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# ROVER'S ROOST



IT'S TIME FOR THE FOLLIES
AT ROOST-ER HOLLER

# Thoughts From the Editor Jeri Williams



All the holiday parties are over and the park is back to normal. Actually, it is hard to say what 'back to normal' is around here as there is always something new going on.

We've had new folks coming in and other folks leaving. Work parties have sprung up all over the place as leaseholders can be found making improvements to their lots or working on Co-Op projects..

January is also the time people take off for a little time at Quartzsite. So, we've had them coming and going too. My daughter visited this last month and we had to take her there to show her what we had been talking about. She thought Quartzsite was to RV'ers what Sturges was to motorcylists. What a great comparison.

Just around the corner comes our busiest month. It's **FOLLIES TIME.** Hopefully all our lease-holders will step up and participate in our largest event of the year. This is the time we get together for fun, games and fundraising.

Remember your items for the Brown Bag Raffle. It's a fun event and we need contributions from everyone to make it a success.

After that is the big AUCTION. We also need lots of contributions for this. Items are starting to come in for this event but we need many more. In the past baked goods were very popular.

We're hoping you'll all be able to attend and make this year, just like every year in the past, a great success. We'll need lots of helpers to step forward.

Make it down to the clubhouse often as all the happenings will be announced there.

And, finally, you'll again notice a few Southern sayings (for the last time) at the bottom of most pages.

# From the President Forrest Clark

It will soon be time for our annual membership meeting, Thursday, February 13, 10:00 A.M. It happens during our annual Follies Week. Will you be there?

The Annual Meeting is a time when the membership of the Co-Op can speak to their interests



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and concerns, introduce motions for specific actions, and discuss and debate the interests and concerns of others. It is also the time when we pass our annual budget for 2020. Your presence is very important during this meeting. I hope you are planning to come.

An agenda sheet is posted on the Board wall in the clubhouse. You can register your intent to speak to an issue or to introduce a motion on that sheet. It is what will guide our time for the day. If you have a concern, please be sure to register it so we can plan for a time of discussion on your topic.

As always, there will be a simple lunch, hotdogs and chips, prepared by some of our renters and planned for noon. Hopefully this is after the Annual Meeting has adjourned. If the meeting is still going strong, we will take a recess for lunch and reconvene afterwards.

I hope to see you at the 2020 Annual Meeting.



Once again our *Collectible Pins* are out for the FOLLIES. Since they are bigger this year we are running a special! They are \$2.50 each or you can buy 2 for \$5! Get yours while they last.

Every pin has a number on the back and at every event we will draw a couple numbers for prizes. You might even want to buy more than one pin to have an extra number or two!



### **Roof Raisers Meeting Highlights**

**January 13, 2020** 

The first board meeting of 2020 was called to order by President Williams on January 13th, 2020.

The minutes of the previous board meeting were read and accepted. The financial report was also given. Next were the Committee Reports.

Katy S, reminded us that the canteen is not a money maker and is operated for the convenience of Rover's Roost members. They are open to new suggestions for canteen items.

Jeri W. gave us some hints on all the fun activities planned for the carnival. Attend Meet n' Greet to get all the latest information on the Roost-er Holler Jamboree, the parade, the Brown Bag Raffle and all the good food planned for our enjoyment. Recommended attire is hillbilly style.

Diane L. reported our donations are greatly appreciated and to keep them coming for the Food Bank and the Humane Society.

Leo P. reported there have been lots of volunteers this year. He suggested the sign up sheet for committees next year might include a place for people to sign up if they are interested in being part of the committee.

Deb H. reported that the Library had been totally organized and books were now being alphabetized.

Mike L. gave an excellent report on the steps the Pet Committee is taking to make sure there will be fewer opportunities for complaints.

Jim T. pointed out a discrepancy in the minutes regarding the amount of money authorized for Christmas decoration prizes and the amount of money actually spent. President Williams said the issue would be researched and resolved.

A new committee coming to Roof Raisers is the New Leaseholder Orientation committee. Guidelines are in the works and will be made available shortly.

It was moved and seconded to allocate \$150.00 to purchase and install lighting for people walking their pets outside the gates as a few have fallen. Motion passed.

It was moved and seconded to allocate \$100.00 to the Food Bank. Motion passed. It was moved and seconded to allocate \$100.00 to the Valley Humane Society. Motion passed.

It was moved and seconded to to make a \$500.00 donation to Care in the names of Gwynne Johnson and Donald Bradley, who passed away this past season. Motion passed.

