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Annual + Special Meetings

—By *Dennis Carson*

Thanks to all the members who attended the Annual Meeting, and a big thank you to all the members who could not attend, but filed an absentee ballot to vote for board members. Our management company advised me that the response rate was well above normal. And, judging by the absence of tomatoes hurled at me, I think the meeting went well. New officers and committee heads elected/appointed at the Board of Director's meeting that followed immediately after the Annual Meeting are reported in another section of this newsletter.

I announced at the Annual Meeting we would schedule two important special board meetings in the near future. Please mark you calendar for a special meeting at **6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 12**, and another special board meeting at **6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 18**.

The **May 12** special meeting will focus solely on the safety and security recommendations prepared by Bellasera resident **Joe Carlon**. **Joe** was appointed as an advisor to the board to review policies and procedures regarding our front and rear gates, and recommend modifications/improvements. He has extensive experience in safety and security matters and is considered an expert in the field. **Joe** has been an independent consultant to Fortune 500 companies for 16 year after retiring from a long and successful career with the U.S. government in law enforcement. We are very fortunate to have him in our community and volunteer to take on this assignment. A Q&A session will follow his presentation, and the board will be in a position to act on his recommendations.

The second special meeting on **May 18** will focus solely on NewPath Network's proposal to lease common area space to locate two cell antennas in our community. The antennas are disguised as Saguaro cactus. You can see one on Lone Mountain Road at Granite Reef. NewPath representatives will present their proposal, followed by Q&A and board action. However, unlike the safety and security proposal, the board does not have the sole power to approve the proposal. Our CC&Rs define the procedures to be followed if any action results in a "change in use" of common area in Section 4.8. They are too lengthy to repeat here, but in summary, the proposal can be (a) submitted to a community vote, or (b) if the board determines the proposal will not have an adverse affect on the community, pass the proposal subject to a veto if more than 10% of our Owners file a written objection within 30 days of notice. We will cover this in more detail at the meeting.

Dennis Carson, dmcarsen@q.com, is President of the Bellasera Board of Directors

Annual Meeting Report

—By *Keith Christian*

On a warm, sunny Sunday afternoon, April 25, about 75 Bellasera residents attended the Bellasera Community Association's Annual Meeting, held outdoors on the clubhouse patio. A summary of significant topics follows.

President pro tem **Dennis Carson** presided over the meeting, which included the agenda items described below.

The 2009 Annual Meeting minutes were approved, followed by a financial review from the BCA Treasurer, **Ted Dixon**. He reported the community's finances are in sound financial condition. One cause for concern is the increasing dollar amount of accounts receivable - moneys due the association that are unpaid. This includes quarterly assessments that are past due and delinquent fines. He assured the members action is under way by the Board to remedy this concern.

Ted reported the reserve plan is funded near 60%, up from 55% at this time last year. This level of funding is considered good for associations such as Bellasera.

Good news for association members: quarterly dues for the next fiscal year (JUL 10-JUN 11) will remain at \$520.

Dennis Carson briefed those attending on the progress of repairs and maintenance of the swimming pool. Other topics covered included the pending repainting of the clubhouse exterior, and two upcoming special Board meetings. These are planned to address a security plan for the community, and the proposal from NewPath Networks to install two remote antennas in the Bellasera community.

Dennis concluding the meeting by addressing questions submitted in writing by homeowners. Topics included landscape violations, security fencing, pet clean up, and the appearance of some roads in the community.

A highest-ever total of 190 ballots was cast for the 4 open positions on the Board of Directors. Anne Chernis, Susan Loiselle, and Mike Simpson were each elected to serve a two-year term. Bruce Martin's name appeared on the ballot, but was later removed from consideration due to late filing.

Following the meeting, the Board elected the following officers:

President: **Dennis Carson**
Vice President: **Mike Simpson**
Treasurer: **Ted Dixon**
Secretary: **Anne Chernis**
Directors: **Anna Ingram, Susan Loiselle**

Keith Christian, editor@azbellasera.org, is a member of the Bellasera Communications Committee.

