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A SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE ROOST'S PRESIDENT

Forrest Clark

December arrives and for some of us that is an amazing and wonderful thing. There are holidays and gifts and sometimes gatherings. For others of us, December is a time of aloneness, sadness, and depression and it is not much fun. Wherever you fit on that spectrum of feeling, I hope you find RoVer's Roost to be a place of "Caring and Sharing" during the season. That's what we need to do and who we need to be for one another.

Listen to your friends and neighbors who are here at the Roost. Hear what they are saying to you. Look at them. No, I mean really look at them! What can you do to brighten the world for each other even when things seem dark and dreary? And if your world is bright and cheerful, how can you share that to help make the world a better place for each other?

We are all suffering the deprivation of close relationships and activities. We miss people, gatherings and social events, card games, bingo, and trivia. We miss the occasional meals and other moments of sharing and joy. And sometimes we are just a little bit testy with one another. Let's be kind to each other, be gentle. Be "Caring and Sharing". That's the SKP Way!

Whatever your personal traditions and observations, I wish for each one of you a happy holiday season (and there are many this month). Blessings and peace to each of you.

ROOF RAISERS IN DECEMBER

Roof Raisers met on December 7 to discuss and vote on several matters. It was decided to take this month's recycling to the Humane Society collection location as a donation to the program. There was a committee report on the food bank, Humane Society, and sunshine (cards) and a reminder that all notices put on the bulletin board need to be dated. AED training took place on Friday December 4 and twelve people were certified in its use.

Christmas gifts of \$50 to the mail carrier, \$100 to the animal shelter and \$100 to the food bank as well as \$500 to the CARE program will be given in December.

A holiday RV decorating contest is being held, and there are prizes. Judging will take place on December 18-19 and the results announced at Happy Hour on December 20. Deb Heen will chair that event. There was discussion about having programs and events but without certainty of attendance they are hard to plan. Feasibility and planning will be left to committees.



DECEMBER DRAWING: Lodema and Ray Hatch have donated a basket worth \$115 for a drawing which will take place on Friday, December 11. Monies will go into the Roof Raisers fund. Tickets are 5 for \$5 and are available at the Monday and Friday Happy Hour or at lot 65. Christmas breakfast and maybe New Year's breakfast, too!

December 12 and 26 Healthy Eating (Clubhouse) 10 a.m.

December 13: Ice Cream Social (Clubhouse outside) 3 p.m.

December 27: Birthday and Anniversaries (Clubhouse outside) 3 p.m.

ROOF RAISERS' GARAGE SALE

Raised: \$381.00!



CANDIDATES FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

(Candidates were asked for resume including experience and reason they want to serve)



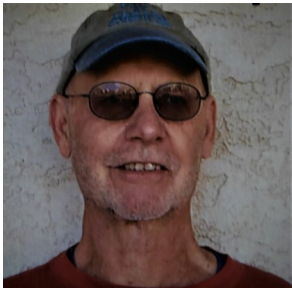
FRANK DAMRON

I have been a fulltime RV'er since 1994 and an Escapee member for 26 years. I am a Navy veteran and was employed at La Mesa RV (employee of the year) and a car dealership in Washington. I can multi-task (up to two things) have operated a Ham radio for 48 years, been an obedient husband (yes, same person), runner up in the 5th grade spelling bee, and will agree to anything. Friend of Gene Skeen, love people, dogs, cats, and parrots.



ROBIN MCFADDEN

I have experience working on boards and have been president of several associations. I retired after 25 years as an operations manager responsible for hiring 2500 people a week. I managed staff in USA, Canada, and Puerto Rico. I will need to attend some of the meetings remotely.



LEO POTTER

I've been here six years and have served on several committees. I would be willing to serve as a director with the understanding that I may not be here every week of the season but most of the time. I have been an Escapee member for 37 years, on the board at Pair-a-Dice co-op and have a graduate degree in educational psychology.



GARY SCALLON

I was asked by the Nominations Committee to be a candidate for the Board of Directors. I have been a Rover's Roost lease holder since March 2019. A new point of view might possibly be of value.

NEW LEASEHOLDERS



Wendy Mitchell is originally from Rhode Island and retired from the Rhode Island University system after 35 years. She sold her house, bought an RV, then decided to move near Charlotte, North Carolina. She did office work part-time for a theater company until, once again, she was “hit” by the travel bug. She has traveled throughout the eastern part of the country and, after beginning her journey west, found Rover’s Roost. She enjoys meeting with solo RVers and walking with others. We’re glad Wendy has found a home here! (Lot 92)

Andy Friedman travels with two delightful coon hounds named Ginny and Bo. He has been full timing for three plus years. He has lived in San Diego as well as Charlotte, North Carolina. Andy enjoys RVing but also loves camping under the stars and finding trails to hike with his dogs. In the past he has ridden ATVs and motorcycles and may perhaps begin doing that again now that he has a stationary location. Andy is employed full time and works remotely from his RV wherever it is parked. Please extend a welcome to Andy, Ginny, and Bo! (Lot 73)



Timothy (Tim) Moon has been Rving for about five years. He was an elementary school principal in Texas and, after burnout in that job, taught special education students. He has had a variety of positions since retiring – maintenance at KOA, working for a Christmas tree farm, doing a stint with Amazon, and workamping at a national forest in California. He’s looking forward to other work-related adventures along the way. He is an avid reader, likes to try his hand at poetry, and has Skippy, “the wonder dog” as his traveling companion. Stop and welcome Tim to the Roost! (Lot 8)

NO SEW BLANKET PROJECT

Submitted by Pam Ritchie

Several residents of the Roost have been working on “no sew” blankets, which will be donated to the Pinal County Family Advocacy Center. The twenty donated blankets will be given to children going into local foster homes.

