



CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS - Sandy and Jerry Vaughn again chaired decorating the outside with the help of volunteers. They have done a spectacular job and are to be commended for their hard work. They will be leading the charge to take down the outdoor decorations on Wednesday, January 7 at 9:00 pm. "Take down" goes faster than "put up" but we need lots of our volunteers to put everything away in an orderly fashion. **THANK YOU** to Dave Miedema and Heinz Asmuss for stepping up to be the "Champions of the Lights" next year.

LADIES CLUB CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON -

December 16 was the annual Ladies Club Christmas Luncheon with 38 residents in attendance. The Ladies enjoyed a delicious meal, played games, received a gift, and sang Christmas Carols. Thanks goes to Janice Wright and her fantastic crew. Joan Busch and Linda Asmuss provided guitar music to accompany the singing. It was a very nice afternoon for all of the Ladies of Casa who were in attendance.

CHRISTMAS HOME DECORATING CONTEST

Our first home decorating contest was very "illuminating". Thanks to all who participated. The winners were:

1st Place – Efrain and Miriam Rivera at 35934 Hermoso and 2nd Place – John and Rosalie Bookshar at 35802 Verda. There's still time to check them out for a few days and there are photos on Casa FB page.

GINGERBREAD HOUSE DECORATING –

Another new activity held this Christmas season was this fun event. Eight entries – all beautiful – were judged by blind vote and the winner was Linda Hannaple.

CAROLING WITH JOAN BUSCH – Joan Busch stepped in for Stella Pileggi to lead the Casa del Sol Carolers who gave fun renditions of many favorite carols and Christmas songs to the delight of the listeners on Saturday evening, December 21st.

CHRISTMAS PARADE - Our annual Christmas parade was a big success on Sunday, December 22nd. Thanks to all who participated and thanks to

Chuck Schendler for organizing the parade. It was great to watch the decorated golf carts, trikes, and bikes all lit up. Best parade yet!! Prizes were Bikes/Trikes - Ivan Gagne and Janet Welsh; Golf Carts- Danny and Jo Miller.

CHRISTMAS DINNER – Was under the capable direction of Beth Berkheiser who stepped up for Gina Streeter when she had shoulder surgery. The Casa family enjoyed lots of food and friendship to celebrate Christmas at Casa.

TOYS FOR TOTS - Again was successful thanks to the generosity of Casa residents. Frank Brooks has been the organizer for this charity and boxes were picked up weekly. THREE BIG BOXES were picked up for delivery to happy children.

CASA NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY AND DANCE

December 31, 7-11:00 PM – Come and help the Casa del Sol family ring in the New Year with the music stylings of Kurt Lewis. Bring your own snacks and drinks. Door prizes, 50/50 raffle, and good times. We need your support for the New Year's dance. Buy tickets from Larry Marcoux and Gail Wallace at their house. Tickets are \$10.00 per person and are also available at the door. This is always a fun dance. Guests are welcome.

MEMORIAL SERVICE - The Memorial Service for our residents who passed away in 2024 will be held at the Wednesday, January 8 coffee hour. Please come to honor our friends who have left us with those wonderful memories.

ACTIVITIES CLUB - Business meetings are held the first Wednesday of the month. The next meeting is January 15 at 9:00am. Officers elected to lead activities for the calendar year 2025 are: President, Sue Brooks; Vice President, Beth Berkheiser; Secretary, Peggy Quinlan; Asst Secretary, Joyce Fitzpatrick; Treasurer, Bob Snyder; Asst Treasurer, Dick Carioggia; Additional Board Members are Chuck Nixon, Di Bassett and Judy Siegrist.

PHONE BOOKS - Jim Johnson and Jerry Vaughn are working on Casa Phone Book for 2025. Please contact them to make any changes or corrections as soon as possible - **ASAP**.

LADIES CLUB - Meets Mondays at 1:00 pm.

Jan 6 - Take down Christmas decor in clubhouse

Jan 13 - Lunch out. Place TBA.

Watch for the sheet - sign up early for reservations.

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

Jan. 27- Gift Bag Bingo. Bring a wrapped \$5.00 gift.

HOA BOARD MEETING –at 10:00 AM on

January 9th. Residents are encouraged to attend to keep up with the park's management and developments. There are openings for three board members who will be elected at the annual meeting in February. Please consider contributing your time and talents to this important function.

There is a sign-up sheet in the clubhouse to express your interest.

MOVIES IN THE CLUBHOUSE THEATER

January 8 - "Kid Gallahad" Elvis Presley

January 22 - "Paulie" Tony Shaloub and Gena Rowlands

\$3.00 admission includes free drink and popcorn.

Be sure to put your name on the sign-up sheet so June can make enough popcorn.

HOMEMADE CHILI COOK OFF/ MEET AND GREET

Sunday, January 12 at 2:00pm – Frank Brooks is head chef for this event with help from Chuck Nixon. They will be assisted by three capable judges. If you plan to compete in the cook-off, be sure to sign up. Judges cannot enter the cook-off. Everyone is invited to the meet and greet. Bring snacks to share and your own beverage.

BE SURE to wear your name tags so new residents can get to know you.

TEXAS HOLD-EM - Wednesdays 1:00-3:00PM.

Come learn to play. \$5.00 per person. Organized by new resident, Judy Siegrist.

50'S SOCK HOP - Rock around the clock (from 7-10:00pm anyway) on Saturday, January 25. Come dance the night away to the music of GEARS-1.

Bring your friends, beverages, and snacks. Dress in 50s & 60s clothes. Admission \$8.00 ea. Door prizes, 50/50, and tons of fun with good friends. Chuck Nixon will be chairing the dance. Contact Chuck for tickets or to donate door prizes.

"NO SNOW" Happy Hour – 4-6:00 PM on January 26. Bring your own beverage and

snacks/appetizers to share. Be sure to wear your name tags

LIBRARY NEWS - June Johnson and Cheryl Fraser are in charge of the library at the clubhouse. Check out the large assortment of books on the shelves there. Jig-saw puzzles are also available.

VOLUNTEERS KEEP CASA GOING - Thanks to all who step up to be the lead on the many events and activities we have here. Many are willing to help but need a little guidance or leadership and we appreciate those who are willing to shoulder that task.

We need people to sign up for the lists such as pool opening and closing, men's coffee hour and Wednesday coffee, and other events that arise. Please keep us moving and enjoying these things. You can find the lists located on the bulletin board in the hall to the ramp exit.

PATCHWORK PIECING - meets on Thursdays from 9:00AM -12:00. No meeting on January 9 due to HOA Board meeting.

JAM GROUP – Every Thursday afternoon from 1:30-4:00PM. Musicians get together for impromptu music. Bring your instrument of choice and/or your voice to share with each other. Set-up is from 1:00-1:30PM. Listeners are also welcome.

YARD SALE/WHITE ELEPHANT - Start thinking about this now. It is a great fundraiser held the end of February. As you're doing your spring cleaning and renovating, save up your unwanted stuff and donate it to this popular event. Further info will be in the February newsletter. Also, be thinking about the popular basket raffle and what creative entry you can submit.

CALENDAR - Check the Calendar for details, the Chalkboard for updates on activities, and plan to participate in Casa events.

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private Facebook Page

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/929278037163073>

or our Community webpage

<https://www.casadelсолcommunity.com/>
for Videos and Photos of all the wonderful
Christmas activities.