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Your Neighborhood

Message From the Association President



By Allen Johnson Association President

Spring Events and Ranch Projects Take Precedent

Happy Spring Ranchers,

I hope everyone enjoyed our annual **Spring Expo** and **Pancake Breakfast**. It's a joy to see the return of this special Dobson Ranch tradition. We owe the success of this event to the many volunteers who generously devote their time to serving our community. Special thanks to the members of our Retirees' Club for putting their professional pancake flipping skills on display, along with members of our Water Management & Lake Habitat and Recreation Committees, and our amazing staff.

Looking ahead, you definitely don't want to miss our annual **Easter Eggstravaganza** on Saturday, April 16th. Join us in Laguna Park from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm for Easter egg hunts for the kids, bounce houses, food trucks, and an appearance by the one and only Dobson Ranch Easter Bunny.

The Board had a full agenda at the February meeting, with the highlight being the Board's approval to move forward with the construction of a permanent restroom facility in Laguna Park. Thorough consideration was given to concerns related to funding, security, aesthetics and functionality. The Board's consensus is that these concerns have been satisfied, and where warranted, practical compromises have been achieved. Hundreds of combined hours were spent by members of our Budget & Finance and Master Planning Committees to ensure all relevant factors were reviewed. A ranch-wide survey, as well as a survey of the residents immediately surrounding the park both indicated overwhelming support for their construction. Preparation for this project has taken years, and it's very exciting to finally see it coming to fruition.

The **Saratoga Recreation Center** was also greenlighted during a separate, sole-focused special public meeting. This is another project that has seen years in the making. The Board spent significant time scrutinizing the anticipated cost and functionality of multiple options, and ultimately settled on what we believe will be the best design to enhance our community for many years to come.

Finally, please join us for our in-person (hooray!) 2022 Annual Meeting of the Members on Tuesday, April 12th at 5:30 pm at La Casita. This year we'll be featuring a Hawaiian theme with catered Hawaiian BBQ, shaved ice from Kona Ice for dessert, and a fun photo booth. If you're new to the Ranch, or you're not a regular meeting-goer, the Annual Meeting is the perfect opportunity to learn more about your community and meet your neighbors. After two years of conducting the Annual Meeting and other events virtually, I'm looking forward to seeing everyone again.

Be well!

Executive Director's Message



By Lynelle Glysson Executive Director

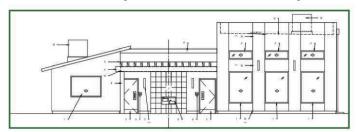
The Next Phase of Projects Around the Ranch

Dear Residents,

Dobson Ranch has recently completed several projects and we are moving on to the next phase of projects. I have been a part of many projects and even when they are nearly completed, there will always been final touches and adjustments. When doing a major renovation on a condo building I managed, we spent weeks with final touches and adjustments. This was without the challenges of a pandemic and supply-chain issues. If you see a recently completed project and you see something that needs attention, please let me know. It might be on our "to-do" list, but if not, we will add it. I thank you for your patience as we complete each project and get started on the next.

Saratoga Recreation Center Renovation

One of the projects that is now underway is renovating the Saratoga Recreation Center. We are updating the restrooms, recreation room and adding storage. This is a popular room to rent for birthday parties and other occasions. We are adding a kitchenette and raising the roof to make it more inviting.



New Lighting

We will also be updating the lighting at Laguna Park and then installing bollard lights on the Lake 7 walking path. I am really looking forward to the new bollards along the path. This will illuminate the path at night with gentle lighting.

Restroom at Laguna Park

And, at long last, we will be installing a restroom at Laguna Park. This has long been requested by those who use the park. The Master Planning Committee started researching this project, as directed by the Board of Directors in 2020. It was supported by the survey that was conducted, so the Committee researched options that would be the most cost effective. After the Board approved this project, I spoke to several residents about the project while I was at Laguna Park, and they were thrilled that restrooms would be installed.

50th Anniversary Celebration

The 50th Anniversary Committee is busy working on the 50th Anniversary Celebration of Dobson Ranch to be celebrated in 2023. Do you have an idea for an event? If so, let us know! Please email me at: Iglysson@dobsonranch.com.

Let us stay **#DobsonRanchStrong!** Thank you for the continued support of your neighbors, Board and staff.



Your Neighborhood

Message From the Editor



By Nancy RoggioCommunications Manager

April Fools' Day

I was trying to come up with an interesting topic for my April article and thought of **April Fool's**Day. I know it will be April 9th or 10th by the time you read this, but I did some research to find out about the origin and history of the term "April Fools" just for the fun of it.

It seems that there's speculation that April Fools' Day was tied to the **vernal equinox**, or first day of spring in the Northern Hemisphere, when Mother Nature fooled people with changing, unpredictable weather. Another theory is that in the 18th century, Scottish folks celebrated an annual **Tailie Day**, which involved pranks played on people's derrieres, such as pinning fake tails or "kick me" signs on them.

In modern times, people have gone to great lengths to create elaborate April Fools' Day hoaxes. Newspapers, radio and TV stations and websites have all participated in the April 1st tradition of reporting outrageous fictional claims that have fooled their audiences.

Here are some doozies:

In 1957, the BBC reported that Swiss farmers were experiencing a record spaghetti crop and showed footage of people harvesting noodles from trees. (I thought money grew on trees.)

In 1985, **Sports Illustrated** writer George Plimpton tricked many readers when he ran a made-up article about a rookie baseball pitcher named Sidd Finch who could throw a fastball over 168 miles per hour.

In 1998, after *Burger King* advertised a "Left-Handed Whopper," scores of clueless customers came into restaurants across the country ordering the fake sandwich.

Even *Google* notoriously hosts an annual April Fools' Day prank that has included everything from "telepathic search" to the ability to play *Pac-Man* on *Googe Maps*.

However, moving here from the Philly 'burbs, my absolute favorite prank I came across was: In 1996, Taco Bell, the fast-food restaurant chain, duped people when it announced it had agreed to purchase Philadelphia's Liberty Bell and intended to rename it the Taco Liberty Bell.

The underlying reason for this article is to make you remember that not everything is always as true as it seems in print, on TV or on social media. For example, our **Annual Meeting of the Members** on April 12th will feature Hawaiian fire dancers... or will it? Guess you'll have to attend to find out! See below.





Please join us on **TUESDAY**, **APRIL 12**, **2022** outside La Casita for our **Annual Meeting of the Members** and **Election Day**.

This year's event has a Hawaiian theme, with food and refreshments served at 5:30 pm. The luau includes Hawaiian BBQ Chicken/Kalua Pork, Rice, Macaroni Salad, and shaved iced from *Kona Ice* for dessert. Plus, there's a fun photo booth to commemorate the occasion.

Online voting for Board Member candidates closes promptly at 6:30 pm. The Meeting begins at 7:00 pm in the La Casita Grande Room. Election results of our new Board Members will be announced at the Annual Meeting. **Don't miss it... we're stronger together!**

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You should have received your quarterly statement a few weeks ago. Please note, the assessments changed in 2022 to \$579.60 annually. If you are having trouble paying online, you may have to change your account number. Below are the instructions to do so.

