

Bellasera Neighborhood News

January 2004

PRESIDENT'S NOTE:

Happy New Year-2004! It seems only yesterday we were worried about the Y2K computer problems. But now we have a new year in which to excel.

Watch for the survey. Very soon you should receive in the mail an Association-sponsored survey, seeking member input on some demographic items and some questions about potential improvements being considered by the Board and the Long Range Planning Committee. **The Board is really looking for your input. Please do not put the survey away without responding.** Early returns will be **eligible for a drawing for a cash prize.**

Special Board Meeting. A special Board meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, Jan. 15 at 7 p.m.** in the clubhouse. The meeting will be devoted **solely to discussing the role, responsibilities, and performance of our contracted management company, Capital Consultants Management Corp (CCMC),** in helping the Board manage our community. The meeting will cover the role of a management company, the Bellasera Community Association Contract with CCMC, and the Community Manager's job description. This will be followed by a general discussion.

As suggested at the recent Town Hall meeting, no one from CCMC will be present. **If you have questions, concerns, or suggestions, please come to the meeting.**

Candidates for the Board of Directors. The Association will be electing two or three Board directors every year from now on. This year, **in April, we need to elect three.** While some or all of the three directors whose current term is expiring may choose to run for another term, it would be in the best interests of the community to have a choice among several candidates. At the same time it is very desirable to get new people interested in the governance of the Association and the welfare of the community. Therefore, **I would like to invite all interested Association members to seriously consider running for a position on the Board.** Contact any Board member, Community Manager **Janyth Martin,** or
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MANAGER'S MEMO:

Important Reminders for Review

Key Rules for Gate Access: For assistance on entering through the Main gate at Scottsdale Road, please e-member:

1. Location and installation of the gate access card on your vehicle is important. If you have not affixed your access card to a location compati-

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MEETING NOTICES

Board of Directors Regular Meeting

Next regular meeting will be **Monday, Jan. 26 at 6:30 p.m.** at the clubhouse.

Budget and Finance Committee

The Budget and Finance committee will meet **Tuesday, Jan. 20 at 4 p.m.** at the clubhouse.

Building and Grounds Committee

The Building and Grounds committee meeting will be **Monday, Jan. 12 at 3 p.m.** at the clubhouse.

Modifications Committee

The Modifications committee meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, Jan. 21 at 5:30 p.m.** at the clubhouse. Modification applications are due no later than the Monday before the meeting.

Long Range Planning Committee

The Long Range Planning Committee will meet **Wednesday, Jan. 7 at 3 p.m.** at the clubhouse.

Activities Committee

The Activities committee will meet **Wednesday, Jan. 7 at 10 a.m.** at the clubhouse.

Communications Committee

The Communications committee will meet **Thursday, Jan. 29 at 5 p.m.** at the clubhouse.

Reserves Subcommittee

The Reserves subcommittee will meet **Tuesday, Jan. 6 at 3 p.m.** at the clubhouse.

SOCIAL SCENE

RESIDENTS' LUNCHEON: **Thursday, Jan. 15** at **Bamboo Club, in the Desert Ridge Shopping Center, Tatum Boulevard, Phoenix.** The luncheon will be at **12 noon.** *Sign up before Jan. 12.* If you can't come after signing up or if you don't want to carpool, please contact **Dottie Schultz** at **575-5753** as soon as possible. We will meet at the clubhouse at **11:30 a.m. to carpool.**

POT LUCK: A **Chili Pot Luck** will take place **Friday, Jan. 23** at **7 p.m.** The **Activities Committee** will serve home-made chili and beverages; attendees are asked to bring side-dishes. *Sign up by Monday, Jan. 19.* For more information call **Jean Grutta** at **488-5523** or **Dottie Schultz** at **575-5753.**

EVENING BRIDGE GROUP: **Wednesday, Jan. 14 and 28** 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 **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, Jan. 21** at **7 p.m.** in the clubhouse. The book to be discussed is **Bel Canto** by **Ann Patchett.** (The originally planned book for January, **Disgrace**, will be the February discussion.) Contact **Marge Segal** at **575-1776** if more information is needed.

GOLF: **Tuesdays, Jan. 6 and Jan. 27** at **Dove Valley;** **Monday, Jan. 12** at **Tatum Ranch,** and **Tuesday, Jan. 20** at **The 500 Club.** Please contact **Ellen Bornstein** at **575-9848** for tee times, cost and other information.

HIKES: **Thursday, Jan. 8:** **Scenic Trail** at **McDowell Mountain Park,** an easy to moderate hike; and **Saturday, Jan. 17:** **Brown's Ranch,** an easy to moderate five-mile hike guided by **McDowell Sonoran Land Trust.** *Sign up at the clubhouse.* For starting times and additional information, contact **Vivian Kurtz** at **575-1391** or **Sid Charnock** at **595-8746.**

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HEALTH & FITNESS

YOGA CLASS: Yoga classes are conducted on **Wednesdays** and **Saturdays** at **8:30 a.m.** and **Mondays** at **7 p.m.** A great way to increase your strength, flexibility and attitude. Please contact our instructor, **Valerie Neumann,** at **575-7880** if you have any questions.