Meeting Notices

Board of Directors will meet for their regular meeting on **Thursday, May 27**, at **6 p.m.** Two special meetings are also planned: **Wednesday, May 12** (Security) and **Tuesday, May 18** (NewPath). Both beginning at **6 p.m.**

Budget and Finance Committee meeting date/time will be posted when available.

Building and Grounds Committee will meet on **Tuesday, May 4**, at **4 p.m.**

Communications Committee will meet on **Wednesday, May 26**, at **8:30 a.m.**

Modifications Committee will meet on **Tuesday, May 11**, at **3 p.m.** Applications must be received in the Community Manager's office no later than **Thursday, May 6**, at **12 noon**.

Social Committee will meet on **Tuesday, May 11**, at **6 p.m.**

Satellite Antennas

TV dish installations for reception of satellite signal require approval by the Bellasera Modifications Committee.

Residents desiring to install a dish antenna should submit an application before commencing the installation. Application forms are available at the office in the clubhouse or on line at **azbellasera.org**. Community CC&Rs and Design Guidelines require compliance for modifications of homes/property. Please refer to these documents which all property owners are required to hold. Article III X, Antennas and Satellite Dishes, of the Design Guidelines applies.

Installation of a dish antenna without Modification Committee approval may require costly removal and reinstallation by a homeowner. Several violations of this requirement are currently being processed.

In Memory

The Bellasera community wishes to express our sympathy and condolences to our Community Manager, **Viola Lanam**, whose husband passed away recently.

April Weather In Bellasera

(April 1—April 28)

Highest temperature: **87**

Lowest temperature: **40**

Rainfall in April: **trace**. Since January 1: **9.92** inches

Bellasera Community Activities

Water Aerobics

Water aerobics begins at **10:00 a.m.** and end at 11:00 a.m. on every **Monday, Wednesday** and **Friday, when the pool reopens.** For further information, contact **Janet, 480-488-0259.**

Monday Night Yoga

Experience the amazing benefits of Yoga - right here in Bellasera! Bring more strength, flexibility and inner calm to your life! Come to Monday night Yoga! It's from **6:00 to 7:15 p.m.** at the clubhouse. Class fee \$10 - first class free. Questions? Contact **Marci Sheer, 480-488-3426, youryogamarci@gmail.com.**

Thursday Morning Yoga

Beginning Yoga For Everyone.

7:00 – 8:00 a.m. at the clubhouse.

(No class May 27)

Think yoga's too hard? Think you're too stiff?

Think you're too old? Think you can't bend "that" way?

Think again!

This class is for EVERYONE!

Questions?

Marci Sheer, 480-488-3426, youryogamarci@gmail.com.

Tennis

There will be a sign-up sheet in the clubhouse for those who wish to play tennis and would like to reserve the court.

Hikers

The official Bellasera hiking season has ended. We have had adventures and mis-adventures. We have hiked in rain and shine and have seen some wondrous sites. Participation has been good and, hopefully, all have enjoyed the season. Some interest has been expressed for a May hike, but, at this time, nothing is scheduled. I will try to get something together and will notify everyone via our e-mail list. If there is anyone who would like to be added to the e-mail list, please send me your name and e-mail address and I will gladly add you to the hiker list. The more the merrier! **Don Bowman, dgbobb@cox.net.**

Poker

Poker is meeting on **Tuesday** evenings at **7:00 p.m.** Everyone is welcome. Call **Bruce, 480-575-7286,** if you have questions or want to play.

Bellasera Brown Bag Book Club

Will meet on **Wednesday, May 19** to discuss "Half Broke Horses" by **Jeanette Walls.** It should be an interesting read. Bring your lunch and enjoy being with your fellow book lovers. This will be our last meeting until fall, hope to see some new faces then.

Social Committee Activities

May Luncheon

It's on **Thursday, May 20**, at **noon** at Harvest Restaurant, 7615 E. Pinnacle Peak Road (between Scottsdale Road and Pima Road).

Contact: **Anne Chernis, 480-488-6565.**



Monday, May 31, please join your neighbors at the 2nd annual Memorial Day bar-b-q event, **4 p.m.** In lieu of a potluck, we are requesting a \$10 per person reservation. Payments to be received at the event. We will also be honoring those who served and are serving in our armed forces. We look forward to seeing you!

