



# SUNSCAPE WAY HAPPENINGS

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## Park Party Success

Once again Sunscape has had a highly successful Park Party, earning just over **\$17,500.00** towards future Park projects. **Thank you to all the volunteers who made this happen, and all the merchants and Park resident donors, for their tremendous generosity.**

Park Party has been a cultural institution at Sunscape for many years. Some of our Members will recall it being a single day of celebration, and originally on a single street. Thanks to new ideas, and more and more volunteer efforts, it has now grown into a full week of competitions, tournaments, entertainment and fun. And the turnout and participation level has increased accordingly.

This year was no exception, with outstanding participation levels for every event. Our Raffle with \$1,000.00 in prize money was spread amongst six lucky winners, and those attending the Silent and Live Auctions enjoyed some great bargains on some truly unique items. Our Valentines Dance and Mystery Dinner both sold out early, and our Variety Night also saw a full house with some great entertainment. And the Bake Sale and Garage Sale were packed with people Saturday morning (Open Hands Outreach /Veterans of Coolidge also benefited from the extensive Garage Sale leftovers). Winding up the week Saturday evening, was our ever popular (also sold out) Casino Night. The Valentine's Dinner/Dance was a new addition this year, which we are committed to include again in 2018. And the schedule of other events will be maintained as close to what everyone has become accustomed to as possible. So mark your calendars for next season (February 14<sup>th</sup> plus the week of March 3<sup>rd</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup>).

With the money earned this season, plus accumulated unspent funds from past events, our Park Party Account now stands at over **\$44,000.00**. Some of our newer Members will be wondering what exactly happens to the money we raise?

Over the years, Park Party funds have built the Welcome Center, the Multi-Purpose/Pickle ball Courts, the Shuffleboard Courts, as well as funded a number of smaller projects. Current projects being developed utilizing Park Party dollars include improved shade in our Pool area (passed by Member vote this year), a Bocce Ball court plus a joint use area with block patio and tables/chairs/umbrellas between the Pickle ball and Bocce Ball courts. Also the Membership passing of this year's vote allowing final Board approval for up to \$15,000.00 per annum (utilizing the ARF process), will allow more prompt completion of deserving projects. In general Park Party funds are intended to fund ideas or projects that enhance the overall enjoyment of Members, and general appeal of our great Park.

And while all this calls for a tremendous effort from numerous volunteers, it also only happens because of the generosity of our donors, both merchants and fellow Sunscape residents. While we do

not publish a list of Member donors (some prefer not and we don't want to offend by missing others), we do publish a list of business and services donors. You will see these throughout the season, circulated in the Activity Director's weekly bulletin. And this year we will also post the listing on our bulletin Boards in the Clubhouse and Activity Center. Please endeavor to support these donors who support us, and let them know you are from Sunscape and their generosity is appreciated!

Claudia Gathercole and I Co-Chaired this event both this year and last, and while we enjoyed the experience and working with such a dynamic team, we will both be stepping down next year.

It is time for some new blood to step up to the plate. We are more than willing to help get a new Chair or two new Co-Chairs off to a good start, and most of this year's Sub-Chairs have also agreed to maintain their roles for the 2018 season (including Terry as Auction Chair).

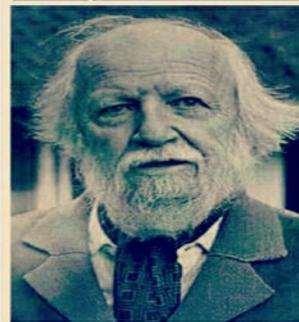
**So, if you are interested in joining or leading a dynamic team to help pull next year's event together please contact Terry Kehler at [terrydonnie@shaw.ca](mailto:terrydonnie@shaw.ca).**

In summary, while Park Party has raised and re-invested considerable dollars back into Sunscape over many years, it has also brought our Members together for some great socializing and fun, which at the end of the day is what it is really all about!

**Terry Kehler (2017 Co-Chair)**

**(See Park Party Photos with the electronic Issue.)**

**Now here's a man who understands women.....**



William Golding  
British Novelist, Playwright & Poet  
1911 --1993

I think women are foolish to pretend they are equal to men. They are far superior and always have been. Whatever you give a woman, she will make greater. If you give her sperm, she will give you a baby. If you give her a house, she will give you a home. If you give her groceries, she will give you a meal. If you give her a smile, she will give you her heart. She multiplies and enlarges what is given to her. So, if you give her any crap, be ready to receive a ton of shit!

