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of the month.

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## ASSOCIATION - PRESIDENT – PAT PIPHER

I had a lengthy conversation with ISAAC BRAVO from the City of Murrieta on February 15<sup>th</sup>. He is spearheading the transition into the new waste disposal process and there are several updates as listed below:

- ◆ A can with a green lid to be delivered February 20, 2024 for organic disposal.
- ◆ The can with a blue lid for recycling will NOT be delivered until April or May. That means that we will only be responsible for sorting out the organic material into the green can and the balance goes into our regular can UNTIL the recycle can is available. Before this DIGEST is delivered, you will receive a flyer from the Board requesting much of this information and attached to that flyer will be a copy of the City's letter and a handout describing how to sort your trash.

## ASSOCIATION (CONTINUED)

### PRESIDENT'S REPORT (Continued)

Moving on to the billing part of the program please note the following:

- ◆ GOLF KNOLLS ASSOCIATION (GKA) paid *Waste Management (WM)* in January and will also pay in February. In March, owners will receive a quarterly bill covering three (3) months for the cans we have received.
- ◆ The City has furnished names of owners based on the public record and every owner's account has already been set up. If there is a tenant, the owner and tenant will need to make changes directly with *Waste Management*.
- ◆ For those residents 65 or over or on a special program like *CARE*, each person will need to furnish *WM* with an application form applying for the discounted rate. Once *WM* has entered that discount information your next bill will be credited with the difference.

To facilitate the changeover, the Board has set up a meeting on **WEDNESDAY MARCH 6<sup>TH</sup> IN THE BANQUET ROOM AT 1:00 PM.** MR. BRAVO and a representative from *WM* will review the procedures and answer your questions. There are discounts available to you and the following items will be acceptable when applying for the discounted rate, which you will do directly with *WM* per instructions that will be given you.

- ✓ A copy of a California ID card, passport, driver's license, birth certificate or military ID to verify your age because senior 65 or over get a reduced rate.  
**OR**
- ✓ A copy of your current registration in the *CARE* program or other type of program that entitles you to the discount.

The individual cans will be on display and the process explained. We are also hoping to buy some biodegradable paper bags to pass out. This will not be an ongoing Board duty but we hope to have a few bags for everyone to get you started.

- **WASTE MANAGEMENT WILL NOT CONTACT YOU TO ASK FOR INFORMATION ON DETAILS OF YOUR BILLING. IF YOU GET THESE CALLS, THEY'RE PROBABLY A SCAM – SO BE AWARE!**
- **IF YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO NEEDS HELP COMING TO THIS MEETING, PLEASE OFFER THEM A RIDE AND DOUBLE CHECK THEY HAVE THE NECESSARY ID OR DISCOUNT PAPERWORK.**

**RATS, RATS, RATS** - A second and very important topic is the vermin problem, particularly rats. The Board will contact vector control in Murrieta to see if they can offer help. In the meantime, you need to take certain actions as follows:

- ◆ Stop feeding your pet(s) outside and then leaving the food and dishes.
- ◆ DO NOT just throw birdseed on the ground. Make sure the seed is in a secured birdseed container.
- ◆ Trim palm trees and other "cozy" places where rats like to nest.
- ◆ Pick up fruit that falls on the ground everyday.
- ◆ Plug access holes under your home.
- ◆ Set traps. There are numerous types available at many local stores.



**ASSOCIATION (CONTINUED)**

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT (Continued)**

**STREET WORK** – The street work is under rain delay. As soon as the weather clears, a new flyer containing the work schedule and map will be distributed.

**TREASURER REPORT – FRANK LIPPMAN**

**A**s your new *Treasurer*, I look forward to providing you the financial help and information you need. If you have any questions or concerns, please send me an email ([Franklippman@gmail.com](mailto:Franklippman@gmail.com)) or give me a call (951) 973-4436).

