

# Roadrunner

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**Rio Verde's New Website**  
[www.rioverdearizona.com](http://www.rioverdearizona.com)

**Next Roadrunner Deadline**  
 Noon Monday,  
 February 1



**RVCA Board Meeting:** 2 p.m.  
 Thursday, Feb. 18

**RVCC Board Meeting:** 2 p.m.  
 Thursday, Jan. 28



**Golf News**  
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**Let's Dance**  
 See page 8 for information about 2016 Line Dancing, Tap and Ballroom classes.

**RVCA Minutes**  
 The minutes of the Jan. 21 Board meeting will be attached to the Feb. 5 issue.



## Living Green in the Verdes...

### It's All About Water: Saturday, Jan. 30

The RVCA Living Green in the Verdes Committee urges all residents to attend the *It's All About Water* Conference & Symposium from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 30, in the Community Center. Registration opens at 8 a.m.

The line-up of speakers includes Joanna Nadeau of Audubon International who will discuss the global water supply and Mike Kleminski of Rio Verde Utilities who will discuss the local water supply. Also on the program will be Donna DiFranciso, a conservation specialist with the City of Mesa, and Noelle Johnson, a landscape consultant.

#### Here's the agenda:

##### ► 9 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.

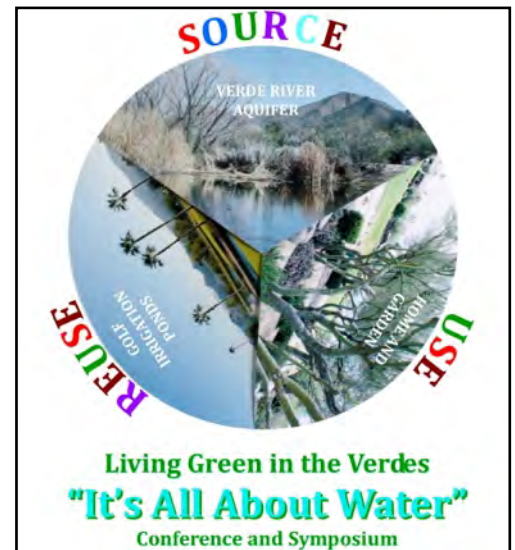
- *Global to Local-Water Our Most Precious Resource* by Joanna Nadeau, Audubon International Sustainable Communities Program Director
- *Desert Landscaping Options and Opportunities* by Noelle Johnson, Landscape Consultant

##### ► 10:45 a.m. to Noon

- *Our Growing Water Supply Needs in the Verdes* by Mike Kleminski, Director of Rio Verde Utilities
- *Water Use It Wisely Campaign* by Donna DiFrancisco, Conservation Specialist, City of Mesa
- *Portable Exchange: The Water Softening Option* by Rick Greene, Rayne Water Conditioning (See page 7 for special incentives to switch from a conventional water softener to a portable exchange unit.)

##### Noon to 1 p.m.

Closing Remarks, Raffle Drawing for some great prizes and time to visit exhibitor vendor displays located throughout the Community Center. (See list at right.)



### It's All About Water Exhibitors and Vendors...

- Audubon International
- Central Arizona Project (CAP)
- Salt River Project (SRP)
- City of Mesa
- Ewing Company
- Legacy Green Solutions
- Rainbird
- Rayne Water Conditioning
- Solar NCP
- Sonoran Institute
- Rio Verde Utilities
- Rio Verde Country Club
- Noelle Johnson

### RVCA Payment Reminder

The 2016 Rio Verde Community Association Annual Assessment is now due. To avoid a late fee be sure to pay by Jan. 31. (The RVCA Annual Assessment can be paid semi-annually with half due now and the other half due July 1.)

**Questions?**

**Call the RVCA Office at 471-2068**

## Our Community...

### Recycling/Shredding Day-Mar. 3:

Rio Verde's annual Recycling/Shredding Day will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, Mar. 3, in the Community Center parking lot. Electronic devices will be accepted along with paper documents for shredding. No toxic or hazardous materials will be accepted. Watch for details. Questions? Call the Office at 471-2068.

### Rio Verde Fruit Drive Needs Donors & Pickers:

Rio Verde's annual Fruit Drive started Jan. 21 and continues into May. If you have oranges or grapefruit to donate or would like to help pick, call the Office at 471-2068. The fruit drive benefits the Extended Hands Food Bank. Questions? Call Chuck Ingwalson 471-7409 or Allen Meyer 471-7997.

**Postage Increase:** As of Jan. 17, the U.S. Postal Service increased rates for mailing flat rate boxes and other packages. There is no increase in the cost of a first class stamp (\$0.49).

**With Sympathy:** The Association is saddened to learn of the death of former resident George Gollan.

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## RVCA Nominating Committee Report

The candidates named by the RVCA Nominating Committee for the 2016 Board election are:

**Nominated Candidates:** Dwaine Abbe, Melody Fairbanks, Paul Hofmann, Jim Justus and Susan Reeves. Their bios are attached to this issue of the *Roadrunner* and posted at the Community Center and Post Office.

**Petition Candidates:** The RVCA bylaws also allow for nomination by petition. Residents may nominate additional candidates by submitting to Secretary Ken Vos a petition bearing the signatures of at least 25 residents. Deadline for petition candidates is Jan. 28.

Ballots will be mailed by the second week in February. The date of the Association Annual Meeting is Thursday, Mar. 17.

