Cis Haines

The Board of Directors met on Monday, July 28th to review renovation details. At that time many options were discussed and decided. All these options will go to the architect for his final drawings. Such things as handicap style showers, lighting for the Mesquite room and style of room divider between the Palo Verde/Mesquite rooms were voted on and documented.

The Planning & Design committee presented final color and style choices for all the rooms. The paint colors were determined for the rooms and highlight walls. The carpet style and color as well as the fabric on the room divider were also decided. The bath house tile and flooring as well as wall color were determined and the kitchen cabinets, flooring and countertop were decided.

The color palette consists of the main wall color, Finest Silk (light beige), for all rooms: a highlight color Cherry Cola in the Mesquite Room & Palo Verde Room and highlight color Teddy Bear Brown in the game room.

All paint will be top quality Dunn Edwards. The room divider is a tweed type fabric called Truffle. The carpet in all rooms except the kitchen is Kraus Notes carpet in the color Wood Mulch. The mix of colors in the chosen carpet are all the colors we will be using in the renovation finishes. We expect the carpet base to be either carpet or wood. The kitchen will have vinyl flooring in a wood grain to coordinate with the cabinets which are a mahogany. The countertops will be a quartz looking laminate in coordinating colors with a bull nose finish.

The bath house will be a combination of brown and brown speckled tile where needed with a floor of seamless textured monolithic epoxy surface with an integral base of the same material extended up the wall for 4-6 inches. All of these choices are available for you to see in the Library on color boards. Come and take a look at our future.

LA POSADA

Cis Haines

This summer I had an opportunity to go to La Posada and it was a wonderful experience that I highly recommend. We toured the hotel and gardens and ate lunch in the Turquoise Room at a table next to the window and watched the trains come and go. I could picture the passengers, from many years ago, getting off the train and coming in for a meal right where we were sitting. I hope you too have a chance to see this magical place.

LA Posada is a fabulous Spanish hacienda and the last of the great Fred Harvey hotels built in 1930 by the Santa Fe Railroad. Sitting between the RR tracks and Route 66 was this escape into civilization. Who is Fred Harvey? Fred Harvey civilized the west by developing and running all the hotels and restaurants of the Santa Fe Railway. He introduced linen, silverware, china and crystal and impeccable service to railroad travel. He was so legendary that MGM made a movie about his hotels, The Harvey Girls starring Judy Garland.

Designed by Mary Colter, the great architect of the Southwest, La Posada was her favorite of all the hotels she designed. All passenger trains traveling from Los Angeles to Chicago stopped at La Posada. It was a romantic Spanish castle with seventy guest rooms, fabulous dining and exquisite public spaces. Some of the more famous staying there included: John Wayne, Howard Hughes, Bob Hope and Albert Einstein.

La Posada closed in 1957. After being closed for 40 years, La Posada was saved in 1997 when a private party bought the hotel and started restoring it back to its former glory. Each year a few more rooms were restored.

Well the good news is that La Posada is back! It is now a

LA POSADA

Thursday, September 25th
With free entertainment by Kevin Moen
There is no charge for this pool event, just come and enjoy your pool area and the free entertainment. You must sign up in the Activity Office.

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1483 sf, 2 bedrooms, 2 baths. den/office never carpeted. Lush beautiful landscaping, beautiful neutral tile floors, citrus, R/O, water softener and much more! Priced to SELL!
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Care Free Living just lock and leave! Custom back yard, completely tiled with built in BBQ, Firepit, steel view fenced, backs to wash and sunny south facing patio you will love this winter! 2 car garage with epoxy floors, freshly painted interior, physically challenged will thrive here! HOA cares for exterior maintenance and front yard landscape!
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480-221-7922

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FURNISHED with few exceptions! Extended patio, mountain views, Tile floors everywhere but bedrooms! 1497 sf, 2 bedrooms, 2 car garage, custom entertainment wall with Fireplace! Vaulted ceiling huge master! Just move in! Priced to sell!
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BACKING TO PRIVATE HILLSIDE WITH INCREDIBLE VIEWS!
Remodeled DESERT ROSE! Highly upgraded with all the bells and whistles! Tile floors throughout with stone inlays, Plantation shutters. New kitchen! Zodiac counters, R/O, bay windows, vaulted ceilings & master bath out of a designer book! Light bright open living! Extended patio with waterfall/reflective pool and majestic views! 1444 sf, 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 car garage!
$279,500 Call Lisa Fonseca
480-437-4379
GORGEOUS DESSERT HOLLY! FABULOUS MOUNTAIN & GOLF COURSE VIEWS!
2050 sf, 2 big master suites, 2.5 baths. Arizona Room, heated and cooled, large front courtyard, lovely flower garden and kitchen has board-cabinets with uniquely tiled countertops! Plantation Shutters, mostly Stainless Appliances. New AC in 2012, new patio Roof! Laminate wood and Tile floors! $279,900 Call Cathy Longman 480-567-5495

BEAUTIFUL EXPANDED "CASSIA" MODEL BACKS UP TO HILLSIDE WITH VIEWS!
LOTS OF UPDATING JUST COMPLETED!
Very private, quiet fabulous location! The Eat in kitchen is out of a designer magazine! Everything is new! 1441 sf, 2 beds 2 baths, Tile floors married to solid wood floors! Steel view tensed back yard is large and gorgeous! Loaded with all you have been looking for! $239,000 Call Lori

HIGHLY UPGRADED EXPANDED WESTCHESTER!
WOW! Entertainers delight! Stunning home, open floor plan, new paint inside & out, large gourmet kitchen with granite, custom build breakfast bar, Alder cabinet, granite counters, stainless appliances. Fireplace just loaded with extras! Entire back yard has pavers with plantings, fountain and more! 2073 sf, 3 beds, 2 baths! Call Frances 480-433-1522 or Rick 480-570-8047 ONLY $265,000!