- 1. Sign into the CIT portal https://propertypay.cit.com
- 2. Click on the word "PROPERTIES" at top right side of page.
- 3. Click on your address.
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- 6. A green box will pop up to save your acount number CLICK SAVE!

AFTER YOU DO THIS, YOU WILL BE ABLE TO MAKE YOUR PAYMENTS.

I do empathize with the challenges you may be facing with the changes to the statements, account numbers and new assessments. If you have any questions or need help, please call the office at 480-831-8314, or email me at: Iglysson@dobsonranch.com.

Keep your 16-digit account number readily available for your next payment.



Gustavo Meléndez is celebrating his 15th year as a key contributor to the landscape maintenance team at Dobson Ranch. From leading the mowing crew or helping pour and finish three miles of concrete curbing, to removing some of the largest dead pine trees on the Ranch, Gustavo has continuously expanded his maintenance versatility. Recently, Gustavo, with his unique skill set in every aspect of landscape maintenance, has taken on new areas of landscape maintenance responsibility with both enthusiasm and an eye for details that helps make the Ranch a beautiful place to call home.



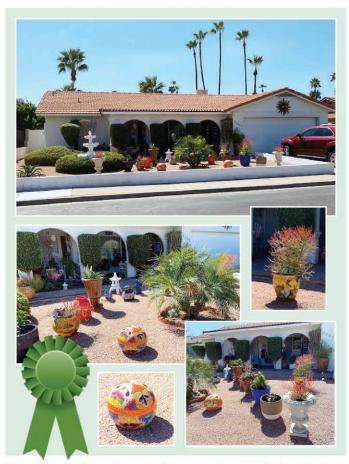
By Nancy Roggio

Ranchers' RoundUp Editor

Congrats to Gal Nayibe, the homeowner of 2561 W. Knowles Avenue, for being selected for this month's award.

Our Code Compliance Specialist **Shelica Alwahabi** nominated this well-kept property. "The clean and weed-free gravel bed and manicured shrubs are the main focal points. But, it's the amazing collection of colorful planters, fountain and decorative accents in the yard and under the front arches that makes this home so unique," Shelica pointed out.

Taking pride in your property like Gal is what makes Dobson Ranch indisputably... the best place to live!



There are many impressive and well-manicured yards in Dobson Ranch that it's hard to pick just one each month. If you would like your yard or a neighbor's yard featured in a future issue of Ranchers' RoundUp, please email nroggio@dobsonranch.com.



Hogan Family Park Guide

By Dr. Andrea Hogan, Resident Guest Writer

My husband **Josh** and I have lived in Dobson Ranch for six years. We have a daughter, **Ella** (7), and son, **Emmett** (5).

We love enjoying this perfect AZ weather at our local parks. Last spring, my daughter Ella was on a quest to find her favorite park, so we visited at least one new park each week. Below is a list of our favorite finds:

In Our Hood:



Laguna Park and Dobson Ranch Park are the two closest to us, and the ones we frequent the most, as it's easy to bike, walk or take our golf cart there. My kids like chasing the ducks by the water and running around the big field at Laguna Park.

Laguna Park

At **Dobson Ranch Park**, my kids enjoy the zipline and musical instrument area. I enjoy meeting fellow neighbors and the lake views at both places during park picnics with my kids.



Dobson Ranch Park

In Mesa:



Pioneer Park, Mesa

Mesa Riverview Park has an awesome rope climbing structure and the playgrounds are sectioned off by age with neat interactive structures. There is a wonderful walking path around the community fishing lake there, too. These parks both have great splash pads!

Pioneer Park and Riverview
Park top our list. Pioneer Park
has a cool historic train to go in,
fun tree houses, a funky bridge,
and friendships swings. It is also
near downtown Mesa, a neat
spot to grab lunch after a
fun morning of park play.



Mesa Riverview Park, Mesa

Close to Dobson Ranch:



Kiwanis Park in Tempe and Desert Breeze Park in Chandler are short drives from the Ranch. Kiwanis Park has two separate parks within its grounds, we prefer the south end with climbing structures, or as my son calls them "ninja courses". This side also has playgrounds sectioned off for the appropriate age. Pedal boats are

available on the lake and there is a shaded splash pad, too.



Desert Breeze Park, Chandler

Desert Breeze is our favorite park for special occasions. We've celebrated many birthdays and special events there. The playground, lake and splash pad are also great and there is the added bonus of train and carousel rides for a small fee. Check their website before you go, as the train

and carousel are only open on weekends and during school breaks and holidays.

Worth the Drive:

Gilbert Regional Park has "the mountain" with climbing features, slides, swings, zip line, and rock climbing. There is also an area designed for toddlers with interactive play and a splash pad.



Gilbert Regional Park, Gilbert



Freestone Park, Gilbert

Freestone Park is similar to Desert Breeze in that in addition to the playground there is not only a train and carousel, but also a ferris wheel and wave ride available at a small cost. Plus, there is a skate park and batting cages for older children!

Tumbleweed Park has a large well shaded park called *Playtopia* with three fun-themed playgrounds: City Land, Farm Land and Critter Land. There is even a fossil dig. It is close to the AZ Railroad Museum, which is also a fun experience with kids.



Tumbleweed Park, Chandler

A Little Something Extra:



Enchanted Island, Phoenix

We spent an amazing day at Encanto Park and Enchanted Island in Phoenix. The kids had a blast doing the paddle boat on the lake, riding over a dozen rides and playing carnival games.

Whether you go to the park around the corner, or drive to a park with all the extras, park play is a great way to bond with your kids. For your children, parks encourage adventure, imagination and self-accomplishment when challenges are met on the playground. For adults, being in parks and green spaces helps reduce stress and anxiety. So, grab a blanket, maybe even a ball or a frisbee, and enjoy all of our local parks!

Are you a parent in Dobson Ranch? Share your experiences with me on Instagram! You can follow me at @drehogan or #kidsontheranch.



Your Neighborhood



Monthly Update from Councilmember Heredia

Join me at Rhodes Aquatic Complex for the Annual District 3 Spring Blast Evening Edition!

I'm proud to announce that the **Annual District 3 Spring Blast** will be returning this year. Join me at Rhodes Aquatic Complex, located at 1860 S. Longmore, to enjoy free swimming and *FlowRider* rides. We will also have food, drinks, fun and entertainment!

This **FREE** event will take place on Friday, May 13th from 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm. This is your chance to come and enjoy the amenities offered by the Rhodes Aquatic Complex before our Mesa pools are open to the public on Saturday, May 28th!

City of Mesa Pools will open for public swim starting Memorial Day weekend. The cost for public swim is \$2.00 for children and seniors (55+) and \$4.00 for adults. Summer public swim passes are available now. Questions? Call 480-644-PLAY (7529) or visit the Parks and Recreation pools website: www.mesaparks.com/parks-facilties/pools.

For any questions regarding the Spring Blast, please contact my office at **480-644-6275** or email me at **District3@MesaAZ.gov.** I hope to see you there!