Last month's Chili contest and Country Western Dancing was great fun!! Please enjoy the photos on the clubhouse bulletin board.

Your committee has slated a nice variety of events for the coming year, including the popular New Year's Day brunch. Please mark your calendars for the following:

July 17 - Summer Jazz Night

October 16 - Oktoberfest Potluck and special guest

January 1, 2011 - New Year's Brunch

March 26, 2011 - Spring Fling Carnival

May 29, 2011 - 3rd annual Memorial Day BBQ

May Personality Profile

Bill Ingler—Up In The Air and On The Road

—By **Joe McDade**

Bill Ingler has lived in Bellasera with his wife **Nancy** for more than 10 years and, based on the fact that he has accumulated more than 6,000 hours flying KC-97 and KC-135 Air Force tankers, one would conclude that flying was his first passion. As you will see, this is not necessarily true.

A native Buckeye, **Bill** earned his wings in the U.S. Air Force after graduating from Ohio State University. He then embarked on a 30 year career with the Air Force and Air National Guard achieving the rank of Colonel and having the opportunity and honor to play a vital role in providing critical support to situations and conflicts all over the world. **Bill's** last assignment was Commanding Officer of the 160th Air Refueling Group of the Ohio Air National Guard. This unit consisted of more than 1,000 personnel responsible for keeping the unit and its fleet of eight KC-135 refueling tankers operational.

Long before **Bill** discovered a love of flying, he had acquired a passion for antique cars. As a 14-year-old high school student, he was attracted to a 1913 Model T Ford, which he purchased for \$75.00. His father was already an avid antique car collector/restorer and, after a short lecture on "overpaying" for this "find," they took on this labor of love together. It took two years to restore but was the start of a long "career" and similar endeavors to follow.

Over the years, **Bill** has had many memorable projects including a 1929 Model A station wagon, 1911 Auburn, 1947 MG, 1964 Corvette as well as the present restoration of a 1971 Olds 442 convert. Restoration can take up to 4 years and the finished product is not only a beautiful antique but also a road ready vehicle. **Bill & Nancy** will often embark on a several hundred-mile tour with fellow members of the Classic Car of America and their classic wheels. Over the years, **Bill** has established a worldwide network of contacts all with the same passion that provide help and support to each other whether it's to solve a problem or locate a hard to find part.

While **Bill's** flying career might be behind him, he is still moving forward with his classic car career. Today, parked in his garage, you will find a 1947 Cadillac convertible along with a 1925 Hispano Suiza. They don't fly but sure can hit the road. Happy motoring!

Joe McDade, jmcdade@aol.com, is a member of the Bellasera Communications Committee

Bible Study for Couples

If you attend Highlands Church in our area, and would like to be involved in a Church sponsored couples Bible Study that meets every other Wednesday evening in a private home in Winfield, please contact **Dee Luse** in Bellasera, **480-575-9500**, for more information

Like To Join An Italian Conversation Group At Bellasera?

Eight residents of Bellasera have decided to start an Italian conversation group and will meet once a month. We welcome anyone who is interested in improving their Italian, want to learn to speak Italian, want to listen to Italian being spoken, or just want to understand what their Italian neighbors are saying!

No special requirement - just contact **Janet Biondo**, 480-488-0259, arizonajrb@cox.net for more information.

Bellasera Resident's New Book

Bellasera's own **Barry Kluger** has written a book, "A Life Undone: A Father's Journey Through Loss," about the tragic loss of his daughter, **Erica**, in a car accident here in Arizona.

The book is the story of one father's voyage through his most horrific experience, battling unimaginable grief to find a new way of life. His realism, tempered with humor, is refreshing and inspiring. You can read more about it at www.alifeundone.com.

"By sharing his most loving memories of his daughter, **Barry Kluger** has written a powerful book filled with humor, heartache and an unflinching form of introspection. In his words, we see our own losses, and possibilities of life also." --**Jeffrey Zaslow**, co-author of "The Last Lecture."