## It's Time to Update Your Home and Landscaping

The start of a new year is a great time to update your home both outside and inside. To get you started, the Property Enhancement and Appearance Committee is presenting seminars at 3 p.m. Friday, Feb. 19 (note date change) and Thursday, Feb. 25 at the Community Center.

### Special Incentives and Drawing Prizes

If you attend the seminars you will also learn about a variety of special incentives available to Rio Verde residents who are ready to add value to their homes and community by investing in interior and exterior updates.

Each seminar will conclude with a drawing for a significant item related to the topic followed by time for further discussion and information sharing at a wine & cheese reception.

### ►Painting Your Home - Trends in Exterior Painting: Feb. 19

A representative from Dunn-Edwards Paint will discuss current trends in exterior painting. Topics will range from the use of multiple color schemes to recent upgrades in paint quality and durability. The drawing will be for a \$150 rebate or a free consultation.

### ►Bath and Kitchen Projects to Update Your Home: Feb. 25

A remodeling advisor will present project ideas to update your kitchen and baths. The emphasis will be on simple updates that appeal and add value to your home. Drawing prize to be announced later.

Questions? Call Jack Arnold at 471-0058

## Property Appearance Reminders

### Time for Weed Control!

The rain this month triggered a rapid outburst of weeds throughout Rio Verde. Let's remove the weeds as quickly as possible. If your landscaper isn't scheduled for a few weeks, call him now. Property owners are responsible for maintaining the river rock all the way to the pavement and dead weeds must also be removed in those areas.

### Pick Up Citrus on Ground

It is important to pick up all fallen citrus as soon as possible. Rotting citrus is both unsightly and unhealthy...and it attracts javelinas and rodents.

4 p.m. Tuesdays at the Club...

## ASU Lecture Series Continues Through Mar. 1

The 2016 Verdes ASU Lecture Series continue at 4 p.m. every Tuesday through Mar. 1 at the Club. Here's a look at the next two lectures. For a full list of speakers and topics see the attached ASU Lecture Series flyer.

### January 26: Death and Taxes and Zombies



This creative and insightful look at the US tax code especially as it pertains to estate taxes will be presented by Professor Adam Chodorow of the Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law. Professor Chodorow's research and teaching interests lie in tax, administrative and regulatory law. He is also interested in contemporary tax issues such as the taxability of virtual income and of the undead such as zombies and werewolves! This is a lecture you don't want to miss.

### February 2: The Morenci Marines: The Story of a Small Arizona Town and the Vietnam War



Professor Kyle Longley of the School of Historical, Philosophical and Religious Studies writes and teaches about U.S. foreign policy, modern American politics and the American experience in Vietnam. In his 2013 book, *The Morenci Marines: The Story of a Small Arizona Town and the Vietnam War* he tells the story of nine young men who left the Arizona desert mining camp of Morenci in 1966 to serve their country in the far-flung jungles of Vietnam. Ultimately, only three survived. Each battled survivor's guilt, difficult

re-entries into civilian life, and traumas from personally experiencing war—and losing close friends along the way.

Such stories recurred throughout America, but the Morenci Marines stood out. ABC News and Time magazine recounted their moving tale during the war, and, in 2007, the Arizona Republic selected the "Morenci Nine" as the most important veterans' story in state history.

## Fun Things To Do...

### Italian Night in the Verdes: Friday, Feb. 5

Enjoy an evening of music, singing, dancing and dinner on Friday, Feb. 5, at the Club. Entertainment will be our own Tony Serro in Concert with guest solos by friends. Cocktails will be available starting at 5 p.m., dinner will be served at 6 p.m. On the menu is Caesar Salad and Penne Pasta Bolognese plus dessert. Cost is \$26.95++. Make a reservation today: [reservations@rioverdecc.com](mailto:reservations@rioverdecc.com). Space is limited.

### Valentine's Day Party: Saturday, Feb. 13

*Love Songs with Fred Astaire* - Make a reservation today for the Club's Valentine's Day Dinner Dance on Saturday, Feb. 13. Cocktails will be available starting at 6 p.m., dinner will be served at 7 p.m. Special guest will be Fred Astaire (aka Ballroom Dance instructor Roger Allen). Roger will join us to make it a special evening of dining and dancing. The Moonlighters and Chris Gelb will provide the musical entertainment. A romantic dinner is planned including passed hors d'oeuvres, grilled scallop appetizer, onion soup, baby beet salad, Filet of Beef Tournedo Rossini and dessert. Cost is \$64.95++. For Reservations email [reservations@rioverdecc.com](mailto:reservations@rioverdecc.com).



## CRC News...

### Hurry & Sign-up for 4th Annual CRC Trivia Night! Friday, Jan. 29

"G" ARE You Smart? – Of course you are! Get ready for a fun-filled evening of Trivia, good Italian food, and lots of laughter on Jan. 29. Get your team together and your Einstein thinking caps (or wig and lab coat) on! No host bar will be available at 5:30 p.m., dinner served at 6:30 p.m., and then on to Trivia. Cost is \$35 inclusive. Reserve your spot by Monday, Jan. 25. Email [reservations@rioverdecc.com](mailto:reservations@rioverdecc.com). Tables of eight will make up a team. Sign up as a team or as individuals and you will be assigned a team.

### Valentine's Day Basket Raffle: Saturday, Feb. 13

The lucky winner of the CRC Valentine's Day Basket Raffle will enjoy over \$1,500 of goods and services. CRC will sell raffle tickets at the WGA, Niners and MGA February events and at the Post Office on the afternoons of Feb. 11, 12 and 13. The winning ticket will be drawn on Saturday, Feb. 13 at the Club Valentine's dinner dance. If the winner isn't present the basket will be delivered on Sunday, Feb. 14. **Questions?** Call Sharon VanderPoel at 303-809-5249 or Jane Wick at 262-751-4381.