STRENGTH TRAINING: The class meets **Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays** at **7 a.m.** The group would like to have new participants. This is a full body workout with stretching; you choose the intensity. Please be there 10 minutes before the class begins. **Cory Schidler** is the instructor.

POWERBALL PILATES: This new, energetic class is held on **Tuesday** and **Thursday** mornings at **8 a.m.** Instructor **Carol Enderle** offers a dynamic and challenging workout for all levels of exercisers. Contact **Carol** at **201-2385** if you have any questions.

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A DAY AT THE RACES

Join your neighbors for an exciting day at **Turf Paradise Race Course** on **Monday, Jan. 26.**

A minimum of 12 people is required. *Sign up before Monday, Jan. 12.* A \$15 fee per person is payable to **Janyth Martin** by **Jan. 12.**

We will meet at the clubhouse at **11 a.m.** to carpool to the track at **Bell Road** and **19th Street, Phoenix.**

The fee includes parking, admission and a program, reserved clubhouse seating, a race named for the **Bel-lasera** group and a group photo in the winner's circle. In addition, there will be a lunch of smoked turkey on a croissant, coleslaw, dessert and coffee or tea. This includes tax and gratuity.

Jean Grutta is in charge of the event arranged by the **Activities committee.** Contact her at **488-5523** if you have any questions.

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ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE MEMBER NAMED

The Board of Directors approved **Jeanne Young** to fill an open position on the **Activities committee.** Also at its **December** meeting, the Board accepted the resignation of **Caryn Briedis** from the **Activities committee.**

The Board also accepted the resignation of **Carolyn Stewart** from the **Communications committee.**

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JANUARY 2004

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
City Bulk & Brush Collection Week				1 NEW YEAR'S DAY	2 Strength 7 a.m.	3 Yoga 8:30 a.m.
4	5 Strength 7 a.m.	6 Powerball Pilates 8 a.m. Golf Poker 7 p.m. Reserves Subcttee 3 p.m.	7 Strength 7 a.m. Yoga 8:30 a.m. Activities Cttee 10 a.m. Long Range Planning Cttee 3 p.m.	8 Powerball Pilates 8 a.m. Hike	9 Strength 7 a.m.	10 Yoga 8:30 a.m.
11	12 Strength 7 a.m. Golf Yoga 7 p.m. Buildings & Grounds Cttee 3 p.m.	13 Powerball Pilates 8 a.m. Poker 7 p.m.	14 Strength 7 a.m. Yoga 8:30 a.m. Bridge 6 p.m.	15 Powerball Pilates 8 a.m. Residents' Lunch 12 noon Special Directors Meeting 7 p.m.	16 Strength 7 a.m.	17 Yoga 8:30 a.m. Hike
18	19 M. L. KING DAY Strength 7 a.m. Yoga 7 p.m.	20 Powerball Pilates 8 a.m. Golf Poker 7 p.m. Budget Cttee 4 p.m.	21 Strength 7 a.m. Yoga 8:30 a.m. Book Club 7 p.m. Modifications Cttee 5:30 p.m.	22	23 Strength 7 a.m. Chili Pot Luck 7 p.m.	24 Yoga 8:30 a.m.
25	26 Strength 7 a.m. Yoga 7 p.m. Race Track Event 12:30 p.m. Directors Meeting 6:30 p.m.	27 Powerball Pilates 8 a.m. Golf Poker 7 p.m.	28 Strength 7 a.m. Yoga 8:30 a.m. Bridge 6 p.m.	29 Communica-tions Cttee 5 p.m.	30 Strength 7 a.m.	31 Yoga 8:30 a.m.

JANUARY IN THE GARDEN

By Pauline Marx

Water citrus and landscape plants deeply through the root zone once every three to four weeks unless winter rains are adequate. Winter lawns and annual flowers may require watering one or two times a week, depending on the weather and their location. **Do not water succulents unless they show signs of stress such as shriveling or puckering.** Water stored in their stems or leaves may freeze and destroy cells.

Provide freeze protection for citrus, succulents and landscape plants if temperature is expected to be in the 20s or lower for more than an hour. **Do not use plastic;** bed sheets will work well or use fabric available at garden centers designed specifically for that purpose.

Harvest ripe citrus, including grapefruit, oranges, mandarins, tangelos, lemons, kumquats, and limequats. All navel oranges should be picked by the end of January. **Your citrus are ripe if they yield to gentle pressure and come easily off the stem.** A taste test is the best test. The longer the fruit stays on the tree, the sweeter it becomes. If the weather stays cold, rinds may remain green, but the fruit can still be sweet.

Fertilize citrus in late January or February with one-third of its annual nitrogen requirements. (Another one-third will be applied in April/May and the final third in August/September.) The amount depends on the tree's size and how many years it has been in the ground. Read directions on the product label. Water thoroughly before and after applying fertilizer.