~ Councilmember Heredia

CC&R Notices





Residential Architectural Guidelines Annual Review Continues

By Camille Gonzales, Operations Manager

On March 22, 2022, the DRAC Committee held their second workshop with homeowners in attendance to discuss additional changes and comments, most were small changes, but some noteworthy ones are as follows:

- In the Appendix section, drawings will be provided to clarify heights of play structures, fences and walls, hardscape allowance, and setbacks in yards for sheds, etc.
- Also in the Appendix section will be a list of desertadapted plants and shrubs that homeowners can use for the one tree and two shrub requirements of the Guidelines
- Discussion regarding front yard pony walls and storage of trash bins behind them.
- Continued discussion regarding string lights and security cameras.
- Continued discussion on flags, banners and signs.
- Organize and further explain "Permanent Structures" and "Temporary Structures".
- · Clarification on "Playhouses" and "Play Structures".

The DRAFT of changes made to the Residential Architectural Guidelines from our second workshop, should be posted online April 18, 2022 for homeowners to look over and review them. The Guidelines will then be reviewed by the attorney and be approved by the DRAC Committee sometime in April. The enforcement process of the new Residential Guidelines after review and the approval process should go into effect sometime in June. The DRAC Committee will have an annual review of the guidelines to also make sure we are in accordance with any new state statutes or laws.

As a reminder, any changes made to the outside of your home must have a submitted Architectural Application, and be approved by the DRAC Committee. If you have any questions regarding Code Compliance or Architectural Applications, please feel free to contact the Administration Office and we will be happy to assist you.



Camille Gonzales
Operations Manager





DESERT LANDSCAPING TIPS & TRICKS

by Sue Hakala, Certified Volunteer Master Gardener

Euphorbias and Latex

Euphorbias and other plants exude milky "latex" when cut. The plant uses this as a deterrent to herbivores. It's not something you **EVER** want to get in your eyes, mouth, or a cut. **ALWAYS** wear eye protection and gloves, and wear long sleeves when handling *Euphorbias* or anything with a milky sap.

I was doing a bit of garden clean-up and decided to just cut those two straggling ends of the *Pendalanthus macrocarpus* (*Lady Slipper*) hanging over the sidewalk. I was not wearing gloves or long sleeves when I got a 1/4" cut on the first knuckle of my thumb. I froze. Then dropped everything and ran for the house. I washed the small cut that had just two drops of blood for a full minute under running water with soap. It stopped bleeding. I sprayed it with alcohol, let it dry and covered it with a Band-Aid. Then yelled and swore at myself for being so foolish.

I woke up at 2:00 a.m. with a throbbing in my hand like a kettle drum resonating in my body with every heartbeat. My thumb, index finger, hand and four inches of my arm below my wrist was swollen to over twice its size and hot. I didn't go back to sleep.

It is not an exaggeration to say that it felt like every cell in the affected hand part had a razor blade on the end of it and was cutting me constantly under my skin (this lasted about a month). I couldn't even let water run on it for two days, it was so excruciating. The pain continued at this level for five days.

Slowly over the next four weeks, the pain decreased and the swelling started to go down. I really couldn't use my hand during this time. Four months later, the 1/4" cut was still very red, swollen and inflamed. I could not imagine what would have happened if I had gotten this in my eye (it may cause a temporary loss of vision).

There are about 2,000 species of *Euphorbia*. Some that many have in the landscape and collections include: *E. antisyphilitica* (Candelilla), *E. pulcherrima* (Poinsettia), *E. rigida* (Gopher Plant), and Pendalanthus macrocarpus (Lady Slipper), to name only a few.

You will not know how you will react to the irritants in these plant tissues until it is too late. **ALWAYS** wear eye protection, gloves and long sleeves handling them.



Homeowner Improvements

Architectural Applications March 2022

By Carolyn Burleson, Admin. Assistant/Architecture

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DOBSON RANCH UNIT I		
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Gazebo	\$	2,400
Landscape	\$	1,700
Roof Replacement	\$	11,000
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Exterior Paint Block Wall Extension	\$	6,500
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Foundation Repair	\$	11,800
Gutters	\$	1,500
Landscape	Ф	4,500
DOBSON PINES		
Wrought Iron Fence	\$	300
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DOBSON SHORES		
Gazebo	\$	2,400
Landscape	\$	50
Pole Lights	\$	200
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GOLDEN PALMS ESTATES		
Exterior Painting	\$	5,500
Lights	\$	65
Roof Replacement	\$	17,000
Shed	\$	800
Wooden Post	\$	65
KNOLL VILLA SOLANO		
Window Replacement	\$	8,500
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LAGUNA SHORES		
Exterior Painting	\$	17,000
Foundation Repair	\$	25,000
Landscape	\$	7,000
Roof Replacement	\$	18,500
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Exterior Paint	\$	500
Gate	\$	100
Landscape	\$	10,000
Little Library	\$	
Roof Replacement	\$	9,800
Shed	\$	10,000
REGENCY ESTATES		
Block Wall	\$	2,000
Pool	\$	85,000
Wooden Post	\$	40
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SARATOGA LAKES		
Extend Driveway	\$	5,000
Exterior Painting	\$	2,500
Landscape	\$	1,500
Roof Replacement	\$	11,500

Trustee Properties:

1 – House

Home Sales: 28



Pendalanthus marcrocarpus

(Lady Slipper)



Movers and Shakers

Music Soothes the Soul of Talented Teen in Dobson Ranch

By Nancy Roggio, Communications Manager and Ranchers' RoundUp Editor



In June of 2020, Monika Villanueva won our first Kids Virtual Talent Show with her soulful vocal and keyboard performance. Let's see what she has been up to since then.

Q: What is your age and where do you go to high school?

MV: I'm 18 years old, and I currently attend online school (Connections Academy), but I also go to the Radio/Audio class at the East

Valley Institute of Technology which I have been attending for the past two years.

Q: What did winning the DR Kids Talent Show mean to you?

MV: During a pandemic and being home most of the time, winning and being part of that experience really motivated me to want to perform more and really pushed me outside my comfort zone. It

was a thrill to participate and then to win!

Q: Do you play any other instruments besides the keyboard? If so, which is your favorite?

MV: I also play ukulele, but piano is the instrument I enjoy playing the most.

Q: Do you write your own music? Have you recorded any of your own songs?

MV: Yes, I do write my own music. Back in 2020, I really started to write lyrics, and today I have about five or six songs written, three produced, and one currently featured on all music platforms (Spotify, Apple Music, YouTube, etc.) called Her Too... please check it out!

Q: How would you describe your musical style?

MV: I tend to go with the flow of whatever grabs my attention, but to describe my style I'd have to say it's a combination of folk, indie, and eclectic.

Q: You come from a very musical family. Who else in your family has musical talent?

MV: My dad, Daniel Villanueva, also performs and plays music. In fact, he was one of the winners of the Dobson Ranch Adult Virtual Talent Show, playing a duet with himself on guitar and flute. He's helped in producing several smaller projects among his friends. He's also in a local band. Over the last three years, he and I have played together on numerous occasions. He is a very talented man (plays drums, guitar and flute) along with my musician uncles. And, on my mom's side, both my grandmother and great grandparents were singers.