GORGEOUS BRADSHAW!
Gorgeous BRADSHAW model with big open greatroom floor plan on large corner lot! Entertainers dream home! Tile throughout, new AC in 2012, stainless appliances, Kitchen island, large den/office doubles as a 3rd bedroom! Big beautifully landscaped lot you will love! $2222 sf, 2 bedrooms, den/office, 2.5 car garage and more! $279,000 Call Cathy Longman 480-567-5495

WOW! BIG 3 CAR GARAGE AND 2 BIG MASTER SUITES!
Gorgeous Desert Holly with 903 sf. Tile floors where you want them, fireplace, craft utility room, 3 car garage as epoxy coated floor, beautifully landscaped back yard and large side yard! The PRICE IS RIGHT! LOOK! $259,000 Call Shirley Cowan 480-689-0480

42 MOUNTAINBROOK HOMES SOLD IN 2014
(Sold Prices are Actual)

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For local candidate and the front entry fountain is still down with walls still to be rebuilt pending bids. Erosion in the washes has been cleared, workshops and provided to the architect. Finishes, products have been discussed in remodel is close to being finalized; colors, work in the Fitness Center. With several options of components and combinations, Board members will make a field trip to the store to check them out personally.

Corey Nelson, manager recently received a special leadership award from First Service Management for his work at MountainBrook Village. Congratulations, Corey! The Buildings & Grounds committee has completed extensive evaluations of some of our buildings and the pools. The Board tasked Corey and his staff to address the priority, especially safety issues in each of these evaluations.

Our contract with First Service management was renegotiated and approved by the Board, with a possible savings of $2,000 - $6,000 a year. We will continue our open forums for residents on the second Tuesday of each month following the Coffee and News. Please feel free to contact your Board members and management at any time, we are here for you.

WHY SHOULD I VOTE?
one vote doesn’t matter anyway

Pam Burks

Why should I pay attention to politics when my one vote doesn’t count? But, “not” paying attention to your state and local politics can be devastating to you and your family if the wrong leadership is elected. This year we are electing a new Governor, Secretary of State, Attorney General, State Treasurer, and Superintendent of Public Instruction, along with very important local representatives such as: U.S. Representative for Congress, District 4, one State Senator, Representative for District 16, two State Legislative Representatives for District 16, Pinal County District 7, Chief Magistrate Judge, Pinal County District 7, Constable, and Clerk of Superior Court, along with Fire Board and School Board representatives.

Electing the right leadership will either keep Arizona on the continued path to prosperity or take us back to the crushing deficits inherited in 2009, which almost destroyed our Arizona economy.

I know what you are thinking, there are so many candidates and it would take you too much time to research all of them, but there are resources you can go to that will help you reduce the time and effort it will take to become an educated voter and a good citizen. The Primary election is August 26, 2014.

Supper Club Recipes

VOTE 2014

Those that vote in the Primary will choose the candidates for the November election.

Why not attend local candidate forums, go to the candidate’s websites where you can read about them and see where they stand on the important issues facing Arizona and our community. To obtain a complete list of state candidates go to the Secretary of State, Ken Bennett’s website: http://www.azsos.gov/cfs/CandidateSummarySearch.aspx

For local candidate information go to Pinal County Government website: www.pinalcountyaz.gov/elections, then scroll down to 2014 List of Primary Candidates for County Offices. Also, you can go the websites of all the party affiliations and check out what they have to say.

Don’t let, the “few”, make the choices that you and your families will have to live with. We get the government we deserve. Be informed and be engaged!

ROASTED TOMATOES

6 medium-size ripe tomatoes, cut in half
6 tablespoons canola oil
3/8 cup finely chopped red onion
1 1/2 cloves garlic, minced
salt and pepper to taste
1/2 cup fresh breadcrumbs
1 1/2 tablespoons chopped fresh flat leaf parsley
1 1/2 tablespoons chopped fresh basil
1 1/2 tablespoons chopped oregano

Place tomato halves on foil-lined baking sheet. Drizzle each half with canola oil. Combine red onion, garlic, salt, pepper and breadcrumbs in a small bowl. Stir to incorporate ingredients. Sprinkle mixture over the cut sides of the tomatoes. Roast tomatoes at 350° for 45 to 60 minutes or until tomatoes are very tender. Sprinkle fresh herbs over tomatoes and serve immediately.
VILLAGE THEATRE

Bill Wash

As was mentioned in a recent column, it’s been ten years since MountainBrook Village's first on stage play was performed in 2004. To celebrate those ten years, an "All Players Party" has been planned for actors and volunteers. The "party committee" has tentative plans that include the Sunset Room this December. Additional details will be announced in next month’s Mountaineer.

