



To Our Winter Visitors!

We hope you have had a wonderful summer and enjoyed time with family and friends!

Before long, winter visitors will begin their journeys to southern California and set up their homes at the park.

We are looking forward to another great season of fun and memories! Over the summer months, we've been exploring some new ideas for us to enjoy, too! Read about them in this newsletter!

We are working on some variety in our Saturday entertainment, too. Thanks to our new-found friends at Wineridge RV Park in Pahrump, NV, (who almost committed to coming to our park for the winter!), they have shared other resources of individuals that offer music. We are in touch with a local DJ working out costs and scheduling.

Enclosed with this newsletter is a CD of photos from last season. Please enjoy!

Counting down to a new season and looking forward to seeing our winter friends soon!

Warmest Regards,



*Pat and John Jennette
Activity Coordinators
AKA Memory Makers!*

Winter 2015 Wrap-Up

If you were part of the fun this past winter, you enjoyed:

- Weekly golf, ice cream socials, line dancing, morning fitness, swim class, game gatherings, ladies' tea, men's coffee, worship service, etc.
- Field trips to the U.S. Marine Corps Air Ground base, Joshua Tree's Keys Ranch, Gubler's Orchid Farm, Twentynine Palms Theatre, etc.
- Friday night fun at the Bowladium, Kokopelli's, karaoke nights, bonfire, Desert Institute and Old Schoolhouse series, etc.
- Special events: New Year's Eve, Military Appreciation Night, Mardi Gras, Luau, 50s Night, St. Patrick's Day, Southwest Night, etc.
- Fantastic Saturday night full-course meals with dessert, Wednesday night BBQs, and chili buffet.
- Special presentations by a comedian and the Historical Society, etc.
- Enjoy the photo collage inside to see some of the fun! You might even be in a photo or two!

Winter 2016 Options Being Considered

We plan to schedule another military base tour at the end of January, for those who could not attend last year. Also being considered:

- Jam Nights (bring your instruments & voices!)
- Meditation Class
- Pool Volleyball and Poolside Party
- Pickleball
- Shuffleboard (pending court repairs)
- Scrapbooking/Card Making Days/Evenings
- Sewing Class
- "How to" Classes for Those Tech Gadgets
- First Aid/CPR Class
- Wind Farm Tour
- Temecula Wine Country Overnight Trip

We are also in touch with the park owners to see about refurbishing the shuffleboard courts and adding pickleball to the tennis court area.

As always, we welcome ideas and suggestions! Send them to: pjennette1983@gmail.com.

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Packing List Addendum

Of course we have those casual clothes to bring, golf clubs for many of you, and all the typical RV stuff we need for our winter stay.



However, here's an additional list of possible items to add to your bag:

- Sewing machine. We are looking to learn how to make pillows and quilts, such as those photo things that you see, or t-shirts you want to convert into a memory blanket. Bring your machine and whatever items you need for such a project.

- Scrapbooking and card-making supplies. We are planning some two-day scrapbooking marathons in the clubhouse where we can set up tables with all of our supplies and work on our projects over a two-day period.

- Formal dress. We may have a formal night along the lines of the Academy Awards, except it will be to honor our own 29 Palms folks! Or, wear it for New Year's!

- Wine gadgets and things. An overnight trip to Temecula wine country is in the works. If you take wine gadgets to tastings, bring them along.

- Decorations. We're going to bring back the luau weekend parade of golf carts! Bring your "stuff" to make your cart stand out! If you don't have a cart, you can decorate a bike or whatever you've got with wheels!

- Musical instruments. We're planning jam nights, so those with musical talent are welcome to bring their favorite musical items.

- Chinese Auction/Silent Auction Items. The combination of these two auctions was a huge success last year and greatly benefited our activity fund. Bring that "stuff" from back home to the park and we'll see what we can fetch for it!

- Also, if you have these items, we can use pickleball equipment, swimming pool noodles/weights/balls, and battery operated candles.

New Year's Eve Theme Revealed!

This year's theme rolls right along with the new year of 2016: "16 Candles," based on the song written back in 1958 and released as a single.