Q: Have you had any formal vocal or instrumental training?

MV: At five years old, I began taking piano lessons and continued for 10 years. I am self-taught on the ukulele. Although I never had professional vocal training, at the age of 12 my piano teacher,

Kari Duncan, a resident of Dobson Ranch, discovered I had a strong voice and gave me the confidence to sing in public that I have today.

Q: Have you ever performed in your radio/audio class?

MV: Yes, I've had the opportunity to perform and record my music in their studios.

Q: Where have you been performing since the Dobson Ranch Talent Show?

MV: I perform on online Zoom concerts with my dad. The last one I had participated in had over 1,000 viewers in attendance, so that was really exciting. Since the pandemic is slowing down, I would like to find some small local venues in the area where I can perform in person. I'm open to ideas.

Q: Have you won any other talent contests or awards?

MV: I participated in South Mountain Community College's annual "Shining Stars" talent show and came in third place. That was very exciting performing live in their performing arts center.

Q: What are your plans after high school graduation in May?

MV: Since I received certifications in broadcasting and audio engineering, I hope to find a job in audio engineering or programming. I would also like to take time off to do volunteer work and maybe travel and see the world.

Q: What would be your ultimate "dream come true" in the music industry?

MV: I would love to have my music and lyrics reach people and be able to bring them joy or comfort through what I write, and have that music also be performed by others.

Q: Name one thing that most people do not know about you.

MV: Most people don't know that my singing persona and the way I am in person are total opposites. I'm two completely different people. I'm not a shy person, but I know I come off soft spoken and even quiet to some people. But, when you put a mic in front of me, I'm a completely different person. Just ask my dad, he can't get me to be quiet! There's something about being in front of a mic that makes me super hyper and energetic.

Q: Why is music your passion?

MV: When times are tough and there's a lot of things in your life that bring you down, having that hobby or outlet is a great comfort. Music really is something that brings me happiness and is something I know I want to continue doing throughout my life. I know music is something other people find comfort in as well, and being able to use whatever type of talent I have and share it with people truly brings me joy.

Photos: Head shot photo taken before going on stage at Phoenix Symphony Hall. 1. First ever gig with dad on Zoom. 2. Sound check for South Mountain Community College Talent Show. 3. Online concert with Monika taking lead on a song. 4. Winning performance for Dobson Ranch Kids Virtual Talent Show.



Conservation Corner

Happy 52nd Anniversary of Earth Day - April 22

By Kathrine Blomquist, Water Management and Lake Habitat Committee Member



The theme for Earth Day 2022 is **Invest in our Planet**. This is a great goal that can take many forms. Taking action is beneficial not just because we care about the natural world, we all live on it. As **EarthDay.org** reminds us, everyone needs a healthy Earth to support jobs, livelihoods, health and survival, and happiness. Have any ideas what you could do to Invest in our Planet?

Generation Z (AKA "Gen Z" or "Zoomers," the generation born in the late 1990s to early 2000s) provides inspiration because 45% have stopped purchasing certain brands because of ethical or sustainability concerns. Think of the food you eat, the coffee/tea you drink, the clothes you wear, etc. There are many opportunities to "vote" with your wallet. To fight climate change, one action Earth-Day.org recommends is advocating for your school or company to serve plant-based meals. That's a big ask, so you can always start small by incorporating plant-based meals at home.

Spring has always been a great time to make conservation changes and Dobson Ranch makes it easy. On April 2, we saw the return of the Dobson Ranch Spring Expo and on April 9, the SRP Shade Tree Program. (Due to copy deadlines, May's Conservation

Corner will highlight these events.) If you were unable to participate in the recent conservation-themed events, check out ArizonaWaterFacts.com/WAM. April is "Water Awareness Month" in Arizona! The website is full of ideas, tips and resources to help you conserve water. WAM is dedicated to promoting Arizona's success in managing its water resources, and is intended to encourage Arizonans to be conscious of every precious drop, another way to Invest in our Planet.

Need another idea on how to take action? On May 25, attend the Saving Water and Energy with

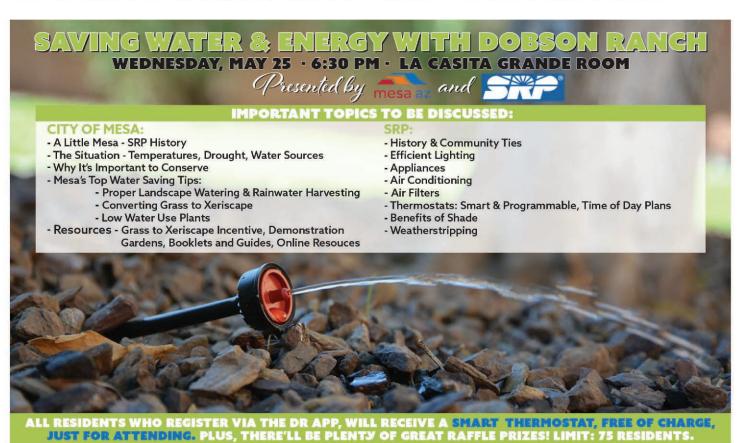
Dobson Ranch presentation right here at La Casita. The City of Mesa Water Conservation office and SRP are teaming up to provide residents with easy tips on how to save money, energy, and water at home, while promoting greater comfort and livability. How's this for an investment of your time? Simply register via the Dobson Ranch App and receive a free Smart Thermostat just for attending! Check out the information below for all the details.

The great philosopher Socrates said, "The secret of change is to focus all of your energy not on fighting the old, but on building the new." This April, especially on Earth Day, take a moment to

action. The Earth and future generations are depending on you!

#InvestinOurPlanet #DobsonRanchConservation

think about what you can do to Invest in our Planet and take





At Our Lakes

Our Spring Fish Stock

By Joseph Trickett, Water Management and Lake Habitat Committee Chairman



With another summer approaching, we find ourselves in the midst of spring enjoying near perfect days! Those of us who have lived in the Valley through multiple summers know that spring never lasts as long as we'd like it to, and while the rest of the country anxiously awaits warmer weather, we wish there was some way to press the pause button on the soon-to-be ever rising

temperatures.

With spring comes our **Spring Fish Stock** which took place in March. Fisheries have mostly recovered from the effects of COVID. Supplies have been renewed, and we are excited to get full orders of quality fish. The spring order is where we add Fathead Minnows, Redear Sunfish, Bluegill, and this year Bass and White Amur, to make up for stocking shortages due to the supply chain issues we experienced last year.

This season's order consisted of 2,500 Redear Sunfish, approximately 2,500 Bluegill, 110 White Amur, 30,000 Fathead Minnows, and 1,000 Bass. The Redear Sunfish is one of the few fish species that will actively feed on mussels including the dreaded quagga mussel. Bluegill feed on insect larva, flying insects, zooplankton, and smaller fish, while White Amur eat mostly aquatic vegetation and filamentations algae that grows on the bottom of the lakebed. The Fathead Minnows are

particularly hard workers, in that they eat algae, organic sediment, duck and goose waste, leaf litter, and mosquito larva. These guys work 24/7! The new Bass will add to the gene pool and will help keep the population healthy.