### Spring Luncheon & Style Show: Wednesday, Feb. 24

Save the date for CRC's annual Spring Luncheon & Style Show. Co-Chair Denise Sheldon and Deb Kern report they have signed up some exciting new vendors for the Boutique. Fashions will be by Chicos. Watch for reservation information.

### Baby Furniture

CRC maintains an inventory of cribs, high chairs, bikes, toys and lots more for young visitors. Request forms are in the Post Office on the window ledge.





*USGA Rules Officials Steve Tomlinson and Ralph Warrington with WGA Team Members after an on-the-course rules seminar.*

### **Ralph Warrington and Steve Tomlinson...**

## **Giving Back as Volunteer USGA Rules Officials**

Rio Verde golf members Ralph Warrington and Steve Tomlinson have taken hundreds of hours of classes, studied and passed multiple tests to become volunteer USGA Rules Officials.

Between the two of them, they volunteer at over 75 amateur tournaments a year, including Junior Golf, Arizona Golf Association, Arizona Women's Golf Association and High School and NCAA Division One events. This past year, Ralph and Steve logged more than 4,000 miles driving to tournaments. Most tournaments are 3-day events so the volunteer hours add up quickly.

The USGA calls volunteer rules officials the lifeblood of the game--without their generosity and dedication there wouldn't be the amateur competitions there are today. Ralph and Steve take their role seriously, helping golfers understand all the options when confronted with a rules decision.

During the Rio Verde rules seminar for the WGA on Jan. 12, Ralph and Steve emphasized that having a fundamental understanding of the rules makes the game more fun. Ralph advises golfers to "learn the rules, one rule at a time." The Golf Shop has available the latest edition of the *USGA Rules Book*.

## **New Golf Member Orientation: Monday, Jan. 25**

All Golf members who have joined in the past 18 months and have not attended an orientation are invited to the New Member Orientation at 4 p.m. Monday, Jan. 25, in the Clubhouse Copper Room.

The agenda will include information on using ForeTees, tournaments and the MGA, WGA, Niners and Couples leagues. You'll also learn about traveling team play for both men and women. Attending the orientation is an excellent way to meet new people, learn about committees that need your participation, and meet Board members, the General Manager and the Club's Head Golf Professional. A social hour will follow the orientation.

Please RSVP to Susan Martin, Rio Verde Country Club Membership Director [smartin@rioverdecc.com](mailto:smartin@rioverdecc.com)

## **Upcoming Golf Events...**

### **MGA Rio/Tonto Exchange: Wednesday, Jan. 27 at Rio Verde**

The Rio/Tonto Exchange will begin with a 1 p.m. shotgun on White Wing followed by a Filet Mignon dinner. The game will be two 9-hole matches--a best ball format and a shambles format. Call the Golf Shop at 471-9420 to check on space availability (maximum of 48 Rio players). Cost for golf and dinner is \$42++.

### **Ladies 9/18 Hole Mixer: Thursday, Jan. 28**

Camp Wanna Win It Two! Last year's 9/18 Hole Mixer was a huge success and you don't want to miss the 2016 event! Golf is a 9 a.m. shotgun on Quail Run. The format will be 2 net BB for the foursome. Lunch and prizes after golf. The Golf Shop will make the teams. \$18.50 ++.

### **MGA Match Play: Monday & Wednesday, Feb. 1 & Feb. 3-Finals Saturday, Feb. 6**

New this year, a Nine-Hole flight! All flights will play for net score except for the Championship Flight which will play for gross and the Club Championship.

#### **Tee Assignments:**

- Black: Championship Flight
- Silver: Last Flight & 9-Hole Flight
- Gold/Silver: 2nd to Last Flight
- Gold: All Other Flights

Sign up on ForeTees.

### **WGA Monthly Luncheon: Tuesday, Feb. 2.**

The WGA February event begins with an 8:30 a.m. shotgun on White Wing followed by a luncheon and announcements.

### **Niners Brunch and Golf: Thursday, Feb. 4.**

The Niners February event begins with 11:30 a.m. brunch and meeting followed by 1 p.m. shotgun.



These 3 young men played 18 holes, all scoring under 80.

## RVCC Hosts U.S. Kids Golf

Rio Verde hosted a U.S. Kids Golf Tournament on Sunday, Jan. 20, for 109 boys and girls, ages 5 to 14. Depending on age, the kids played either 9 or 18 holes on Quail Run. This is the 4th year the U.S. Kids tournament has been played at Rio Verde. Dale Balvin, one of the parent organizers, noted that being able to walk the course is one of the reasons kids and parents like playing here. Balvin went on to say, "This course is awesome for kids. It has more grass than desert courses and it is always in good shape." He thanked the Rio Verde golf members for letting the kids play here.

## Golf News...

### It's Verde Derby Time: Saturday, Jan. 30 - Post Time 12:30 p.m.

All Rio Verde residents are invited to watch this colorful competitive golf event and enjoy free beer and soda. You may even want to bet on your favorite team! This year will feature 10 two-person male/female teams of low-handicap golfers. Over 9 holes teams will be eliminated until one team wears the roses. Come out to watch and cheer on your favorite team. Betting window opens at 11 a.m. at the Clubhouse. Pick up your race card in the Golf Shop beginning today.