The evening will be a combination of park nostalgia and, who guessed, "lots of candles."

So, if you have any of those battery operated candles back home, bring them to add to the decor! We're going to make the clubhouse "glow" this New Year's Eve!

New Year's Eve 2016



What's Pickleball?

Take a tennis court, change the boundaries, use a net set on the ground at a three-foot height. Add lightweight wooden paddles, and specially designed wiffle balls. You've got pickleball.

It's the latest craze around the country in RV parks, largely because it provides a lightweight "tennis-like" sport with less force on the joints.

Back in PA, Pat met with her local recreation director who recently introduced pickleball to the community. They converted a former basketball court into two pickleball courts.

We are in touch with our RV park owners to see if we might be able to offer pickleball this season.

Hope to have more news when you arrive!



Join In!

As we brought the 2015 season to a close, we worked with some of our awesome winter residents to form some committees to share in the workload. Feel free to join in with any of these when you get settled back at 29! The more the merrier: Decorating, Skits, Jam Sessions.

In Memory

As you may have heard from Pat Ruth's email newsletter, sadly our 29 Palms friend, Diane Harriman lost her battle with cancer. We will remember her style and flair, her unbridled passion for living, her smile.

A memorial service in her honor will be held at the park in January or February.

Overnight Temecula Wine Country Tour

We have a very tentative plan to offer an overnight trip to Temecula to visit wineries. Here is what we've learned to date: Grapeline Wine Tours offers a full day Vineyard Picnic Tour for \$109/ person on weekdays, departing from local hotels in the Temecula area.

We are looking at the Embassy Suites Temecula Valley, currently at \$99/night, and just down the street from the delightful Temecula Old Town. Grapeline offers the following amenities for this tour:

- Wine Tasting Flights at four wineries
- Behind-the-scenes Vintner's Tour
- Catered picnic lunch, six selections, with half a glass of wine and bottled water
- Hosted transportation aboard a deluxe mini-coach
- Grapeline's Value Passport with exclusive wine country of-



Season Entertainment

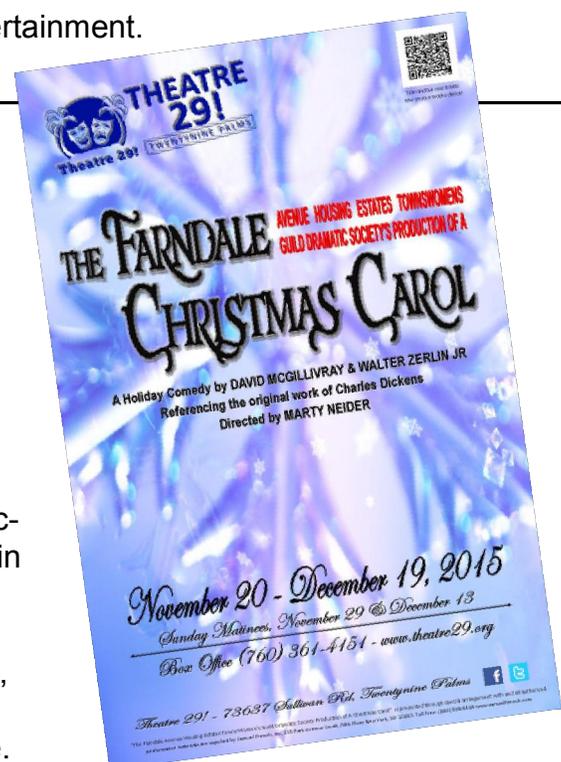
After doing a lot of research on local entertainers, including live and DJ options, and working within our budget, we have retained the services of DJ Frankie Lektra. Frankie resides in Yucca Valley and has a large following. He is highly rated on both Yelp and The Knot online. We believe he will bring a variety of musical entertainment to our Saturday night events this winter! We have given him an overview of the types of music we enjoy, including line dancing, slow dancing, oldies, and country. Feel free to look him up online!

Walt will be returning to provide our New Year's Eve entertainment.

