

RAMBLING ROOSTER NEWSLETTER

January 2019

Issue 1 Volume XXV



My **Happy New Year** wish for you is for your best year yet,
A year where life is peaceful, and what you want, you get.

A year in which you cherish the past year's memories,
And live your life each new day full of bright expectancies.

I wish for you a holiday with happiness galore;
And when it's done, I wish you **Happy New Year**,
and many more.



Thoughts From the Editor

Jeri Williams

A fresh new year is once again upon us. It's the time to be thankful for the blessings of the past year and to take stock of all our achievements. At the same time, New Year 2019 is a brand new year to start fresh, to start strong, and yet another chance to do everything we want to do this year.

For those who make New Year's resolutions, it's time to start putting those into action. Did you know that making resolutions has been around for about 4,000 years? Promises were made to return borrowed objects and pay debts. It's definitely not a new thing and we're not the only ones who make those resolutions.

So, what are the top resolutions people make? Well, according to the internet (and the internet knows everything), to exercise more is the most popular with about 38 percent of the folks who make resolutions making this one of theirs. Then, it follows with a resolution to lose weight, eat healthier and the list goes on. Whatever you're making for your resolutions this year, my wish for you is that you're able to keep them. Keeping them is much easier than just making them as I well know!

There are also resolutions we can make as a whole for RoVer's Roost. We want to be known as a very friendly park. Friendliness keeps renters coming back and potential new leaseholders filling up our waitlist. Take the time to talk to newcomers, invite them to sit with you and visit. Be positive. Don't always rush to tell folks what they're doing wrong. Instead think of what they're doing right. Keep in mind that words said can leave a lasting impression ... good and bad. When they leave we want them to leave with a good impression of us. We want them to share that good impression with others.

I wish I could do a wrap up at the park for 2018 but I can't since we only arrived the first of November. What I could tell you is only about those two months and from a new leaseholder's perspective. So, I will simply say some may think the activities and the facilities make a park. I think it's also the people who make the park. Smiles are contagious so keep that smile on your face. Who knows someone you share a smile with may just become a lifelong friend.



Are We Pet Friendly ?

Just about the most frequent complaint heard at the "Roost" is about people not cleaning up after their dogs. There really is no excuse for this whether you are in the park or on the walking trails around the nearby perimeter. If your dog drops, pick it up.

We love our pets but not everyone else does. The desert is a great place to go for that walk during daylight hours but when it's dark, it is not. Watch out for snakes and other critters. Wherever you walk, be safe and keep your pet on a leash less than 8' long. Most important — Don't forget to take your doggie bags with you.

Pet owners and non-pet owners alike share a common goal and that's to keep people coming in, wanting to stay and then, coming back again. In order to keep our waitlist growing and renters coming back, we really need to be pet friendly. Just because we welcome pets doesn't necessarily mean that we are PET FRIENDLY. Let's all work on that together.



Thanks to the interstate highway system, it is now possible to travel from coast to coast without seeing anything.



From the President

the PREZ SEZ,

OK, another year is behind us and a new future is before us. What we make of our future is in your hands, both on a personal note and the future of our Co-Op.

Recently mailed to you has been a proposed by-law change by the Board of Directors for your consideration. Please read, consider the benefit to our park and submit your vote. Speaking of voting, you've also received the ballots for the upcoming Board of Director's election. I am very pleased that we have seven (7) people running to be on the 2019-2021 Board. ALL are very capable candidates and deserve your diligent consideration. Keep in mind though you can only vote for up to four (4) of them. Yes, you do have a difficult choice. (Mail the by-law vote and the election ballot in separate mailings to ensure your votes will count.)

Since there are several new leaseholders some of whom are candidates for this election, and for those of you who are in the park on January 8, 2019, I will be holding a BS (Bill Speaks) Session at 10 AM. This session will be to introduce the 7 candidates running for the Board, getting some of their thoughts and asking them some questions. Your vote will determine our Co-Op's future.

Last year my key word for the year was VOLUNTEERISM in its various forms. I'm pleased to see that it has taken hold throughout the park. I saw neighbors helping neighbors, work crews busily working, clean-up proceeding throughout the clubhouse and kitchen, committees pressing forward, etc... Keep up the good work.

This year, my key word will be COURTEOUS. Be courteous to each other, to the managers, service providers, everyone. Why did I pick this word for my word this year? I found myself involved several times in discourteous behavior sometimes on my part and sometimes on others. Even though I am in a position to correct others (President), my actions need to be corrected also. In this park, I am first and foremost a leaseholder; with rights and privileges as such. I'm also a committee chairperson and the President of the Board. But, unless I'm doing an official function as a chairperson or member of the Board, it's discourteous to service my needs before others who have been waiting longer to be served. (Of course, I wouldn't mind going first through the food line. Hint, hint.)