After appearing in four play performances on the Superstition Center stage, actor Parker Shipley was motivated to try his hand at authoring a play. With a concept in mind and after much inspiration and perspiration, suggestions from other actors and after several rewrites, Parker proudly emerges as a playwright. Arrangements have been made to perform the play on the Superstition Center stage November 5, 6 & 7, 2014. His play, Break a Leg, Again is about a close knit group of older actors and actresses who have known each other for years. They meet twice monthly in fellow actor Paulie Evan's apartment to review local theatre news, the job market and to discuss their lack of work, lack of money and their fading hopes for any kind of a new "gig" to come their way. Today, however, their long time friend and theatrical agent, Kirby, shows up with a bit of hope for them, hinting at part time jobs and stirring up a little enthusiasm for their futures. Is Lady Luck finally going to smile on them? Or is this just one more disappointment waiting around the corner? You'll find out as the play unfolds with its surprising twists and turns. Stay tuned as additional details will be forthcoming.

Co-directors Kathy Whitacre and Merry Brennan offer a reminder of next year’s play Said The Spider To The Spy which is scheduled for February 26 - March 1, 2015 on the Superstition Center Stage. Kathy and Merry announce a cast change with Dick Powers replacing Dick Brennan in the role of Byron. Dick Powers joins the cast of Karen Carnahan as Gussie; Sharon Stemple as Ida; Georgene Powers as Ruth; Pat Hardy as Julia; Cathy Longman as Adele; Gary Stemple as Manny; Parker Shipley as Dexter; and Bill Wash as "Man". Dick Powers joins Georgene and Pat as first time actors on MountainBrook Village's Superstition Center stage.

Finally, Kathy and Merry would like to borrow a wicker couch that seats three for about a three week period to be used as a prop on stage in next year's play. Please call Kathy at 480 982-3962 or Merry at 480 983-8168. Kathy and Merry thank you.

INTRODUCING PAT STEMPLE

Pat Stemple is our newest staff member and will be our new Lifestyle Director. Pat has lived in Gold Canyon since 2003. Since coming to Arizona, Pat has enjoyed a very successful career. Before joining MountainBrook, she worked for three other large Active Adult Communities. Pat is very excited to be here. Her experience and qualifications will no doubt help her accomplish the goals and expectations of MountainBrook Village.

After 5 years as our Lifestyle Director, Glenda Schimmelpfennig will be moving on. I am sure we will all miss that calm demeanor of a real professional. We all wish Glenda the best of luck in whatever life brings her.

THANK YOU’S

Thanks to all our MBV friends who have supported us and continue to do so with much needed prayers and words of encouragement as I recover from my recent surgeries. This is truly a community rich in loving and caring people! Joyce and Wayne Cole

WELCOME NEW RESIDENTS

Is there someone new on your street? Don’t forget to welcome them to our friendly village. Invite them to join you for Tuesday Coffee & News, they will appreciate the invitation. Below is a list of the new residents who moved into MBV.

CHARLES & DIANA JENSEN  5229 S. MARBLE DR.
CAROLYN SKAALE RUD  7214 E. TEXAS EBONY DR.
DANIEL & LINDA CURTIS  8206 E. GReenview Dr.

VILLAGE VOICES

Bill Wash

Hope you all have fun indoor hobbies as these 110 degree days press on. But, if you don't, now is a good time to start warming up your tonsils because it's only 19 short days until the MountainBrook Village Choir assembles for its first practice of the season. So, mark your calendars for Wednesday, September 3, 2014 at 1:00 pm in the Superstition Center. Plan to attend this meeting to learn of important news, to get organized, to receive your music assignments and to begin practice for our annual Christmas Concert (only 14 days of practice to the actual performances).

The choir will meet to practice every Wednesday or as otherwise announced. The planned choir schedule following the first meeting will be 1:00-2:00 pm for sectionals; 2:00-4:00 pm for rehearsals; and 4:00-5:30 pm for special groups. The Christmas Concert performance dates are December 5 and 6 (Friday & Saturday). We look forward to all returning members as well as those interested in joining the choir. If there are any questions, please call Allen Fry, Voices President at 480 671-5419.
NEW! ON OUR WEBSITE

You can now order your MBV name badge on our MBV website. Simply go to our website: www.mountainbrookvillage.org

Log in, click on the badge on the Member Information page and it will direct you to www.raysprinting.net/mtbrook-name-badge.

Fill in the order form with the name you want on the badge and pay with credit card or PayPal. After you click PAY, you have completed the order.

Badges ordered on Wednesday will be delivered to the Activity Office by Friday afternoon.

Could this be any easier?

HUMMINGBIRD RESCUE

This little guy flew into the MBV office window so I held & petted him until he came to. Waited a bit and he started trying to walk in my hand. Took him outside and he stood for about a minute ruffled his feathers & flew off!

…….Dori Lewis (office receptionist)
precious link to the days of the great Santa Fe trains and to the time when we would drive Route 66 to see America.

La Posada is located in northern Arizona in the town of Winslow. You can drive to Winslow and visit this glorious historic place, you can stop for lunch or dinner in the Turquoise Room, visit the unique gift shop, even book a room and stay overnight. Room rates are reasonable at about $129 for an experience you will not soon forget.

