

# Bellasera Neighborhood News

February 2003

## PRESIDENT'S NOTE:

*If you're interested and dedicated, here's an opportunity for you to give something back to our community — your time and unique talent as a member of Bellasera's Board of Directors.*

You'll be representing everyone in Bellasera by participating in making decisions that will affect our community now and for years to come.

The reward comes not in dollars, but in the pride and satisfaction of knowing that you've done your part in keeping Bellasera an excellent place to live.

At our annual Association members' meeting in April, the terms of **Bob Tack** (elected January 2001) and **Al Ricciardi** (appointed to replace **Robert Huff**) as directors will expire. The meeting this year will be held **April 10**.

Any member of the Association in good standing is eligible to serve, and current Directors may, of course, run for re-election.

Anyone interested in running for a position on the Board may submit his or her

name to **Community Manager Janyth Martin** at the clubhouse. Keep in mind that the elected directors should be able to attend all meetings, including during the summer.

The Association By-Laws state that members shall elect directors at each Annual Meeting. Although the three directors not up for election are serving a three year term, all directors in the future will serve two year

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## MANAGER'S MEMO:

### What's "Up" at the Gate

The card reader has been repaired and returned to its appropriate location at the front gate. Did I forget to mention it's working wonderfully?

In an effort to ensure the repairs corrected the problems, I've requested that the front gate personnel monitor the activity both with the computer and visual inspection. A few situations have arisen and the gate personnel have approached some residents in an attempt to identify why the gate did not open when they entered.

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## MEETING NOTICES

### Board of Directors Regular Meeting

The next meeting will be **Monday, MARCH 3 at 6:30 p.m. at the clubhouse.**

### Budget and Finance Committee

The Budget and Finance committee's next meeting will be **Tuesday, Feb. 25 at 4 p.m. at the clubhouse.**

### Building and Grounds Committee

The Building and Grounds committee is scheduled to meet **Monday, Feb. 10 at 3 p.m. at the clubhouse.**

### Modifications Committee

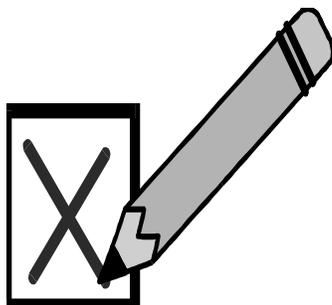
The Modifications committee meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, Feb. 19 at 5:30 p.m. at the clubhouse.** Modification applications are due no later than the Monday before the meeting.

### Activities Committee

The Activities committee will meet **Monday, Feb. 3 at 11 a.m. at the clubhouse.**

### Communications Committee

The Communications committee's next meeting will be **Thursday, Feb. 20 at 6 p.m. at the clubhouse.**



## SOCIAL SCENE

**RESIDENTS' LUNCHEON:** Thursday, Feb. 20 at noon at Barcelona, 15540 Greenway-Hayden Loop, near Scottsdale Road. *Sign up no later than Wednesday, Feb. 12.* If you can't come after signing up, or if you don't want to carpool, please contact **Joanne Anetsberger** at 595-2472 as soon as possible. Otherwise, be at the clubhouse at 11:30 a.m. to carpool.

**POT LUCK DINNER:** Friday, Feb. 28 at 7 p.m. in the clubhouse. *Sign up by Monday, Feb. 24.* Bring a dish plus the serving utensils and feel free to bring your own wine or beer. Contact **Caryn Briedis** at 488-5033 if more information is needed.

**EVENING BRIDGE GROUP:** Wednesday, Feb. 12 and 26 at 6 p.m. in the clubhouse. Join us for an evening of social bridge, normally on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month. Call **Virginia Rodriguez** at 575-7837, **Kathy Littlefield** at 951-2549, or **Bonnie Jones** at 595-6103 for information.

**POKER NIGHT:** Every Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the clubhouse. If interested in playing, give your name to Community Manager Janyth Martin. Contact **Paul Broad** at 595-2955 or **Marv Lefkowitz** at 595-7738 for more information.

**BOOK DISCUSSION:** Wednesday, Feb. 19 at 7 p.m. in the clubhouse. The book is **The World Below** by **Sue Miller**. Contact **Marge Segal** at 575-1776 if more information is needed.

**GOLF:** Tuesdays, Feb. 4 (tee: 8:50 a.m.), 11 (tee: 9:38 a.m.) and 25 (tee: 9:26 a.m.) for play at Dove Valley. On Monday, Feb. 17, play will be at Tatum Ranch, with tee time at 12 noon. Sign up for all play by contacting **Ellen Bornstein** at 575-9848 for additional information and cost.