January 10th will be this Board of Director's last scheduled meeting. Be sure to come to the January 3rd agenda meeting and voice your thoughts and opinions.

Let's embrace this New Year, work towards our future, continue volunteering and be courteous.

Ode to Spell Check

Eye halve a spelling chequer
It came with my pea sea.
It plainly marques four my revue
Miss steaks eye kin knot sea.

Eye strike a key and type a word
And weight four it two say
Weather eye am wrong oar write
It shows me strait a weigh.

As soon as a mist ache is maid
It nose bee fore two long
And eye can put the error rite
Its rare lea ever wrong.

Eye have run this poem threw it
I am shore your pleased two no
Its letter perfect awl the weigh
My chequer tolled me sew.

Courteous definition: Someone who is courteous is polite and respectful to other people.

Roof Raisers Meeting Highlights

December 3, 2018

Activities: Reports were given on several different activities. Bowling had 9 bowlers last week and bowling will be on Wednesday at 10 AM. Tag-a-long pizza nights are scheduled each month. Movie night continues also once a month. Don't forget to check the calendar. Line dancing in the clubhouse starts at 9AM on M-W-F.

Coffee: Mikki asked that folks please volunteer to help make coffee by signing up for coffee duty.

Library: Trisha reminded everyone that hard back books are not accepted in our library. She asked that they be donated to another person or library.

Shirt Sales: Susan reported that sales of shirts are only set up to be sold on Friday but if anyone wanted one at another time to stop by her RV on lot #57 and she would be more than happy to get what anyone might need.

Water Boxes: Lucille volunteered to pay for the water box that Joel had ordered. Thus, Lynda reported that we had made a slight profit on the water boxes sold last year.

Bike Rack: A motion was made to purchase a bike rack to have installed outside the office area. After being moved and seconded, the motion was passed. A bike rack will be ordered and assembled.

Lighting: Tommy, our electrician, updated the electricity in the kitchen. Now everything is in perfect working order.

Hearing Loop: Vern gave a presentation on the "hearing Loop" to be used for our meetings and activities. Money was allocated to purchase the AudioFetch system and have it installed.. This system will help the hearing impaired in our park.

Gifts: A motion was passed to give our mail lady \$50 as a Christmas gift. Additionally, a motion passed that we send our yearly donation of \$500 to C.A.R.E. in memory of those leaseholders who we have lost in 2018.

Health Fair: A motion passed to allocate \$300 for the Health Fair. Funds are to pay for the food and it was the same amount spent the previous year.

Prizes: It was approved that Christmas decoration prizes be awarded at our Christmas party. The amount approved for this was \$90.

Desert Springs RV Park: President Chapman indicated we had a request from the park across the street that their guests be able to attend some of our gatherings. It was discussed and felt that some of our gatherings would work while others may not due to lack of space.

Newsletter: Articles are welcomed for the newsletter each month. Please submit them by the 25th of the month.

Party Funds: Funds were approved for \$100 to apply to the Christmas party, up to \$250 for the Christmas dinner and \$50 for the New Year's Eve party.

February Follies: Murder Mystery will be the theme for our February Follies. It was approved that an amount not to exceed \$300 be allocated for the event.

Elections : President Chapman announced that she will be appointing two or more people to serve on the nomination committee to fill the positions of President and Secretary starting in 2019. The term is for two years. If you are interested in being on the committee or running for one of the two positions, speak to her.

When you come to a fork in the road...take it" – Yogi Berra

New Year Traditions



Just like other holidays such as Thanksgiving and Christmas, there are many different New Year's traditions. These traditions change from person to person and place to place.

The most "famous" of all New Year songs was one written as a poem by Robert Burns in the 1700's. It's *Auld Lang Syne*, which means "times gone by". At the end of each year we find ourselves singing the song while drinking champagne and finding someone to kiss. Then, when the ball starts to drop from Times Square in New York City folks start singing 'Should auld acquaintance be forgot'.

"*Auld Lang Syne*," is about remembering friends from the past. That's it really. It works so well for the end of the year because that's when good people come and go in our lives. We all know it I'm sure. It is worth it to take a moment of time, raise a glass and remember those that should never be forgotten.

Should auld acquaintance be forgot,
And never brought to mind?
Should auld acquaintance be forgot,
And days o' lang syne.

For auld lang syne, my dear
For auld lang syne,
We'll take a cup o' kindness yet
For auld lang syne.

There are traditions and more traditions. Many of these include making a lot of noise from fireworks to gun shots to church bells. Noise at New Year's seems to be a favorite pastime around the world.

