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DESERT SHADOWS

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RESORT ACTIVITIES

WOOHOO! IT'S OCTOBER DESERT SHADOWS! I hope everyone had a great summer! I had one of my two knee replacements, Pete and I adopted a new puppy (Maggie or Magpie) and we got out of the heat for a bit and went to Chicago and Minnesota. I'm excited for our new season to begin. I will be working in the Activities Office on Thursday, Oct. 1st, officially opens on Thursday, October 15th. I will be training my replacement this season, not sure whom yet. If you are interested in applying you still have time, don't wait too long though, I'm cutting off applying on Thursday, Oct. 8th, so please apply or talk to me by 3pm on the 8th. If you have something for Novembers Newsletter, I need it by the 18th of October. You can drop it off or email me. **PULL-THRU GUESTS AND NEW RESIDENTS PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR ACTIVITIES! YOU ARE ALL WELCOME!** If anyone has questions about the activities please stop by my office and ask as a few things will be different this season. We have quite a few new residents that have moved into the resort over the summer, please invite them to join you at our activities and meet other wonderful residents. **LET THE SOCIALIZING & FUN BEGIN!!!**

SATURDAY SOCIAL:

Please join us for Coffee and Donuts on Saturday Mornings at 7:30am until 9:00am or when the donuts are sold out in the Front Auditorium. If I have donuts left over they will be available for sale in the Activities Office. I'm not sure how much the donuts will cost individually, last season they were \$1.50 a donut, so hoping I can keep the price the same. I still need to check at Bashas to see if they increased their price again. If you're NEW in the Resort, this is a great way to meet and make some new friends. **Our first Social is Saturday, October 17th!!!**

DECORATORS NEEDED:

Calling all talented and non-talented decorators to please come help decorate the Front Auditorium for Halloween. We will decorate on Friday, October 16th at 10am. Thank you for your help!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

PLEASE REMEMBER to Sign-up to volunteer this season for one of our Activities or Events. It takes a village to make everything happen at Desert Shadows. WE ALL APPRECIATE any and all assistance your able to do. If you are NEW in our Resort, this is an excellent way to meet and make some new friends! Thank You!

ACTIVITIES OFFICE HOURS

TUESDAY- FRIDAY

9:00 - 12:00 ; 1:00 - 3:00

SATURDAY: 9:00- 12:00

ACTIVITY OFFICE PHONE

623-869-9224

FRONT OFFICE HOURS

WEEKDAYS 8:30 am - 4:00 pm

SATURDAY 8:30 am - 4:00 pm

SUNDAY CLOSED

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Activities

HALLOWEEN CELEBRATION:

Saturday, October 31st our HALLOWEEN PARTY AND DANCE will begin at 6:30PM in the front auditorium and go until 9:30PM. Our Live Music tonight will be "COPA COUNTY BAND" playing our favorite Rock and Roll and Country Songs. Please wear a costume if you like. It's always fun to see what everyone dresses up as.

Tickets for Saturday Night Live Music events are \$8.00 each for residents and \$10.00 each for non-residents. You are considered a resident as long as you've paid rent, so if you've paid for one night or 365 nights you are a resident. Prices will be the same if you purchase your ticket at the door. There will be a costume contest with prizes. Remember to bring your own snacks and beverages.

NOVEMBER LIVE MUSIC SCHEDULE:

November 7th – SIGNATURE BLEND 6:30M - 9:30PM

November 21st – GUILTY PLEASURES 6:30PM – 9:30PM

KARAOKE:

This month our Karaoke starts on *Saturday, October 10th* in the Front Auditorium! Gloria and I will be hosting karaoke from 6:30pm to 9:30pm. The other nights you can join us for Karaoke is *Saturday, Oct 17th and Oct. 24th*! Remember to bring your own snacks and beverages.

TRIVIA NIGHT:

Join me for some Trivia on *Wednesday, Oct. 28th at 7pm* in the Front Auditorium. I hope you're able to join us. There is NO FEE, Bring a beverage and your thinking caps and we will have a good time. We play 5 rounds of 10 questions and the team with the most points wins a prize. I have a variety of questions from easy to hard so hope to see you there!

BASEBALL DARTS:

Monday evenings at 6:30pm Baseball Darts will be available in the Back Auditorium. The first night will be on **October 19th**. No fee or sign-up required, just show up in the Back Auditorium by 6:25pm. Teams will be selected at random and then you're set for a fun night of comradery trying to win! **LET'S PLAY DARTS!**

EUCHRE:

Cards will start on **Friday, Oct. 23rd at 12:30pm** in the Card Room. Please bring .50 cents to play as there are prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd.