Along with the fish stocking, another set of artificial fish habitats was placed in Lake 7 near the docks where fish are stocked. These new habitats will provide cover for smaller fish as they acclimate to their new surroundings. The predatory fish are smart and become wise to their prey being dumped into the water slightly disorientated and in the past have hung out for an easy meal. The new habitats will help the initial, as well as long term, survival rate of new and existing fish. The habitats will also provide a place for multiple fish species to lay their eggs, which in turn will help add to our fish stock and create a more stable ecosystem within our lakes. More habitats are planned for future placements throughout the lakes here at the Ranch.

As always, remember to "Catch and Release." That goes for all our fish here at the Ranch. Resident and non-resident fishing licenses are available at the La Casita Recreation Center desk.

Don't forget to send photos of your **Best Catch** on our Dobson Ranch lakes to *nroggio@dobsonranch.com* for a chance to be featured in an upcoming issue of *Ranchers' RoundUp*.

Our Spring Fish Stock consisted of:











2,500 Redear Sunfish

2,500 Bluegill

110 White Amur

30,000 Fathead Minnows

1,000 Bass

We want to see who had the BIGGEST CATCH in Dobson Ranch! Enter our Best Catch Photo Contest today!











Brendan Holt (photos 1 & 2) shows off a few of his best large mouth bass catches on Lake 1; Brendan's son Isaiah caught bass of his own (photos 3 & 4); and Drayden's bass was caught near the Los Altos Recreation Center on Lake 1 (photo 5).

Are you a Ranch fisherman? Send your photos to proggio@dobsonranch.com. Include your name, type of fish caught and in which lake.





The **Dobson Ranch Art Show Competition** is open to all children (up to age 17) and adults (18 and up) living in Dobson Ranch or working for The Dobson Association.

There are six categories in which to enter your works of art: Drawing, Painting, Sculpture or Ceramics, Crafts, Jewelry Design and Photography. If you entered last year's Art Show, you may not enter the same piece of art again this year.

MIEN: Send a good quality digital photo of your work of art to nroggio@dobsonranch.com by no later than April 10, 2022 at 5:00 pm. Be sure to include your full name, age, address, and the category that you are entering. You may enter no more than one item per category.

First Prize winners will be selected in each category and in each age group (12 winners total). A Best of Show winner will be selected in both age groups. First Prize Winners will each receive a \$10 Gift Card and prize ribbon. The two Best of Show winners will each receive a \$50 Gift Card and prize ribbon. Online voting will be open to all residents and employees of Dobson Ranch. Winners will be announced in the May issue of Ranchers' RoundUp.

LAST DAY TO ENTER THE ART SHOW IS APRIL 10TH!





Mesa Harp Program Opens a PUBLIC SCHOOLS World of Possibilities to Students

By Laurie Struna, Media Communications Specialist, Communications and Engagement/MPS



Mesa Public Schools has the largest harp program in the country, and it's providing learning and life skills opportunities for students one string at a time.

In 1974, the program started with one student at Carson Junior High School. Today this enrichment program reaches 230 students at 16 schools. It is available to any band or orchestra student starting in seventh grade, continuing through their senior year.

Dr. Charles Lynch, district harp specialist, shares that while the harp is an incredible instrument, it can be expensive. Mesa Public Schools makes playing the harp accessible for all who are interested in playing it.

"It's a really cool instrument that appeals to a broad range of students," Lynch says. "People often have images or stereotypes of what people play. My students come from a variety of backgrounds and play different instruments."

Lynch says students connect with the harp for several reasons. Some like how it sounds. Others like the vibrations on their fingers or hands, or the act of plucking the strings, while other students like the active coordination of using their feet and hands.

Harp students have the added responsibility of learning a second instrument. It teaches students to be self-starters and to balance school and personal responsibilities.

A homegrown love

Lynch is a former Mesa Public Schools harp student. As a student, he discovered the program after attending a presentation at Taylor Junior High School given by Karen Miller, the district's first harp specialist.

"There was no way my family could afford a harp, and the district's program makes it attainable for students and families," Lynch says. "I started the same way that my students are learning the harp today."

It wasn't until college when Lynch became a music major that he invested in his own strings. He eventually earned his doctorate in harp and strongly believes the program opened an entire world to him.

"I hope this program instills a love for the instrument," Lynch says. "Whether students continue in college or simply play for the enjoyment of it, there are incredible opportunities."

For more information about the harp program, please visit mpsaz.org/arts.



From the Recreation Director's Desk



By Jesse Wright Recreation Manager

Summer is almost here, or at least it feels that way! Come and enjoy all of the amenities that Dobson Ranch has to offer. We have pools, a

splash pad, parks, and tennis courts to enjoy this season.

We also have some new and exciting events and programs coming up soon. In May, we have a brand-new event Casino Night at La Casita Recreation Center on Friday, May 13th from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm. This event is for Dobson Ranch residents 21 years or older. There is a \$5 (cash only) entry fee that includes \$500 in playing chips, appetizers and three glasses of beer. For more details, see the flyer on page 20 or call the La Casita Recreation Center.

Don't forget about our outstanding Summer Kids Camp going on May 23 - July 29 at La Casita for kids ages 6-12. We have plenty of options for you this year. You'll have the choice of full day, weekly, and 5-week or 10-week session options. See the flyer on page 21 for complete details and pricing.

And last, but not least, mark your calendar for Flick 'n Float at the Los Altos pool on Friday, June 3rd beginning at sunset (about 7:30 pm). Bring your swimsuits and a pool tube or float to enjoy watching the Disney movie Raya and the Last Dragon in the pool.

We're looking forward to a great summer at Dobson Ranch and hope you are, too!

Dobson Ranch Blood Drive

Tuesday, April 19, 2022 • 1:00 - 6:00 pm La Casita Grande Room • 2719 S. Reyes, Mesa





Make your appointment today at redcrossblood.org.

Tennis Tip for April



By Kwong YoungDobson Ranch Tennis Professional

Spatial Awareness

Do you have or are you aware of **Spatial Awareness?** This is where a player is aware of the following three things:

- where they are on the court;
- where the ball is, so they can track it better for hitting better quality shots and not making it more difficult than it needs to be;
- where your opponents are, in order to place the ball in a certain part/zone on the court to win points easier.



You will also need these two skills in order to develop spatial awareness:

- Footwork to get you in the perfect distance (PD) just as the touring pros display, and
- Having court awareness during play and knowing where to be after hitting, plus knowing how to outplay your opponents no matter what their level and style of play may be.

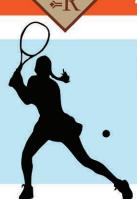


We had 7 new residents in attendance at our second Resident 101 Orientation class at La Casita.



Didn't make it? No worries.

Resident 101 Orientations will be held quarterly in 2022.