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### *Special Event:*

## THEATER PARTY PLANNED

A theater party to see "Miss Saigon" on Tuesday, April 1 at the Orpheum Theater in Phoenix is being arranged by the Activities committee. A minimum of 20 participants is required.

Tickets are \$45.50 per person. Have a check, made out to the Bellasera Community Association, in Community Manager **Janyth Martin**'s hands no later than Feb. 21.

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## HEALTH & FITNESS

**STRENGTH TRAINING WITH CORY:** Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays at 7 a.m. Also available is an 8 a.m. class on Mondays & Fridays. This is a full body workout with stretching; you choose the intensity. Fee is \$6 per class. Sign up at the clubhouse. Please be there 10 minutes before class starts.

**YOGA CLASS:** Wednesdays and Saturdays at 8:30 a.m., and a new class on Mondays at 9 a.m. Increase your strength, flexibility and attitude. For all ages. First class free. Call Jane at 236-7865.

**PILATES MAT CLASS:** Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8 a.m. Pilates focuses on strengthening the core muscles of the body, giving the benefits of strength training and improving flexibility and posture. Contact **Lindy Hedley** at 595-7919 for more information.

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## HIKING IS BACK

A group of Bellasera hiking enthusiasts are rejuvenating the informal hiking group that faded away about two years ago.

They have planned a hike on the **Wind Cave Trail** in the Usery Mountain Recreation Area northeast of Mesa for the morning of **Saturday, Feb. 8.** The group will meet at the clubhouse at 8 a.m. to car-pool to the trailhead.

The hike is listed as one of the best easy day hikes in the Phoenix area. It is an "out-and-back" trail with a total distance of 3.2 miles. And don't forget to bring water, a hat and sunscreen.

Leading the Wind Cave hike will be **Vivian Kurtz** and **Sid Charnock**, who are trying to revive the hiking group. They are hoping that others will offer hiking trail recommendations and lead future hikes.

Contact **Vivian** at 575-1391 or **Sid** at 595-8746 for more information on their hike or with future hiking ideas.

Another hike, on **Tuesday, Feb. 25,** will be on the **Little Horse Trail** in Sedona. This, too, is classified as an easy 3-mile "out-and-back" hike. Meet at the clubhouse at 8 a.m. for car pooling to the trailhead.

**Frank Biondo** will lead the Little Horse hike. Contact him at 488-0259 for more information.

Sign up at the clubhouse for either or both of the hikes.

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# FEBRUARY 2003

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<b>1</b> Yoga 8:30 a.m.
<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Strength Train 7 & 8 a.m. Yoga 9 a.m. Activities Cttee 11 a.m.	<b>4</b> Pilates 8 a.m. Golf Poker 7 p.m.	<b>5</b> Strength Train 7 a.m. Yoga 8:30 a.m.	<b>6</b> Pilates 8 a.m.	<b>7</b> Strength Train 7 & 8 a.m.	<b>8</b> Hike 8 a.m. Yoga 8:30 a.m.
<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Strength Train 7 & 8 a.m. Yoga 9 a.m. Building & Grounds 3 p.m.	<b>11</b> Pilates 8 a.m. Golf Poker 7 p.m.	<b>12</b> Strength Train 7 a.m. Yoga 8:30 a.m. Bridge 6 p.m.	<b>13</b> Pilates 8 a.m.	<b>14</b> Strength Train 7 & 8 a.m.	<b>15</b> Yoga 8:30 a.m.
<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> <b>PRESI- DENTS' DAY</b> Strength Train 7 & 8 a.m. Yoga 9 a.m. Golf	<b>18</b> Pilates 8 a.m. Poker 7 p.m.	<b>19</b> Strength Train 7 a.m. Yoga 8:30 a.m. Book Club 7 p.m. Modifications Cttee 5:30 p.m.	<b>20</b> Pilates 8 a.m. Residents' Luncheon 11:30 a.m. Communica- tions Cttee 6 p.m.	<b>21</b> Strength Train 7 & 8 a.m.	<b>22</b> Yoga 8:30 a.m.
<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Strength Train 7 & 8 a.m. Yoga 9 a.m.	<b>25</b> Pilates 8 a.m. Hike 8 a.m. Golf Budget Cttee 4 p.m.	<b>26</b> Strength Train 7 a.m. Yoga 8:30 a.m. Bridge 6 p.m.	<b>27</b> Pilates 8 a.m.	<b>28</b> Strength Train 7 & 8 a.m. Pot Luck 7 p.m.	