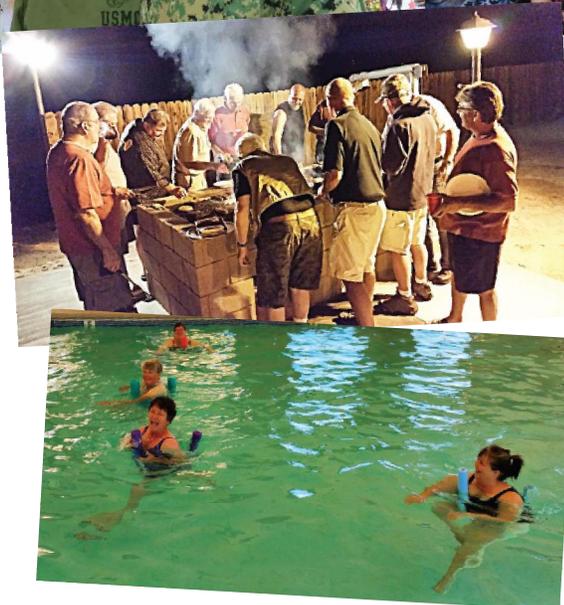
Plan to Attend the December 13 Matinee

The Farndale ladies are renowned across the globe for their famously incompetent performances. Their bumbling charm is the perfect way to get into the holiday spirit with the hilarious Farndale Avenue Townswomen's Guild production of "A Christmas Carol." This heartwarming and engagingly goofy comedy portrays the attempts of four ladies and one slightly reluctant man to get through a production of Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" that is disaster-prone in the lovable way.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN TICKETS, please email: pjennette1983@gmail.com **NO LATER** than November 15, so we can place a ticket order. As in the past, Pat will pay for it up front and attendees can reimburse her at that time.



Winter 2015 in Photos!



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Shout Outs, Kudos, Thanks & Applause!

It was truly a team effort last winter to make it a successful season with many activities and events. A shout out to **Jim Lucas** for many of the photos in this layout. Jim also handles the park's website. Kudos to **Don Nobert and his crew** for helping to coordinate the CanAm. Cheers to **Linda Stevens, Marie Perry and their group of great ladies** for an outstanding silent/chinese auction event! Thank you **Sharon Blackman and Sara Gephart** for cleaning out and reorganizing the library shelves! Thank you to **Bobbie and Jim Groos, Judy Brooke, Shirley Hamacher, Charlene Dennison, Sara Gephart, Peg Hoffman, Carrie Jennings, and Heather Loat** for help with decorating (hope we didn't miss anyone!). Much appreciation to the **HulaPOOLooza girls Judy Finses, Marie Perry, Barb Crosby, Carrie Jennings, and Bobbie Groos** for being good sports with activity coordinator **Pat Jennette** for the luau dance, and to **Shirley Hamacher** for being emcee, and to **Anita Kuzyk, Wayne Larson, Pat and Brian Ablett** for leading us in Irish tunes at the St. Patrick's Day dinner. Grateful to **Charles George** for leading Sunday praise and worship with his inspirational messages, and the musical talents of **Anita Kuzyk** and our park's resident guitarist, **Mark Ross**, and his sidekick, **Paul Gerkin**, during those services.

Of course, we couldn't make it all work without the effort of such wonderful activity chairs: **Lori and Jim Prestwood and Don and Frankie Norbert** as our dedicated and fantastic in-house cooks, **Don, Frankie and Shirley** for diligently coordinating weekly golf outings, **Elaine Sutton** for sponsoring bridge, **Frankie Nobert** for running weekday fitness and Wednesday stretch, **Linda Stevens** for planning euchre, cards and games, **Bert Penner** for hosting Texas Hold-Em & Poker and **Ken Sutton and Jim Finses** for pitching in when Bert was ill, **Mary Kitching's** coordination of crafts, and line dancing taught by **Paula Freed and Pat Ruth**.

THANK YOU EVERYONE!

Last Season's Jokes!

