

Bellasera Neighborhood News

April 2003

PRESIDENT'S NOTE: VOLUNTEER FOR A COMMITTEE

As I've said here before, volunteer committees are the lifeblood of our community. They offer a way not only for accomplishment of work that is beyond the capacity of the Board (e.g., preparation of a detailed budget), but serve as a means to keep the Association members tied to what is happening here.

With the election of two Board Directors this month will come an opportunity to reconfirm or to change the membership of all our committees. **We are asking all current committee members to contact their chairperson or Janyth to confirm their continuing interest in a committee. We also ask any other interested members to come forward at this time.**

Serving on a committee can give you a sense of accomplishment and of helping to keep Bellasera a great place to live. Committees and their principle focus are:

Activities - advise and assist the Board with regard to community-wide activities.

- Initiate, plan, and conduct social functions and other Association-wide activities, attempting to provide a wide spectrum of activities to involve as many members as possible.

Budget & Finance - advise and assist the Board with regard to budgeting and financial matters.

- Make recommendations to the Board on budgeting and financial policy and investment of Association funds.
- Review monthly and annual financial reports.
- Prepare the annual budget for Board review and approval.

Building & Grounds - advise and assist the Board with regard to buildings and grounds.

- Maintain familiarity with the general physical condition of the Common Areas, including the Community Center, entry areas, streets, sidewalks, landscape medians, fences, and cul-de-sacs.
- Review (annually) Requests for Proposal for buildings and grounds related contract services, such as

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CANDIDATES TO DISCUSS PLATFORMS

A "candidates night" program designed to give Bellasera Community Association members a chance to learn about the four candidates for the Board of Directors has been set up for 7 p.m. on Thursday, April 3 in the clubhouse.

The candidates are vying for two spots on the Board. The election will take place April 10 at the annual meeting of the association.

The candidates are: **Brad Gazaway, Al Ricciardi,**
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MEETING NOTICES

ANNUAL MEETING: Thursday, April 10 at 7 p.m. at the clubhouse.

Board of Directors Regular Meeting
The next meeting will be **Monday, April 28 at 6:30 p.m. at the clubhouse.**

Budget and Finance Committee
The Budget and Finance committee's next meeting will be **Tuesday, April 22 at 4 p.m. at the clubhouse.**

Building and Grounds Committee
The Building and Grounds committee is to meet **Monday, April 21 at 3 p.m. at the clubhouse.**

Modifications Committee
The Modifications committee meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, April 16 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, April 7 at 11 a.m. at the clubhouse.**

Communications Committee
The Communications committee meeting will be **Thursday, April 24 at 6 p.m. at the clubhouse.**

SOCIAL SCENE

RESIDENTS' LUNCHEON: Thursday, April 17 at noon at **Blue Sage**, in the **Desert Ridge Marriott Hotel**, north of the Desert Ridge shopping center. *Sign up no later than Wednesday, April 9.* 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 by **11:30 a.m. to carpool.**

POT LUCK DINNER: Friday, April 25 at 7 p.m. in the clubhouse. *Sign up by Monday, April 20.* 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, April 9 and 23 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 Flo Kostel at 488-0061, or 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, April 16 at 7 p.m. in the clubhouse. The book is **Atonement** by **Ian McEwan**. **Contact Marge Segal at 575-1776** if more information is needed.

GOLF: Tuesdays, April 1, 15, 22, 29 for play at **Dove Valley**. On Monday, April 7, play will be at **Tatum Ranch**. **Sign up for all play by contacting Ellen Bornstein at 575-9848** for tee times, additional information and cost.

HIKES: Wednesday, April 16 at 9:30 a.m.: **Bartlett Lake**. **Clayton Loiselle** will lead the hike.

Meet at the clubhouse at the start time. Sign up in advance at the clubhouse.

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HEALTH & FITNESS

YOGA CLASS: Yoga classes are conducted on Wednesdays and Saturdays at 8:30 a.m. A great way to increase your strength, flexibility and attitude. Please contact our new instructor, Valerie Neumann at 575-7880 if you have any questions.

PILATES MAT CLASS: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8:30 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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NEIGHBOR ON THE BIG SCREEN

Bellasera resident **Marcia Lefkowitz** appears in one of the Phoenix Film Festival presentations in April, entitled "The Sum of One."

The film will be shown at 1:40 p.m. on Saturday, April 12, and at 2 p.m. Sunday, April 13.