## FEBRUARY IN THE GARDEN

### By Pauline Marx

Most of us who moved to the valley from another area of the country remember growing delicious, juicy tomatoes and have met with limited success here. Usually the problem is that they are planted at the same time as they were back home, in May or June. Out here in the desert that will result in quick disaster as the plants don't have the time to establish themselves before summer and may turn crispy within days.

Tomatoes will grow quite well in the Valley, but they need to be transplanted early enough to develop root systems, flower and set fruit before hot weather arrives.

Tomato pollen is no longer viable and fruit set will halt when temperatures reach 90 degrees. This means the **time to transplant tomatoes is mid-February to mid-March.**

#### Protection from the Cold

If you choose to plant before mid-March, you will need to provide protection from cold temperatures by draping burlap fabric, bed sheets or frost cloth over the plant so that your covering doesn't touch the plant.

You may also use self-standing plastic cylinders that surround the growing plant and act as an insulator or greenhouse. Each cylinder has compartments that you fill with water. The sun heats up the water during the day and accumulated heat is released at night. This system is called Wall O'Waters and is available at nurseries or garden centers.

#### Choose Appropriate Varieties

Most nurseries will have transplants available which are appropriate for the desert, but if you choose to start your own by seed, here are some suggestions:

- \* Select varieties that have the fewest days from germination to maturity so fruits spend less time on the vine in our hot, dry conditions. (This information is found on seed packets or in catalog descriptions. Words like "early" in the plant name provide another clue.)

- \* Small or medium-sized tomatoes will mature and ripen faster, reducing problems with moisture stress or cracking. For example, medium-size "Celebrity" tomatoes produce better fruits than large "Beefsteak" varieties.

- \* Cherry and yellow pear tomatoes are prolific.

- \* Varieties bred to tolerate heat, such as "Heatwave," outperform many others.

- \* Remember to plant your tomatoes in full sun and improved garden soil with plenty of organic matter.

- \* Purchase a fertilizer specifically for tomatoes and

carefully follow the label directions.

- \* Tomatoes are moisture sensitive and need a regular supply of water to thrive and produce fruit. Cracking fruit is a sign of moisture stress. Blossom End Rot, which appears as a dark bruise on the fruit, is caused by inconsistent watering schedules.

**Provide consistent soil moisture for the root system by watering regularly.**

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(Questions about these or other plants? Call me at **575-0404** or e-mail me at **PlantPerson@Prodigy.net**)

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## WATCH FOR TERMITES

Bellasera homeowners are reminded that termites are another pest that thrives in this area. Several residents have discovered termites around their homes and have taken appropriate control measures.

The subterranean termites common in this area live in colonies below the surface. In their search for food, they may emerge through expansion joints in concrete slabs or near foundation footings. They travel through mud tunnels (clearly visible) in quest for wood and paper. These tunnels often appear at soil level and run up the foundation walls.

All homes constructed in our community are covered by a **five-year termite warranty — starting on the date the slab was poured. Sexton Pest Control** provides the warranty service and will inspect for termite infestation and treat as necessary. There is no charge for either service during the warranty period. Sexton's phone number is **(602) 278-8272, extension 109.**

— Keith Christian

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## GET READY TO PARTY

Mark your calendars for Bellasera's **St. Patrick's Day dinner** next month.

The dinner will be Sunday, March 16 in the clubhouse. More details for this modest per person fee event will be in the March newsletter. The Activities committee is arranging the dinner.

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terms; thus, this year we will elect two directors and next year we will elect three directors. The following year will see two directors elected, and so forth.

Proxy ballots will be sent out in early March, about 30 days before the April meeting. These proxies are critical to reaching a quorum so a valid election can take place.

**The proxies will include a list of candidates with information about each one and may be used to vote if you can't attend the meeting.** More detailed information will be provided in the proxy material mailing.

Each candidate will be requested to fill out a form with some personal information. In order to have the list of candidates ready for this mailing, we will **need to have names and information available by Feb. 21.**

Although candidates will be welcome any time up to and including the Annual Meeting, it will be difficult for the Association to distribute biographical information to members if it isn't submitted by the February date.