Volunteers worked in groups of 4-5 spaced throughout the clubhouse. This service project has enabled these co-op members to do something useful while staying safe during the virus. Many thanks to Ginny Waldo, co-chair, Mary Clark, Linda Silva, Jeri Williams, Linda Kearse, Geri Beckman, Jessie Gartz, Maura Cleary, Susan Hicks, and Lodema and Ray Hatch.



Many thanks to the folks who came and helped add a little cheer to the clubhouse with holiday decorations.



In 2019, John Beckman carved a Santa ornament and it was used in a “drawing” to raise money. The recipient donated the ornament to RoVer’s Roost. This year John carved another ornament adding “Mrs. Claus” to the Santa already on the tree.

Thank you!



BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES MAY AND NOVEMBER 2020

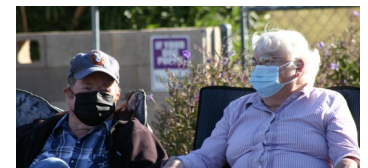
Anniversaries



Birthdays



How do I eat this cake with my mask on?



A WORD FROM TWO OF OUR CANADIAN FRIENDS



John and I are presently in Toronto staying with our son Tm and his family. Due to Covid numbers going up we have a bubble of ten. We will be celebrating Christmas this year on Zoom with Tim and Char and the rest of our children and will also celebrate John's New Year's Eve birthday on Zoom – it is not fun, but we all need to stay safe. I am helping our youngest grandson with online learning, learning lots, and having precious time with all three grandsons.

They are so looking forward to the Christmas baking and requested gingerbread boys. Miss you all at Rover's Roost and wish you a blessed holiday season - be safe! Much love and hugs, *John and Evie Flokstra*



Bob and I enjoyed the summer doing outdoor jobs. We painted the garage and built a new deck, not as easy as it was 20 years ago.

We miss traveling especially traveling to the Roost. Its amazing how people have come up with ways to visit from a distance. We spent time with friends and family outdoors beside lakes and rivers, packing a lunch or getting takeout. I certain miss the hugs. Now with Christmas coming we plan to stay home, and use Zoom to see the beautiful faces of our grandchildren. Merry Christmas!

Bob and Bev Chapman

OFF TO THE RACES!

The carts were lined up, the driver blindfolded, and the passenger given a set of directions – and they were off! Roof Raisers designed a festive afternoon activity, with social distancing and lots of laughs. A course was set up along South and the blindfolded driver had to negotiate the course using the information given by the rider. First the golf cart had to drive out of the parking spot, maneuver around a chalk outline of John Wilson’s body without touching it, drive up the road, navigate through several orange cones, and finally, back the cart into the parking space from whence it had come. The race was timed – penalties given for hitting cones, going off course or driving over John’s body - plenty of yelling filled the air – left, right, stop, go, NO!



First: Sue and Jim (Renters)



Second: John and Bev W.



Third: Pam and Steve R.



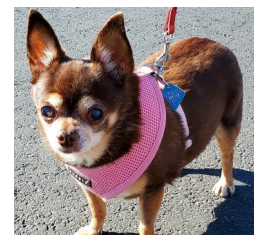
John & Gerri—Longest on Course

Thanks to all who participated, came to watch, helped plan the event and volunteered to be timers, score keepers, and course “directors”. It was truly a wonderful afternoon! And, I am happy to report that no one was injured or maimed and all couples who participated are still married!

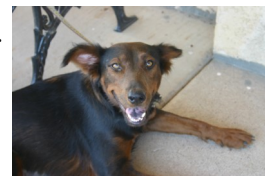


PET CORNER

Several issues were discussed at the outdoor meeting of the Pet Committee. Packets for new arrivals were placed in the office, schedules for pet committee duties and spraying on “go” areas was established.



If you are a pet owner, (leaseholder or renter) please be aware of areas where dog relief is allowed and pick up after your pet. If you see pets and owners in an area not designated, please (in a kindly manner) let them know where to take a pet and perhaps, show them!



Humane Society needs now: used towels, detergent, paper towels, bleach and large garbage bags

FRIDAY NIGHT MOVIE

A small but mighty audience braved cold weather for the “Drive-in Movie” on the last Friday in November. Laughter filled the air as the late Robin Williams managed to take the disasters so many of us have experienced in some form and turn them into great comedy in the film “RV”.

Thanks to all involved in setting up and planning this very fun evening! Next year maybe we can have popcorn!

SOLOS ENJOYING THE ROOST

Twice a week the Solo group of RoVer’s Roost (and visitors) meet to enjoy each other’s company, share stories, travel information, and anything else of interest. If you’re a solo RVer and want to participate, check the white board outside the clubhouse for information on the time and lot number for each gathering. Sure looks like they’re having fun....



ROAD CLEAN-UP DAY!
Saturday, December 12
Meet @ 8:45 a.m.
Clubhouse