Christmas is just plain weird. What other time of the year do you sit in front of a dead tree in your living room eating candy and snacks out of your socks?

Christmas Prayers: A few days before Christmas, two young brothers were spending the night at their grandparent's house. When it was time to go to bed, and anxious to do the right thing, they both knelt down to say their prayers. Suddenly, the younger one began to do so in a very loud voice. "Dear Lord, please ask Santa Claus to bring me a playstation, a mountain-bike and a telescope." His older brother leaned over and nudged his brother and said, "Why are you shouting your prayers? God isn't deaf." "I know" he replied, "But Grandma is!"

Getting away from their high-stress jobs, a couple spends relaxing weekends in their motor home at a local RV campground at a nearby lake. When they found their peace and quiet disturbed by well-meaning, but unwelcome, visits from other campers, they devised a plan to assure themselves some privacy. Now, when they set up camp, they place this sign on the door of their RV: "Insurance agent. Ask about our term-life package."

If you were to put the federal government in charge of the Mojave Desert, in five years there'd be a shortage of sand.

"Being president is like running a cemetery: you've got a lot of people under you and nobody's listening." — Bill Clinton

"In my many years I have come to a conclusion that one useless man is a shame, two is a law firm, and three or more is a congress." — John Adams

Six Irish men were playing poker when one of them played a bad hand, lost all his money in the game and suddenly died. The rest drew straws to see who would tell his wife. One man draws the shortest straw and goes to his friend's house to tell the wife. The man says to her, "I have some bad news for you. Your husband lost all his money in the poker game and was afraid to come home." Before he could give her the bad news, the wife says, "Tell him to drop dead!" The man responds, "I'll go tell him."

A husband and wife came for counseling after 15 years of marriage. When asked what the problem was, the wife went into a passionate, painful tirade listing every problem they had ever had in the 15 years they had been married. She went on and on and on: loneliness, feeling unloved and unlovable, an entire laundry list of unmet needs she had endured over the course of their marriage. Finally, after allowing this to go on for a sufficient length of time, the therapist got up, walked around the desk and, after asking

the wife to stand, embraced and kissed her passionately. The woman shut up and quietly sat down as though in a daze. The therapist turned to the husband and said, "This is what your wife needs at least three times a week Can you do this?" The husband thought for a moment and replied,.. "Well, I can drop her off here on Mondays and Wednesdays, but on Fridays, I fish!

An 80-year-old man moved to Palm Springs and decided to play golf. When he first showed up, a lot of the players looked at him eagerly: an older man, someone we can win some money from! The 80-year-old man did nothing to dispel their reactions. "I hit the ball pretty good," he said, "but I have a lot of trouble getting out of deep bunkers." "Aha!" thought the other players. "Our course doesn't have many deep bunkers, but there are tons of shallow ones and if he struggles getting out of the sand, we'll take his money for sure." When the 80-year-old showed up for his first round at his new course, Don was waiting. "Would you like to play?" he asked the old man. "And maybe we can make it interesting - what do you say, put a little money on it?" The 80-year-old agreed and he and Don set out to play. "How many strokes do you need?" asked Don. "Oh, I don't need any strokes," the old man said, "my game is really good. The only problem I'm having right now is getting out of deep bunkers." Don was a pretty good player, but the old man was *really* good. He was striping the ball. The old man even hit the ball great on a couple bunker shots. "Hmmm," Don thought, "he said he had trouble out of deep bunkers, and we haven't really got to one of those yet." Sure enough, Don and the old man reached the hold, and the old man promptly put his tee ball right smack in the middle of the big, deep bunker in front of the green. "I've got him now!" Don thought. The 80-year-old slid down into the bunker and took his stance over the ball. Then he took a perfect swing and floated the ball up out of the bunker. It hit perfectly on the fringe, took one little hop and rolled to within two feet of the cup before stopping. Don had seen enough. "Dang it!" he shouted at the old man, who was still in the bunker. "I thought you said you had a lot of trouble getting out of deep bunkers!" "Oh, I do," the 80-year-old said, reaching out to Don. "Can you give me a hand?"