A **"Meet the Candidates" meeting**, at which members will be able to get to know the candidates better, is scheduled for **April 3.**

— Dick Chenault

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With these efforts we hope to achieve 100% participation by the residents to ensure complete card reader accuracy for gate control. Here are the key rules for gate access and your review:

1. **Location/Installation of the gate access card.** If you haven't placed your access card on your windshield, or don't have it positioned in a location compatible with the reader, please do so now. If the card isn't in the proper location, the gates will not open and will require those vehicles to use the guest entrance.
2. **Speed of vehicle.** Another important factor to ensure that the card reader is able to register your card. **Don't whiz by and expect the reader to work effectively.**
3. **Distance from the reader.** The card reader is mounted near the last column at the southeast end of the bridge. If you drive in the middle of the road, the reader may find it difficult to recognize your card and will not open the gate.

Lastly, the life expectancy for the gate access cards is unknown. If you have attempted to work through all of these challenges and find that your card still does not work, it may need to be replaced. Additional or replacement cards may be purchased through the Association – the cost is \$40.

— Janyth Martin

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**YOUR COMMUNITY**

**Board of Directors:**

- Dick Chenault** — President
- Dennis Lamb** — Vice President
- Jane Hillerson** — Secretary
- Robert Tack** — Treasurer
- Al Ricciardi** — Director

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**Current Committee Chairpeople:**

- Activities:** Carol Sotnick
- Budget:** Paul Broad
- Buildings & Grounds:** Paul Anetsberger
- Communications:** Keith Christian
- Modifications:** Steve Dale

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**Community Manager:**

**Janyth Martin**  
**(480) 488-0400**

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**Security/Front Gate: (480) 488-3663**

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**Internet Web Site:**  
**www.azbellasera.org**

**WATCH THAT POISON**

Some residents have found it necessary to place poison on their property to control rodents. This could prove to be dangerous for other animals and children.

There is no ordinance or law preventing the use of such poisons on private property. However, **residents should be aware that they are potentially open to liability if a person or pet is injured by the poison.**

These points were discussed by the Board of Directors at the January meeting

Other actions of the Board at the meeting included:

Creating a committee to review a landscape plan for restoring plantings on the Lone Mountain and Scottsdale Road perimeters.

Approving 12 landscape lights along Balao Drive between 77th Way and 78th Place.

Accepted final reports and closing out the Community Center and Common Area Utilization *ad hoc* committees.

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## GET OFF THAT COUCH!

(A sampling of events and activities in our area for you or your guests.)

**Deer Valley Rock Art Center:** A great place to see vast numbers of ancient petroglyphs during a short walk at the base of the Hedgepeth Hills, plus interpretive exhibits about rock art. Sponsored by the ASU Anthropology Dept. Binoculars help. Closed Mondays. Located on **Deer Valley Drive, 1/2 mile west of 35th Avenue.**

**Desert Awareness Speaker Series:** Thurs., Feb. 20, at 7 p.m. "**Loveless Insects**" - a discussion of mosquito and tick-borne diseases. **Cave Creek Town Hall.**

**Arizona Archaeological Society, Desert Foothills Chapter:** Feb. 12, 7:30 p.m., **Good Shepherd of the Hills Episcopal Church, 6528 E. Cave Creek Rd., Cave Creek.** Program: "Prehistoric Field Preparation in the Cave Creek Area" by Hiski Schaafsma.

**Native Trails program:** Every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, 12 noon - 1:30 p.m., through March 22. **Scottsdale Civic Center Mall.** Cultural dancing and singing programs by members of Native American tribes, sponsored by Scottsdale Convention and Visitors Bureau and Scottsdale Center for the Arts. Native American vendors will offer their wares on the Mall.

**Phoenix Art Museum, "El Greco to Picasso"** special exhibition, Jan. 26-May 4.

**Heard Museum: Hoop Dancing World Championship, Sat. & Sun., Feb. 1 & 2.**

**"Best of Show Reception, 45th Annual Heard Museum Guild Indian Fair & Market" 5:30 p.m., Fri., Feb. 28. \$40 per person. The Indian Fair & Market itself is March 1 & 2, with single day adult admission of \$10. 2301 N. Central Ave., Phoenix.**

**Heard Museum North, El Pedrigal: Metal Work: Containers of Form, Function and Beauty. February-July.**

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## NANCY MILLER

**Nancy Miller**, one of Bellasera's early residents, passed away on Dec. 30, 2002.

A long-time resident of Arizona, she moved to Bellasera in June, 1998. A professor with the Maricopa Community College District, she served as a teacher and counselor. She earned a doctoral degree in counseling and a second doctoral degree in sociology at Arizona State University. She was elected president of the faculty association in the MCCCDC while working at Scottsdale Community College.