The Turquoise Room is a trip into the past with tin and glass chandeliers, trolley lights and comfortable padded booths with a retro menu. Chef John Sharpe and his wife Patricia opened the Turquoise Room Restaurant in 2000. It is named after the private dining car on the 1936 Super Chief that ran between LA and Chicago. Make sure you ask for a window seat as the restaurant looks out over the RR tracks from the days of passenger travel on the Santa Fe RR. The restaurant of today is Southwest cuisine mixed with some old Fred Harvey favorites using regional ingredients. Try the cornbread with butter and honey, you will be begging for more. The Turquoise Room menu will please any guest. Unique breakfast specialties, a traveler’s lunch stop treat or dinner with gourmet choices like Prime Rib Roast every night, choice steaks, fresh fish, flown in three times a week, and a vegetarian choice.

Yum…. This should be a Let’s do dinner choice for MBV but it is several hours away and you will need to plan your getaway. Winslow is about 170 miles from Gold Canyon and the drive takes three hours. For anyone interested in this adventure, the address is La Posada Hotel, 303 E. 2nd Street, on U.S. Route 66, Winslow, Az 86047. Hotel # 928-289-4366, Restaurant 928-289-2888. All those residents who have a getaway in northern Arizona should definitely give La Posada a try.
It was our Third Country Fair to celebrate the Fourth of July

The Fourth of July was a party not to be missed. Patriotic spirit filled the Superstition Center and both the entertainment and the food were a hit. It was a social affair with patriotic face tattoos, dancing and lots of prizes that brought out those smiles. A big thank you to Sue Wright for the photos.

## Standing Committee Meeting Schedule:

### Board of Directors Meeting
Last Tuesday at 9:45
Superstition Center

### Activity Committee
2nd Monday at 9:00
Mesquite Center

### Architectural Committee
Alternate Thursdays at 10:00
Mesquite/Palo Verde Room

### Budget and Finance Committee
Thursday Before BOD Meeting at 1:30
Mesquite Center

### Building and Grounds
2nd Tuesday at 1:00
Library

### Communications Committee
1st Thursday at 9:00
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**September 2014 Calendar**
LETS DO DINNER-D’VINE, MESA

The D’Vine location is 2837-101 N. Power Rd., Mesa. In the “Village at Las Sendas” at Power & McDowell. Join us at this bistro and wine bar on Wednesday, August 27th, where you can find fine wine, eclectic cuisine and outstanding service. Start your evening off with wine. The menu includes a large assortment of appetizers, tapas, grilled pizza, chopped salads, pasta, burgers, fish & chips and scallops and more. Join us at 5pm, driving is on your own, remember to sign up in the Activity Office.

LUNCH & CRAFT PARTY

Escape the heat and join in on the fun. The date is August 28, for a Decorative Tile Party and light lunch with dessert & beverage. Join us in the Superstition Center from 11am - 2pm. Tickets $7.00 pp. Tickets go on sale Tuesday, July 29th. Come and learn a craft, have lunch and make art to take home with you. We’ll be painting on prepared ceramic tiles. Last day to purchase tickets will be August 19th.

LABOR DAY BINGO & POTLUCK

Labor Day, September 1st, announces the end of summer. Well it is not the end here in MBV as we have summer for at least another month. What to do? Come and enjoy a Potluck in the Superstition Center followed by Bingo. Bring a dish to share and remember to sign up in the Activity Office. Come at 4pm to join the social. Potluck is at 5pm and Bingo will follow at 6:30pm.

MEN’S LUNCH & BREW

Monday September 8th is Men’s Lunch & Brew. This month the men will meet at Islamorada Fish Co. in Mesa. Remember to sign up in the Activity Office and travel is on your own.

LADIES LUNCH

Monday September 8th is ladies lunch. PF Chang’s in Mesa, is the place to meet. Sign up in the Activity Office and travel is on your own.

HARRY MATHEWS SHOW

September 13th is Saturday night with Harry Mathews. Enjoy appetizers and an energetic show in the Superstition Center. Doors open at 6:30 pm and the show will begin at 7:00 pm. BYOB. Reserved seating at tables. Tickets are $9 per person and tickets go on sale on Tuesday, August 12, 2014. Last day to purchase tickets will be on 9/9/14. www.harrymathews.com.

LETS DO DINNER

As the final dinner of the summer season we will be dining at Cafe Azul on Wednesday, 9/24, meet at pm. It is at the Marriott Mesa Hotel, N. Centennial Way, Mesa 85201 - phone 464-5073. The restaurant is Mediterranean fare with Italian and Spanish influences. Among the dinner entre selections are pepper-crusted flat iron steak and roasted chicken with mango-chipotle relish. End the meal on a sweet note with a churro sundae or cherry-bomb cheesecake. Please sign up in the office so we can make reservations under MBV.

CHICO’S

It’s another popular Chico’s in store shopping event. The date is Thursday, September 18th. Chico’s doors will open at 10am. The staff at Chico’s makes this event fun and they usually have some surprises for us too. Sign up at the Activity Office beginning 8/12/14 and before 9/12/14.

POOL SOCIAL /KEVIN MOEN

On Thursday, September 25th we will have a Pool Party with entertainment by Kevin Moen, at the pool from 3-5:00pm. There is no charge, just come and enjoy your pool area and the entertainment. BYOB. REMEMBER: ABSOLUTELY NO GLASS CAN BE BROUGHT INTO THE POOL AREA.

