

Well, well, well. Isn't this a fine kettle of fish! (I'd like to know the origin of that statement – probably has something to do with smell – as in “stinks”!) I had a hunch when I prepared April's newsletter that we might not return to Florida as usual in November because this new corona virus just might be worse than we suspected. Wow! I'm probably now looking at a winter in the snow!

Thanks to our Board of Directors and the wisdom that age brings to all of us (and collectively, we have an abundance of age and wisdom), Casa del Sol community has kept the wolf at bay. So, in accordance with wise decisions, the schedule of events that usually blossoms in November as more and more snowbirds return, will be expanded (or restricted) as COVID safety protocols are adjusted. Decisions to open and expand events will be an ongoing process so watch the breezeway blackboard and listen to announcements at Wednesday coffee hours. Wear your mask, clean your hands, social distance and keep your friends safe too. Let the fun begin!

Welcome to the new residents in our park. Some of your northern neighbors will have to delay our meeting but as you have undoubtedly found already, Casa is a splendid community on many levels and you'll be happy you chose a home here. Our customary Meet and Greet" socials are currently on hold but you will get to know your new friends with each passing day.

**The Park Ladies** will resume their **Monday 1:00 pm** get-togethers in November. All ladies welcome.

Nov. 2 - 10 cent Bingo – Bring \$2.00 in dimes plus 1 quarter

Nov. 9 - Specialty Bingo – Bring \$2.00 in dimes.

Nov. 16 - Christmas Craft with Mary Lawson

Nov. 23 - 10 cent Bingo – Bring \$2.00 in dimes plus 1 quarter

Nov. 30 - Movie – Danielle Steele's **Palomino**

**Monday Morning Men's Coffee** resumes in November at 8:00 am -so come by 7:45. (Seniors consider speed limits and appointment times totally discretionary.) The men talk about whatever men talk about and all the problems of the world are solved – until the next Monday when they do it all again. Lug a mug and enjoy the coffee, doughnuts and gab for a buck and the 50/50.

**Wednesday morning coffee (9 am – come at 8:15)** is enjoyed by the ladies and the men – same price and routine, except there is also toast for those more conscious of their waistlines or sugar intake. With the COVID lockdowns, I'm getting my waistline right out there where I can keep an eye on it! The first Wednesday of the month, there is a short meeting to plan future activities to keep the park humming. Please volunteer to help and participate.

November also brings residents back to attend the **Monthly Board Meeting Thursday, the 12<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 am**. Support your Board of Directors in their important leadership role.

**Sunday Night Poker** is back starting November 1 with a 6:00 pm start. Mask your poker face!

**MondayNight Bingo** will start in December. While we're on the topic of games, **Tuesday Pokeno starts at 12:30**. Then there's **Cards at 5:30 and Hand and Foot at 6:30**. Tuesday must be diet day because it seems nobody takes time to eat! **MexicanTrain now leaves the station at 5:30 pm on Thursdays**. Then at **7:00 pm the Euchre players** invade the hall with their best suits and trump hands. Then it's **Friday Game Night at 6:30** – and we're never sure what nature of games will appear.

You can be sure there will be laughs and maybe a little competition. Then it's **Saturday Card Night @ 5:30 and Hand in Foot @ 6:30**.

**Wednesday Movie night** selections sound great. 6:30 pm. \$2.00 includes a drink and popcorn.

**November 4** – “Playing With Fire” with John Cena

**November 18** - “The Call of the Wild” with Harrison Ford

Now for the more energetic.

**The shuffleboard courts** will get busier (**10:00 am Mon., Wed. Fri.**) as snowbirds return.

Everyone is welcome to play – those learning and those who can’t seem to learn, like me. New teams are drawn each game. There is no scheduled league play so come when you can – and then you’ll want to come back again and again. No competition – just fun!

**Golf at Silverado will be at 1:30 Thursdays.** Ladies and men – please sign up by Tuesday so the tee-time schedule can be made ready. \$25 for 9 holes (or whatever you can get in?)

The Veterans’ Day Dinner and the Thanksgiving Dinner will be 2020 casualties of the pandemic.

We will all honor our **Veterans on November 11** and **give Thanks on November 26** in our own way this year keeping everyone safe and healthy.

December will likely bring the return of Monday Quilting upon Judy’s return and the Pancake Breakfasts – with safety precautions for everyone in place.

Finally a note of “Thanks” to our dear friends at Casa del Sol. I have SO enjoyed writing your newsletter these past few years. Thank you for the opportunity to do it. I’ll look forward to checking the website to see what’s going on while we’re freezing our butts in Canada. Arnold and I will miss all the activities (and Christmas decorations!). We pray you stay well until we can join you again in our “Home in the Sun”. **Hugs, Gail**

### **LIBRARY NEWS UPDATE - NOVEMBER 2020**

Hello everyone – we pray that you have been well. We, in Ontario Canada, were doing so well with the COVID-19 virus. Now our numbers are up and the virus seems to be attacking those who are 40 and under.

I want to thank the librarians who have been so diligent with reshelving the books in my absence. A big thank you to: Linda S., Cindy H., Sharon S., Pat B., Donna B., and of course June J. As you know, June has been “out of commission” for a while with her knee issue but will be having surgery in November to remedy the problem. We pray for her speedy recovery.

As always, no need to reshelv your returned books - please leave them in the basket beside the shelving units. Thanks.

Please keep your donations in your home until I return to Casa and I will deal with the library items at that time.

When I return to Casa, I will again acquire new books through our exchange program with the book store. I welcome your input regarding the type of books you prefer. I look forward to your input about preferred books and any other suggestions you may want to share with me about the library. See my email address below.

Happy reading and please keep well. **Nancy McLean (nancymaemclean@sympatico.ca)**