It was moved and seconded to pay (between \$350.00 and \$400.00) for a full hook up site for the volunteer attending Escapade. Motion passed. It was also discussed to have our liaison request from the Board two "one week visits to Casa Grande in a full hook up site", as door prizes for Escapade.

After a lengthy discussion, it was moved and seconded to spend up to \$1,500.00 for an AED unit. The Fire Department is available to provide training. Motion passed.

Also discussed were two issues allocating Roof Raisers funds for replacing all or part of the clubhouse floor and funding the landscaping outside the fence in front of the park. Both issues were tabled until more detailed cost estimates are available.

Kathleen A. volunteered to be the nominating committee for Roof Raisers board positions. The positions of Treasurer and Vice President are two-year terms and will be open. Three alternate positions will also need to be filled for one year terms. Alternates should be able to step in to fill any position if needed, including the treasurer or secretary positions.

There being no further business, President Williams adjourned the meeting at 11:17 am. Next meeting will be on Monday, February 3, 2020 at 10:00 am.





Painting street crosswalks was another project that the workers were happy when that job was done.



And, yet, another work party!

This month our Library Committee was very busy reorganizing all the books. It was a big job and they were very happy when it was finally finished.





# WHY?

- Why is the man who invests all your money called a broker?
- If an orange is orange, why isn't a lime called a green or a lemon called a yellow?
- If quizzes are quizzical, what are tests?
- Why does it take 15 minutes to cook minute rice?
- Why does someone believe you when you say there are four billion stars, but check when you say the paint is wet?
- Why do kids learn math when they could just use calculators like the grown-ups?
- Can't the postman give it to the garbage man and save us the hassle?
- Did they purposely make dyslexia hard to spell?
- Why do most cars have speedometers that go up to at least 130 when you legally can't go that fast on any road?
- Why is it that when you're driving and looking for an address, you turn down the volume on the radio?













Our monthly tag-along to Barro's Pizza was a huge success in January. There were 56 people who joined the group for great pizza.





He's so rich, he buys a new boat every time one gets wet.

Hi! I'm Buck! I get to have my own page.

This month I'm going to tell you a little about me and my friends.



Dogs

"Just because a dog may be on the smart list it doesn't mean they are the best pets. Many dogs get bored and will destroy your sofa if you're out of the RV for hours a day, while an English bulldog may take 8 hours to figure out you're gone,. When you come home it'll greet you and your RV will still be safe." From Buck

#### A FEW OF THE MOST LOVEABLE BREEDS

Labrador Retriever - Collie Dachshund - Irish Setter Miniature Schnauzer - Old English Sheepdog American Eskimo Dog - Bichon Frisé Irish Wolfhound - Bulldog



#### **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.

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.

SOME OF THE BEST DOGS FOR SENIORS

Havanese Dogs - French Bulldog Pembroke Welsh Corgi - Lhasa Apso Beagle - Greyhound

West Highland White Terrier - Chihuahua





Cats are one of, if not the most, popular pet in the world.

Cats conserve energy by sleeping for an average of 13 to 14 hours a day.

Cats have flexible bodies and teeth adapted for hunting small animals.

A group of cats is called a clowder. A male cat is called a tom, a female cat is called a molly or queen while young cats are called kittens.

Cats have flexible bodies and teeth adapted for hunting small animals such as mice and rats .Cats can be lethal hunters and very sneaky, when they walk their back paws step almost exactly in the same place as the front paws did beforehand, this keeps noise to a minimum and limits visible tracks.

Cats have powerful night vision, allowing them to see at light levels six times lower than what a human needs in order to see

The Casa Grande Humane Society is a no-kill facility. Your donations are certainly needed and appreciated. You can select this organization as your charity when purchasing from Amazon. If you have questions about what to donate, contact Diane L.

#### **CAUTION**

Coyotes are active in the area. Be very careful when walking outside the perimeter of the park.

There comes a time after the holidays that all those beautiful decorations must come down. Many leaseholders stepped up to help with the task.

# In and Around the ROOST



January and July Anniversaries.



January and July Birthdays.



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Volunteers & donations are needed for the Brown Bag Raffle and for the Auction!



You never can tell who might show up ...



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Don't forget that this is our annual fundraising event!



Delicious meals are being planned!









Vicki T. had a little zip line fun offered by her cruise ship in December.





This month the road crew headed north on Montgomery to clean up trash.