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES:

Please remember, that many of our weekly activities are run by volunteers that reside in the resort. As they return and notify me, I will post the start date on the White Board in the Lobby and make posters and post on the mailboxes, the bulletin boards outside my office and the ones in the lobby and the card room. So please keep checking for updates regularly.

Pinochle – Sundays, Mondays and Wednesdays at 1:00pm in the Card Room

Cribbage – Tuesdays at 9:00am in the Card Room, Thursdays at 9:00am and 1:00pm in the Card Room and Saturdays at 9:00am in the Card Room

Diamond Dotz – Thursdays from 9am to noon in the Back Auditorium. Bring your **own** projects!!!

POKER WALK:

The first one is on **Wednesday, October 28th** from **10am – noon**. All Poker Walks start at the Activities Office. You may walk, wheel, bike, or drive your golf cart to the designated stops. There will be a prize for the person with the best Poker Hand and the worst poker hand! If you are interested in being one of the stops on our poker walk please let me know!

FACEBOOK GROUP PAGES:

On one of the Facebook Groups for our resort that Nancy Z is the Administrator, she is having a contest/challenge. When you are out and about and you see someone that you don't know on their porch or getting out of their vehicle, etc. stop and say hi and introduce yourself and find out a little bit about them. Then come back to our Facebook group page and tell us about them. Please remember to get permission from the new person that you are going to mention it on our group page. If you have questions about the group please ask in the Activities Office or send Nancy Z a private message on Facebook.

GAME NIGHT:

Tuesday evenings at 6:30pm in the Card Room join us. We alternate playing either Aggravation, Play Nine (GOLF) or Tripoly (bring pennies) and Card Bingo (bring \$3.00 in quarters and \$1.00 bill) and Five Crown. Check the monthly calendar for what is being played, I'm going to try and keep track. **New-comers are welcome**, and if you've never played our veteran residents will help you out. No sign-up is required. **HOPE YOU COME AND PLAY! FIRST GAME NIGHT OF THE SEASON IS ON OCTOBER 20th, STARTING OFF WITH "CARD BINGO"!!!**

Activities Continued

BUNCO:

Is a Dice game that is fun and easy to learn if you don't know how to play we are happy to show you. First game of the season will be on **Tuesday, Oct. 20th at 2pm in the Back Auditorium**. This is a weekly activity so join us every Tuesday afternoon at 2pm. We need at least 6 people to play and remember to bring \$1.00(coins preferred) as there are 5 prizes to be won.

BINGO:

Bingo starts up on **Thursday, Oct. 15th** in the Front Auditorium. We will start selling bingo game sheets by 6pm and stop selling at 6:45pm. Bingo will start by 7pm. Due to some complaints from last season "Reserving your Seat" is no longer allowed. If you have a medical need to be seated at a certain table you need to contact me and I will reserve you your space. Thank you for your cooperation!

FOOD TRUCK:

I've invited to our resort, *MEL N LIBBY'S* Traditional Soul Food Truck. She will be here on **Thursday, October 29th from 4pm – 6pm** parked outside my office at the West Ramada. I will have an updated menu posted in case it's different from last season so you can check it out. She was recommended by one of our residents, so if you come across a Food Truck whose food you like, please grab a business card and recommend them, I will try and get them to our resort.

DANCE & KARAOKE THIS SEASON:

The beginning of our season we will have live music/dances every other Saturday and Karaoke on the other Saturday night. Due to poor attendance I needed to start of the season this way, I didn't want to raise the ticket prices to hopefully make enough to at least pay for the band. Live Music/Dances will return to every Saturday night in January. So please if you attend these events regularly please try your best to bring a new resident to help cover the band expense. I can always hire a band if our attendance is up.

VENDORS DAY:

Our First Craft & Vendors Day Event is on Friday, November 13th. If you are interested in being a vendor OR helping out with the concessions, please stop by Activities Office. Thanks!

MEXICAN TRAIN:

I have a new volunteer to host Mexican Train game night/day. It won't start until November so watch for posters with all the details.

FOOTBALL SEASON:

Attention Football fans! A volunteer is going to set up the big TV we use for bingo and karaoke to watch football games on. When I finalize all the details I will post some posters, so be on the lookout.