**True!**

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**How did I get here?**

By Hal Pullin

**Rosemarie Colwill Interview**

This column will ask this question - What life events brought you to Sunscape? We will print these stories as space permits - we know there are many Sunscape stories to share and Hal is very pleased to interview and write this column.

One of Rosie's earliest memories is five years old standing at a window and seeing the American planes drop bombs for the first time. She did not know what bombs were. Later that day she saw dead bodies, also for the first time. After that, when air raid sirens would sound they would hide in the basement. She quickly learned the basements were not safe, as most brick houses were old and when bombs hit the buildings would collapse, often crushing those in the basements. For years, after this trauma, she understandably struggled with claustrophobia.

Eventually, the townspeople moved the children to a farm where she remembers sleeping on pallets in two hours shifts.

As children, their only access to information and knowledge was the radio and sitting around listening to adults talk. All the books had been burned in the Nazi Regime. The sound of Hitler's voice, is to this day embedded in her mind. The adults never talked about what was going on. There were no Jews in their town. It was after the war that she begin to realize the horror that had occurred.

When the Americans arrived she saw her first black person. After the war there was little food and they survived on about 600 hundred calories a day. Her home life was difficult, she ended up in a girls school where she eventually became a nanny.

Her mother married an American soldier and when she was 17 her mother sent for her to come for a visit in The United States. She met her husband to be and went back to Germany to start the immigration process. It took her 6 months to work through immigration to get a green card. She married Lary Colwill, Sunscaper Pat Olsen's brother. Their three boys excelled at swimming and won scholarships to college and nearly made the US Olympic team. She is very proud of each of them. Lary's work took them to live in Poland, Austria, Germany, and throughout the US. She and Lary were married for 41 years before he passed several years ago. They would travel in their RV and came to Sunscape originally to visit Lary's sister.

Rosie now lives in Beaverton, OR and rents when she visits Sunscape. She enjoys the park. She likes knitting, walking, bingo, playing cards and being healthy.

Looking back she wishes she had more opportunities to get an education. In response to my comment about all the difficulties she has been through she said, "I am tough".



*Hope you'll have an Easter Day filled with love in every way. Happy Easter!*

**Communications Committee 2016-17 Season**

By Marion Wallin

We have made a commitment to publish an issue November through April each season. If anyone has information or article they would like included, please send it to [newsletter@sunscapevresort.com](mailto:newsletter@sunscapevresort.com) as a document. Thanks to Jan Kissick, Linda McBride and Hal Pullin for their efforts. The new website is up and running, it is no longer a volunteer responsibility although the committee is still involved in providing the updates to certain portions on the site. To that end, we have been working with Mystic Windows and our volunteer Webmaster Liaison Donna Strait and the committees and committee secretaries to develop a process to keep the information as current as possible. The unapproved committee minutes should be sent to [webmaster@sunscapevresort.com](mailto:webmaster@sunscapevresort.com) for posting to the website.

Members that want to keep informed can check the minutes via the website or the Committee Board in the Clubhouse.

We ask that members make themselves familiar with the new website [www.sunscapevresort.com](http://www.sunscapevresort.com). We welcome constructive suggestions for improvements for the website.

We are in the process of gathering email addresses of members and friends of Sunscape, for the purpose of sending the **Activity Sheet, Sunscape Way Happenings, Sunscape News by Billie** and other information that we need to get out to you. Please go to the website and on the Home page there is a 'click on link' that takes you to the sign up form. The information is for Sunscape use only and will not be shared with anyone or anything else.

We will be updating the Sunscape phonebook starting this fall and hope to have the new book available in January. Please update your information in the phone book draft located on the counter at the Welcome Center.

We have openings on our committee and would welcome new members, please come to a meeting and see if what we are involved with would be of interest to you. Otherwise, all are welcome to attend our meetings. We meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 1pm in AC

**RECIPE CORNER****No-Knead dinner rolls from Lily Orcutt**

Hello fellow Sunscapers,

Just want to thank everyone for your support and friendship for the past two years. It has been a pleasure to cook for you but I am looking forward to retirement. As promised here is the recipe for No-Knead dinner rolls.

For 12 rolls – Combine : 1 cup Hot Water

¼ cup Sugar

¼ cup margarine or butter

1 tsp. Salt

Cool to lukewarm.

In another bowl Combine: ¼ cup lukewarm water

1 beaten egg

1 Tbl Yeast

Add all ingredients together and mix in 3 ½ -4 Cups of flour – 1 cup at a time until dough pulls away from the side of the bowl. Cover and let rise for 2-4 hours.

Pre-heat oven to 400 degrees. Pinch off rolls and let rise for about 20 minutes while oven is heating. Bake for 10-15 minutes until golden brown. Brush tops with melted butter.