Best Pest Control

Review Submitted by resident **Dixie Comstock**:

"If you are looking for a pest control service, Vernon's Pest Control receives excellent reviews. Mike has kept us safe for 20 years. He is the nicest and most dependable person ever. I feel completely fine about giving him a key. He even came out once in the middle of the night when my daughter and I saw a scary bug sticking out of a vent and my husband was out of town."

Mike Thomas of Vernon's Pest Control can be reached at **602-276-4594**. License #4115812

Although Vernon's Pest Control doesn't have a website, they are listed on google maps along with the following 5 star customer review:

"They do a great job. We've used them for years and are extremely satisfied with the thorough and professional job they do. Questions are always given complete knowledgeable answers and the occasional unique problem pest problems we've faced have always been dealt with quickly, fully and to our complete satisfaction. Most importantly to us, they have never missed a scheduled appointment and are very accommodating when we need to change times. Definitely one of the best pest control companies in the Phoenix area."

Full listing can be found by going to maps.google.com and entering "vernon's pest control."

If you have a restaurant, service, contractor, or whatever, that you'd consider the 'Best', let us know. Share your recommendation with all our readers. Easy to do. Just e-mail your nominations to best@azbellasera.org. Communications Committee member **Kelli Ballinger** will compile and research all submissions and provide the information in future issues of the Bellasera Neighborhood News.



May in the Garden

—By *Pauline Marx*

May is the transition month to our warm weather and an ideal time to perform some critical garden chores to prepare for the summer heat. Most important of these is making adjustments to your watering schedule.

Watering

Adjust automatic timers and increase the frequency of watering as temperatures rise. Follow the 1-2-3 rule:

Water should soak 1 foot deep for shallow rooted plants, such as annuals, perennials, cacti and succulents.

2 feet for shrubs.

3 feet for trees.

Suggestion: Use a soil probe to determine how far the water reaches. The probe will move easily through moist soil but stop when it reaches dry, hard soil.

Planting

Plants have a difficult time developing healthy root systems during the heat of summer. Consequently, early May is the last good opportunity for installing most landscape plants until fall comes around.

May is an ideal month to transplant native or desert adapted trees, shrubs, vines, ground covers, cacti and succulents.

If you added stakes to trees you planted in the fall, it is time to take away the stakes. Expect the tree to lean at first, especially if it is small, but it will correct itself quickly as it gains strength.

Citrus

Fertilize citrus with its second feeding of the year. For mature trees, apply 1/3 to 1/2 pound of actual nitrogen. As always, follow the manufacturers directions for the product that you choose.

Beautiful black and yellow *swallowtail butterflies* may be seen around citrus. They lay eggs on fresh citrus leaves that hatch into "orange dog" caterpillars. These gray, brown, and white mottled caterpillars resemble bird droppings. They will eat only a few leaves, therefore no control is necessary.

Seeds

This is an ideal time to harvest seeds. Collect the flower heads of herbs and wildflowers on a sunny day after any morning dew is gone as moisture will encourage the seed to rot. Dry seeds for a week on sheets of newspapers and store in an airtight container after cleaning off the excess stems and leaves.

Miscellaneous

Cactus- Transplant cactus after blooms have fallen. Orient in the same direction as it was growing previously to avoid sunburn.

Saguaro and opuntia are blooming. Young nopalitos (prickly pear pads) are tasty. Jelly can be made from them too!

Mulch- Don't forget to mulch your garden but be sure to keep mulch several inches away from tree trunks and plant stems. This will prevent wet mulch from building up against the tissue which creates an environment conducive to disease.

Fruit Trees- Cover fruit trees to protect from birds pecking holes in your fruit.

Bermuda Grass- For those of us with "green patches," plant your Bermuda lawn after the soil warms from May through August.

Bellaseria resident **Pauline Marx** is an Arizona Master Gardener. For questions about plants, you may call, **480-575-0404**, or e-mail, **PlantPerson@cox.net**, her.