**Cash & Accounts Receivable for January 2024**

<u>ACCOUNT</u>	<u>ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION</u>		
<i>Cash Operating Funds</i>			
California Bank	Checking .....	\$ 303,547	
California Bank	Money Market .....	230,314	
Petty Cash	Cash .....	118	
<b>TOTAL OPERATING FUNDS</b>			<b>\$533,979</b>
<i>Reserve Funds</i>			
Charles Schwab	Checking	\$258,669	
Charles Schwab	Money Market	249,000	
<b>TOTAL RESERVE FUNDS</b>			<b><u>\$507,669</u></b>
<b>TOTAL OPERATING &amp; RESERVE FUNDS</b>			<b><u>\$1,041,648</u></b>
<b>ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE</b>		<b>\$ 164,340</b>	
<b>DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS</b>		<b>35,901</b>	
<b>THREE (3) ACCOUNTS IN COLLECTION</b>		<b>20,137</b>	
<b>TOTAL ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE</b>			<b>\$220,378</b>

**FACILITIES/HAVEN MANAGER – ROGER MARCEAU**

**H**ello to my many community members! Well, I'll get right to it – we just had our community General Meeting, Monday, February 12<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 PM.

Many things were discussed but got to be very lengthy for me. The following were items or issues discussed:

- ☛ ADA Ramp to the Cove; ADA CASEBox was reviewed;
- ☛ Inside Spa, complaints on grit in spa – holding up payment currently for this until it's cleaned;
- ☛ Bocce ball court in rear facility, next to horseshoe pit, if interested after set up see LOUIE DeROSA.
- ☛ Horseshoe Pit – all new wooden parts;
- ☛ New brighter LED lighting will be modified – lamp near pool – new lights in front of facility;
- ☛ Removal of trash bin – saving \$260 monthly;
- ☛ Two toilets, one washing machine (hot water) fixed free by new licensed plumber, JOSE;
- ☛ New larger lettering centered on front wall of facility coming soon;

## ASSOCIATION (CONTINUED)

### FACILITIES – (Continued)

All chairs and lounge chairs are the responsibility of the members of our community and should be returned to their original place; they're your property; pool equipment is also your property and should be returned to its original place. Event set up is whoever is coordinator - I assist, gathering others to help. Mail tubes will be fixed by owners.

### LANDSCAPE – VICKI DAVIS

The rains have definitely been a plus, all plants and grasses looking greener and healthier and the sprinklers are turned off, which has helped the budget. I've been in the planning mode of my tenure. Met with Excel's supervisor, JASON to review the contract and what is included on a weekly basis. Have formed two committees. First, the volunteers to work with me on the facility. They are: DONNA FORTNEY, GAIL CATUTO, and BARBARA WESTBROOK.

My second committee is for Lot A, and his name is JIM CLAYTON. I'm in the process of getting bids for a drip system for the ferns that are along the area between Gates 2 and 3. At our Executive meeting we discussed the issue of rodents which is a huge issue for homeowners. Take precautions and learn how to protect your home from these nasty creatures.

### DIRECTOR AT LARGE (NEW TITLE) - HILARY WYLIE

I will be temporarily working as *Director of Streets/Lighting and Security* until someone volunteers for the position. We have New entrance signs for Golf Knolls going up, if the weather permits. No date for the streets yet as rain is in the forecast. What does the Director @Large do? EVERYTHING if you can find me, remember I am @Large.

### GOLF KNOLLS EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM - MICK HEROD, CO-CHAIRMAN

We talk a lot about Emergency Response within Golf Knolls, but not much about response from outside the community. Well, the ERT is taking action to improve Fire Department response times. If you've been to any presentations from Murrieta Fire and Rescue, you'll know that their response to incidents here is severely hampered by the numerous speed bumps they must navigate to reach our area. Their trucks are heavy, and fire engines are laden with internal water tanks, anywhere from 500 to 1,500 gallons. That equates to an extra 4,170 to over 12,000 pounds of water sloshing around in their tanks, and the drivers must take care not to cause a rupture. While the reduction of speed bumps within Units 1 and 2 is being discussed, some will always remain, at least along Via Princesa.