DART BOARDS:

One of our residents donated electronic dart boards so we can play 301 games, etc. At least one dart board will be put up around October 1st in the billiard room. As soon as its up I will put up a poster and mention it on our Facebook group pages.

COMMUNITY RUMMAGE SALE:

GET YOUR TREASURES READY! Our fall Sale is on Saturday, **Nov. 21st from 8am – Noon**.

WATER AEROBICS:

Classes will start on Monday, November 2nd at 9am! Class is Monday, Wednesday, and in the Swimming Pool. Chris is still teaching! If you are interested in taking over her class please talk with Chris!

LINE DANCE CLASS:

We need a line dance instructor this season. If interested please contact me in the Activities Office.

CHURCH NEWS:

Another year is upon us and we with the Desert Shadows Interdenominational Church want to welcome everyone home. A lot will be happening this year, our first church committee meeting will be October 21st at 1pm in the back auditorium. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend these meetings. We are always looking for people to head or be a member of a committee, if you want to get involved, please either attend a meeting or contact one of the board members. Then starting in November these meetings will be held each Wednesday afternoon at 1pm. Our first church service will be on Sunday, November 1st at 9am, the following week we will be honoring our veterans with our Veterans Service.

Our Bible Study this year will be led by Diane Ross starting October 21st at 2pm in the back auditorium.

If you are new to DS, we would like to get to know you. We welcome you and hope you worship with us! It is our desire that you will experience Christ and come to know him more through our services and bible studies.

We have a great Prayer Chain and if you know of anyone in need of prayer please text Barbara Woodward at (505)980-8244.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
LEGEND FA = FRONT AUDITORIUM BA = BACK AUDITORIUM CD = CARD ROOM CF= CRAFT ROOM				1	2	3
4 PINOCHLE 1:00PM (CD)	5 PINOCHLE 1:00PM (CD)	6 CRIBBAGE 9AM (CD)	7 PINOCHLE 1:00PM (CD)	8 CRIBBAGE 9AM & 1PM(CD)	9	10 CRIBBAGE 9AM (CD) KARAOKE 6:30-9:30PM (FA)
11 PINOCHLE 1:00PM (CD)	12 PINOCHLE 1:00PM (CD)	13 CRIBBAGE 9AM (CD)	14 PINOCHLE 1:00PM (CD)	15 ACTIVITIES OFFICE OPEN! DIAMOND DOTZ 9AM-NOON (BA) CRIBBAGE 9AM & 1PM(CD) BINGO 6PM (FA)	16 DECORATE AUDITORIUM FOR HALLOWEEN DANCE & PARTY 10AM	17 SATURDAY MORNING SOCIAL (FA) 7:30AM - 9:00AM CRIBBAGE 9AM (CD) KARAOKE 6:30-9:30PM (FA)
18 PINOCHLE 1:00PM (CD)	19 PINOCHLE 1:00PM (CD) DARTS 6:30PM(BA)	20 CRIBBAGE 9AM (CD) <u>BUNCO 2PM (BA)</u> CARD BIN-GO 6:30PM (CD)	21 PINOCHLE 1:00PM (CD) BIBLE STUDY 2PM (BA)	22 DIAMOND DOTZ 9AM-NOON (BA) CRIBBAGE 9AM & 1PM(CD) BINGO 6PM (FA)	23 EUCHRE 12:30PM (CD)	24 SATURDAY MORNING SOCIAL (FA) 7:30AM - 9:00AM CRIBBAGE 9AM (CD) KARAOKE 6:30-9:30PM (FA)
25 PINOCHLE 1:00PM (CD)	26 <i>PINOCHLE 1:00PM (CD)</i> DARTS 6:30PM(BA)	27 CRIBBAGE 9AM (CD) <u>BUNCO 2PM (BA)</u> TRIPOLEY 6:30PM (CD)	28 <u>POKER WALK 10AM -NOON</u> PINOCHLE 1:00PM (CD) BIBLE STUDY 2PM (BA) TRIVIA 7PM (FA)	29 DIAMOND DOTZ 9AM-NOON (BA) CRIBBAGE 9AM & 1PM(CD) FOOD TRUCK 4-6PM BEHIND ACTIVITIES OFFICE "MELNLIBBY'S" BINGO 6PM (FA)	30	31 SATURDAY MORNING SOCIAL (FA) 7:30AM - 9:00AM CRIBBAGE 9AM (CD) HALLOWEEN PARTY & DANCE 6:30PM - 9:30PM (COCA COUNTY BAND) HAPPY HALLOWEEN!