DOBSON RANCH TENNIS ACADEMY

All tennis lessons and Round Robin events are held at the La Casita Recreation Center.

All tennis sessions begin on the first of each month and run until the end of the month.

Contact the La Casita Recreation Center for more information at 480-831-7464

or visit dobsonranchhoa.com.



ADULTS

Dobson Ranch offers a full-range of programs and playing opportunities for ages 16+ and various ability levels. We focus on developing the complete player who can perform in any match situation at any level. Our tennis pro combines technical, mental and physical elements of the game to help build confidence and conditioning to ensure a positive, successful and fun experience.

Adult Skills & Drills

Geared for advanced beginners/intermediate players, this class focuses on technique and spin production on shots, as well as basic match strategies. Through structured drills, players will improve their playing consistency, build confidence, and learn how to generate more speed and power.

7:00 pm - 8:30 pm I Sessions: Monthly
Monday, May 2, 9, 16, 23
Wednesday, May 4, 11, 18, 25
6135 \$40 R/\$60 NR

Adult Weekday Doubles Play

If you enjoy playing doubles, but want to improve by doing various shot selections, direction, height, speed, and court positioning, then this will be a court-wise way to help improve your doubles game.

Adult Saturday Doubles

If you enjoy playing doubles, but want to improve by doing various shot selections, direction, height, speed, and court positioning, then this will be a court-wise way to help improve your doubles game.

8:30 am - 10:00 am | Sessions: Monthly Saturday, May 7, 14, 21, 28 6138 \$40 R/\$60 NR

JUNIORS

The mission of Dobson Ranch junior tennis is to provide quality instruction in a fun and friendly atmosphere with a multilevel juniors program from the youngest beginners to sanctioned tournament players. Each tennis student's placement is based on age, experience and a challenge ladder. Classes combine energized drills, fun games, match play, and conditioning. Our goal is for students to reach a higher level of play and learn to love a sport they will play for a lifetime. Bring a friend!

Junior Clinic

This class is for junior tennis players ages 7-12 looking for an introduction to tennis. This class will introduce basic technique through fun drills and games. Learn how to serve into the correct service box, how to keep score, how to properly rotate the racquet, and how to sustain a rally. If you don't already have a racquet, our tennis pro will fit your child for the proper racquet size during the first class.

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm | Sessions: Monthly Monday, May 2, 9, 16, 23 | 6133 \$40 R/\$60 NR

Monthly Round Robin Social*

This monthly social is a fantastic way to meet other tennis players in the community. Players will participate in doubles and mixed-doubles matches in a round-robin format, assorted by levels. No matter what your playing level is, come out and meet other tennis players in a fun, relaxed setting.

*May Social 5/21

FREE! Adults 16+ (Register in advance, space is limited.)

PRIVATE INSTRUCTION

Private tennis lessons are available for individual one-on-one instruction with the Dobson Ranch Tennis Professional. Please call **Kwong Young** at 480-759-2248 or *kyoung@dobsonranch.com* to schedule private lessons. The Dobson Ranch tennis courts are for the exclusive use of Dobson Ranch residents and the Association Tennis Professional. Other professionals are not to teach classes, lessons or clinics on our Association courts at any time. To ensure the Ranch tennis program remains viable, Dobson Ranch residents should consult the Association Tennis Pro for all tennis instruction. No outside tennis professionals are permitted on Association courts.



RECREATION CLASSES

The following classes are tentatively on the schedule and are subject to change. Please visit the events calendar for the most up-to-date information at www.dobsonranch.com.

ADULT EXERCISE CLASSES

TAI CHI

Instructor:

When: Wednesdays (starting April 6) Where: AM Classes & PM Classes at

La Casita Recreation Center

Time: 10:00 am Intermediate Tai Chi 11:00 am Beginning Tai Chi

6:00 pm Intermediate Tai Chi 7:00 pm Beginning Tai Chi

Cost: \$3 drop in residents, \$6 drop in non-residents

\$12 resident only for a 6-use punch card



Tai Chi is a gentle Chinese exercise system that may enhance strength and flexibility as well as reduce stress. Learning the Tai Chi form can be the beginning of a healthy, lifelong practice that can improve

the quality of life of individuals who choose to practice it.

YOGA FOR BEGINNERS

Instructor: Jeanne When: Mondays

Time: 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm

Where: La Casita Recreation Center Cost: \$8 drop in, \$42 resident only for a 7-use

punch card



Transform your mind, body and spirit! Yoga will improve your flexibility and strengthen your core muscles while banishing stress and tension. This relaxing but invigorating

class promotes inner calmness using breathing techniques, balancing postures and stretching/floor work. Modifications available to meet all levels. Bring a yoga mat. Yoga blocks, strap and blanket/towel are very helpful. You can attend either yoga class offered with your punch card.

PLEASE NOTE: We do not allow spectators at this class.

HEALING YOGA

Instructor: Samantha

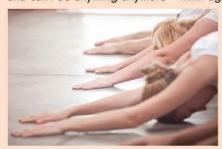
When: Tuesdays and Thursdays Where: La Casita Recreation Center

8:15 am - 9:15 am Time:

\$8 drop in or \$42 resident only for a 7-use Cost:

punch card

Hard to get up off the floor? Body having a hard time moving? Join us for gentle, therapeutic body movement. We gently move and stretch different parts of the body to help bring new life to tired parts! Learn how to relax the mind, discovering how to relieve anxiety, bring better sleep, and not letting your worries take control over your mind. If you think your body has hat it and can't do anything anymore - think again.



Come join us for gentle recovery. You can try it lying on the floor, or even in a chair. Bring a yoga mat. You can attend either yoga class offered with your punch card.

PLEASE NOTE: We do not allow spectators at this class.

ZUMBA

Instructor: Karen When: **Tuesdays**

Where: La Casita Recreation Center

6:30 pm - 7:30 pmTime:

Cost: \$7 drop in rate, \$30 resident only for a

5-use punch card



This is a fusion of Latin and International music that incorporates a variety of dance styles such as salsa, cumbia, belly-

dance and reggaton. This class combines high energy

and motivating music to help you burn fat and tone your body. Even if you have never danced before, you will have a blast, because the routines are fun and easy to do. So what are you waiting for? Join the party and try Zumba today! Punch card expires 2 months from date of purchase. Punch Cards may be punched one time for residents only per class. No additional punches for guests or residents.

COMMUNITY TABLE TENNIS

(Drop In)

Fridays When:

Time:

Where: La Casita Rec. Center 4:30 pm - 6:00 pm Table Tennis is available for Dobson Ranch residents only. Tables

are available on a first come, first serve basis. Players must be 13 or over to participate or with an adult. Paddles and ball free to rent with driver's license or school ID.





CHILDREN'S DANCE CLASSES

FAIRYTALE DANCERS (AGES 3-5)

Code: 6111

When: Thursdays (April 21 - May 19)
Where: La Casita Recreation Center

Time: 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm

Cost: Reg. fee due at time of enrollment:

Residents \$5. Non-Residents \$10. Contractor fee due to the instructor the first day of program: \$30 check or cash only.