### Ladies Desert Quail Invitational Tournament: Apr. 14-Apr. 16

Hit your Sticks on Route 66 - Registration is open for the popular Desert Quail Invitational Tournament. The committee has planned three fabulous days of fun for you and your guest including cocktails parties, luncheons, boutique shopping, a Route 66 Ranch party and of course three days of golf. Cost is \$360 per team. Registration will be capped at 60 teams. Registration forms are available in the Golf Shop. Registration closes Mar. 1

### Volunteers Needed for Sand & Seed

There are a number of holes open on both Quail and White Wing for groups of friends and neighbors to sand, seed, and repair divots on the fairways and greens. Sign-up on the posted sheet in the Golf Events Room. Make it a fun event and get together with your group afterward for libations and appetizers. (Some groups refer to Sand & Seed as Sand & Sip!) Questions? Call Jan Strand at 471-7812.

## Dining at the Club...

### After ASU Lecture Dinner Buffet:

- Tuesdays through Mar. 1 in the Copper Room - By reservation only
- Feb. 26 Fajita Buffet - \$15.95++

### Pub Lunch & Dinner:

- Tuesday-Saturday  
11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

- Monday  
11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

- Sunday  
11 a.m. to 8 p.m.  
Limited menu  
after 5 p.m.

Wood Fired  
Pizza, Burgers & Gyro Salad



### Twilight Menu in Pub:

- Tuesday-Saturday  
4 to 5:30 p.m.

### Two for \$25 Special:

- Tuesday Evenings

### Copper Room:

- Dinner Tuesday-Saturday  
5 to 8:30 p.m.  
Reservations Required

### Sunday Brunch:

- First Sunday of Every Month  
10 a.m. to Noon  
Next Sunday Brunch will be Feb. 7

### Starbucks

- Opens Daily at 6:30 a.m.

### Pub Breakfast:

- Made-To-Order Breakfast  
Sandwiches 6:30 to 11 a.m.

### Reservations:

[reservations@rioverdecc.com](mailto:reservations@rioverdecc.com)

### Questions:

For take out and questions, call the Pub at 471-1050

Menus posted on Member Side:  
[www.rioverdearizona.com](http://www.rioverdearizona.com)



## Fraud & Identity Theft in the Digital Age: Thursday, Jan. 28

Vince Zarlengo invites you to join him at 3 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 28, in the Community Center Multi-Purpose Room for a free seminar on how to avoid and deal with scammers and fraudsters in these ever-changing digital times.

### Topics will include (time permitting):

- Characteristics of a good "Mark" (victim)
- Clues of potential fraud
- Computer/Internet related scams
- Specific Scams including the Grandparent and Friends in Trouble, Nigerian prince, scaremail, phishing, malware and Microsoft technical support scams
- First Lines of Defense
- Online Dating Scams
- Other Scams including sweepstakes and prizes, investment scams, Ponzi schemes, microcap stock scams, phony charities.

### Vince Zarlengo's Background

Vince spent 20 years as an attorney including time with the Denver District Attorney's office and 25 years as a Certified Public Accountant including time with Arthur Young & Company (now Ernst & Young).



## Fun Things To Do...

### Hike with Jim Urban: Thursday, Feb. 11

Jim Urban invites everyone in the Verdes to join him on Thursday, Feb. 11, for a hike in the area just east of Rio Verde known as the Azatlan site.

Come learn about the thriving Hohokam settlement that lived along the Verde River a thousand years ago and see the site of the 19th century White family homestead that was the subject of Bob Mason's book *The Burning*. Also learn about Fort McDowell, the Army fort established in the 1860s to protect settlers in the new Arizona Territory. Jim Urban notes that this hike is scheduled for February before the spring grass and weeds obscure the sites. Meet at the Community Center parking lot for a 9 a.m. departure, return will be at 12:30 p.m. The 3-mile hike is rated easy with only a few small washes to cross. Hiking shoes will suffice. Bring water and a snack. No sign up-just show up. Questions? Contact Jim Urban at 471-3818 or [rrurban2@msn.com](mailto:rrurban2@msn.com).



### Community Wine Tasting: Tuesday, Feb. 16

Dick Portune, Jim Urban, and a guest presenter invite you to a discussion and tasting of Pacific Northwest cabernet sauvignon, pinot noir, and red blends at 5 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 16, in the Community Center. Winemakers from the Pacific Northwest are increasingly successful in wine competitions, reflecting the finesse in their offerings. Sign up at the Community Center. The event is limited to 40 people. Questions? Contact Dick Portune at 307-9487 or Jim Urban at 471-3818. (Note: The Wine Discussion and Tasting at the Community Center will follow the Feb. 16 ASU Lecture at the Club.)

## Of Interest...

### CPR/AED Class: Saturday, Feb. 6

The next Rio Verde Fire District CPR/AED class is from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 6, at the Community Center Multi-Purpose Room. The class is free and open to all Verde residents, renters and guests. To register call the Fire District Office at 471-2304. Classes are also scheduled for Mar. 5 and Apr. 2.

### Rio Verde Lady Putters: Every Friday

Weekly Friday putting and lunch events at Tonto Verde have resumed. To sign up email [rvputters@gmail.com](mailto:rvputters@gmail.com). Questions? Call Lisa Burnside at 651-295-2780.

### P.E.O Coffee Group: Friday, Feb. 12

The local P.E.O. group invites all P.E.Os from the around the country to join them for coffee at 10 a.m. Friday, Feb. 12. For location and more information call Jan Marquardt at 970-241-0811.