Activity Planning 2014 - 2015

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2014 CASINO BUS TRIPS


Fort McDowell Casino Day Trips: 7/23, 8/20, 10/29, 11/12 and 12/10.

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Ladies Bridge
Ladies Bridge meets every Monday at 1pm in the Sunset Center. The first Monday of the month is a potluck at noon. We each put in 50 cents for small money prizes. You can sign up one week in advance. Walk-ins are welcome. For questions call Barbara Osborn @ 982-9408. Winners for this month are: Elaine Valenti, Janeane Miller, Nancy Waechter, Jacquie Italiano.

Just for Fun Golf
Are you ready for golf? Just for us gals and just for fun. Golf on Thursdays, in the morning at Sunland Village, Mesa. It’s only 10 miles west of MBV. If interested, call Mary at 983-3117.

Mixed Bridge
Mixed bridge is both couples and singles, no partner necessary. We meet every Thursday at 1pm in the Sunset Center. You can sign up one week in advance. Walk-ins are welcome. We collect 50 cents for prizes, nickels for slams not bid and pennies for downs. Come and you will enjoy a friendly group. For questions, call Elaine Valenti at 671-1686.

Ladies Nine Hole Golf
Mondays at 8:00am
Gold Canyon Sidewinder
For more information call Marlies at 983-3122

THE COONEY MEN’S GOLF LEAGUE
Come and join us for some fun. Enjoy golfing with friends and neighbors or just use this opportunity to make some new golfing buddies. We have a group rate and closest to the pin contest with prizes and more. We play every Monday morning at MountainBrook Golf Club. Could it be any closer? For sign-up information, call Chet Haines @ 671-1066.

Low Impact Aerobics and More
Gladys Opfer
This is for all those active MBV residents. Come join us for low impact aerobics, toning and Zumba in the Ocotillo Center from 7-8 am on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Classes are all year round and they are free. It is a group of ladies working out to cd’s and learning steps together. For questions call the exercise leader, Gladys Opfer @ 218-1311.

“All the Single Ladies”....
We are a group of single ladies who get together to laugh, play games, go to the movies and we go out to eat together as well. Join us the first Wednesday of the month at 9:30 am for a breakfast meeting. You can help us plan our activities for the month as well as plan future outings. If you are interested, call Mary Lou Kent @ 671-0024.

Texas Hold’em
Texas Hold’em is played in the Palo Verde Room on Monday, Thursday, Friday and the second Sunday at 12:30 pm. Ladies play on Tuesday at the same time, same place. There is a potluck and Texas Hold’em Tournament once a month on the last Sunday of the month.

The Peter’s Men’s Golf Group
If you can’t golf on Mondays with the Cooney Golf Group, play with us on Wednesdays. We play at the MountainBrook Golf Course: we have group rates as well. Call Rick Peters at 671-1680 for Tee Times and sign-in.

Social Duplicate Bridge
We meet every Tuesday evening at 6:30 pm in the Sunset Center. Come and enjoy a very friendly group. “Fun” is our motto. We collect $2.00 per person. 100% goes back in prizes. Duplicate bridge offers an enjoyable and different format. If you need a partner, call Jackie Johnson at 671-9859.
**Ladies Bunco**
Are you feeling lucky? Do you have a little time for fun? Join us on the second and fourth Thursday of each month in the Sunset Center, Room A at 1pm. We promise you will have fun and all you need to know is how to throw those lovely dice to win.

**Chess Club**
Love the game? Please join us for Chess Club on Sunday at 3pm in the Sunset Center, Room A. We provide mentoring and guaranteed fun.
For more information please contact Pam Lane-Garon @ 559-260-3379.

**Hand and Foot Canasta**
Come join us. We play every Monday from 12:45pm – 4pm in Sunset Center A. We also play every Friday from 1pm – 4pm in the Sunset Center. If you would like to learn we will be happy to teach you. It is easy to learn and everyone has a lot of fun. If you are interested, call M.

**PINOCHLE**
Two weekly sessions of pinochle are played in the Sunset Center. Ladies meet each Tuesday at 1 pm. The traditional pass three cards group meets each Thursday at 7 pm. Newcomers are always welcome. No advance signup is needed; just show up by ten minutes before the scheduled start of play. You will find cordial folks who will help you adapt to our rules of play.

Each month, Thursday players who achieve scores of 600 or more are recognized here. This month they were Linda Sandell, 609, and Ron Hofmeister, 603.

**Yoga**
Strengthen your mind and body and come join us for Yoga with Deborah. Wednesday: Gentle Yoga (2nd week of each month, Yoga with a chair). Friday: Yoga for Rejuvenation. Both classes are from 8:30 am to 9:50 am in the Sunset Center. For more information, call Elfriede @ 982-2319 or Joyce @ 288-0026.

**Card Making with Millie**
Do you love the look of handmade greeting cards but you aren’t sure what to put on a card or how to make one? Come join the fun and make custom greeting cards for every occasion. Classes are two hours of creative fun and you will be proud of your finished product. Make five cards for $10 with all materials provided.

Classes are from 1-3pm in Mesquite or Ocotillo Centers on the following dates: Sept 10 & 11, Oct 7, 8 & 9, Nov 4, 5 & 6, Dec 2, 3 & 4. Call Millie at 982-5388 or email @ we2harts@yahoo.com for reservations or questions.