Jesus and Moses are playing golf in Heaven when they come to the par-three 17th hole, a long carry over water to an island green. Moses tees off with a 3-wood and hits the green. Jesus takes out his 5-iron and says, "I'm going to hit a 5-iron because Arnold Palmer would hit a 5-iron from here." Jesus tees it up and hits a lofted iron shot that finishes 25 yards short of the green and in the water. Jesus turns to Moses and says, "How about parting the water so I can play my ball where it lies?" Moses says, "No way.

Bring Your Jokes this Year! Each week during the Activity Meeting we will invite someone from our group to share a joke! Be ready!

Last Season's Jokes!

You foolishly chose the wrong club because of your Arnold Palmer fantasy and I'm not going to be a party to it!" Jesus shrugs and starts walking on the water to where his ball went in. Just then, a foursome approaching the tee box sees Jesus walking on the water. One of them asks Moses, "Who does that guy think he is, Jesus Christ?" Moses turns and says, "No, he thinks he's Arnold Palmer!

No one believes seniors . . . everyone thinks they are senile. An elderly couple was celebrating their sixtieth anniversary. The couple had married as childhood sweethearts and had moved back to their old neighborhood after they retired and stopped full-timing. Holding hands, they walked back to their old school. It was not locked, so they entered, and found the old desk they'd shared, where Andy had carved 'I love you, Sally.' On their way back home, a bag of money fell out of an armoured car, practically landing at their feet. Sally quickly picked it up and, not sure what to do with it, they took it home. There, she counted the money--fifty-thousand dollars! Andy said, 'We've got to give it back.' Sally said, 'Finders keepers.' She put the money back in the bag and hid it in their attic. The next day, two police officers were canvassing the neighborhood looking for the money, and knocked on their door. 'Pardon me, did either of you find a bag that fell out of an armoured car yesterday?' Sally said, 'No.' Andy said, 'She's lying. She hid it up in the attic. Sally said, 'Don't believe him, he's getting senile.' The agents turned to Andy and began to question him. One said: 'Tell us the story from the beginning.' Andy said, 'Well, when Sally and I were walking home from school yesterday....' The first police officer turned to his partner and said, 'We're outta here.'

Four married guys go golfing. While playing the 4th hole, the following conversation took place: 1st Guy: "You have no idea what I had to do to be able to come out golfing this weekend. I had to promise my wife that I will paint every room in the house." 2nd Guy: "That's nothing, I had to promise my wife I will build a new deck for the pool."

3rd Guy: "Man, you both have it easy! I had to promise my wife I will remodel the kitchen for her." They continued to play the hole when they realized that the 4th guy hadn't said anything. So they asked him, "You haven't said anything about what you had to do to be able to come golfing this weekend. What's the deal?" 4th guy: "I just set my alarm for 5:30 a.m. and when it went off, I shut off the alarm, gave the wife a nudge and said, 'golf course or intercourse?'" And she said, "Wear your sweater."

A mechanic was removing a cylinder head from the engine of a class 'A' motorhome when he spotted a well-known heart surgeon in his shop. The surgeon was there waiting for the service manager to come take a look at his RV when the mechanic shouted across the garage "Hey doc, can I ask you a question?" The surgeon, a bit surprised, walked over to where the mechanic was working on the motorhome. The mechanic straightened up, wiped his hands on a rag and asked, "So Doc, look at this engine. I opened its heart, take the valves out, repair any damage, and then put them back in, and when I finish, it works just like new. So how come I get such a small salary and you get the really big bucks, when you and I are doing basically the same work? The surgeon paused, smiled and leaned over and whispered to the mechanic, "Try doing it with the engine running."

It's So Cold that: Hitchhikers are holding up pictures of thumbs! Lawyers have their hands in their own pockets. Tellers at the bank are all wearing ski masks. Her Teeth Were Chattering All Night.... And She Wasn't Even Wearing Them! My assets are frozen. A warm beer actually sounds good right now. Richard Simmons started wearing pants!



SEE YOU SOON!

29 Palms RV Resort