### Save the Date... Tonto Verde Home Tour: Friday, Mar. 18

Mark your calendar for the Tonto Verde Home Tour from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Mar. 18. This year the tour will feature five houses.

On tour day there will also be a luncheon, boutique, wine tasting and food demonstrations in the Tonto Clubhouse as well as a raffle for gourmet wine baskets. Buy one raffle ticket for \$5, three for \$10 or eight for \$20.

The Home Tour tickets will be \$20 purchased in advance and \$25 at the door.

Call Merry Klein at 480-471-3117 for more information.



**Help Needed...**

**To Complete Golf Course Desert Landscaping Project**

Last year the Club converted 10 acres of grass on White Wing and Quail Run to desert landscaping saving water and maintenance costs.

Now many of the new gravel areas are in need of plants and boulders. The Greens & Grounds Committee, chaired by Paul Miller, is interested in partnering with residents with homes on the golf courses or golf groups who have an interest in sharing the expense. To follow protocol, a design has to be drawn up (at the Country Club's expense) for these areas that includes estimated costs.

**Ninth Green of Quail Run**

Recently Dave Ritchie's Friday group teamed up with the Country Club and the residents on Lago Lane to finish the Desert Landscaping project behind the 9th green on Quail Run. The funds for this area were donated in memory of Dave's wife Marilyn who died in October.

A large portion of the plants for this corner project were donated by the Friday group to fit into Noelle Johnson's landscape design. Matt Henry of Unwind Soothing Landscapes installed all the plantings and placed all the boulders.

If you or your group are interested in financially participating in the Club's Desert Landscaping project, contact Club General Manager Ken Kelly at [kkelley@riooverdecc.com](mailto:kkelley@riooverdecc.com).



**Attention Rio Verde Photographers!**

The Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Golf Course Committee needs your help. We are looking for photos of mammals and reptiles in or around Rio Verde (we have enough birds) to include in the application materials going to Audubon International. Please contact Mary Leavitt at 471-7978. (In the photo a bobcat hunts in the Hefter yard.)

**Go Green...  
Kick the Salt with  
Portable Exchange (PE)  
Water Softeners**

A Rayne Water Conditioning representative will be here during our Living Green in the Verdes *It's All About Water Conference* on Saturday Jan. 30, at the Community Center to discuss all the advantages of using a Portable Exchange Water Softener.

Rayne Water will offer a special one day incentive that includes free installation and free first month rental for those residents whose homes are pre-plumbed for water softener usage and sign up to rent (PE) units during the Water Conference on Jan 30.

In addition, the Living Green in the Verdes Committee will offer a \$50 incentive to the first five homeowners who have conventional water softeners and choose to convert to a (PE) water softener units and "Kick the Salt."

Portable exchange water softeners are available to both seasonal and full time residents on a monthly rental basis for \$39.25 +tax.

**Questions?** Ken Peterson 471-7905.



Congratulations to Bobbi Hatfield on her hole-in-one during Tuesday's WGA Rio/Tonto Exchange.



## Let's Dance...

### ► Line Dancing: Every Wednesday Afternoon

Dust off your boots, its time to Line Dance. Join instructor Carol Scheuing at 4 p.m. Wednesdays in the Community Center Dance Studio. All levels of dancers are invited. Questions? Call Carol at 471-7393.

### ► TAP (Totally Awesome Pastime): Wednesday Mornings

Everyone is invited to join the Wednesday morning Tap Dancing Classes in the Community Center Dance Studio. Class times are 9:25 a.m. for former beginners, 10:30 a.m. for more experienced dancers and 11:45 a.m. for beginners.

Each class is one hour long. The fee is \$12 per class payable for the full month on the first Wednesday.

Stop in (women/men) anytime Wednesday mornings during classes or Saturday mornings 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. during practice to observe.

Join us for Fun and Exercise! Questions? Call Gloria Hawk at 471-0916 or Renee Libuda at 471-7521.

### ► Ballroom Dance Class Update

#### Community Dance Party Tomorrow Evening: Jan. 23

Have you been thinking about dancing with the Ballroom dance group? Come tomorrow, Saturday, Jan, 23, to the Ballroom Community Dance Party in the Community Center Multi-Purpose Room. Party time is from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Cost is \$10 a person. Bring your own beverage, glass and an appetizer or sweet to share. Everyone is welcome.

#### New Sign Up for Six Week Ballroom Dance Classes

The sign up for the next six week session of Ballroom Classes begins Wednesday, Feb. 3, in the Community Center and in the current classes. Cost is \$120. Instructor, Roger Allen, makes classes fun. Roger also offers private and semi-private lessons. For details call him at 602-545-5435.

#### Class Schedule:

- Wednesday Basic I : 6 p.m. Feb. 17 through Mar. 30
- Friday Basic II: 6 p.m. Feb. 19 through Apr. 1
- Friday Intermediate: 7 p.m. Feb. 19 through Apr. 1

Questions? Contact Ruth Orton 480-264-4522 or [ruthorton@gmail.com](mailto:ruthorton@gmail.com)

## Church Lecture...

### Solving the Mystery of the Millennials: 4 p.m. Monday, Jan. 25

While every generation is unique, the current Millennial generation (19-33 years of age) may be the most puzzling of all. To help you better understand why the Millennials are who they are, Karie Stupek, a Tonto Verde resident and Millennial expert, will explain how we are all products of our generation at 4 p.m. Monday, Jan. 25.