This recipe can also be used for cinnamon rolls, and pizza dough. Enjoy!!! I'll see you all again down the road.

Monthly Maintenance Notes

Volunteers and Employees

Our volunteers and employees are invaluable and I am grateful for their efforts. In the last 30 days volunteers have provided assistance to approximately 10 lot owners and about 1-5 went unreported. Our employees and members have performed about 24 repairs to the facilities within our park. We would like to welcome our new volunteer Carole A McGhie as our new sign restorer.

Completed Park Improvements Projects

- Pickle Ball court patio extension with patio furniture / Maintenance/Pickle Ball
• Painted Laundry Room in Activity center / Judy and Bruce Smith
• Golf Cart Parking Lot / Vern and Volunteers
• Addressing trip hazards and door mats throughout our park. / (Work in progress)Maintenance team
• Joyce Bingenheimer Lot 406 by assisting installing a concrete driveway. / Maintenance,/Contractor
• Billiard room, Installing new tables and Carpeting / Outside service
• Address some air conditioning service problems throughout the parks facilities / Outside service
• Underground mapping of the entire park has been completed. / Maintenance/Robyn, Larry, Bob Dunn

Planned projects happening now or the immediate future

- Install a shower drain for our pool shower,
• Continue to improve curb appeal to be more attractive for current and possible new members.
• Continue to support lot members whenever manpower is available.
• HAV Road Maintenance May 15th.
• Replace old Indiana water lines after May 30th
• Curbing project on Carolina located at lots 157-164 and 187-178 on May 7th .
• Pool fence painting.
• Plan to install maintenance/activities suggestion boxes in the Activity Center and Club House.

Final words from your Maintenance Park Manager

March has been challenging one but hopefully it will slow down by the end of April when most of our residents have gone home. I am working with Several Contractors to improve our infrastructure of the park this summer including Curbing, striping, road maintenance and water line replacement on Indiana . I want to express a special thanks to our volunteers, Herb Ganske, Bill Steffen for saving the park \$500 in trash fees and generating \$350 in recycling revenues. Furthermore, special thanks to Bob Ramsdell for helping our maintenance team when we really need him. Sunscapers have a wonderful trip back home and travel safe. I will do my very best to keep our park looking beautiful this summer while everyone is gone. Remember, my door is always open to all members/renters of the community. Please don't hesitate to contact me during normal business hours 7am-3pm.

My door is always open:

Armando Diaz
Park Maintenance Manager
Diazman200@outlook.com

Pinal County Animal Control Thank You

The organizers and participants in the annual fund raiser for the Pinal County Animal Control deserve a great big hug. Their generous spirit is an example of the Sunscape Spirit. See below for the County Thank You.

Greg Stanley
County Manager



April 4, 2017

JoAnn Bloementhol
Skip Custer
Lily Orcutt
John Pinter
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Dear Sunscape Residents,

On behalf of Pinal County, I would like to express our deepest thanks for the recent Pet Dinner held on March 8th. Generous gifts from donors like you provide the financial and moral support needed to continue our mission.

It is only with generous gestures from large-hearted people like you that Animal Care and Control are able provide services such as spay and neutering.

There is no way to fully express our gratitude for your loyalty. Pinal County is continually inspired by the dedication and generosity of citizens like yourself.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Greg Stanley
Greg Stanley
County Manager

THANK YOU!
Thank You to the Sunscape Christian Fellowship, we would like to express appreciation from all of us for the Electric Door Opener at the Club House.

Calling all Gardeners,
Wannabees and Beautification volunteers!!!
How about a "Mini Garden Club"?
Jim and Toma Chesness have certainly 'done their time' with the beautiful gardens of Sunscape. They have retired so.....think about this over the summer: If the landscaped areas of Sunscape were divided into sections with 2-3 people willing to tend to a section, perhaps we could continue to be proud of our beautiful bushes, plants and flowers.
The fun part of this is learning the names of what grows here in the SW, when and how it is planted, pruned and fertilized as well as working with others of Sunscape who are willing to show pride in our park!
Toma has agreed to advise and teach as most of us don't live in the SW or know what to do with a Mexican Bird of Paradise or an Emu bush.
It will be fun! No regular meetings to attend, work at your own speed and time and with a friend! (Cont)

Bring your small garden tools, clippers and garden gloves with you in the fall. The Park has rakes and loppers.

These are just a few of my thoughts in an attempt to fill the large shoes of Jim and Toma. Bob and Donna Ramsdell and Greg and Terry Tellier have done a great job this season and plan to continue to help. We thank them for stepping up to keep our park so beautiful this season!