In Thailand guns are fired to frighten off demons and in China firecrackers are meant to scare away darkness. The American colonists shot pistols to celebrate. Around the world you can hear church bells, drums, sirens and party horns to say goodbye to one year and welcome in the new one.

Then, there's food. There's always food included with most celebrations. In some places this is the time to swap presents such as nuts or coins. Some gifts had significance and others not so much. Eggs have been given as the symbol of fertility. (Don't give anyone here eggs!) Other gifts were and still are given for good luck.

The term "put your best food forward" was originally practiced in Scotland. "First footing" was an important part of New Year's Eve. Friends and family members would visit each other's home to put the "first foot" after midnight across the threshold. This was for good luck during the year.

Then, let's not forget football games. Many people enjoy having the day off and watching football on New Year's Day.

Whatever your tradition is, here's wishing you and yours good luck, good health and good fortune in 2019!

A few **USELESS** facts about the occupants in the park on one fine day in the middle of December.

- Nine Canadians were listed as leaseholders .
- More women were named Kathy (including Katy) than any other name.
- Richard was the most common name for men.
- The newest skp number was 147229 and the oldest skp number was 67.
- 108 sites were occupied and 12 sites were empty.
- Over half the occupants were pet owners.
- 6 RVs were parked in the boondock area.
- 9% of the RVs were Class C, 26% were travel trailers, 28% were Class A and 37% were 5th wheels.
- Texas was the most popular state for registered vehicles.
- Leaseholders occupied 68 sites, renters occupied 38 sites and managers were in 2 sites.

Did you?
KNOW?

OUR ISRAEL TRIP

by Jim Trites

In October Lucille and I were part of a group of 24 Canadians on a tour of Israel. The group flew from Toronto on October 8th. Since we were already in England we opted to fly from London on the 9th rather than cross the Atlantic twice. We arrived at our Tel Aviv hotel only a few hours after them.

The next morning, while we were having breakfast, our excellent driver, Michele, loaded the luggage on our bus. Our first stop of the day was "Save a Child's Heart", a charitable organization which has operated on children from 57, largely third world, countries. We got to interact with several of the children and observed that little kids, no matter where they come from, enjoy playing with bubbles.

Our next stop was the Ayalon Institute, a secret underground ammunition factory. The Jews knew that they would be invaded by an Arab coalition as soon as the British pulled out in 1948. The factory which was hidden under a laundry and a bakery on a kibbutz training site manufactured two and a quarter million bullets for their Sten guns (submachine gun). We then visited Caesarea, one of the numerous impressive cities and fortifications built by Herod the Great. Our hotel that night was on the Sea of Galilee.



Thursday began with a museum with a rare find, a boat from the time of Jesus. Then we cruised on the Sea of Galilee in a modern boat which followed the same design. We saw where Jesus fed the multitudes and visited the site of the Sermon on the Mount. Eleven members of our group choose to be baptized in the Jordan River. That evening we ate with a family of Messianic Jews. They attempted to teach us an Israeli folk dance and a couple of songs before an interesting dinner in their home.

The following day we toured Nazareth Village, drove through the Valley of Armageddon, stopped at Mount Carmel and Caesarea Phillipi and visited the Golan Heights in the Occupied Territories.

Our hotel for the three nights in Galilee was run by Orthodox Jews so Saturday morning, the Sabbath, there was nothing cooked for breakfast. We managed very well with fruit, cheeses, bread and cereal. Since it was the Sabbath traffic was very light in Jerusalem but there were still crowds at Shepherds' Fields and especially at the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem. There was also a visit to a factory and store that specialized in olive wood carvings. Items were priced from a few dollars to several thousand for some enormous Nativity scenes.

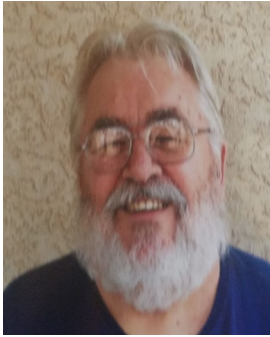
On Sunday our walking tour of Jerusalem started at the Mount of Olives and proceeded to the Garden of Gethsemane. We spent a couple of hours at the Holocaust Museum. I could have stayed there for the rest of the day but we moved on to a museum about the Gaza Strip. It showed how the Israeli settlers turned a desert wasteland into a prosperous farming community before they were forced to evacuate when the area was returned to the Palestinians.

Monday began with a hands on visit to a working archaeological site, the Temple Mount Sifting Project. We then drove to "Genesis Land". Half of us rode camels to Abraham's tent. After the patriarch welcomed us we enjoyed a scrumptious meal prepared by Sarah. The other twelve rode the camels back to the parking lot.