Karie will discuss the influences and characteristics that make up each generation with a special focus on the Millennials, the largest and most analyzed generation in history. Entertaining and educational, we'll all learn how we can better "connect" with the Millennials in our lives. A Question & Answer session will follow the presentation.



Painting by Mary Cassat

## Verdes Art League News...

### Phoenix Art Museum Lecture: Friday, Feb. 12

Phoenix Art Museum docent Nancy Millman will discuss the challenges, accomplishment and legacies of the Women Impressionists at 2 p.m. Friday, Feb. 12, in the Community Center Multi-Purpose Room.

Only four women artists showed their work during the Impressionist exhibitions of 1874 to 1886.

This small group included the French artists Berthe Morisot, Eva Gonzales, Marie Bracquemond and American artist Mary Cassat who grew up in Pennsylvania but spent much of her adult life in France.

Everyone is invited to this free lecture.

### March & April Lectures

Looking ahead, mark your calendar for Mar. 11 when Maureen Chestnut will discuss *20th Century Women Artists* and Apr. 8 when Donna Powell's topic will be *Rodin*.

### Save the Date for Fine Art Show

Verdes Art League Fine Art Show & Sale is Saturday, Mar. 19, at the Community Center.

### For More Information

For more information about Verdes Art League classes, special events and memberships, contact Wes Shangraw at 480-421-8958 or [shngrw12@cox.net](mailto:shngrw12@cox.net). Note: To participate in the spring Fine Art Show you must be a member of the Verdes Art League.





## Neighbors Helping Neighbors

### 2015 Service Performance

The need for our services continues to grow. In 2015 the company delivered 25,791 hours of community service and the company drove 46,280 miles (921 trips) mostly taking people to medical appointments.

This equates to \$607,900 of service value to our communities. The total value of the services provided by VerdeCares since its inception now totals \$1,668,000.

### Thank You

Thank you Verde neighbors for the many volunteer hours and donations in support of our mission. We exist because of you and for you.

### Training Class, Saturday, Feb. 13

VerdeCares will hold a Training Class from 10:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Rio Verde Community Center with lunch immediately following at the Club. If you are a new volunteer and/or have taken the class before but would like to attend again as a refresher, email [vicki@verdecare.org](mailto:vicki@verdecare.org).

VerdeCares Inc...Community strength from the simple act of neighbors helping neighbors.

*Vicki Beseke, Executive Director, VerdeCares Inc.*

### Reigning Grace Ranch...

## Verdes Cowboy Cookout: Thursday, Feb. 4

Thursday, Feb. 4, is the date of the next Cowboy Cookout hosted by Reigning Grace Ranch. Warm up by the bonfire starting at 5 p.m. while enjoying chili with all the trimmings plus hot coffee, cocoa, hot buttered rum, beer, wine and dessert plus live music. Cost is \$20.

Based on rave reviews, the Feb. 4 menu is a repeat of the Jan. 14 cookout. A big hit that night was the hot buttered rum for adults and s'mores for the kids. (Note: A second February Ranch cookout is planned for Feb. 18 featuring barbecued pork.)

**Tickets:** Tickets for Reigning Grace's Feb. 4 cookout can be purchased at Fore Peaks Realty Office on the corner of Forest and Avenida Del Ray or online at <http://www.azrgr.org/rio-verde-cookout>. Call Ron & Maggie McMillan at 471-7342 to reserve tables for groups of six, eight, ten or more.

**Support for Reigning Grace Ranch:** Reigning Grace Ranch is a 501(c)(3) organization that mentors Arizona foster kids and at-risk youth in an authentic ranch environment. For more information visit [www.RGR.org](http://www.RGR.org).



### VerdeCares Service History

Year	Hours	Meals	Transportation		Value <sup>1</sup>
			Miles		
2010	1,800		1,500		\$38,448
2011	3,800	52	6,320		\$82,802
2012	8,025	619	14,680		\$177,674
2013	12,710	984	19,775		\$286,611
2014	20,592	1,157	36,795		\$475,057
2015	25,791	1,143	46,280		\$607,894

**Total Value of Services Since Inception \$1,668,485**

<sup>1</sup> Using national hourly rate for In-Kind-Volunteer hours

## Verdes Habitat Update

The Verdes Habitat Committee thanks the 214 generous people in Rio and Tonto who have contributed over \$64,000 to date to fund the 2015-2016 Verdes Habitat Project. Special thanks to the Rio couple and seven members of their immediate family who chose the Verdes Habitat house as their family's 2015 designated charity.

Needed is \$22,253 to complete the home and maintain the Verdes proud tradition of both paying for and building an annual Habitat home. Please help Christy Kline and her three children realize their dream of having a safe and warm home. The Kline home is being built in memory of Jim Isaacson.

Send your generous donation to: Verdes Habitat Project 18816 E. Four Peaks Blvd., Rio Verde, AZ 85263 or drop it off at the Rio or Tonto Association Office. Note Verdes Habitat Home on the bottom of your check to ensure your donation is dedicated to the Verdes project.

**Questions?** Call Tom Mulleady at 480-275-7350 or Terry Cummings at 480313-1913.

## Firewise Thank You

The Rio Verde Firewise Committee thanks all the residents who submitted 2015 Firewise information!

Your support helped us to continue our certification as a Firewise Community.

Now it is important for residents to turn in 2016 information to the Association Office, including:

1. Receipts or copies of landscape expenses and pre-emergent weed control.
2. Individual hours (on sweat equity green sheets) worked by homeowners. The green sheets are in the Community Center on the counter across from the Office.