The ERT is in process of obtaining bids for automation of the existing (currently locked) "rear exit" gate at the end of Calle de Amor (the cul-de-sac nearest our Clubhouse), where it intersects Hunter Rd. This WILL NOT be for residents' use, as the motorized gates will be controlled by infrared strobe lights mounted on Fire Department equipment. These lights are used to turn traffic lights green in the direction of travel. Their vehicles will be able to enter or exit any time, using their strobe lights. (Sorry, you can't buy them for your personal vehicle, as they are illegal in California.)



## ASSOCIATION (CONTINUED)

### EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM (Continued)

Why is this important, and what will it cost? It's important because Murrieta Fire and Rescue will be building a new Fire Station along the Clinton Keith Rd. extension (near where it intersects Winchester Rd.). With the assistance of our City Council, we will be applying for one or more grants to fund the purchase and installation of the motorized gate equipment and necessary optical receivers to allow ingress and egress. If successful, it will be no cost to Golf Knolls. Stay tuned for further updates.

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## COMMUNITY CLUB

### COMMUNITY CLUB PRESIDENT – JEANNE NICHOLS

**H**h, my gosh, it's March already. Your COMMUNITY CLUB has been busy plotting this year's activities. So far, we have a bunch of good things planned. Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup> was our Super Bowl Party. Our hosts were DON and DONNA FORTNEY and their great team of volunteers. We want to thank all of our "Worker Bees"; they are: *Cashiers*, GAIL McCREIGHT, GLENDA SMITH; *Betting Pools*, TOM and LESLIE LARSON, MARGE PULE; *50/50 Raffle*, CHUCK and PEGGY DONNELLY; *Kitchen Help*, DON FORTNEY, CONNIE PEROT, ARLENE MOSCATO, PAT COTE; *Set-up Help*, NORM BYERS, DONNA FORTNEY, TOM RENO, TOM LARSEN, JOE IZZO, CLARK BALDWIN, GERALD GOODING; *Popcorn Maker*, ROGER MARCEAU; *Audio/Video Technician*, MICK HEROD. To all the guests who helped clean up, THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU! Through their hard (but fun) work, the event was a success.

Volunteers are what makes GOLF KNOLLS run so well. Give volunteering a chance. When I moved here 23 years ago, it seemed like it was all of those 'older' people, but I see very few younger residents wanting to help. (Don't get me wrong, I know some of you are still working, but anyone who has some time - even a little time - come join us, volunteering really is rewarding.

Our meetings are on the second Wednesday each month at 1:00 PM. Whether you're shy, or just not sure what to expect, give your COMMUNITY CLUB a try. We won't make you do anything that you don't want to do, just come and see what's going on.

Our next event is our St. Patrick's Day Dinner on Saturday, March 16. Doors open at 5:30 PM and Dinner at 6:00 PM. We'll have all the St. Patty's day fare with dancing and lots of fun. Tickets go on sale on March 5, 6 and 7 at \$10.00 each. Watch for the flyer.

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### WELCOME NEW RESIDENTS – LINDA FULLER

**H**ello everyone. Hopefully you have safely survived the storms and mighty rains we have had. Please join me and welcome the following new residents to our GOLF KNOLLS ASSOCIATION (GKA) community.

**COMMUNITY CLUB - (Continued)**

**WELCOME (Continued)**

**BRIAN and SANDRA CHUTE, Lot 058**  
29815 Via Zapata

**PHONE: 760-705-0633 B**  
**760-405-4640 S**

**BRIAN and SANDRA** moved here from the Ramona/Poway area. **BRIAN** was born in Massachusetts and **SANDRA** was born in California. **BRIAN** works for Caredata and **SANDRA** works for Moms in Prayer. **BRIAN** enjoys fishing and cars, and **SANDRA** enjoys quilting and bag making. They have a son, **ALEX**, daughter-in-law **CIERRA**, and daughter, **RACHEL**.