**Book Discussion**
Are you a J.A. Jance fan? Do you recognize the names Joanna Brady and J.P. Beaumont as old friends? Then you will want to read her latest tome Second Watch. This one will touch your heart if you’re of a certain era.

Pam Kitchener brought the book over to Dennis saying, “You’ve got to read this.” Then she took it back to her next-door motorhome to finish reading the epilogue “The Story Behind Second Watch.”

Every story has a beginning and this one started in Bisbee, Arizona, where the author went to school with an upperclassman bound for West Pont, Ranger training and Viet Nam. It was that era. Jance artfully weaves the story of the real life hero with the fictional Seattle detective J. P. Beaumont albeit with a little help from gal pal Joanna Brady.

Read it and weep and yes, that is a recommendation. Pam read it, I read it, Herb and Dennis are reading it now. Just do not forget to read the epilogue before you visit Bisbee the next time.

P.S. How are you doing on your Book Discussion reading list? Remember October is your choice to share. I think I have picked mine.

**Helping Hands**
We are a group of volunteers who give short term support for home bound residents. We try to provide transportation to doctors, dentists, pharmacy and grocery shopping. We also have available some caregiver relief and friendly visits. Our Call Check volunteer arranges for a client to have daily contact by phone.

Equipment Loan will lend you medical or infant equipment. Our wonderful residents keep the equipment in their homes until it is needed by their MountainBrook neighbors. Please check with the office or call me, Loretta Milton @ 480 474-9958. When you need further information about Helping Hands, either as a client or volunteer, please call me Loretta Milton 480 474-9958 and leave a message.
Peggy Malson

I’ve been in a fowl mood since we arrived in Washington State. We are staying in our motor home in the bucolic farming community of Mount Vernon which is north of Seattle and south of the Canadian border. Some days there are more Canadian license plates in the Costco parking lot than Washington cars with bumper stickers proclaiming Seattle Seahawks Super Bowl Champions! Just thought I’d throw that in as an aside. It really doesn’t have anything to do with the subject.

The subject is a rooster that crows every morning and wakes us up then continues crowing all day long. I grew up on a farm that had chickens. It was my job to care for them. We had Leghorns and Bantys and even Guineas, but none of them crowed all day long. I can’t imagine what is going on over there.

Then this morning Nicole Richie was a guest on Live! With Kelly and Michael. She started talking about raising chickens. Apparently the latest new thing is having chickens in the city. She even belongs to an urban chicken society albeit “anonymously.” Well, I don’t know about you, but I’d rather be associated with the chicken society than Paris Hilton. That’s the thing she should have done “anonymously.”

The third reason I’m in a fowl mood is the most serious and it’s true. All my stories are true, of course, but this one is also spooky. We were at our friends on Whidbey Island for the July 4th weekend as usual. Holly tells good stories that are mostly believable. We were all sitting around the campfire one night when an owl flew onto her back deck several yards away. We were all surprised except Holly who said, “That’s Pretty Boy. He comes regularly and we talk. He won’t leave until I come outside and talk to him. Then he flies away.”

We kinda believed her. He sat there for at least thirty minutes before he flew to a tree next to our campfire. He stayed there staring into the fire and then swooped down right over Holly and me not two feet over our heads. It scared the crap out of me; both his sudden, unexpected move and his enormous wingspan which felt like six feet, but was probably closer to three or four. Then he banked right and disappeared into the woods or so I’m told. I was still trying to recover from being owl attacked.

There is a book by Margaret Craven called “I Heard the Owl Call My Name.” In this Northwest Native American narrative an owl is the omen of death. I read that book over thirty years ago, but it was all I could think about the rest of that night. The following morning I realized the owl hadn’t flown at me at all. Since Holly hadn’t come to talk to him, he had come to her. I had never been in any danger and was perfectly safe from the legend of the death owl calling my name.

Still taken all together, non-stop crowing roosters, anonymous urban chickens, and swooping death owls, are enough to put anyone in a fowl mood.
**Note:** One Ad of 20 words or less is free for 30 Days, for a MBV resident. Classified ads are to be submitted to the MountainBrook Office. All ads must be re-submitted to run again. All ads are due by the 25th of the month for publication the following month.

**Business/Commercial ads** for both residents and non-residents are available for purchase through Ray’s Printing, 480-982-3087

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**FOR SALE**

King mattress/box/frame with 5pc comforter ensemble & cornice or trade for queen. Wingback swivel rocker and ottoman. 541-344-2064.

Show Low Summer Home Gated adult community w/amenities. 1 BR 1.5 BA Family room, screened porch, washer, dryer, central air, Park Model 900 + sq ft. $100K 480-993-9397.

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**WANTED**

Helping Hands is in need of infant and childcare equipment from those willing to loan to their neighbors. A log in the Activity Office holds the information. 474-9958.

Helping Hands is in need of volunteers willing to transport clients to the doctors or shopping. If available, call 474-9958.

Want to rent a home or casita in MBV either February or March 2015. E-mail emelaineh@yahoo.com or leave message at 970-356-0268.

