO READING;

On Thursday, January 7, 2016 at 2:00 pm we started something new, a Book Club. Please come even if you missed our grand opening. We will do a recap. This Book Club will be a little different in that those coming will NOT have to read anything.

I will do the reading and we will start with a novel by **Jerry Jenkins** (author of the "Left Behind" series) titled: "**I, Saul.**" This story consists of TWO riveting adventures in one, transporting you between the stories of a professor drawn into a deadly race to save priceless parchments from thieves, and another who faced death 2,000 years before in a Roman prison. Filled with political intrigue, romance, and rich historical detail, "I, Saul" is a thrilling tale of loyal friendships tested by life-or-death quests, set two thousand years apart, told by a master storyteller.

After each chapter we will discuss the characters and actions, and enjoy everyone's questions and comments. This should be enjoyable for many who don't like to read themselves or who have eye problems and find it difficult to read. It is my hope that many will come out and enjoy an hour or two with friends listening to a great adventure story. Invite a neighbor to come with you. If you need a ride, please call Sonja Swanson at 953-2332.

PAINTERS NEEDED - Diana Day

The Beautification Project Needs Painters! To make our beautification funds go farther, residents are being invited to volunteer to help spray paint our perimeter stucco wall on 32nd Street. It is approximately 1282 linear feet.

We will rake gravel away from the wall, purchase our paint, rent paint sprayers and paint. We'll transform our front wall in 1-2 days!! Women and men have already volunteered for this admirable task. Spray painting is really fun and rewarding!

If you'd like to be a part of this project, please contact Diana Day (972-278-7773) or Deborah Parnham (602) 291-5633.

MEN'S CLUB

Jerry Chapman



The PLV Men's Club Potato Fest will be held at the Clubhouse from 4:30pm to 6:30 pm on Saturday, January 23rd. The menu includes a large, baked potato covered with your choice of toppings including chili. Add cold slaw and coffee all for just \$8.00. Get your tickets from Carlos Saldano, Tom Vance, Myron Jasmann or Jerry Chapman.

VAUDEVIERS - Marianne Lowenthal

Ok, talented and fun people from Palm Lakes Village! It is time to bring your particular talent to the clubhouse this Wednesday, January 20th at 10:00 am. We will be timing acts and reviewing them. The directors need to see you. The show needs to be funny, bright, and happy. We will be very happy when we see you perform.

See all of you this Wednesday at 10am. If you have any questions, please call Martha Sherrick at 602-493-5604 or myself, Marianne Lowenthal 630-383-4062.

See you soon!

**POTLUCK
REMINDER**

Lori Garver



Saturday January 30, 2016 will be here before we know it!!! Make sure that you mark your calendars for our **COOK OFF COMPETITION POTLUCK!!!** The theme for the night will be **THE ACADEMY AWARDS!!** Ladies...pull out those jewels and gowns, and you guys....black tie???? **NOT REALLY!!!** If you want to dress up as if you were attending the Academy Awards, **PLEASE DO!!!!** It would be really fun!!! **IT WILL NOT BE A BLACK TIE AFFAIR** able to taste every entry!! Remember also to bring a dish for 8-10 people and your own place setting. We will be looking forward to seeing you all there.

BY ANY MEANS!!! We want you to come on over to the clubhouse and enjoy each other's company!! **REMEMBER THOUGH...THE COOK OFF!!!** Dig out your most famous or favorite recipe and show it off!!! You can enter in as many categories as you like. There will be 4 categories: Salad, Side Dish, Entree, and Desert!! We will let you know in next week's newsletter how we will be handling your entries!! We will want to make sure that we plate your dishes so the judges will be able to taste every entry!! Remember also to bring a dish for 8-10 people and your own place setting. We will be looking forward to seeing you all there.

WOMEN'S CLUB - Charlene Southwick

Ladies, dues are collected in January. If you did not pay your 2016 dues at the meeting last week, you may pay them to me during the month. A renewal of your directory information should be done at the same time.