**BILL and JEAN CHOATE, Lot 083**  
38073 Cazlle Quedo

**PHONE: 818-441-2276**

**BILL and JEAN** moved here from Burbank, California. **BILL** was born in Nashville, Tennessee and **JEAN** was born in Harvey Illinois. Before **BILL** retired, he worked as a Computer Specialist, and **JEAN** was a Legal Secretary before retiring. **JEAN** enjoys knitting, crochet and yoga. They have one child. **JEAN** enjoys hiking and traveling.

**TAMARA KIEBS, Lot 445**  
Calle Cervato

**PHONE: 951-440-8512**

**TAMARA** moved here from Corona, California. She was born in Downey, California. **TAMARA** was an RN before retiring. She enjoys her dog and decorating. She has 3 sons and 2 granddaughters.

**AL BRUNKOW, Lot 168**  
28810 Calle Alta

**PHONE: 951-541-8180**

**AL** moved here from Wildomar. He was born in Minnesota. **AL** was an Engineer before retiring. He enjoys walking and traveling. **AL** has 2 children and 2 grandchildren.

**ED. LEHMAN and KATHY GINEST, Lot 509**  
38620 Via Taffia

**PHONE: 951-204-0161**

**ED and KATHY** moved here from Temecula. **ED** was born in Cleveland, Ohio and **KATHY** was born in Long Beach, Florida. **ED** was with the California Highway Patrol Department before retiring and **KATHY** was a Customer Service Representative for a hospital before retiring. **ED** enjoys spin instructor and travel, and **KATHY** enjoys traveling. They have 5 children and 4 grandchildren.

**TOM and LORRAINE RICHARDS, Lot 345**  
28913 CAMINO ALBA

**PHONE: 951-973-9728 T**  
**951-219-9441 L**

**TOM and LORRAINE** moved here from another home in Murrieta, **TOM** was born in Illinois and **LORRAINE** was born in California. **TOM** was in Real Estate before retiring and **LORRAINE** was a Barista before she retired. **TOM** enjoys photography, and **LORRAINE** enjoys quilting. They have 2 children and 2 grandchildren.



**COMMUNITY CLUB - (Continued)**

**WELCOME - (Continued)**

**"JUST A THOUGHT"** – After you read the *GOLF KNOLLS DIGEST* this month, (hopefully you do) – if you see you are neighbors of one of our new residents here in GOLF KNOLLS, it would be nice if you would reach out, introduce yourself and welcome them; even invite them to one of our upcoming events. What an "act of kindness" would that be, folks?

"Be the light in someone's darkness".

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**WOMEN'S SOCIETY – GLENDA SMITH PRESIDENT**

**H**ello to All... So nice to see everyone at our February luncheon, and enjoyed our representative from the Murrieta Senior Center **BRAIN AMBROSE**. Lots and lots of terrific information. Thanks to **JOHN INGRAM** for providing his delicious chili & corn bread, and bringing us up to date on all that is going on in and around our beautiful city. For March, our guest speaker will be announced at a later date. Many thanks to **CHUCK DONNELLY**, and his kitchen volunteers; we simply couldn't do this without you guys and gals. The **WOMEN'S SOCIETY** encourages volunteers. If you or someone you know would like more information, please attend our luncheon and ask **GLENDA** or **PAM BYERS**, VP, how you can be involved. We look forward to seeing everyone on **March 25th**.

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Condolences to the **SCOTT** family, in memory of **GRACE SCOTT**.