Children will be introduced to dance through their favorite fairytales during this positive and encouraging class. Dance can build self-esteem and improve motor skills. Watch your prince or princess shine in this fun and creative program.

Children need soft-soled shoes and comfortable clothes. Ballet shoes, leotard and tights are recommended. There will be a performance on the last day of class. Children must be able to work in a group setting and follow directions. For more info on this program, contact Jana Moore at 480-363-9997.



DANCE SAMPLER (AGES 5-8)

Code: 6105

When: Tuesdays (April 19 - May 24)
Where: La Casita Recreation Center

Time: 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm

Cost: Reg. fee due at time of enrollment:

Residents \$5, Non-Residents \$10. Contractor fee due to instructor the first day of program: \$30 check or cash only.

This upbeat and fun class is perfect to sample different dance styles which will include jazz, ballet, modern, hip hop, and other styles. Get moving with this upbeat and fun class and discover dance. For more information on this program, contact Jana Moore at 480-363-9997.

INTRO TO BALLET & JAZZ (AGES 4-6)

Code: 6117

When: Thursdays (April 21 - May 26)
Where: La Casita Recreation Center

Time: 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm

Cost: Reg. fee due at time of enrollment:

Residents \$5, Non-Residents \$10. Contractor fee due to instructor the first day of program: \$30 check or cash only.

In a fun, encouraging and high energy atmosphere, your child will be shown the fundamentals of ballet and jazz, which can help improve motor skills and creative expression. Soft-soled shoes are recommended or bare feet. Children must be able to work in a group setting. There will



be a recital at the end of the session. For more information on this program, contact Jana Moore at 480-363-9997.

ACTIVITIES



Texan Hold 'Em Tournament Style Poker

(Must be 18 or older) When: Friday, April 22

Time: 6:30 pm (arrive by 6:15 pm) Where: La Casita Recreation Center

(Grande Room)

Poker night is a free monthly program for residents of Dobson Ranch. Come meet your neighbors for a friendly game.



Bunco

When: Friday, April 15

Time: 6:30 pm (arrive by 6:15 pm)
Where: La Casita Recreation Center

(Chica Room)

This fast-paced, yet easy game is played with dice. It's a fun social hour with other residents.



Bridge

When: Mondays

Time: 12:30 pm - 3:30 pm Where: La Casita Recreation Center

Cost: \$1.00 per player

We are actively seeking more bridge players. We play party bridge, singles and couples are welcome. Call Bette Parrish at 480-206-3514 for info or to join.

Cost for **Poker** and **Bunco**: Free to residents, \$5 non-residents.

RECREATION CLASS INFORMATION

- REGISTRATION for classes can be done on the Association website at www.dobsonranch.com or at La Casita Community Center, 2719
 Reyes, Mesa, AZ. Class fees are due during the registration process unless otherwise noted.
- QUESTIONS on any recreation class or activity, you may contact La Casita Recreation Center desk at 480-831-7464.
- 3. REFUNDS The Dobson Association reserves the right to establish fees and cost minimums for all programs and to cancel those programs not having sufficient enrollment. Program refunds will be issued for:
 - a. Cancellation of class by instructor or the Dobson Association will result in full refund.
 - Participants may cancel after first class or initial start date of class for a full refund.
 - Notification by participant prior to start date of illness or injury preventing participation during session time frame.
 - d. Discontinuance of participation due to injury or illness will be reviewed for consideration of prorated refund.
 - No other refunds will be given. No exceptions. Refund requests must be promptly submitted.



Going to the movies?

Get your Harkins Theatres discount tickets at the La Casita Recreation Center and SAVE!





Our community-wide SPRING CLEAN UP event was better than ever! Residents and their families came of

























ut to SELL IT, DUMP IT or SHRED IT! To see more photos, please visit our Dobson Ranch HOA Facebook page.



























Though > the venue for MOVIE IN THE PARK changed from Laguna Park to La Casita, everyone still enjoyed the movie!



Our 21+ BYOB event on March 25 included wine and beer tasting, charcuterie, raffle prizes, dancing and great music!









THE DOBSON ASSOCIATION











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Interested in joining one (or more) of the many Clubs on the Ranch?

Here's who you need to contact.

RETIREES' CLUB

General Meeting: Retirees meet at La Casita on the first Monday of the month: Coffee at 9:30 am; Meeting from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm (*includes lunch*). The Retirees' Club gets involved in several fundraising activities throughout the year, and has many activities for members to enjoy such as Dinner Night Out, Happy Hour, Movie Day, Bicycle Riding, and many more. **Contact:** Susan Toevs, President at: suzilla@aol.com.

RETIREES' HIKING CLUB

Hikes are planned to such places at Salt River, White Tank Mountains, Usery Park, Estrella Mountains, Cave Creek, San Tan Mountains, etc. There are two hiking levels: **The Pacers** (shorter hikes) and **The Clippers** (longer hikes). **Contact: Barbara Stout**, Chairperson at: stoutgeo@gmail.com.

PICKLEBALL

Pickleball courts are open to association members and their guests from 7:00 am to 10:00 pm every day of the week, so join us for some fun with family and friends to enjoy the fastest growing sport in America.

Contact: Rich Bitner at: rebitner@cs.com or Frank Mizner, Pickleball Commissioner at: planner1948@gmail.com.

WOMEN'S CLUB

There are many activities in which the Women's Club members participate: Bunko, Out to Lunch, Out to Dinner, and more. Fundraising activities have provided scholarships to High School graduates living in Dobson Ranch.

Contact: Patty Smith, President at: smiths1975@cox.net.

TENNIS TEAM

Ladies doubles tennis team competes in the Valley of the Sun league, playing Home matches on the La Casita Recreation Center tennis courts.

Contact: Linda Bailey, Chairperson at: Ibcarpediem@cox.net.

YACHT CLUB

This club is responsible for the annual Lighted Boat Parade and other boat-related activities throughout the year. **Contact: Wes VanWort**, Chairman at: WesV56@gmail.com.

DEMOCRATS & FRIENDS CLUB

This Club meets on the second Wednesday of each month, using Zoom, to help you stay connected and hear from exciting speakers. Visit their Facebook page to register for the next meeting: www.facebook.com/DobsonRanchDemocrats.

Contact: Jill Snyder, Treasurer at: jillsny@mail.com.

REPUBLICANS CLUB

Every month through October 2022, the DR Republicans Club will host candidates for Town Hall Meetings. Join the club and let your voice be heard by them.

Contact: Michelle Masters, Chairperson at: DobsonRanchGOP@gmail.com.

INDEPENDENTS CLUB

Explore other political options. The Independents Club meets virtually.

Contact: Jack Wagner, Chairman at: golfingjack@msn.com.



Dobson Ranch Clubs

Dobson Ranch Retirees' Club

By Susan Toevs, Club President

The March General Meeting of the Dobson Ranch Retirees' Club had a very Irish theme with the "wearing of the green" and line dancers led by member **Barbara Stout** who entertained us with an Irish jig.