**For the Drought Tolerant Garden...**

## **Five Colorful Flowering Succulents**

**by Noelle Johnson**

We often rely on flowering shrubs and ground covers to provide much of the color in our landscapes. But did you know that many succulents also produce flowers that add beauty to the landscape for a fraction of the water needed by thirstier flowering plants? Succulents thrive in our arid climate with little fuss, which makes them an important asset in our landscape. Here are five succulents that will provide you with colorful blooms.

### **Blue Elf Aloe (Aloe x Blue Elf)**

Blooms can be scarce in the winter landscape, but this small aloe packs a colorful punch with scarlet flowers appearing in mid-winter lasting into early spring much to the delight of hummingbirds. While most aloe species do best in areas with filtered shade, Blue Elf aloe thrives in full sun and can easily handle areas with hot, reflected heat, which makes it a great choice for placing near boulders along a pathway.

### **Desert Milkweed (Asclepias subulata)**

For those who like to attract butterflies to the garden, this milkweed is for you. This sun loving milkweed species is a southwestern native and the only evergreen milkweed native to the U.S. The gray-green stems of desert milkweed add a welcome vertical accent to the landscape and its cream colored flowers provide an important food source for both Monarch and Queen butterfly species throughout the warm season.

### **Gopher Plant (Euphorbia biglandulosa)**

This succulent ground cover may have a rather unusual name, but gopher plant adds great color and texture to the garden with its attractive gray-green stems and chartreuse flowers, which bloom in late winter into spring. Use to their greatest effect when planted in full sun in groups of 3 near boulders to anchor the corners of the landscape.

### **Red Yucca 'Brakelights' (Hesperaloe parviflora 'Brakelights')**

Red yucca is a popular plant with its succulent grass-like foliage and flowering stalks that appear off and on spring through fall. Besides the most common coral-colored flowers, there are two other types available – one that produces creamy white flowers and a new variety that produces vibrant red flowers called 'Brakelights'. Whatever color of red yucca you decide to use, plant in groups of 3 in full sun for best appearance.

### **Lady's Slipper (Pedilanthus macrocarpus)**

The bright green stems of this upright succulent have a unique, Medusa-like growth habit, which turn and twist in different directions. Throughout the warm season, tiny orange/red flowers appear, which resemble the shape of a lady's slipper, hence their common name. Hummingbirds find the flowers irresistible and the growth habit of this succulent add needed height in the landscape. Plant lady's slipper in full sun to partial shade next to boulders or in containers.

The next time you are looking to add color to your outdoor space, consider walking by thirstier shrubs and ground covers and plant one or more of these flowering succulents.

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**THE 2016 VERDES  LECTURE SERIES**

All lectures will be held Tuesdays at 4:00 p.m. at the Rio Verde Country Club in the Sundance Room.

All Verdes residents and their guests are invited to attend.

- January 12 THE FUTURE OF WAR**  
**Professor Daniel Rothenberg**  
Professor of Practice, School of Politics and Global Studies  
Executive Director, Center for Law and Global Affairs  
Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law
- January 19 GET UP! WHY YOUR CHAIR IS KILLING YOU**  
**Dr. James Levine**  
Professor of Medicine  
Co-Director, The Obesity Initiative, Mayo Clinic
- January 26 DEATH AND TAXES AND ZOMBIES**  
**Professor Adam Chodorow**  
Willard H. Pedrick Distinguished Research Scholar  
Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law
- February 2 THE MORENCI MARINES:  
THE STORY OF A SMALL ARIZONA TOWN AND THE VIETNAM WAR**  
**Professor Kyle Longley**  
Snell Family Dean's Distinguished Professor  
School of Historical, Philosophical and Religious Studies
- February 9 IN MEMORY OF: STUDIES IN PHOTOGRAPHY**  
**Professor Binh Dahn**  
School of Art, Herberger Institute for Design and the Arts
- February 16 HOW DID EARTH GET ITS WATER?**  
**Professor Lindy Elkins-Tanton**  
Foundation Professor and Director  
School of Earth and Space Exploration
- February 23 UNDERSTANDING ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE:  
ONE HEALTHY BRAIN AT A TIME**  
**Professor Matthew Huentlelman**  
Neurogenomics Division  
Translational Genomics Research Institute
- March 1 THE TRUE MUSIC OF THE STRING BASS**  
*LECTURE AND PERFORMANCE*  
**Professor Catalin Rotaru**  
Professor of Double Bass, School of Music  
Herberger Institute for Design and the Arts



Thanks to Frank Haggard for organizing the Lecture Series.

**RIO VERDE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**  
**NOTICE OF ELECTION**  
**2016 BOARD OF DIRECTORS NOMINEES**

At the Thursday, March 17, 2016 Annual Meeting of the Association, five vacancies on the Board will be filled.

Following are the Candidates named by the RVCA Nominating Committee. Members may nominate additional candidates by submitting to the Secretary, Ken Vos, a Petition bearing the signatures of at least twenty-five (25) Members concurring in the nomination of another candidate or candidates. This Petition must be submitted on or before January 28, 2016.

**DWAINE ABBE**

- BSME, Engineering, University of Minnesota
- Procter & Gamble, Corporate Engineering and Manufacturing, Plant Engineer
- Born and raised in Owatonna, Minnesota
- Member, Fountain Hills Lutheran Church
- Two children, five grandchildren
- Boards & Committees served on in Rio Verde:
  - Marketing Committee 2015
  - Recreational Enhancement Committee
- Full time Rio Verde resident since 2014

My wife, Mary Jo, and I participate in hiking, biking, bridge, pool volleyball, bocce ball, pickleball and tennis. We also enjoy a neighborhood Bible study group, the ASU lecture series, Health & Wellness talks and many other community activities. I would like to serve on the RVCA Board to help keep Rio Verde the wonderful community that we found when we arrived.