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*Please contact **GLORIA BACHMANN** (696-8253), to notify her of any BIRTHDAYS and ANNIVERSARIES, illnesses or deaths IN WRITING AND place in tube at 28760 VIA DEL SOL. (No notices will be printed in the *GOLF KNOLLS DIGEST* without written notification.) WE WANT YOU TO BE A PART OF OUR COMMUNITY, so keep us posted. If you don't see your birthday or anniversary, please call. IF YOU ARE A NEW RESIDENT BE SURE TO ATTEND AN ORIENTATION MEETING.*

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**GENERAL INFORMATION & ANNOUNCEMENT**

- **GKA NOTICES ARE CURRENTLY DISABLED – MICK HEROD**  
Thanks to a new anti-spam policy by gmail and yahoo, we are **PROHIBITED** to send out **GKA NOTICES**, effective February 1. There is a new policy requiring ALL bulk senders to validate their website address (a.k.a. 'domain'). Since we don't have a website, there's no way to validate. We will investigate using low-cost website builders to avoid this limitation and advise.
- **DISCOUNTS – PETER SMITH**  
Southern California Edison (SCE) offers discounted rates if you qualify. **CARE** (California Alternate Rates for Energy) will give you a 30% rate discount, if at least one household member is eligible for public assistance programs. **FERA** (Family Electric Rate Assistance) will give you an 18% discount. Call 1 800-798-5723 to see if you qualify.

## GENERAL INFORMATION (Continued)

### INTERNET DISCOUNT (Continued)

- **APPLICATION DEADLINE - LOW INCOME HOUSEHOLD WATER ASSISTANCE (LIHWAP)** is a temporary emergency program to help low-income families with assistance on water, electric, gas, propane, and/or weatherization services; however, the deadline to apply for these services is **MARCH 15, 2024**. To receive help, you must be a Riverside County resident; submit a complete application and meet the income guidelines and be enrolled in the *Direct Pay Program*. To apply: call the *Riverside County Community Action Partnership* at (951) 965-4900 to request an application or download at [www.capriverside.org](http://www.capriverside.org). Requirement: Names of people in household; photo ID; proof of citizenship and, social security card of applicant; last 4 weeks of income for all household members; and a copy of current utility bills. Monthly eligibility income for 1 member is \$2882; 2 members is \$3,770. (Members receiving *CalWORKS* or *CalFresh*, may qualify.)
  
- **A HELPING HAND – FROM PETER KOFOED**  
**ATTENTION RESIDENTS OF GOLF KNOLLS ASSOCIATION (GKA)** - I am pleased to announce that the Board of Directors at GKA has created a “new committee” and asked me to head the committee and help organize our volunteer efforts in Golf Knolls to assist seniors who are in need of our Assistance periodically. We are not going to be “care givers”, but we are going to organize the new committee to reach out to residents when they are in need of assistance.  

There are a lot of people in GKA who are interested in helping their neighbors. I am spreading the word that I would like all those people who are interested to contact me. I will be setting up scheduled meetings in the future to allow all those who are interested to come together and create our “*Mission Plan*” and a viable program that will allow us to help others.

If you are interested, please call me (PETER KOFOED) at 858-722-0823 (my cell phone number) and I can provide you with more information about what this committee will be doing. For those that are interested, be assured that being a volunteer will not be a daily activity that takes up all your time. We will have a lot of volunteers and will be organized and spread throughout GKA so that we can address the needs of others without any one person or persons being called upon to do all the volunteering.

I am excited to be heading this committee, as this committee will be an important factor in the lives of other senior residents in our community. I welcome all of you who are interested in participating to call me.
  
- **RED CROSS SMOKE DETECTOR INSTALLATION** We have been advised that the Red Cross will be visiting all three units on **March 9, 2024** to install smoke detectors (bed shaker alarms available for those who are hard of hearing). **BOB BONHAM** will be calling each house that previously signed up, to verify that units are still needing to be installed. If you are not sure if you signed up, or you would like to have detectors installed, please call **BOB BONHAM** (951) 553-4478 and leave a message if necessary.