The directory is due at the end of Feb, and only paid-up members will be included. Call me at 867-1208 or see me at my home at 16421 N 35th Way.

BINGO NEWS
*Connie Rogers
and Kathleen Litz*



BINGO NEWS - Connie Rogers and Kathleen Litz

Game Day--Monday, January 25, 2016

The Bingo Annual Report has been submitted to the Board of Directors for 2015. The report will be read by Connie at the annual meeting on Thursday, the 21st. ZIPPER game pays over \$250.

HOT BALL (if game is won on special number) pays close to \$500

COVERALL game pays \$300 if won in 49 numbers or less and \$230 if won in 63 numbers or less.

ODD & EVEN and DUAL DAB games pay 75% of sales.

Doors open at 5:30 pm. Zipper sales end at 6:15.

Games start at 6:30. You are out around 9:00.

Come early for your lucky seat! See you there.

We are still looking for a volunteer

caller. If you or someone you know has some experience as a Bingo Caller, please call Connie Rogers at 602/410-6835.

BULK TRASH PICKUP - City of Phoenix

Bulk trash pickup will begin with placement on January 23, 2016 and collection starting the week of February 1, 2016. Mark your calendars.

THE LIBRARY
Diana Day



Tuesday was my first day back in the Library since last May.

How I love those books!

Marianne Lowenthal was the Guardian Angel in all that time. It was so appreciated.

Please thank her. Congrats to Marianne who has been elected the President of Vaudeviers! It is very active at this time of year, so it's time for me to step up again.

We've had a turn-over of books and games over the summer and fall and are inviting you once again to donate those favorite games, old and new books that you've just finished reading.

So many of you have mentioned that you have discovered an author and seek every book that person has authored. We will not dispose of any books so you might have that opportunity! We'll only cull out books if our shoehorn can't fit any more onto the shelves.

If there is an author that you particularly like but we have few books, let us know so that we can purchase them at used book stores in our area. Please come to our Library! It's filled with romance and mystery!!

NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS - Charlene Southwick

It's that time again! Every January, I contact each person on the Neighbors Helping Neighbors roster to ask if their service is still available.

At the same time, I ask if there is anyone, especially new residents, who want to offer their "for-pay" services to their neighbors. I encourage all new residents to acquaint themselves with the list in the residents' directory and call me at 602 867-1208 if they want to be included. It's the neighborly thing to do.

Tender Loving Care

T.L.C. – KATHY MITCHELL & FRIENDS

No one is complaining as the New Year moves along, however I learned that Connie Rodgers has a serious breathing problem. She has gotten a machine to help with that breathing problem. All she has been worried about is getting well enough to attend the Monday night Bingo because she is in charge of that organization.

Bless you Connie



MAY BLESSINGS BE MANY

**LIFE IS SO SHORT
PRECIOUS AND FRAGILE TOO
EACH DAY IS A GIFT
THAT'S BEEN GIVEN TO YOU
AND I HOPE THAT EACH ONE
IS BLESSED
WITH LOVE AND GOOD TIMES
SMILES AND HAPPINESS**

**MAY FAMILY AND FRIENDS
FILL YOUR WORLD WITH
GOODNESS AND PEACE
AND MAY EACH MORNING
YOU WAKE
MAY YOU KNOW WHAT IT
MEANS
TO HAVE A LITTLE MORE TIME
TO LAUGH AND TO LOVE
TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN
LIFE
MAY BLESSINGS BE MANY,
AND MAY THEY BE YOURS,
MY FRIEND
BECAUSE I WISH YOU
NOTHING BUT
A LIFETIME OF HAPPINESS**

MOVIE TRIVIA

Answer to Movie Trivia Question for Week of 01-13-2016

- Q: Who plays the niece that John Wayne sets out to find in “*The Searchers*”(1956)?
A: *Natalie Wood*

Movie Trivia Question for the Week of 01-20-2016

- Q: John Ireland plays Johnny Ringo in what western with Burt Lancaster?
A: A Walk In the Sun (1945)
B: All The King’s Men (1949)
C: Gunfight at the O.K. Corral (1957)
D: Red River (1948)