Anyone interested in joining a group to attend the festival at the Arizona Center can contact Marcia at 595-7736.

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HOUSE SITTING SERVICE

A Bellasera resident is offering house sitting services to those in the community who leave their homes for either a short or long period of time. A number of residents have used this service and can be called for references. Call **Grant Ingram, 595-0123**, for information.

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BELLASERA TRAINER ACTIVATED FOR MILITARY DUTY

Cory Schidler, who runs several fitness classes for Bellasera residents at the clubhouse, has been called to active duty with the military.

He is assigned to a medical unit.

While his class programs have been put on hold during his absence, he plans to return as soon as possible.

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APRIL 2003

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Pilates 8:30 a.m. Golf	2	3 Pilates 8:30 a.m. CANDI-DATE'S NIGHT 7 p.m.	4	5 Yoga 8:30 a.m.
6	7 Golf Activities Cttee 11 a.m.	8 Pilates 8:30 a.m. Poker 7 p.m.	9 Yoga 8:30 a.m. Bridge 6 p.m.	10 Pilates 8:30 a.m. ANNUAL MEETING 7 p.m.	11	12 Yoga 8:30 a.m.
13	14 Day at the Races 11 a.m.	15 Pilates 8:30 a.m. Golf Poker 7 p.m.	16 Yoga 8:30 a.m. Hike 9:30 a.m. Book Club 7 p.m. Modifications Cttee 5:30 p.m.	17 PASS-OVER - 1st Day Pilates 8:30 a.m. Residents' Luncheon 11:30 a.m.	18	19 Yoga 8:30 a.m.
20 EASTER	21 Building & Grounds 3 p.m.	22 Pilates 8:30 a.m. Golf Poker 7 p.m. Budget Cttee 4 p.m.	23 Yoga 8:30 a.m. Bridge 6 p.m.	24 Pilates 8:30 a.m. Communica-tions Cttee 6 p.m.	25 Pot Luck 7 p.m.	26 Yoga 8:30 a.m.
27	28 Directors Meeting 6:30 p.m.	29 Pilates 8:30 a.m. Golf	30 Yoga 8:30 a.m.			

APRIL IN THE GARDEN

By Pauline Marx

April is National Garden Month. There are many annuals in the garden centers so pick a variety of annuals with your favorite colors. Remember that color makes more impact if there are more than one of the same color planted next to each other.

If you put your annuals in containers, remember that containers need water every day when the weather turns warm. And be sure that the container has a drain hole or you may drown your plants. Colorful annuals include celosia, coleus, coreopsis, cosmos, dianthus, dusty miller, impatiens, marigold, Mexican sunflower, ornamental peppers, portulaca, purslane, salvia, and zinnia.

Palo Verde Time

The blue palo verde, *Cercidium floridum*, is usually the first to bloom in the spring. Beginning in late March and extending into April, the tree displays many golden yellow, slightly fragrant flowers. Its mature height is 15 to 30 feet and growth rate is slow to moderate depending on cultural practices; if you give it the conditions that it prefers, it will grow faster. It is a densely spreading, low branching tree with spiny blue-green twigs and branches. Large older specimens may develop gray bark on the lower trunk. The canopy of rounded leaflets provides filtered shade, but the foliage is shed during dry and cold periods.

The foothills palo verde *Cercidium microphyllum* — which we have here in Bellasera — is a smaller tree and often multi-stemmed with two or more short, thick trunks joined at ground level. The foliage, branches and spine-tipped twigs are yellowish-green. In times of drought or stress the tree sheds its tiny leaflets. During mid to late spring, foothills palo verde has faintly fragrant, pale yellow flowers. When conditions are favorable vast areas of the desert are covered with a mass display of these trees in flower. The seed pod has a sharp beak at its tip, another characteristic that distinguishes this species from others.

Weevils and Aphids

Spring is the time that the Agave Snout-nosed Weevil emerges from the soil to lay its eggs. If your agave has collapsed into a stinky mess, that insect is most likely the culprit. Remove the dead plant and treat the soil with Orthene to kill any weevils that are in the soil. **Do not plant another agave in the area in case you have not eliminated all of the weevils.**

Check tender new growth on plants for aphid infestation. Spray them off with a jet of water, then follow up with a dose of insecticidal soap. Don't apply the soap

when the sun is shining on the plant; it could burn the foliage.

