

Casa del Sol *** What's Up? ***** January 2020**

Whew! December is over with all the entertainment, fun and FOOD! Finally it's time to.....get going even faster..... because now all the snowbirds have arrived and months of "NON-STOP" have begun. Thank you to everyone who decorated their homes, their parade wheels, the park and clubhouse to make us look and feel festive. Thanks to the cooks who created all those scrumptious calories and the planners who then helped us burn them off with caroling, and dancing into the New Year. My elf reporters are singing the praises of the **Ladies Christmas Luncheon** and **Christmas Dinner** workers. I'm going to assume that my reporters will be "sleeping late" Jan.1 after the **New Year's Party**. I know Gary, the DJ will fill the dance floor and 2020 will be welcomed in grand Casa del Sol style. Our park is proof positive that wonderful things happen when many hands make light work (and a few hands go way and beyond!) This isn't just Christmas spirit – we have it all year long!

Sandy and Jerry will be leading the charge to **take down the outdoor decorations** on Tuesday, January 7 at 9:00 am. "Take down" goes faster than "put up" but we need lots of our volunteers to put everything away in an orderly fashion. The best elves Santa could ever have once again lit up the sky.

The **Activities Business Meeting** will be January 8. Pres. Chuck will have a special hand-out for us. **The Memorial Service** for our residents who left us in 2019 with those wonderful memories will be at the Wednesday, January 15 coffee hour. Please come to honor our friends.

In January Walter will be back teaching **square dances 1-3 pm Wednesday** afternoons and this year there will be **line dancing 10-11 am Thursday mornings.** Hattie's friend, Wanda Regotta is eager to get to know Casa folks and help us get both left feet moving in syncopated charm. She's ready to go Jan. 2. Like all the activities in the park, we are there for fun and learning. If you'd like to get your exercise rockin' to music, these are for you. No experience required – we're retired! This is your invitation.

Speaking of dancing, Saturday, January 18, 7-10 pm back by popular demand are **The Mustangs.** We've danced the night away with them before so bring your friends, beverages and snacks. Admission \$5 ea. Door prizes. 50/50 Tons of fun with good friends.

January 10 4-6 pm will be the monthly **Meet and Greet.** Come socialize with your Casa friends – new and old. Bring your beverage and an appetizer to share. This month we will have a special feature – the Scavenger Hunt finale!

The Park Ladies meet Mondays at 1:00 pm. Welcome all ladies.

Jan. 6 - Take down the Christmas decor in the clubhouse

Jan. 13 – Lunch out. Place TBA. Watch for the sheet and sign up early for reservations.

Jan. 20 – 10 cent Bingo. Bring \$2 in dimes and a quarter for the bonus game.

Jan. 27 – Chick flick movie (TBA)

The Casa Breakfast Chefs prepare their renowned "all you shouldn't eat" **Pancake Breakfasts**

Fridays, January 3 and 17 7:00 – 8:30 am. \$4 each. Bring your dishes. They cook but for \$4 – you wash your own dishes!

Movie Nights in the Grand Hall

January 8 - *Dumbo* with Colin Farrell, Danny DeVito, Michael Keaton

January 22 – *Mr Holland's Opus* with Richard Dreyfuss

\$2 admission includes free drink and popcorn.

Lorraine Menter places flyers and sign-up sheets for dinner shows in Hudson and Clearwater in the hall. For 10 people, the bus picks up at the clubhouse for a fun day of entertainment. Other pick up spot is Big Lots plaza. Contact Lorraine (813-782-1144) or Jackie at Fantasy Travel (813-788-5572).

And speaking of Lorraine – she is our **Sunshine Lady**. Please call her if you know a resident who would appreciate a card to brighten their day.

Spring Cleaning (January 23) and Painting (January 24). 9:00 am (Just when is spring in Florida anyway?)

This year Fred and Joan Gasner are leading the bucket brigade. We'll be washing tables and chairs and anything else that gets in our way as usual BUT this year the walls get it too, along with a fresh coat of paint. Bring buckets, rags, paint brushes and rollers. Please come one or both days.

Check the back of the calendar for future dance dates so you can book the dates ahead with friends.

Don't forget bingo, shuffleboard, golf, computer class, games, cards and quilting. (The ladies delivered another 100 blankets to Ronald McDonald House in December, and of course had lunch out.) See the calendar and fill your days with interesting things to do. Come when you can (and you'll want to come back). Keep your body and brain moving in 2020. Casa del Sol is the place to do it effortlessly.

Happy New Year!

Cheers, Gail

LIBRARY NEWS UPDATE – JANUARY 2020

Happy New Year to all Casa folks. Best wishes for a healthy and prosperous new year.

Culling the library books has taken place and some “new to the library books” have been added. Over the next few weeks additional books, covering a variety of topics, will appear on the library shelves.

Your input is always welcome regarding the types of books you prefer and I will gladly search for these preferred books for you.

As always, your donation of books, magazines, puzzles, cds and dvds are welcome.

Thank you again to all the ladies who helped with shelving books during my absence.

Take care.

Nancy McLean