**MELLODY FAIRBANKS**

- North Bend Central High School; University of Nebraska Lincoln, Midland Lutheran College, Metropolitan Community College with emphasis on business, marketing and real estate
- Nebraska broker's license 1986-2014
- MERF's Place Gift Shop, Owner/Manager
- First National Bank of Fremont, Vice President
- FirstTier Bank, Production Manager/Vice President
- First Mortgage Corporation; First Horizon Home Mortgage, Branch Manager
- Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, National to 10 Home Mortgage Consultants
- Past Boards/Committees Served/Awards/Participation
  - Salem Lutheran Church, Council Member, Evangelism Committee Chair
  - Fremont Professional Business Women, President; Individual Development Chair; Program Chair
  - Women's Council of Realtor's, Treasurer
  - John C Fremont Days, Secretary
  - Fremont and Omaha Area Board of Realtors



## **MELLODY FAIRBANKS (cont'd.)**

- Boards & Committees served on in Rio Verde
  - 2015-2017 Community Relations Committee Board
  - Marketing Committee 2015/16; designated substitute representative for RVCA
  - Living Green in the Verdes 2015/16
- Full time Rio Verde resident since 2014

My family has been visiting Rio Verde since the early 1980's and have watched it grow. Now that I live here full time I want to take an active part in helping the community preserve its heritage and at the same time grow into our current and future resident's needs. Rio Verde has so much to offer!

## **PAUL HOFMANN**

- Iowa State University
- Full time husband to Jean and father of ten children
- Grain and Livestock Producer
- Sheep Shearer and Shearing Contractor
- Board and Committees served on in Rio Verde:
  - RVCA Strategic Planning Committee
  - Finance Committee
  - Rio/Tonto Good Neighbor Policy
- Full time Rio Verde resident since 2013

I believe as a newer, non-golfing, full time resident who has a house on the golf course, I have a unique and fresh perspective on many of the issues now facing Rio Verde. In the short time I have lived here, I've not only fallen in love with this community, I have also become aware of some of the challenges we face.

Some of the challenges I would like to help address in Rio Verde:

- 1) Aging demographics
- 2) Cohesion between the many factions
- 3) Aging infrastructure
- 4) Rio/Tonto relationship
- 5) Town Center development
- 6) Funding for new and existing projects
- 7) Competition from Trilogy

I have demonstrated the ability to work with a diverse group of people in the past. I will use that ability to serve well on the RVCA board in the future. I'm confident we can overcome these issues and Rio Verde will continue to be a premier active adult community.

## **JIM JUSTUS**

- BS Business Administration, Northwestern University (1962-1966)
- Three years active duty, US Army, 1966-1969, 1s LT, Adjutant General Branch
- 32 years with family lumber business, President 1989-2001
- Past President, Hopkins Rotary Club (over 40 years membership)
- Past Chairman of Northwestern Lumber Association, a regional lumber dealer association
- Past Board Member National Lumber Building Materials Dealers Association

## **JIM JUSTUS (cont'd.)**

- Board & Committees served on in Rio Verde
  - Choir member at the Community Church of the Verdes
  - Community Church of the Verdes Capital Campaign
  - 2011 RVCA Nominating Committee member
  - Member, Infrastructure Focus Group, Long Range Planning
  - Chair, RVCA Town Center Planning Committee (TCPC)
  - Community Pool Renovation Committee 2010-2011
  - 2014 RVCC Nominating Committee Member
  - RVCA Board member and Co-Chair of the Joint Strategic Planning Committee
- Rio Verde resident since 2007

I desire to be on the Rio Verde Community Association Board because this is a community with people being our biggest asset and want to see this community continue to thrive. I think the community has been diligent with its finances during some difficult times. In addition, the community needs to continue looking forward to make improvements which will enhance our lives here and also attract new owners. As a resident of Rio Verde, I support all activities Rio Verde offers.

## **SUSAN REEVES**

- BS Chemistry, Oregon State University
- Law degree, University of Oregon
- Chemistry Department at OSU, 10 years
- Law career beginning 1983 as a partner in an international law firm.
- Started my own law firm and continue to practice in that firm, concentrating on environmental law, representing corporate clients and property owners.
- In Alaska, an active member of the state public broadcasting board for 7 years and chaired the board for 2 years.
- Finance Chair for 1 year and vice chair for 5 years on Board of Chugach Electric Association, Alaska. I formed and continue to chair the board's governance committee.
- Appointed by mayor to serve 3 years on Anchorage Board of Adjustment
- Boards & Committees served on in Rio Verde
  - I organized an ongoing subcommittee for dog owners in Rio Verde allowing dog owners to share helpful information about rules that apply to dog ownership and the risks posed by wildlife and environmental conditions here.
  - Community Relations and Wellness Committee
  - Active golf members. Participate in ballroom dance lessons and events and in the bike club. My husband and I are active hikers.
- Rio Verde resident since 2006 for six months each winter

I have been coming to Rio Verde for 30 years, shared ownership of a home for 15 years, and owned a home on Via Laguna for seven years. I would like to serve on the RVCA board to play a part in solving the challenges we face as residents of an active retirement community. I can make a contribution to the effort to guide the community into its very promising future and to maintain Rio Verde's prominence as a wonderful place to live.