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AOTMonth David Larsen 307-631-8524
Aerobics of the Mind Paul Cechovic 288-6976
Band Donna Read 671-9828
Bible Study, Ladies Dianne DeJong 671-4692
Billiards/Pool Denny Kenny 313-670-0524
Bingo Bob & Joan Archer 288-0891
Book Discussion Char Peterson 982-7793
Bocce Ball Bonnie Klassen 838-8094
Bowling Judy Schuyler 671-7995
Bowling (Mon) Marge Hibey 983-4109
Bridge, Couples Elaine Valent 671-1686
Bridge, Duplicate Jackie Johnson 671-9859
Bridge, Ladies Barb Osborn 982-9408
Bridge, Men’s Rich Houseman 288-5738
Bunco Arlene Pytko 288-8011
Canasta (hand & foot) Marilyn Thomas 671-0493
Card Bingo Don Lorenzi 983-6971
Ceramics Lynn Gregory 288-9963
Chess Bill Vallicella 288-6727
Clogging Sharon Baack 520-610-1711
Computer Class Len Broz 671-4651
Crocheting Class Dorothy Wolter 671-1672
Darts John Kloosterman 288-2388
Democrats Club Bill Florence 857-8189
Euchre Alex Dioni 982-1996
Fitness Center Matt Hyatt 983-8143
Game Day Joyce Schenck 982-7518
Gold Canyon Lions Terry Storbakken 983-3420
Greeting Card Class Millie Hart 982-5388
Helping Hands Loretta Milton 474-9958
Hiking Mike Lipscomb 625-1339
Knitting (Tues) Kathy West 983-8432
Ladies Aquacise (8am) Ginny Rauguth 288-0579

Ladies’ Aquacise (9am) Isolde Weilhammer 671-1439
Low Impact Aerobics Gladys Opfer 218-1311
Mah Jongg (Mon) Sharon Penrod 602-320-2278
Mah Jongg (Tues) Judy Beigansk 671-8836
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Mah Jongg (Fri) Ginny Rauguth 288-0859
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Pottery Barbara Dahlstrom 288-2523
Quilting/Needlecraft Linda Burch 671-4465
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Republicans (GC) Pam Burk 214-5555
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Supper Club Joan O’Leary 751-4771
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Tennis Sally Linkar 288-8339
Texas Hold’em Charlene Wenzel 288-7171
Village Players Gary Stemple 671-4307
Village Voices Allen Fry 671-5419
Water Volleyball Kelly Loran 907-360-8636
Water Volleyball Weekends Don Reineke 474-9442
Woodcarving Wesley Stevens 982-3809
Yoga Effie Rost 982-2319

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Manager Rachel Dagull 288-8335
Pinnacle Vista Management - (innovative Property Management)
Manager Wendy Burton 983-1010
MountainBrook Golf Course 671-1000
Activities Committee - Claudia Vaughan (Chair) 983-3425
Architectural Committee - Len Schroeder 983-1652
Budget & Finance Committee - Bill Griggs 671-7555
Building & Grounds - Larry England (Chair) 474-9180
Caring Corner - Arlene Pytko (Chair) 288-8011
Communications Committee - Donna Whalen (Chair) 216-9376

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Len Schroeder, Vice President 983-1652
Jeff Hager, Secretary 983-4188
Ron Olm 288-0790
Barbara Sebring 288-1879
Gary Molzen 605-359-3600
Ron Pagani 602-432-8367
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Community Manager - Corey Nelson 983-5555
Assistant Manager - Cheri May 983-5555

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Bev Ginther

“The food is on the table.” I yelled up the empty stairway to the occupants of the bedrooms on the second floor. “It looks great, smells fantastic, and is screaming “eat me” “eat me,” I continued in my usual off the wall exuberance (mostly entertaining myself).

The sun streaked through the kitchen windows and the beams fanned out across the top of the round oak table, engulfing it in light and giving a festive glow to the simple place settings. Bowls and platters filled with steaming hot eats were placed around the perimeter of the table crown. There was much more food than could possibly be consumed by four people, but leftovers for another meal would be a real godsend for this busy active family where finding time to put together a feast such as this was a challenge in itself.

The main course was an overflowing platter of steamy hot barbequed baby back ribs that had been cooked slowly in the oven and slathered in Famous Dave’s equally famous sauce. The ribs sent tangy sweet aromas wafting through the house to beckon the hungry. They were accompanied by a dish of whole potatoes, each carefully wrapped in aluminum foil and baked to a squeezable soft touch. Completing the main course was also a plate of fresh baked corn muffins and a piping hot bowl of green beans mounded high and topped with a quickly melting dollop of butter. “Come on guys, it is getting cold and you are running out of time.”

“Please Mom, this is ridiculous and I am not even hungry,” wailed our middle daughter, Morgan. “You know I can’t eat right now” added the youngest, Jessica.

“Please just forget about it.” “No way,” I quickly responded. “Just get your butts to the table and at least give it a try.” “What about, Dad, doesn’t he have to eat it, too?” “Yes he certainly does. In fact he is already at the table and is waiting for you two.” That meal, although usually a family favorite, was NOT a favorite that day, because you see it was 5:45 A.M., and this was breakfast!

When I think about my parenting style many things come to mind and foremost among them is this quirky story that exemplifies my philosophy and creative humorous approach. I have always been open to change and like to try new things. This particular idea came from an evening news feature where a researcher claimed modern people were eating the wrong way. His suggestion was to adopt a “Backwards Meal Plan” by simply trading dinner with breakfast. I didn’t spring this plan on my family completely unannounced, like I had some ideas in the past. I explained the research and asked them to try it with me.