## GENERAL INFORMATION (Continued)

- **RECALL – TOYOTA and GENERAL MOTORS** is recalling about 61,000 older *Corolla, Matrix RAV4 and Pontiac Vibe* models to stop driving them because their Takata air bag inflators are at risk of exploding and hurling shrapnel. Certain Corolla compact cars and Matrix hatchbacks from 2003 and 2004 model years as well as the RAV4 small SUV from 2004 and 2005, and about 11,000 *Pontiac Vibe*s from 2003 and 2004 are involved. Owners should contact a local dealer instead of driving the cars in for repairs. Dealers will provide options such as mobile repair, towing the car to a dealer or vehicle pickup and delivery. Owners can go to [nhtsa.gov/recalls](http://nhtsa.gov/recalls) and enter their 17-digit vehicle identification number to see if their cars are affected.

**TESLA** – is recalling 2.2 million of its 2023 *TESLA Model Y* electric cars due to small font size to warn about braking issues. **TESLA** is releasing an over-the-air software update to address this free of charge. **TESLA** is also recalling 200,000 vehicles because the backup camera may not function while the care is in reverse. The recall covers certain 2003 Models Y, S and X. The problem can be fixed with an online software update. Owners will be notified by letter starting March 22.

**FORD** – The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) is investigating about a half million *ESCAPE SUVs* from 2020 and 2021 model years for doors that can open while the SUVs are being driven.

**RIZO-LOPEZ FOODS** – A Modesto California cheese and dairy company is linked to a deadly listeria outbreak probe and is recalling more than 60 soft cheeses, yogurt and sour cream sold under the brands TIO FRANCISCO, DON FRANCISCO, RIZO BROS. RIO GRANDE, FOOD CITY, EL HUACHE, LA ORDENA, SAN CAROLS, CAMPESINO SANTA MARIA, DOS RANCHITOS, CASE CARDENAS, AND 365 WHOLE FOODS MARKET. Seven layer bean dip, chicken enchiladas, cilantro salad dressing and taco kits sold at stores like Costco, Trader Joe's and Albertsons' are part of the growing recalls of products made by **RIZO LOPEZ FOODS, INC.**

**ROBITUSSIN** – The maker is recalling eight lots of **ROBITUSSIN HONEY CF Max Day Adult and ROBITUSSIN Honey CF Max Nighttime Adult**, which were distributed to stores and pharmacy supplies. Ingestion of the contaminated syrup could result in severe fungal infections that would be potentially dangerous for people with weakened immune systems.

- **NOTIFY BOARD** – If you know that an unauthorized under-age person is living in our community, please notify the GOLF KNOLLS ASSOCIATION Board with the resident's address so that the Board can check it out.
- **SOME HOUSEHOLD HINTS**
  - ☞ Before burning candles, put them in the freezer for a few hours; they will burn more slowly and evenly.
  - ☞ Use peanut butter to remove sticky residue from price stickers on glass, metal or plastic items.

- **ALERTS – MARTI GABRIEL**

If you aren't on the *Alert System* and you have an internet email and you want to know what is happening in our neighborhood, give **MARTI GABRIEL** a call at **951-553-1259** or email her at [marilyngabriel@gmail.com](mailto:marilyngabriel@gmail.com).

- **PROFILES – MARTI GABRIEL**

A *profile* is a short article describing a person's life, work and/or character. We are all interested in knowing more about each other, which is a way of communicating. You may feel you don't have an exciting life, but you have lived, so you have a story to tell. Call **MARTI GABRIEL** at **951-553-1259**.

- **INSPIRATION – From LYN MARI**

Happy Resurrection Day, March 31, 2024. Read *Luke 24* before Easter.  
*Luke 24:32 :45* – Our hearts burn as Jesus opens our understanding to comprehend the Scriptures.

*:46* It was necessary for the Christ/Messiah to suffer and rise from the dead.

*:47* Repentance and forgiveness of sins should be preached in Jesus name to all.

*Easter seems so far away  
But we can celebrate His Resurrection every day.*

- **SCHEMES, SCAMS, AND FLIM-FLAM** – The Internal Revenue Service is emphasizing vigilance against identify theft as it begins accepting federal tax returns and are warning about IRS fraud scams involving phone calls and stolen W-2 forms from mailboxes. The IRS also warns all taxpayers about emails that look like they come from the agency but that are phishing attempts aimed at getting harmful software into a PC or a server. The emails might say that the taxpayer has a refund waiting at the IRS or that the agency needs more information from the taxpayer. There will likely be a link or an attachment that the reader of the email is supposed to click on – and that's how thieves and hackers gain entry to a computer.

