

Three cheers for January 2020. The pool monitors had little rest with the warm sunny weather (for the most part – it WAS January after all). The days are noticeably longer and the windows of almost every home are lit at night, now that our snowbird friends have returned. That brightened the park after the gorgeous Christmas lights came down. The clubhouse was HOT! HOT! HOT! as we rang in 2020 with our own Times Square ball drop party and later in the month, we danced another night away with *The Mustangs*. Square and line dancing classes rounded out the dance fever and made exercise much more fun than sit-ups ever will.

Gail Baker was the prestigious trophy winner of our first Scavenger Hunt, followed by the teams of Alice Brandel/Janice Wright and Sharon Sinift/Sandy Connisso. They basked in their found glory at the Meet and Greet social. Who knew we had such treasures waiting to be discovered in our park? We also enjoyed another happy time as we celebrated Janice's special birthday with her family.

Even with all the activities, we still found time to repair leaning fences, wash and paint the clubhouse, polish the floors and install new LED lights. (We'll need sunglasses indoors for a while now.) Thanks to the Gasners for leading the painting charge and to our talented men for the new lights and fencing. With that work done, hang on to your hats – February is here and it's BUSY!

Feb. 2 is **Super Bowl Sunday** and there's no better way to enjoy the game than on the big screen with good friends and good food at the hall. Doors open at 5:00 and score pool numbers will be drawn at 5:30. Chuck X2 are your hosts and you BYOB and snacks or a dish to share. The real aficionados take the front row seats but there will be game tables set up at the back – near the food! – for those of us who wouldn't know a tight-end if we had one.

Football may be a spectator sport for us, but we do love to golf (Well, there's the odd day when I don't love it!) Dennis Heberlein has planned a **Mixed Golf Scramble Thursday, Feb. 13.** Sign up early so Denny has a chance to make up the teams. Good golfers love having golfers like me along to present them with real challenges. There's no fun having to play a perfect-ly ball every time!

Speaking of drivers, the **AARP Safe Driving Course** will be offered Friday, Feb. 14 10am – 3 pm. Florida needs more safe drivers (did I say that!) and you could save \$\$\$ on your insurance premium.

The monthly social **Meet and Greet** will be Friday, Feb.7 (4-6 pm). Come visit with folks you don't usually sit with on other occasions. BYOB and snacks to share.

Some Fridays get off to an early start with the famous **Men's Pancake Breakfasts**. Our men aren't only handy, but they can cook too! February 7 & 21 (7-8:30 am) \$4 will buy you all you can eat! Gab is free.

We gather to eat again Wednesday, February 12 at 5:00 pm at the **Baked Potato Bar Dinner**. \$ 8:00 for the full meal and you don't have to do dishes. Sign up so Bob, Sally and crew know how many to feed. That night we will also have the 50/50 **Survivor Draw** and several winners will go home with \$\$\$\$\$. One hundred sixty \$5.00 tickets will be on sale every Wed. coffee hour and last-minute sales that night. Proceeds will add to the funds needed for our next park improvement project.

All this eating means we need to move more so the Clontz crew has "ROCKIN' RON" coming to deejay the February 22 Dance for us to enjoy. \$5.00 ea. 50/50 draw. Door prizes. BYOB and snacks.

Dance the night away (well part of it – 7-10 pm) and burn those calories with some fun! Bring your friends to share our Casa del Sol hospitality.

If you'd like to try your hand (feet?) at a **Square-Dancing Hoedown**, Walter Lougee, our resident caller will head up an evening of laughs Wednesday, February 26 (7-9 pm). No experience needed. You don't even have to dance to laugh when the floor looks like a Boston traffic jam – with the odd collision! Western duds add to the fun so dig out your Stetson and come on down.

**Movies** 6:30 pm \$2.00 includes popcorn and a drink

February 5 *AD Astra* with Brad Pitt, Tommy Lee Jones, Liv Tyler

February 19 *The Kid* with Bruce Willis, Spencer Breslin, Lily Tomlin

**Park Ladies** 1:00 pm Mondays

February 3 – 10 cent Bingo (Bring \$2 in dimes plus a quarter)

February 10 - Lunch at Lake Jovita Golf & Country Club. Sign up early at the clubhouse.

February 17 - Bunko\_We'll learn a new game. Bring 25 cents.

February 24 – TBA It could be the movie *Because I Said So* with Diane Keaton and Mandy Moore or another activity of the ladies' choice.

The **HOA Town Hall Meeting** will be Tuesday, February 18 at 7:00 pm. Bring your Annual Meeting papers and any questions you may have regarding proposed changes to Bylaws or Covenants and Restrictions for discussion. Meet the residents running to represent you on the 2020-21 Board.

The **HOA Annual meeting** will be Tuesday, February 25 at 7:00 pm. Doors open at 6:30 so you can get registered to vote before the meeting starts at 7:00 sharp. Bring a pen and your ballot package.

To end our busy month, we will hold the annual **Park wide Patio Sale** on Friday, February 28. 8 am-1:00 pm. This is our major fundraiser of the year. Please help or donate what you can. For those wishing to hold their own patio sale, you may reserve *one long table* from the hall BUT you must request it from me, Gail Kerry (782-4825) beforehand because there are a very limited number available.

Gail Baker is again organizing the popular **theme basket raffle**. We can't wait to purchase those lucky tickets to win a basket created by our talented ladies. Draw will be at 1:00 pm. We appreciate the donation of good household items (no electronics), homemade soups, baking and soft drinks for the sale in the clubhouse. Please bring in items for pricing Wednesday afternoon or Thursday morning and the baked goods on Thursday.

Men and ladies, please sign up for any areas where you can help.

To end the day, we gather in the clubhouse for lunch, the draws and to celebrate our success.

There is so much to celebrate in our Casa del Sol community. Join in – it's not work when we're together having fun at the same time. See you about.

### **LIBRARY NEWS - FEBRUARY 2020**

**Your generous donations of books (paper back and hard cover) magazines, puzzles and games have made a positive difference to the Casa Library. Please continue to leave your donations in the basket next to the shelving units. Your donated items will be catalogued and shelved for others to borrow.**

Because your donations of CDs, and DVDs were well received last year, a display unit to house these items will be requested so that we will be able to offer these items to all to borrow.

Culling of books will take place again in February - out with the old and in with the "new to the library" books. The "new to the library" books are acquired through our exchange program with a bookstore.

Having said that, I welcome your input regarding the type of books you prefer and favorite authors as part of the selection process. I look forward to your feedback.

Other culled books will be sold at the February Patio Sale at bargain prices.

No need to reshelv your returned books – just leaves the items in the basket beside the shelving units. Thanks

Until next month - Happy Reading!

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## Casa del Sol Socials & Dance

February 22, 2020 - 7-10 p.m. Featuring "Rockin Ron"

March 14, 2020 - 7-10 p.m.                      Featuring "Kris Pierce"



- Price is \$5 per person at the Door
- Door Prizes
- 50/50 Draw \$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$
- Bring your own Beverages
- Bring your own Snacks

These events are open to Casa del Sol Residents & their invited accompanied guest only.