When weeds are small, wait until soil is dry, then hoe them out of the ground early in the day. Sun will kill the rootlets by day's end. For larger weeds, water thoroughly, then pop weeds out with a hand weeder, roots and all. If you compost, let weeds dry and die before you compost them, or they might flower and disperse seeds.

Fertilize

Time to fertilize! Apply about 1 pound of 10-10-10 per 100 square feet of plants. Water the day before you spread the fertilizer and then immediately afterward.

Roses, Veggies and Bulbs

April is also one of our prime months for roses as this is the month that they burst into peak bloom. Fertilize them by following the directions for the specific rose fertilizer that you buy. Keep mulch several inches from the stem to prevent the spread of disease. You may find the aphids like the taste of your roses. They can be dispatched by hosing off every day for a week or two and then they will disappear.

Warm season vegetables such as snap beans, cucumbers, cantaloupe and watermelon can be sown in your vegetable patch. Set out eggplant, okra, squash, and sweet potato any time this month. My place of choice is a raised bed in the sun with drip irrigation. Most vegetables require 6 plus hours of sunlight a day.

Plant canna, dahlia, daylily, gladiolus and other summer-flowering bulbs.

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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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**DOGS ...
WILL NEVER BE ABLE TO
IMPROVE THEIR GAME,
SO...
KEEP THEM OUT OF
THE FENCED
TENNIS AREA**

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landscape maintenance, clubhouse maintenance, pool service, etc.

Communications - advise and assist the Board with regard to community communications matters.

- Plan and conduct an effective communications program to improve communication among members, committees, community management, and the Board of Directors.
- Be responsible for publishing a monthly newsletter for the Association.
- Be responsible for maintaining a web site for the Association.
- Be responsible for formulating policy for use and control of bulletin boards in the clubhouse.

Long-Range Planning - advise and assist the Board with regard to mid and long range planning matters.

- Review all Bellasera Common Areas with the intent of determining any need for future changes, improvements, or enhancements which would improve the quality of life for residents or help maintain or increase property values in Bellasera.
- Develop a written Long Range Plan covering a 20 year period.

Modifications - an independent committee, all of whom shall be appointed by and serve at the discretion of the Board.

- Administer the Design Guidelines and review all applications for modifications, additions, or alterations made on or to existing structures on property lots.

Take up the challenge. Be an active committee member!

— Dick Chenault

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GOOD NEIGHBORS...

PICK UP AFTER THEIR DOGS.

WIN A GOOD NEIGHBOR LABEL

(Candidates Program — continued from page 1)

Gary Stettner and Bob Tack.

Initially, **Pat Quinn** was a candidate for the board as well, but he withdrew his candidacy. He said that he believed he could better serve the community on the newly-created Long Term Planning Committee and would apply for membership on that committee.

Keith Christian, chairman of the communications committee, will act as the moderator for the candidates night. He will introduce the candidates, explain the annual meeting election process, give each candidate an opportunity for an opening statement, ask several questions and open the program for questions from the audience.

The Association's by-laws allow for write-in candidates, as well.

Association members have received proxy materials for the upcoming election. It is important to **return the Proxy/Ballot** to the Bellasera Community Association office in the clubhouse **before 5 p.m. Monday, April 7**. This proxy is needed to establish a quorum so the annual meeting can be held. In order to validate the election, a minimum of 108 proxies must be received.

The proxy can be revoked in writing prior to the annual meeting or in person at the meeting.

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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: Jim Gleason
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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

GET OFF THAT COUCH!

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

Sears-Kay Archeological Site: Combine a short hike with exploration of a small, ancient Hohokam Indian hilltop fortification. Drive east on Cave Creek Rd, continuing beyond the turn-off for Bartlett Lake. Road becomes a maintained gravel road. Continue about 1 1/2 miles to the entrance of the site, on the right. There is a sign at the entrance. Self-guided, with informational signs about the Hohokam culture and fortifications. No fees are charged.

Desert Awareness Speaker Series: "Reptiles of the Desert" at 7 p.m. **April 19. Cave Creek Town Hall.**

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.**

Arizona Archaeological Society, Desert Foothills Chapter: April 9, 7:30 p.m., **Good Shepherd of the Hills Episcopal Church, 6528 E. Cave Creek Rd., Cave Creek.** Program: **"Environmental Effects on Human Evolution"** by **Kaye Reed.**

Sonoran Symphony 2003 program, featuring the Phoenix Symphony and Rex Allen Jr., and dinner to benefit the **Desert Foothills Land Trust, at Rancho Mañana Golf Club, Cave Creek.** The \$200 per person tickets for the **May 3** fundraising event are partially tax-deductible. **Call for tickets at 488-6131.**

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

Heard Museum: "Fusing Traditions: Transformations in Glass by Native American Artists." Exhibit opens April 12. The museum is at 2301 N. Central Ave., Phoenix.