Our own "Irish Jack" Armstrong served as our auctioneer for rousing bids to sell donated items to benefit Booker T. Washington Elementary School. A total of \$486 was raised to support teachers and help them purchase much needed supplies for their classrooms.

Our April Meeting program was presented by the **Afghan Resettlement Program.** We all learned so much about helping these refugees.

A big "Shout Out" to two members who work tirelessly for our organization: **Diana Middleton** and **Tanya Andrew**. Diana Middleton has served on the Board of Directors for many years. She has also served as our liaison to the HOA these last four months. Diana, along with Tanya, co-chaired our recent Pancake Breakfast. We thank her for her service and wish her well as she leaves the Board, but continues to be our organizing chair of our digital sign-up genius. Thanks, Diana!

Tanya Andrew has been serving on the Hospitality Committee for six years. She is the lead in our kitchen. She organizes the volunteers who set up and decorate each month. Tanya also oversees the serving of the luncheon and the cleanup. She interfaces with Jesse Wright, the Recreation Manager, to make arrangements for facility usage and set up. Tanya has been the inside co-chair of our pancake breakfasts. She also arranges our Dinner Night Out group by selecting restaurants and making arrangements for the group every month. Tanya has a quiet and efficient manner which helps keep everything running smoothly. She wears many hats and I just wouldn't know what to do without her expertise. Thank you, Tanya!





L: **Jack Armstrong** as auctioneer R: Line dancers led by **Barbara Stout** (2nd person in right line)

DR Picklers Celebrated "March Madness" on 8 New Courts at Los Altos!

By Rich Bitner, Recreation Committee Pickleball Representative

Dobson Ranch Pickleball is very excited to be back on our eight new courts at the Los Altos Recreation Center! We celebrated the re-opening after a lot of supply chain/COVID delays with a neighborhood round-robin tournament on March 5th featuring 10 mixed doubles teams. After kicking things off with some "opening ceremonies" featuring remarks by our Pickleball Commissioner Frank Mizner, our Executive Director Lynelle Glysson, and Founders of Dobson Ranch Pickleball Jack Armstrong and Carolyn Sedlek.

We have a dubious photo of Jack and others establishing the first ever pickleball courts at Dobson Ranch using five gallon buckets of sand holding up an orange rope across a tennis court, with chalked-in lines on the ground. What a long way we have come! Thanks so much to all of our founders and everyone along the way that keeps us active and fit, and talking to each other on a regular basis!

Our stay at the temporary Saratoga tennis courts location was very well-attended and much appreciated as an alternate home. We are pleased to see it re-open as a joint use facility for both tennis and pickleball for residents and their guests.

There has been very fair weather for pickleball this winter, with only a few exceptions (most recently a lot of wind), but everyone appreciates the sun and warm temps. Most especially our many winter visitors that help us get some great games in and have a ton of fun. Many will be leaving soon, so we wish them all safe travels, happy pickling back home (or wherever is next) and thanks for the camaraderie!

We will be starting our "summer schedule" for our regular "Drop-In" Hours on Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday at 7:00 am, and Monday and Thursday evenings from 6:00 to 10:00 pm under the lights.

As always, the courts remain open to association members and their guests from 7:00 am to 10:00 pm every day of the week, so drop by for some fun with family and friends to enjoy the fastest growing sport in America!

Contact Rich Bitner (rebitner@cs.com) or Frank Mizner (planner 1948@gmail.com) for further information, to get referrals for professional instruction, and to get on our email list for announcements regarding pickleball schedules and activities. Please contact Donna Ransom at donna 85202@gmail.com to get on her email list for Monday and Thursday night play.

Pickle-On!







Photos: (Top left) Jack Armstong and Frank
Mizner speak at opening ceremony; (Bottom
left) Executive Director Lynelle Glysson holds
pickleball trophy; (Above) Players competing in
the Round Robin Opening Tournament.

THE DOBSON ASSOCIATION



Women's Club

By Patty Smith, Women's Club President

Spring Training came back for a short time. I feel the baseball league should pay the small businesses compensation for their losses. But, it was good to have the teams in the Valley again... PLAY BALL!

Our Out to Lunch group went to Murphy's Law Pub for St. Patrick's Day. They have very good Fish/Shrimp Tacos!

April 1st, we went to *Hop Social Tavern*. The food is always good and made fresh when you order it. On May 6th, we plan to go to *Macayos* to celebrate Cinco de Mayo.



Clockwise: Sameera, Carole, Susan, Miss Mike, Charlene, Carol, Lynne, Mary, and Tanya. Photo by Laurie.

Bunco for March was hosted by Tanya. She is always so gracious. She offered us a variety of yummy treats. Thank you so much, Tanya.

Bunco was early on April 5th.

Pauline was our host. Lots of laughs and fun. Good food, too. With your busy schedule, we thank you for hosting. May's Bunco will be hosted by Patricia.

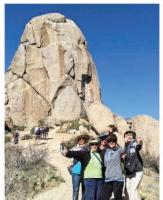
Chris has health challenges and needs our prayers.

Prayers also got out to the Ukranian people and all those caring for them. They are "God's Angels on Earth."

Blessings on Passover and Happy Easter! Patty

Retirees' Hiking Club

By Barbara Stout, Retirees' Hiking Club Chairperson



Dobson Ranch Hikers not only get great exercise, but they see amazing sights and make new friends. *Happy trails!*





Photos are from the Tom Thumb hike in Scottsdale on February 9, 2022.

Dobson Ranch Tennis Team

By Lynn Stevens, Co-Captain



The ladies doubles tennis team ended their Valley of the Sun league season on March 8th. As for many years, they played Home matches at La Casita courts, thanks to our Rec. Department's assistance. Here are several players

that met for a potluck luncheon at a members' home to celebrate. Homeowners Rose Mary Kauffman (Captain) and Lynn Stevens (Co-Captain) can be seen in the photo. The String Courtets finished fourth place out of six teams in their 4.0-3.5 level.

The Retirees' Club had an auction at their March Monthly Meeting to benefit Booker T. Washington Elementary School.























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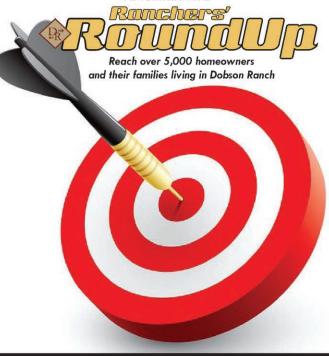


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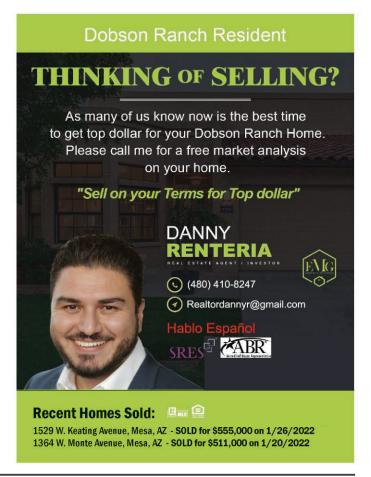
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