Tuesday was a free day in Jerusalem. Some helped out in a soup kitchen while others shopped or explored on their own or just enjoyed a day off. Wednesday morning we had communion at the Garden Tomb before driving to the Dead Sea. This body of water is disappearing as the level is dropping by five feet a year. A gondola car took us to the fortress of Masada. In the revolt that led to the Romans destroying the Second Temple Masada was the last place where the rebels held out. The Roman army of 10,000 built a huge ramp to get their siege engines to the top of the mountain fortress. The approximate 1,000 Jewish defenders choose death over torture, rape or slavery under the Romans. We then got a chance to bathe in the Dead Sea before returning to Jerusalem for dinner.

On Thursday morning we returned to the Tel Aviv airport where we said goodbye to Israel and our wonderful guide Schmolik. Not only was he very knowledgeable, he could also get a job as a stand up comedian. Because we had "silent boxes", a type of headphone we could all hear him no matter how far we strayed from the group.

ELECTIONS - It's that time of year again



BILL L. - I have served and enjoyed being on the Board as President and previously as Vice President. I have a background in management with the Fed. Gov't. I believe my background on the board will help the new board in their deliberations.

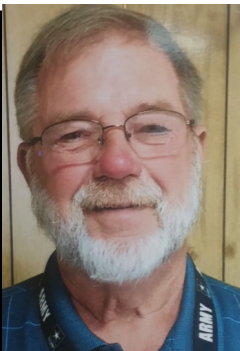


FORREST C. - I have 50+ years as an ordained minister. I have served on several boards and feel I can use my experience to benefit the park. As a new leaseholder, I feel I could give a new set of eyes and offer a new prospective to issues.

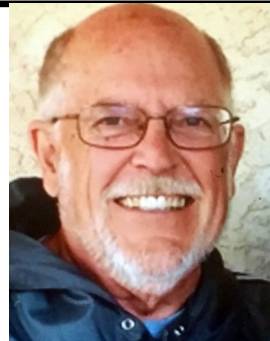
GENE S. - I have been involved in many committees at this park and was on the board the last 2 years. It was a great experience and I learned so much about the park. I know I can be a benefit to the new board and I would enjoy serving again. Please consider voting for me.



JOHN F. - I have worked in the petroleum business mostly as a self-employed contractor. I have served as President of our Airstream group and served as an elder in our church. We have enjoyed RoVer's Roost and I would like to offer my services.



JOHN W. - I was appointed in 02/18 to fill in a vacancy on the board. I am on several committees including Appraisal, PCM and Lot Improvement. I can be counted on to fill in for jobs in the park as needed. When necessary I do needed research. I believe in this park and ask for your vote and support.



TOM C. - Resident of RoVer's Roost since 11/2016. Leaseholder since 03/18. My experience has been as a school administrator and educator. I have been involved in activities here and would make RoVer's Roost the best place to be.

Having been a leaseholder since 2001, I believe in the "Co-Op philosophy—folks working together, participating to make our park the best that it can be. I was your board secretary from 2/14 to 2/18. I know the importance of being a team player. If given the opportunity to serve, I will continue my efforts to keep this the great park it is & strive to find ways to make it even better.

CAROL L.



Elections are important. The new directors will be making decisions for us and voting on our behalf. Not only do we need to vote but we need to vote for those we feel will best represent us.

Be sure to join the *Bill Speaks* session at 10 AM on January 8th. Candidates will be present and limited questions will be answered.



Another important word to remember— Friendly

Friendliness is a quality of openness and warmth that makes you feel welcome and at ease. Your *friendliness* is evident in your facial expressions, body language, and, most importantly, in the way you treat other people.

Desert Museum and Old Tucson



Spending the winter at RoVer's Roost in Casa Grande gives one an opportunity to visit so many places located less than an hour and a half from the park. We are surrounded with interesting places to check out. To the south of us is Tucson. It's one of those fun places that offers so much to see and do.



It was not so long ago our bucket list of places to see in Tucson was pretty long. The area has beautiful deserts, historical old missions, museums, old movie towns and even a Trident Missile Museum. Believe it or not that is just the beginning. There is so much more. We've checked off some of these but still have more to go.

If you haven't been to Tucson's Desert Museum, you really need to go. It is beautiful and it is amazing. The beautiful desert is just as you expect it to be with many types of cactus and colorful plants. It's full of wildlife from reptiles to birds and coyotes to javelinas.



On our last visit we started the day off early and were glad we did. Mornings are cooler and afternoons can get much warmer. We arrived at 9:30 and the first raptor show of the day was at 10:00. We didn't want to miss it.



Once in the park it was a little jaunt to get to the exact location but we made it just before the show started. What a great raptor show it was!! We were introduced to many different birds of prey including gorgeous ravens, several breeds of owls and even a huge Harris Hawk. We were enthralled with the event.