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

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RESIDENT NAMED TO CITY COMMISSION

Carol Padwe, a resident of Bellasera, has been appointed to the Scottsdale Human Relations Commission.

The commission advocates and promotes all dimensions of diversity. It acts as an advisory body to the mayor, city council and staff. It makes recommendations on ways to encourage mutual respect and understanding among people, to discourage prejudice and discrimination and to work towards cultural awareness and unity.

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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, March 31 .**

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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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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OWEN B. COMSTOCK

Owen B. Comstock, son of Bellasera residents **Stephen and Dixie Comstock**, passed away on February 23 as the result of injuries received in an automobile accident in Palm Springs, Calif.

He was a teacher at Desert Foothills Middle School.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by his wife Denise, his sister Caitlin, grandparents Judge and Virginia Plummer, and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

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NEWSPAPER COLUMNIST A NEIGHBOR

Barry Kluger, a Bellasera resident and former media director for several congressional and legislative races in 2002, is now a regular columnist for the Scottsdale Republic section of the Arizona Republic.

His columns, which started in November, run weekly on a variety of issues, relying on what Kluger says "is on my mind at the moment of deadline."

Kluger was a reporter who covered the 1974 Presidential impeachment hearings as well as a radio disk jockey. He then went on to a 26-year career in corporate communications, most notably as senior vice president for Viacom's MTV Networks and Prodigy Internet, as well as consulting for such clients as Federated department Stores, NBC and CondeNast.

Kluger said his return to journalism has been a decades-old dream.

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PUT MAIL ON HOLD VIA INTERNET

It's now possible to go onto the internet and order your mail held at your post office before leaving your home for an extended period of time. The U.S. Postal Service announced in January that it has activated this online service.

Previously, requests for mail to be held had to be personally delivered to a post office or mailed to a delivery station. Requests accepted before 2 a.m. Central Standard Time can begin on the same postal business day.

The service is available at www.usps.com.

— **Herb Marx**

CANDIDATE SKETCHES

The candidates for the Board of Directors provided the following information on their background and aims:

Brad Gazaway — A resident of Bellasera since August 1998, he is a corporate attorney, former U.S. Naval Officer and graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy. He plans to focus on budget and finance issues and improvements to community facilities to maintain and increase property values.

Al Ricciardi — A practicing attorney with significant experience in dealing with the issues that face a homeowner's association on a daily basis. Currently a member of the Board, he plans to insure the proper maintenance of Bellasera facilities and that there is a long-range plan in place to upgrade facilities at an appropriate cost.

Gary Stettner — A Certified Public Accountant and business consultant. He served on the Moss Creek-Hilton Head Island, S.C., Finance Committee and its Golf Course Committee. He plans to focus on finances, with an emphasis on maintaining quality of facilities and property values.

Robert Tack — Served as a senior international executive at IBM in marketing, product development and education after earning BA and MBA degrees. Subsequently served as president of several successful start-up companies. Currently on the Board and treasurer of the Bellasera Community Association, his focus will be to insure that the value of our investment is protected and enhanced through prudent financial management; enhance communication with resident members, and maximize talents represented by various committees to aid and speed up the decision-making process in the community.

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ANOTHER PLACE TO SEARCH

If you've misplaced something, especially in or around the clubhouse and pool, check with Community Manager **Janyth Martin**.

Janyth maintains a Lost and Found facility at her office in the clubhouse. Residents can turn in items that they find in the community or check there to see if the missing item has been given to her for safekeeping.

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HELP BELLASERA CONSERVE MONEY

If you're reading this newsletter on a copy delivered by mail, it means you either have elected to continue getting a mailed copy or you've not been given the choice of computer delivery.

Many of our residents have opted for electronic delivery, saving our association printing and postage costs, while at the same time reducing their postal mailbox clutter.

If you are willing to receive the monthly newsletter only by computer, send an e-mail to Keith Christian at klc@cts.com, indicating your choice.