Community Calendar—May 2010

Sunday 2	Monday 3	Tuesday 4	Wednesday 5	Thursday 6	Friday 7	Saturday 1/8
	Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 10 a.m. Yoga 6 p.m.	Building & Grounds 4 p.m. Poker, 7 p.m.	Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 10 a.m.	Yoga 7 a.m.	Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 10 a.m.	
9	10 Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 10 a.m. Yoga 6 p.m.	11 Modifications 3 p.m. Social 6 p.m. Poker, 7 p.m.	12 Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 10 a.m. Security Meeting 6 p.m.	13 Yoga 7 a.m.	14 Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 10 a.m.	15
16	17 Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 10 a.m. Yoga 6 p.m.	18 NewPath Meeting 6 p.m. Poker, 7 p.m.	19 Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 10 a.m. Book Club, 12 noon	20 Yoga 7 a.m. Luncheon 12 noon	21 Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 10 a.m.	22
23 Brush & Bulk Collection Week	24 Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 10 a.m. Yoga 6 p.m.	25 Poker, 7 p.m.	26 Fitness 7 a.m. Communications 8:30 a.m. Water Aerobics 10 a.m.	27 Board Meeting 6 p.m.	28 Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 10 a.m.	29
30	31 Memorial Day Barbeque 4 p.m.					

****Bellasera Classifieds****

"ALL ABOUT CLEANING", Quality Home Cleaning Service. 2 Hrs/2 Cleaners \$89. Window Cleaning and House Sitting service. Professional and reliable. Owner-Manager "Bellasera Resident". Please visit our website: www.AllAboutCleaningArizona.com. Call **Maria Dixon** for an appointment: **480-422-3168** (office) or **480-206-5237** (cellular). *Get \$15 OFF First time customers*

Could you use some assistance with a project? Errands? General Concierge? House Sitting? Home Organization? Dog walking? Other task? Contact Resident Personal Assistant **Keli Ballinger**, 77thway@gmail.com, **617-308-4229**. *Excellent References and Recommendations from Fellow Bellasera Residents* Your Trusted Source for Making Life a little more simple.

BELLASERA RESIDENT OWNER, MUNDS PARK CABIN RENTAL, 17395 TURKEY TRAIL, **Marti Bening**, owner, **480-488-4297**, or **602-616-6085** (cell). Located 20 miles south of Flagstaff, 3 bedroom/2 bath fully furnished and equipped, wrap-around deck/fireplace. Rental rates: \$300.00 Weekend, \$500.00, 3 night Holiday weekend, \$750.00 Weekly, \$850.00 Holiday week. Plus: \$200.00 Damage/cleaning deposit (refundable/negotiable)

For Rent: Available May 1, 2010. Opala Model - 3 bedrooms - furnished - \$2850 plus utilities per month for a 12 month lease. Shorter rental periods available at a higher rate. Call **Gail** or **Phil Murphy**, **972-410-0730**.

Former Model Home (Opala Plan) Furniture + Accessories for sale. Sofas, chairs, Cocktail/Coffee Tables, Dressers, Lamps, Mirrors. Round Beveled Glass DR table + Chairs, Maple Kitchen Table (rectangular)+ chairs, Rugs, Planters. **Bob**, **480-695-5332**.

Got something *to buy, sell, want, give-away, etc.?* Why not do business within the community. Send in a classified ad — it's very affordable, in fact, it's free.

E-mail yours to editor@azbellasera.org, or FAX to **815-333-2268**.

Ads only accepted from Bellasera homeowners; ad copy limited to 25 words if space is limited; real estate for sale, business or commercial ads are not accepted; Editor reserves the right to edit or reject any ad.

Newsletter Copy Deadline

If you have meeting dates, or articles for publication, please e-mail to: editor@azbellasera.org, or turn them in to the Association office no later than the 20th of the month. The monthly newsletter is produced by the Communications Committee. The editor is **Keith Christian**, **480-463-4745**.

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City Of Scottsdale Brush & Bulk Collection

The city of Scottsdale will pick up **brush and bulk items** in the Bellasera area during **the week of Monday, April 26**, with the next pickup the week of **May 24**.

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.

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

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—Office Hours—

Monday thru Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Questions regarding your Homeowner's Association Account?

Contact AAM, LLC: **602- 906-4940**

AAM, LLC Emergency : **602-647-3034** or toll free **866-553-8290**

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