There was so much more to see as we moved around from one critter to another. Most of the critters appeared to be checking out the humans as well.

Even beyond the four-legged critters, the hummingbird area was extremely interesting. There were several hummingbird nests. Hummingbirds were busy flying back and forth collecting food and then feeding the newly hatched hummingbirds. It was an amazing sight to see.



The Desert Museum continues to be one of our favorite places to visit in Tucson. I must admit though that we have several "favorites" in Tucson.



Just down the road from the Desert Museum is Old Tucson. It's an old historical movie location. Hundreds of movies were made there. Some top movie stars engaged in gun fights in the streets and ate in those saloons. It's a great little place to visit and a reminder of what the Old West might have been like. Again, it's worth the visit.

We did the underground mine tour. Even though we looked, we didn't find a single morsel of gold. We also took a train ride around the park and stopped for lunch at one of their four restaurants. We took time to stop and watch a gunfight before we checked out the gift shops.



A good day at the Desert Museum and another day at Old Tucson would be perfect for a first visit and neither are far from RoVer's Roost.



**John Beckman Lot #60
Leaseholder Spotlight**

We have some very talented folks in this park. One such person is John Beckman. He has carved and displayed numerous items.

John's been carving wood for about 40 years. He was originally into lapidary but discovered a class in wood carving. From there his interest snowballed and he ended up taking one class after another. He continues to carve and always seems to have several projects in-process.



This carving won John an honorable mention at a world carving competition!



Could this carving be of John's wife, Gerri? It is!

RoVer's Roost Rules

Nap Often

WATCH THE SUNSET
WAKE UP SMILING
SIT BY THE FIRE
RELAX AND UNWIND

Eat S'mores

Make Memories
DRINK A COLD ONE
Visit with Friends
Be Grateful For This Day

Be NEIGHBORLY and invite your neighbors to your Happy Hours — new renters or leaseholders.
Don't let them feel left out.





Marshmallow golf



Roasting hot dogs & marshmallows



Tag-along to Organ Stop Pizza



Our all-star bowlers !



The house fly hums in the middle octave key of F. Ask Mark K. to hum in that key for you.. I asked him to hum for me. He did!

THIS IS SOMEDAY

There's no next time. It's now or never

All our lives we seem to be waiting for something. Many times we find ourselves saying that we'll buy something *someday* or that we'll do something *someday* or even *someday* we won't have to do something else. We put everything off to *someday*. At times we actually wondered if *someday* would ever come.

Well, for us and many of our friends this **IS** our *someday*. This is it. It's here and even though we know many people enjoying their *someday* we also know some who thought their *someday* was finally here only to find out it's still in the future. For them it's not working out as planned as they're struggling from health issues to family or finance problems and last but certainly not least, to RV problems Is this really IT? Is this our *Someday*?

The elusive *someday* was supposed to be the time when working for survival was behind and everything dreamed about was finally going to come true. It was supposed to be the time when people were carefree without worries or bills or obligations. It was being free to do what one wanted and when one wanted to do it. It was a time to TRAVEL without worrying about returning from that two week vacation. It was time to do what we wanted. *Someday* was the day we all looked forward to!

The reality of *someday* finally *being* here was the day folks retired, moved into their RV and hoped to live happily ever after as they began their adventure of exploring the back roads. *Someday* was a much anticipated event but for some *someday* was a big disappointment. For others *someday* turned out just as they hoped it would be.

We need to make the best of today and savor each moment because with life there are no do-overs. We will never walk down this road again. *Someday is really here*. Don't put off to tomorrow what you want to do today. Enjoy today while you can and don't look back. Stop saying to yourself that you'll do this or that *someday*. This is our **SOMEDAY**. Do it now.

"It isn't the burdens of today that drive men mad. It is the regret over yesterday and the fear of tomorrow. Regret and fear are twin thieves who rob us of today."



"Stop pacing the aisles and counting the miles. Instead, climb more mountains, eat more ice cream, go barefoot more often, swim more rivers, watch more sunsets, laugh more, cry less. Life must be lived as we go along. The station will come soon enough." (Robert Hastings)

One of my favorite quotes from Mark Twain, ***"Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things you didn't do than by the ones you did do"***

Yep, our *someday* is finally here.



ELKS Lodge - 909 E Florence Blvd

Dinners served on Wednesday and Friday nights.

Thursday - Queen of Hearts raffle

Friday - Karaoke Saturday - Bingo



Remember to donate at Casa Grande's no kill pet shelter.

Valley Humane Society
15699 W Aniceto Rd.
Casa Grande, AZ

If two wrongs don't make a right, try three.