#### OLD IS WHEN ....

- An "all nighter" means not getting up to go to the bathroom.
- "Getting lucky" means you find your car in the parking lot.
- "Getting a little action" means I don't need to take any fiber today.
- You are cautioned to slow down by the doctor instead of by the police.
- You don't care where your spouse goes, just as long as you don't have to go along.
- Going bra-less pulls all the wrinkles out of your face.
- A sexy babe catches your fancy and your pacemaker opens the garage door.
- Your friends compliment you on your new alligator shoes and you're barefoot.
- Your sweetie says, "let's go upstairs and make love," and you answer, "Honey, I can't do both!"

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Lots are selling like hotcakes - New Leaseholders will be introduced as details are finalized and the leaseholders arrive in the park!



#### NEW LEASEHOLDER - JEFF CARNAHAN #58



I am a Cedar Rapids native and longtime resident of Altoona, IA. I sold my house and hit the road just over a year ago. I am still working an 8-5 job as a senior project manager for a large financial institution. I am a former Army helicopter pilot, and a civilian fixed wing pilot. I have had some amazing adventures in my life including raising 3 daughters (24, 22, 20) and trekking through the Andes. I enjoy motorcycles, shooting, cribbage, and Costco.

My favorite quote - "The purpose of life is not to win. The purpose of life is to grow and to share. When you come to look back on all that you have done in life, you will get more satisfaction from the pleasures you have brought other people's lives than you will from the times that you outdid and defeated them." Rabbi Harold Kushner

#### **NEW LEASEHOLDER - WALTER UNKS #97**



I am originally from Warren, Ohio and retired from Delphi Packard Electric. I have two children. My son is in North Carolina and my daughter is in Ohio. Between the two of them, I have five grand-children with one living in Utah. Thus, I have a few places to go when I'm on the road.

I first started out in 2006 traveling and living in the back of my Suburban for 2 –3 years. Eventually, I decided it was about time to get around to buying an actual RV before my time run out. So, that I did.

## **IT'S AGAINST THE LAW**



Alaska: No getting drunk in a bar— In Alaska it is illegal to be drunk .. In a bar. Per state laws, a person who is already drunk may not "knowingly" enter a bar to drink more, or remain in the bar that got them drunk in the first place. **Arizona: No spitting in public—** In the town of Goodyear, it is unlawful to spit "in or on" any public building, park, sidewalk, or road. Offenders may be charged a fine of up to \$2,500 and six months in prison.

Florida: No selling children—We know that kids can be annoying but please remember that in Florida it is a felony to sell your children (DUH!)

Georgia: Can't eat fried chicken with utensils—For chicken chompers in Gainesville, Georgia, "finger-lickin" is not a suggestion—it is mandatory. Thanks to a 1961 law added to the city code as a publicity stunt, it is illegal to eat fried chicken in "the poultry capital of the world" with anything other than your fingers. A tourist was "arrested" for such a chicken-forking violation in 2009. Idaho: No cannibalism— Idaho is the only state to have an active ban on cannibalism. Technically not a crime in the rest of the nation, cannibalism is defined as the "nonconsensual consumption of another human—meaning, we guess, if you can get your buddy's permission to eat his tenderloin, the feds can't stop you.

Minnesota: No pig greasing— Long winters can be boring, but that's no good reason to hold a greased pig contest in your parlor. Since 1971, it has been considered a misdemeanor to operate, run, or participate in any activity were a pig is oiled up and released with the object of being recaptured—and the same goes for "turkey scrambles."

South Carolina: No working (or dancing!) on Sundays—Good news: In South Carolina it is still illegal to work on Sundays! Bad news: it is also illegal to dance on Sundays. Fans of work and/or footwork will both be happy to hear, these antiquated laws are in the process of being repealed. And, repealing old Bylaws and Rules .. Isn't that something we're attempting to do here?

#### Coming in February



Roost-er Holler Jamboree (Our February Follies) Health Fair

Arizona Wildflowers Band (maybe) Back to the 50's - Sock Hop

(It's Leap Year! Remember Sadie Hopkins?)



**Coming in March** 

St. Patrick's Day Party with The Temptations Duet Corned Beef & Cabbage! Ladies Tea

During the FOLLIES the white board will be updated often with upcoming events so check it often! There will be one additional white board inside the Clubhouse with daily events. The only way to know what is going on is to check often. Sign-ups for each event are out. We need your help — leaseholders and renters alike.



- Do Asians ever say to hell with it and grab a fork?
- Why is there an expiration date on sour cream?
- If a word is misspelled in the dictionary, how would we ever know?
- What do people in China call their good plates?
- What disease did cured ham actually have?
- Why does Goofy stand erect while Pluto remains on all fours? They're both dogs!
- How important does a person have to be before they are considered assassinated instead of just murdered?