If you have any ideas or interest, please email me at [racenut229@gmail.com](mailto:racenut229@gmail.com).

Nancy Beckstead, Lot 229

So, there has been four opportunities for input prior to the Board Meeting for final decision. Keith also made the point that a least 20 to 30 (Management Team, committee members and the Board Members) have already had thoughtful input to form a final recommendation. Another point was made that it would be impossible to have public vote on every park decision, so he encouraged us to get involved early in the committee process rather than waiting until last minute.

Now that I understand the process I agree that we need to get involved and participate early, perhaps saving those who serve so many hours of their time. I also think that early involvement is a way we can show our respect for the demanding work of those who serve on boards, teams and committees.

### **The April Board Workshop Meeting**

**By Hal Pullin**

All Board Member were present. There was considerable discussion on three items.

1. The board is scheduled to vote on an ARF to remove the fireplace in the Club House. There was not a consensus among the 44-people present, so the board may decide to rethink this. The discussion was about appearance vs functionality.

2. There was a long discussion about the water lines problems led by Neil Wehmer, it was agreed that this is an emergency. The plan is to install a new water line in the 5' foot setback between Indiana and Wisconsin involving units 343 through 367. Once this is done we will know what we are up against and what it is going cost to upgrade the rest of the park. The bids are not in yet so it's not a done deal. It is intended that this project will be completed this summer. Upon completion, it will be the owner's responsibility to put back whatever landscaping was disturbed.

3. Keith Cornish, the chair of the Administrative Support Committee responded to a question regarding how the public gets input into the boards decision making. He outlined the many steps an ARF (Action Request Form) goes through to get to be a final recommendation to the board for action. As all meetings are open, this gives concerned individuals numerous opportunities for input. The meetings are posted in the weekly activity sheet. There is an ARF tracking matrix posted on wall across from the fireplace. The unapproved minutes of each committee should be posted on the Committee board in the Clubhouse and the website.

Another brief explanation of the ARF process as this writer understands it:  
The ARF form is completed and delivered to the office for consideration. The manager asks for clarification if necessary. It is then presented by the park manager at the next Management Team meeting. (First opportunity for public input).  
It is assigned to the appropriate committee or committees. The committee has a meeting. (The second opportunity for public input)  
A recommendation is made back to the Management Team (The third opportunity for public input). A recommendation is sent to the Board and is discussed at the Board Workshop one week prior to the Board Meeting. (The fourth opportunity for public input).

(Cont)

### **The April Town Hall Meeting**

**by Hal Pullin**

There were about 100 people for the Town Hall meeting, a few stayed for the Board Workshop that followed. The meeting was opened by the manager, Mary Kerr. Followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and prayer, Mary reminded everyone to pick their fruit before heading out, as downed fruit draws roof rats.

There was a representative from the local Habitat for Humanity. They are currently building a house each fall and are looking for more of county wide effort. They are looking for a coordinator from our park to organize volunteers for Saturday mornings build assistance, and of course, donations. Every penny is used for materials. A \$100.00 donation has rewards of rounds of golf or meal gift certificates plus a tax credit. JoAnn has slips in her office that members need to fill out when sending a donation. Contact # is 602-232-1072.

Mike Fields, from Long Range Planning, gave us an update about the Pool Area Shade project approved at the last member meeting. As you might expect, it is more complex than one might first think. Much work has been put into this project. They are now looking at proposals for a pergola in the southwest corner of the pool area. Claudia Gathercole, 'former co-chair', gave the Park Party report – BEST YEAR EVER! She reported they raised over \$17,500. She thanked the many volunteers. This demonstrates the positive and fun spirit of our community.

Marion Wallin updated us to the progress made in providing park email communication. She explained that it is very important that everyone subscribes (provide their email) to receive the weekly activity sheet, the Sunscape Way Happenings newsletter, and Sunscape News by Billie. Your email address will not be shared or sold. Go to the website <http://www.sunscapevresort.com> and at the bottom of the home page there is a link to the signup form. Please go to that sign up form and enter your Name and Email Address, then submit. We hope park communications will improve if everyone is aware that information is available on the website and if they have questions, attend Town Hall and BOD/Committee Meetings to ask them.

Robyn Moore discussed the street resealing project. They postponed this until May 16,17,18.

JoAnn Bloemendaal, our activities director discussed some of progress made on next season activities including a proposed cruise. JoAnn adjourned the meeting.



Amazing Challenge II Golf Cart Races - at the start line



The Crowds cheering on "Amazing Challenge & Golf Cart Races"