SNOWBIRD This word was first used in 1923 to describe seasonal workers who moved south for the winter months. By 1979 it began being used to describe the large number of retirees who flocked to the south. If *Snowbirds* are average, you can bet that 68% of them travel with pets to their winter destination. This would mean more snowbirds have pets than those who don't. Keep that in mind and let's make this truly a *Pet Friendly* park! And, pet owners, please pick up after your pets.



Teddy

Hi! I'm Buck!

I've been out meeting some of the *Snowdogs* and *Snowcats* that reside at RoVer's Roost during the winter months. We even have a champion staying here! I have lots of new friends and I'd like to introduce some of them to you each month. Here are a few friends I met in December.



Patches



Rambo



Tucker

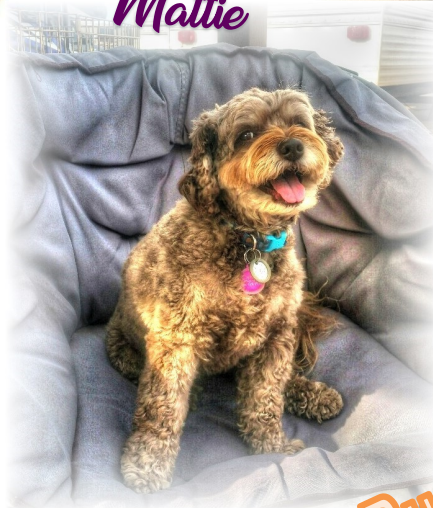


Goldie

Keike



Mattie



Sam



Shadow

Buck's Corner

Shamrock Dairy Farm Tour

The Shamrock Dairy Farm is just down the road from RoVer's Roost. They offer tours so we booked one. This dairy has about 10,000 cows milking and they produce 23,088,372 gallons of milk a year. The cost of the tour was \$8 for seniors.



After checking in we boarded an open-air tram that took us around the dairy farm. First was the area where the feed was mixed to provide a healthy dose of vitamins for the cows. The goal is to keep healthy cows since healthy cows produce good quality milk. A dairy cow eats about 100 pounds of food a day and drinks about 30 gallons of water.



Next we stopped at a little park where we were shown the milking machines. It takes milk from 714 cows to fill one tanker. Each tanker holds 6,069 gallons of cold milk.

A short walk had us entering a viewing area above the milking "garage". Two hundred cows at a time are brought into this area and milked twice a day. We stood above the activity and watched as one cow after another took its place in line. Since the temperature of the milk is about 101 degrees when a cow is milked, it needs to be cooled. So the milk then travels through a plate heat exchanger that takes it from the 101 degrees down to 36 degrees. It is then stored in 15,000 gallon storage tanks at that 36 degrees.

There are about 30 calves born every day at this farm. Male calves are sold almost immediately. The newborn females are also separated from others for about 60 days to keep them healthy. The calves in the picture here were born about a month ago and are mainly for viewing and hand feeding until moved to a new area in another month.

The tour was great. We thoroughly enjoyed it and especially enjoyed the chocolate milk and ice cream cones we were given at the end of the tour. ➡



TRIDENT MISSILE MUSEUM - Our bucket list is full but not as full as it used to be. We've been able to cross off quite a few places we wanted to see since many were within an easy day's drive of RoVer's Roost.

The Trident Missile Museum just south of Tucson was one of those places we really wanted to visit. There used to be 54 of these missile sites across the United States up until 1987. This one is the only remaining site.

The location was a top secret place during the time of the Cold War. However, it is now open to the public and you can go down into the site. It is an amazing tour.



I even got to turn the key to send the missile into space. Since their motto is "Peace through Determent", I can say that I prevented WWII by turning the key for the missile to launch. Total destruction did not happen because I was in the Commander's chair. This is another great place to look around and live a little of our history,

Cutting down an endangered cactus in Phoenix, Arizona could land you one year in prison! It can take up to 100 years for a Saguaro cactus to grow, so it's no wonder why!

Committees

There are many different board committees we can volunteer to work with at RoVer's Roost. Finding where we fit best takes a little research. We all come with different life experiences and those experiences have a place. February is coming up and *hopefully* that's when the committees will change and others will have a chance to serve on the committees they want to volunteer for. Every committee needs enthusiastic "new blood" with new ideas. They also need "old blood" with knowledge of how the committee operates. Being a new leaseholder, I want to be on the committee I feel I really can contribute to — not a committee I don't.

I'm not sure how the selection for the committees take place but if new volunteers are wanted, room has to be made for them. After all, change can be good. I've been reading a little about these committees and thought I might give a very brief summary here. Perhaps, it will help others decide where they fit best on too.

Appraisal Committee: Performs annual inspection of leaseholder lots to insure sheds are maintained as well as water and hoses. Gravel is inspected for adequate coverage.