An avid and enthusiastic golfer, she also enjoyed her dog and relaxation with friends at her cabin in Payson.

Donations in Nancy's memory can be made to Hospice of the Valley, 1510 E. Flower Street, Phoenix.

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## AQUAFIT, PILATES RETURN TO BELLASERA

Aquafit classes, a water aerobics exercise program, will be offered again at the clubhouse pool if a sufficient number of people sign up.

It will join the Pilates mat classes which have returned to the clubhouse this month on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 8 a.m. Both programs are being run once again by **Lindy Hedley.**

The feature of Aquafit is that it is gentle on the joints and suitable for every age and level of fitness. At least four people are needed to launch this program again.

Pilates, meanwhile, is an exercise program that strengthens core muscle groups — the abdominals, back and gluteals. It is often used for rehabilitation and many golfers find they have benefited from this regime.

Sign up for either of the programs at the clubhouse. For more information, contact Lindy at 595-7919.

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## GOOD NEIGHBORS...

PICK UP AFTER THEIR DOGS.

**WIN A GOOD NEIGHBOR LABEL**

## WALL REFERENDUM APPROVED

More than half of Bellasera's homeowners voted to allow a resident to replace the property's rear view fence along Lone Mountain Road with a solid wall in an effort to reduce traffic noise from the roadway.

Community Manager **Janyth Martin** reported to the Board that 203 votes were in favor of the request, while 58 opposed it. At least 181 approvals were needed.

The vote tally for approval of future fence replacement requests had not yet been made, although it appeared that few of the ballots in favor of the single request opposed granting permission for any future requests, she reported.

A Scottsdale construction permit for a wall still must be granted. Community approval was needed before the permit would be considered by the City.

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## SEARCH ON FOR VOLUNTEERS

The Activities committee is looking for a few good volunteers.

If you like food and entertainment, like to spend social time with members of the community, and can help plan and organize events, you've got the qualifications that the committee is seeking. If you are interested in joining the committee, see Community Manager **Janyth Martin** for an application.

The committee meets monthly and develops programs ranging from Pot Luck Dinners to Residents' Lunches and "field trips" to theaters or outdoor activities.

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## SCOTTSDALE LISTS BRUSH AND BULK REMOVAL DATE

Scottsdale will pick up **brush and bulk items** in the Bellasera area **during the week beginning Monday, Feb. 3.**

Brush and bulk items to be picked up should be at curbside by 5 a.m. at the start of the week. It will be removed during the week.

The city's Solid Waste Management department urged homeowners to help by separating the brush or "green" items from the bulk items. The brush material can be diverted from landfills and converted into mulch, ground cover or soil blend.

For more information, contact Solid Waste Management at **(480) 312-5600.**

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## SHRIVERS SPECIAL GUESTS AT LAUNCH

For many of us who grew up in the '30s and '40s, space exploration took place only on the movie screen — as Buck Rogers' adventures unfolded in serials at Saturday matinees.

And even when **Bob Shriver**, as a Navy officer, administered the swearing-in oath to **Pam Melroy** as an Air Force second lieutenant in 1983, little did he expect to have a front row seat to watch her climb into a pilot's seat and guide a spacecraft into orbit around the Earth.

But that's what Bob and wife **Emily** did back in October, leaving Bellasera for Florida's Kennedy Space Center as guests of now-Lt. Col. Melroy, to witness the launch of her second trip into space as one of the U.S.'s space shuttle pilots. The Shriviers also met and spoke with several of the other astronauts.

Bob and Emily's daughter, **Beth**, and Pam were classmates and friends at Wellesley College and the MIT Air Force ROTC unit in Boston. At the young women's graduation, Bob administered the oath appointing Pam an Air Force officer. Pam has remained a family friend through the various stages of her Air Force career that led to the astronaut program. She is currently in training for her next mission.

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### NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

**If you have meeting dates or articles for publication, please turn them in to the Association office no later than the 13th of the month.**

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The newsletter editor is **Bart Sotnick**. He is available at **575-7040** or by e-mail at:

**b.sotnick@worldnet.att.net**

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**BELLASERA COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION  
DIRECTORY INFORMATION**

Please complete this form for the new, improved directory.

Lot # \_\_\_\_\_

**Owner's Name(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

**House Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone:** Home: \_\_\_\_\_ Office \_\_\_\_\_

**E-mail Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

Alternate Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: Home: \_\_\_\_\_ Office \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

*Please return this form to the gate house or the Association office  
or fax to (480) 488-2103*