The Backwards Meal Plan was a very short lived experiment at our home. Everyone was a good sport about it and ate barbequed ribs for breakfast that morning. They laughed me out of the door when I suggested we try it another time and threatened to order pizza if I even thought about serving them Cheerios for supper again that night. Our kids are grown now and when we all get together, the “Backwards Meal” story is told and retold. Do you remember the time that Mom made us eat ribs for breakfast? It is always followed by gales of laughter, a little embellishment and some good hearted ribbing (of me that is, not the barbeque).

It is easy to write your story when you do it one story at a time. That is what Barb Hofmeister teaches. New Life Story Writing Classes will begin October 20th. It is fun and easy. Sign up in the office or contact Barb personally. PH: 480-288-9745 or Email: byh@movinon.net and easy.

Please Pass the Ribs

Bev Ginther

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Bev Ginther (Par Court) is one of my advanced writers (she has been in several classes) and is well on her way to completing her story. Here’s a sample.
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U Tapao Royal Thailand Air Force Base 1969

Peggy and Dennis Malsom

Agent Orange is an herbicide widely used as a defoliant by the U.S. military in Viet Nam from 1961 to 1971. It was given its name from the orange-striped 55-gallon barrels in which it was shipped. During the Viet Nam War 20,000,000 gallons of defoliants mixed with jet fuel were sprayed in Viet Nam, Laos and Cambodia.

Currently, veterans who provide evidence meeting VA requirements for service in Viet Nam that establishes “presumptive exposure” may receive compensation from the Veterans Administration. Veterans who served around the Korean DMZ during a specific time frame are afforded similar presumption.

But did you know Agent Orange was also used in Thailand? Viet Nam-era Veterans whose service involved duty on or near perimeters of military bases in Thailand from 1961-1975 may have been exposed and may qualify for VA benefits. A claim must verify that they lived or worked in close proximity to the affected areas of the bases in Thailand. The VA states it this way:

www.veteran.com/content/agent-orange-thailand

The majority of troops in Thailand during the Vietnam era were stationed at the Royal Thai Air Force Bases of U-Tapao, Ubon, Naknon Phanom, Udorn, Takhli, Korat, and Don Muang. If a US Air Force Veteran served on one of these air bases as a security policeman, security patrol dog handler, member of a security police squadron, or otherwise served near the air base perimeter as shown by MOS (military occupational specialty), performance evaluations, or other credible evidence, then herbicide exposure should be acknowledged on a facts found or direct basis. However, this applies only during the Vietnam era, from February 28, 1961 to May 7, 1975.

Dennis recently wrote a statement in support of a fellow Veteran who served with him and now has cancer. It was Dennis’s first of two year-long tours. On the second

he was a gunner on AC-130 gunships, but that’s another story. Here is his reply to his friend in his own words.

RE: VA Claim #XXXXXX, Robert N. Little To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter for the benefit of my fellow Air Force member and friend Robert (Bob) Little. My name is Dennis Malsom and I served with Bob from 1969 to 1970 at U-Tapao Royal Thailand Air Force Base. We were both assigned to the 4258Th MMS (Munitions Maintenance Squadron), preload section. Our section was assigned the duties of loading 500 pound bombs onto weapons bays. Those completed bays were then transported on trailers to the flightline to be loaded into the internal bomb bays of B-52 aircraft.

The preload section was located several miles from the main base but was still on base. Our jobs were dangerous as we were dealing with live munitions at all times. When our shift started we would leave the barracks by bus, drive through main base, and proceed on the perimeter road, which followed along the perimeter fence, finally reaching our work areas. Along the way we would pass the flightline chow hall, which was situated on a hill next to the perimeter fence. Once we reached our section your crew would be assigned different work areas which were located inside concrete and rock bunker revetments. Hundreds of 500lb bombs would be awaiting our arrival. These bombs would then be loaded onto the empty bays which were brought into your area. The work was fast and arduous with accidents happening. Often times a bomb would accidentally fall off the loading equipment. This would inevitably damage the fuse. We would pick it up (manhandle) the dropped bomb, place it back on the loading device, remove the damaged fuse and call for another fuse. We would use the story that the bomb came without the fuse installed. The damaged fuse would then be taken by one of us to the top of the bunker, which was next to the perimeter fence, and tossed over the fence.

At break time we weren’t allowed to smoke in the bunker. Depending on the area you were working in the shop area may have been too far away, so rather then walk all the way to the break room we would go over the bunker wall and sit and smoke next to the perimeter fence. At night time the area was well lit due to the perimeter lights so we never felt threatened.

This was our routine 6 days a week, 12 hours a day with rotating shifts every 2 weeks. The perimeter fence was our guide to and from work and often times our social gathering place. The work that we were doing placed our work area as far away from the populous as possible which placed us at the very perimeter of the base. None of us had any idea that Agent Orange was being used to maintain the area around the perimeter fence.

It is time for the VA to step up and do the right thing. If you think you might have a claim, we recommend contacting the DAV (Disabled American Veterans) with questions and get help filling out the paperwork. It can be a long process, but don’t get discouraged. There is help available.