Audit Committee: The Auditing Committee balances bank statements and documents including rental pool funds. It also provides monthly statements to the Board of Directors.

Budget Committee— This committee is responsible for providing a budget worksheet showing cash carryover, estimated income, estimated expenses and budget summary. Maintenance and operating expenses are also estimated.

Grievance: The Grievance Committee hears issues between leaseholders and makes decisions based on facts.

Election /Mailing Committee: The duties of this committee consists of mailings, counting of ballots, registering leaseholders and counting votes at membership meetings.

Equipment Inventory Committee: Maintains a list of equipment and value of that equipment owned by the Co-Op.

Landscape Committee: The purpose is to enhance the beauty of the SKP Co-Op's common grounds to include planting, weeding and trimming. Other maintenance may also be done as needed.

Lot Improvement: The committee approves or disapproves requested lot improvements by the leaseholder.

Marketing Committee: Oversees marketing tools including the website, reviews online, articles for the Escapee magazine and other promotional materials.

PCM - Planning, Construction & Maintenance: This committee submits yearly projects to the board. It determines what projects can be done in-house and what will be performed by outside contractors. The committee also oversees completion of these projects. 85868

Roof Raisers: The purpose of this committee is to support the Board of Directors through activity and other programs. It oversees the activities of the Co-Op. There are many sub-committees within Roof Raisers.

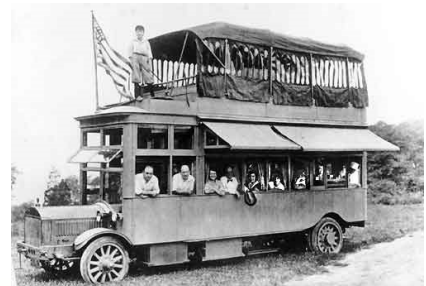
Rules and Bylaws: This committee refines bylaws by working with the Board of Directors in researching potential conflicts and placements in the rules. They may assist in a petition for a change in the bylaws and provides proper documentation for the changes.

Waitlist Committee: This committee maintains the waitlist for lots and follows through with offering the available lots to potential new leaseholders.

The "gypsy van" was built in 1915.



In 1910, the very first motor home ever made was built from a 3 ton Packard truck. It could sleep 11 people, was 28 feet long and 6 1/2 feet wide. It had an icebox, toilet and salon. The motor home was used up to 1924.



Young riders pick a destination and go... Old riders pick a direction and go.

WAITLIST

There are a total of 43 names on the waitlist as of December 18, 2018. These are the top 20 on that list. As you can see there has been a lot of movement on our waitlist. Lot offers are also out for 34, 65, 92, 83 & 91.

- 1 Seifert, Richard 11/18/17B
- 2 Medbery, Alva & Penny 11/6/17B
- 3 Kumro, Richard 2/9/17B
- 4 Beecher, Richard & Joanne 2/26/18
- 5 Gramling, Dean & Lynn 2/27/17B
- 6 Fitzgerald, J. Robert 3/2/18
- 7 Richards, Beverly 12/8/17B
- 8 Campbell, David & Kathy 2/18/17B
- 9 Hammond, Rudy & Mary 3/7/18
- 10 Shrider, Bernard & Gloria 3/10/18
- 11 Treanor, Owen 1/6/18B
- 12 Bristol, Pamela 3/27/18
- 13 Henry, Bill & Cheryl 3/28/18
- 14 Bright, Kathryn E. 3/28/18
- 15 McClay, Vic & Robin 4/30/18
- 16 Caton, Robert & Brenda 4/30/18
- 17 Smith, Sandra 6/7/18
- 18 Holl, Brian & Irene 6/9/18
- 19 Dearth, Janice & Stephen 9/4/18
- 20 Knowles, Tom & Kim 9/13/18

New leaseholders who have accepted an offer to purchase a lot are:

| | |
|------------------------|---------|
| Hoskins, Mike & Carole | Lot #73 |
| Kaufmann, Bill & Susan | Lot #97 |
| Brockman, Ron & Kathy | Lot #52 |
| Smith, Rich & Rhonda | Lot #15 |



Caywood Cotton Farm Tour



To start off I must say this tour was not actually what I had expected because I had expected to walk through cotton fields. Due to a water shortage cotton hadn't been planted. The "tour" started with the group learning about agriculture, water rights and cotton fields. The presenter was very knowledgeable and really knew her business. The drought is a real issue with cotton growers. Their cotton fields are dependent on where their water comes from. Many fields in Arizona were able to grow cotton last season but not some of the fields east of Casa Grande. She did an excellent job explaining to the group some of the issues they faced. She had prepared music, videos and photos in her presentation to explain the process.