Leaf drop on citrus is normal in late winter/early spring as new leaves push out. Heavy leaf drop may be due to overfertilization, watering too much or not enough, or citrus mesophyll collapse, which occurs when there are unseasonably hot or cold weather changes.

Limited pruning is done on citrus at this time of the year to remove dead wood and to shape the tree. Harvest fruit so that most of the fruit is off the tree before buds set for this year's crop.

It is time to plant bare root and containerized roses, deciduous fruit trees and shade trees.

Prune desert trees, fruit trees and shade trees.

As **rainfall** here occurs primarily in winter and early spring months, it is appropriate to apply pre-emergent weed control to prevent germination of weeds. Water to a depth of one inch to activate. Once watered in, these products are safe around pets and children.

Annual and perennial flowers can still be planted from seedlings or seeds. The best for our area are petu-

nias, snapdragons, stock, alyssum, pansies, calendulas, dianthus, lobelia and flowering kale.

Soil preparation is the key. Adjust the pH to 6.5 by using a pre-plant high phosphate fertilizer such as 6-20-20 or a slow release fertilizer such as Flower Power 14-12-14. Annual flowers prefer flood irrigation rather than overhead sprinkling. To encourage new growth and branching, periodically harvest flowers.

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

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HELP BELLASERA CONSERVE MONEY

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

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

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:
editor@azbellasera.org

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Keith Christian, chairman of the Communications committee.

Volunteers for Committees. As usual, there are some vacancies on some of our committees. The Activities committee (plans and manages most social activities for the Association) and the Long Range Planning committee (working on a plan for the mid- and long range maintenance and growth of the community) are looking for interested people. Please give your name to Janyth if you are available.

Thanks, and let's make this the best year yet.

— **Dick Chenault**

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YOUR COMMUNITY

Board of Directors:

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

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Current Committee Chairpeople:

Activities:

Budget: Paul Broad
Buildings & Grounds: Paul Anetsberger
Communications: Keith Christian
Long Term Planning: Melissa Price
Modifications: Jim Gleason

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Community Manager:

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Questions regarding your Homeowner's Association Account? Contact Capital Consultants Management Corporation (CCMC) — **(480) 921-7500**

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ble for the card reader range, the gate may not open. If the gate reader fails to read your card, it will not trigger the gate. Then gate personnel will ask to confirm your identity before the gate will be opened.

2. Speed of vehicle. This is another important factor that affects the gate operation. Slow down your entry as much as possible to ensure that the card reader is able to pick up your card data and open the gate.
3. Distance from the reader. The card reader is mounted near the last column at the southeast end of the bridge. If you drive too far to the left of the traffic lane, the reader may find it difficult to pick up your access card signal and therefore will not open the gate.

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.

Front Gate Personnel: The front gate personnel are here to assist with vehicle and guest entry. **They are not able to accept deliveries of any kind for homeowners and are required to remain at their post. For emergencies call 9-1-1. For police matters, we ask that you please contact the Scottsdale Police Department.** Please refrain from calling the front gate to request they go out to investigate a home alarm or loud noises — these are not their duties.

Holiday Lights: A special Thank You is due to the Buildings and Grounds Committee members for their time and commitment for installation of Bellasera's holiday lighting. I'm sure you all agree it gives a festive air to the community.

— **Janyth Martin**

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EVENTS AND MILESTONES

It's a new round of grandparenting for **Fred** and **Nancy Kuechelmann**. Their third grandchild, **Jennifer Michelle Kuechelmann**, was born Nov. 15. She is the first child for their son **John** and his wife **Sharon**, who live in East Stroudsburg, PA.

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GET OFF THAT COUCH!

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

Pinnacle Concert Series: Join friends and neighbors on **Sunday, Jan. 11 at 3 p.m.** for a great American celebration. **The National Spiritual Ensemble**, conservatory-trained professionals, will perform a selection of what they describe as traditional American Negro spirituals. Tickets are \$25 per person.

The concert will be in the Main Sanctuary of **Pinnacle Presbyterian Church**, 25150 North Pima Road, Scottsdale. For tickets or for further information, contact Pinnacle Concert Series, (480) 488-1258.

Arizona Archaeological Society, Desert Foothills Chapter: Meeting **Wednesday, Jan. 14 at 7:30 p.m.** at **Good Shepard of the Hills Episcopal Church**, 6528 E. Cave Creek Rd., Cave Creek. **Dr. Glen Rice** of ASU will talk on **The Origins of Agriculture in the Prehistoric Southwest.**

Heard Museum: A Native American Speakers series of free lectures will take place at 5:30 p.m. on Thursdays, Jan. 15 and 29 and Feb. 12 at the museum's Steele Auditorium, 2301 N. Central Avenue, Phoenix.

The first talk will be "Tribal Matriarchs Today." The second will be "Contemporary Warriors." The final will be "Native American Sports Heroes."

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SCOTTSDALE RECYCLING, HOLIDAY TREE COLLECTION DATES

The recycling pickup for the first week of the year has been moved to Friday, Jan. 2, because of the New Years' Day holiday, the City of Scottsdale announced.

In addition, a holiday tree roundup has been set for the week of Jan. 5.

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