- Daddy longlegs have penises, which technically makes them not a spider.
- The television was invented only two years after the invention of sliced bread.
- Bullfrogs do not sleep.
- Eight of the ten largest statues in the world are of Buddhas.
- Most toilet paper sold for home use in France is pink.
- The human nose can remember 50,000 different scents.
- It took the creator of the Rubik's Cube one month to solve the cube after he created it; as of June 2018 the world record is 4.22 seconds.
- Tigers have striped skin not just striped fur. The stripes are like fingerprints and no two tigers have the same pattern.
- Ketchup originated in China as a boiled-down brine of pickled fish and spices called 'ke-chiap'.
- In 2005, a fortune cookie company correctly foretold lottery numbers, resulting in 110 winners & an investigation. No fraud was involved.

#### NEW LEASEHOLDERS— FRANK & SHARON DAMRON #107



Frank and Sharon lived in Seattle, WA. He was a Ford technician and she maganaged a Payless Drug store. They have two children and one grandchild. Their son lives in Idaho while their daughter lives in Oklahoma. Frank and Sharon have been married 55 years.

They became interested in RVing and hooked up with Joe and Kay Petersen in 1995. They love the outdoors and have enjoyed hiking and visiting National Parks such as Yellowstone.

Frank is a ham radio operator, a guitarist and an avid biker. He once biked from Seattle to Portland. The 200 mile trip took him about 13 hours.



More New Leaseholders in the newsletter next month (hopefully) including: Janice and Steve Dearth, Robin McFadden, Jack and Nina Stapleton, John and Darlene Legendre plus Wendy Mitchell.

**REMEMBER:** Leaseholder participation is not only appreciated but expected. This is a Co-Op and we need everyone's help to make it a great one!

# **ROOST-ER HOLLER JAMBORES**



February 10—15, 2020

#### MONDAY Act 1

3:45 Social Hour It all begins— The Intro & *Prizes* 6:30 FREE Strawberry Shortcakes Meet a few of the Townsfolk Join in the Red-Billy Parade Wear your best country attire! Prizes

- TUESDAY Act 2
  11:00 Pet Parade & Prizes
  - Games & Awards 1:00
  - Social Hour Pinal County Town Hall Report & Prizes 3:45
  - 5:00 Potluck Dinner Red-Billy Drama & Prizes



#### **WEDNESDAY Act 3**

- Brunch of Champions & Prizes 9:00
- 10:00 **Bowling Tournament**
- Social Hour—Update & Prizes 3:45
- 6:30 Big Money Bingo with Special Intermission & Prizes A few townsfolk with wagering will be present

#### **THURSDAY Act 4**

- 10:00 Annual Meeting
- 12:00 Hot Dog Lunch
- 6:30 Brown Bag Raffle Dress in your best Sunday Go-Ta Meetin' Clothes FOLLOWING THE RAFFLE: Shotgun Wedding Prizes

Bring wedding gifts — to donate to Food Bank & Humane Society

#### FRIDAY Act 5

- 1:00 Auction
- Road kill menu and all the trimmings!
- 7:00 Valentine's Day Dance — And, one more ending ...

#### SATURDAY Act 6

10:00 Pool Competition

Sign-up sheets for events and for helpers are in the Clubhouse! Sign up to help and to participate!

>The Follies Are Coming .... The Follies Are Coming ...

#### **WAITLIST AS OF JANUARY 25, 2020**

There are 25 names on our waitlist. Here are the top 20!

Welch, Daniel

Goodman, Willard & Maria

Jobczyk/Kurzawa, Jolana, Weislaw

Campbell, David & Kathy

Holl, Brian & Irene

Ford, Mark & Debbie

Larson, John

Knowles, Tom & Kim

Gill, John & Dianne

Williams, Fred & Janel

Goodman, Byron & Lois

Koons/Knutson, Bill & Anne

Scallon, Gary

Van Horn, Linda

Nilsen, Anders & Cheryle

Morrison, Ron & Donna

Huber, John & Nadyne

Chatterson, William & Neva

Gallaty, Tom & Judy

Fry, Larry & Rosemary







Board committee sign-up sheets for our 2020-2021 season are out! Roof Raiser committee sign-up sheets will be out February 3rd.

Don't forget to sign up for the committees you would like to join. We need you!

The Auction is coming with our very own auctioneer,
Howard Krakower! It's time to get your items in for the
AUCTION! Fresh baked items do well but should arrive day of
the auction.

Brown Bag Raffle items go to Ginny W.
Even if you are unable to attend the FOLLIES you still can
contribute!!





Smiles are contagious so keep that smile on your face.. Who knows someone you share that smile with may just become a lifelong friend.