Afterwards, we took a look at their cotton picker. Then, it was off on a hayride to check out the alfalfa fields. We also were able to taste different types of honey and a few door prizes were given away to the group.



"You only live once but if you do it right, once is all you need." Mae West.

Spotlight on New Leaseholders



Richard and Barbara Lot #116 - Richard and Barb met while working summer jobs in Grand Teton National Park and despite dire warnings against summer romances, got the crazy idea that they might want to get married. So, they did.

In three decades of work in real-world jobs, Richard worked for engineering firms and Barb was a clinical psychologist but ultimately taught English as a second language. They have three sons.

They bought a house with wheels in 2000 and hit the road full-time in the year 2001. Their youngest was 13 at the time, so he enjoyed his “road schooling” and may have been the only college student ever to exclaim “look at all the space!” when moving into his freshman dorm room.

They spent a couple of years in vacation mode and then took up work camping. Over ten summers in Yellowstone, they hiked a thousand miles (and have the t-shirts and award pins to prove it).

Richard likes whittling and photography; Barb chiefly reads and plays games on her computer. Their crazy idea of getting married has worked out very well and when they finally get tired of traveling, they might settle down somewhere.



Mark and Lynda Lot #78 - Mark and I met in 1978 in Pensacola, FL, both newly divorced. Married in 1979, we will celebrate 40 years in April, 2019. Mark has a daughter, Jo-Elle who lives in Florida. We have no grandchildren.

We started camping right away and dreamed of going full time but life kept interrupting. It did so again during 6 months out workamping in 2012. Finally, in 2015 everything came together and we hit the road, and we haven't regretted a moment of it.

Mark was a veterinary pharmaceutical salesman until he was offered a buyout at 55 and he took it and ran. Lynda was an accountant and tax preparer during her career.

We have been Escapee members since 2004 and came here in December, 2017 to stay a few weeks. That morphed into a month and more. We put our name on the list in January, 2018 and luckily received our lot the end of March. It was awesome to drive in this year and have our winter home.



Steve and Susan, Lot #54 - Steve and Susan bought their first RV less than a year after they married. It was a used 10 foot Coleman pop-up. They are now in their fifth RV purchased just six months before Steve's retirement from 25 years as an x-ray technician.

They both grew up in Tulsa, Oklahoma where Susan worked for many years at a custom picture frame shop and Steve began his career in diagnostic x-ray. They moved to Denver, Colorado in 2004 so Susan could “day-care” two of their grandchildren. While in Colorado both Steve and Susan were active members of their neighborhood HOA and the Parker Artists' Guild. Their continued RV travels were inspiration for Susan's paintings and Steve's photography.

The Nelsons sold their home in Colorado and became “full-timers” in 2015. They have workamped during the summers in Utah and Colorado but still have a bucket list of places to visit. For now they are happy to have found RoVer's Roost as a winter nesting place and are looking forward to making a lot of new friends here.

Different doesn't mean wrong.

New bike rack



Road Clean-up crew

Lots of gravel projects

New numbers



Barro's Pizza

We had another nice turn out for our tag along to Barro's Pizza! 48 SKP's with their appetites came out to join us! Remember, even if you don't like pizza, they have great wings, salads and spaghetti!

Join us next month on January 7th at 4:30 for fun, laughter and Gerri Beckman

We like to eat !



Juliet's Luncheon

It's been a very busy December at Rover's Roost !

You catch more flies with honey than you do with vinegar !

John Wilson's amazing drone shot of Rover's Roost



December Birthdays



June Birthdays



Root Beer Floats



Baking cookies

Retired
Young at heart.
Slightly older
in other places.



Words — Be sure to taste your words before you spit them out.

Christmas Eve Party and Christmas Dinner at the Roost



*Another word — **Arrogant** — unpleasantly proud and behaving as if you are more important than, or know more than, other people:*

PS ... Did you remember to look for your SKP#? A secret SKP# has been inserted into one of the pages.



THE FOLLIES ARE COMING ***February 11th to 15th***

A week long Murder Mystery event with hours of fun, food and fellowship. There are prizes for those who solve the mysteries.

A Sweetheart Dance on Valentine's Day and a final dinner Friday evening.

Plus, Our Awesome Annual Auction featuring our very own live auctioneer..... Howard Krakower.

Bev says —
Mark your calendar !



We are starting the New Year with a Pot Luck on Jan. 5th. Then on Jan 11th we will have entertainment. It's "A Blast From The Past" musical variety with songs you're sure to remember and want to sing along with as well as dance.

There will be a hamburger lunch on the 12th. Come out and meet new and familiar faces.

Happy New Year



Happy New Year

*From
Terry, Jeri
&
Buck*