The IRS DOES NOT contact taxpayers by email, text messages or social media, it sends letters by U.S. mail. If you receive a suspicious email, do not reply; do not open attachments; do not click on links.

☎ *Report an IRS phone scam at 1800 366-4484.*

☎ *For information regarding payment plan, call 1 800 829-1040*

☎ *FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION 1-877-382-4357 (1-877-FTC-HELP), 1-877-438-4338 your attorney general ([www.naag.org](http://www.naag.org)) and your local police.*

☎ *Ask to file a written report about the incident and file your complaint at [www.cslb.ca.gov](http://www.cslb.ca.gov) or call 1-800-321-2752.*

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☺ *Remember always to forget the troubles that have passed away...but remember to remember the blessings of each day. IRISH PROVERB*



- **TRIPS** – The *SUN CITY TRAVEL CLUB* hosts Day and Multi-Day trips; if anyone is interested in participating you can contact NYLA (951-757-6760) or DEBBIE (1-858-442-1677) between 9 AM to 7 PM. Trips will originate from Sun City.

**TRIPS:**

Mar. 7	AGUA CALIENTE	\$	55
Mar. 20	THE GETTY CENTER		61
Mar. 27	COVERED WAGON DESERT/BBQ		160
Apr. 2	CARLSBAD FLOWER FIELDS/OUTLET MALL		69
Apr. 8-13	WASHINGTON DC – CHERRY BLOSSOMS	\$3499/4199	
May 4-15	CROATIA & ITS ISLANDS	4999/5499	
May 5-8	SEDONA, VERDE CANYON RAILROAD TRAIN	1199/1499	
May 12-19	AMERICA'S MUSIC CITIES	4099/4999	
May 21-24	LAS VEGAS		399/575
Aug. 8-13	BEST OF CHICAGO		2975/3655
Oct. 14-22	COSTA RICA		2899/3399

- **YES OR NO?** – The famous four-legged 'weather expert' Pennsylvania PUNXSUTAWNEY PHIL did NOT appear on February 2<sup>nd</sup> to make the annual prediction on the 138<sup>th</sup> Groundhog Day as to whether there will be six more weeks of early spring or longer winter, so it means an early spring is on the way and to expect above-average temperatures for the next six weeks. Our own California CHUCKWOOD did NOT see his shadow either so he too, is predicting an early spring.
- **DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME** – The annual ritual of *setting clocks forward* on March 10<sup>th</sup> started in 1784 when BENJAMIN FRANKLIN suggested shifting clocks forward in the spring and back in the fall to save money on candles. Then in 1883, time zones are established in the U.S. and Canada by the railroads to help standardize travel schedules. Germany was the first country in 1916 to implement Daylight Standard Time. In 1942 FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT relaunched it and in 1966 PRESIDENT LYNDON JOHNSON signed a law to make the dates uniform across the country. In 1996 the *European Union* standardized summer time and in 2019 voted to remove it, more than 60% of the countries in the world use year-round standard time; however, the following do not observe Daylight Standard Time (DST): Arizona does not observe DST, the Navajo Nation does, but the Hopi Reservation does not. Hawaii and the US territories of Guam, Puerto Rico, American Samoa, the Northern Marianas, and the US Virgin Islands also do not observe DST. Don't forget - **SPRING FORWARD ON MARCH 10<sup>TH</sup>**.

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☺ ***Blessings on St. Patrick's Day, Ramadan and Easter!***

*May your days always begin with a prayer of thanksgiving in your heart. May you always have a friend in time of need. May your life be filled with joy and laughter. And at the end of the day, when you prepare yourself for a night of rest, may there be peace in your home and a prayer on your lips.*