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

WEDNESDAY 1-20-2016

LINE DANCING 10:00 am
HORSESHOES 10:00 am
BUNCO 1:30 pm
KARAOKE 6:30 pm

THURSDAY 1-21-2016

WOOD CARVING 9:00 am
BOOK READING 2:00 pm
BOARD Mtg. 7:00 pm

FRIDAY 1-22-2016

LINE DANCE 10:00 am
FUN FRIDAY GAME NIGHT 6:30 pm
SQUARE DANCE 7:00pm

SATURDAY 1-23-2016

POTATOE FEST 7:00 pm

SUNDAY 1-24-2016

CHRISTIAN FELLOESHIP 6:30 pm

MONDAY 1-25-2016

SHUFFLE BOARD
10:00 am & 11:30 & 1:00 pm
CANASTA 1:00 pm
BINGO 6:30 pm

TUESDAY 1-26-2016

STAFF Mtg. 10:00 am
BRIDGE 9:00 am
BUNCO 6:30 pm
POKER 7:00 pm

Newsletter submission guidelines are as follows: The preferable method to submit items for the newsletter is by email. Submit emails to newsletter@plv-az.com or BJC.plvnews@gmail.com . If you don't have access to email write up your article and drop it off to the PLV office in the clubhouse (if the office is not open drop in the slot in the door). Items may also be dropped at 16216 N. 35th Way (LOT # 210) (either clip them to the mail box or come to the door). The Board of Directors reserves the right to reject articles due to content and it reserves the right to make corrections in grammar, spelling, layout, etc.

FROM THE EDITORS - Brad & Diana Couch

It's a new year and some new beginnings in our community and we look forward to letting you know what is happening within PLV. It's also time to remind you about what can and cannot be placed in our newsletter and when articles are due for each edition. This newsletter is **yours** but there are rules that need to be followed.

Newsletter articles have a few simple rules that are to be followed and if you follow these rules your articles will be published without any problems.

First, no article will be accepted that complains about any issues or people who live in our community. If you have a problem with anything or anyone, take it to the **Board of Directors**.

Second, no articles will be accepted that advertise a business where the submitter receives monetary gain for the product(s) they are advertising. In other words, people who run a business out of their homes cannot advertise in the newsletter.

Third, no article may be written about a standing **Board** member period.

When submitting an article for publication, please verify all information; Spelling of names, dates and times. We publish what we are given. It is your responsibility to make sure the information provided is accurate. It is also important that when writing an article about or referencing a member of our community that we have that person's permission to print their name in the newsletter.

When submitting an article regarding a yard sale, patio sale or estate sale, ensure that you specify the date(s) and time(s) that your sale will be held. Also remember that you are required to get a permit from the office to hold these sales.

Finally, we do not accept any political advertising or promotion other than that that is published for **PLV** elections to let the residents know about those who would like to serve on the **Board of Directors**.

There are deadlines for submitting articles for publication in the newsletter. Residents, clubs, committees and groups need to have their articles in to the editors by 6:00 pm on the Sunday before the newsletter is printed. The **Board of Directors** and **Block Watch** have until 12:00 pm on Monday preceding the issue of that week's newsletter. These deadlines will be adhered to strictly. No exceptions. We realize that things come up and exceptions may be required. When that happens we will review and decide the necessity for making exceptions.

Newsletter articles may be submitted in several ways. The first is by email, BJC.plynews@gmail.com or newsletter@ply-az.com. Articles may be dropped off at our home at 16216 N. 35th Way (Lot #210) or at the office before it closes on Friday. If you drop it off at our home that almost guarantees we get it on time, but the deadlines still stand.

Monthly Calendar

The monthly calendar is put together by the editors of the newsletter using the information provided by the **Clubhouse Director**. We print what we get from the **Office**. If there is a problem with the information on the calendar, take your complaints to the **Clubhouse Director** first. We are not perfect but many of the problems contributed to us come from someone else.