

Sycamore Springs

Association
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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Reminder:

Homeowners' Association board meetings will be held every third Monday of the month! So the next one is scheduled for Monday, March 21, 2005 at 7:00pm at the American Legion. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

Community Book Club:

We're still planning to put one together and need those interested to come to a meeting on Tuesday, April 5th at 3:00pm at Mary Argueta's home. The topic of the meeting is to determine how best to conduct this club, i.e. how often to meet, best times, etc. Anyone interested in attending, please RSVP to Mary at 886-5999. Address is 16781 South Sycamore Ridge Trail in the Sycamore SPRINGS subdivision.

Presentation and Q&A

... on Our Fellow Desert Critters by Todd Cuppell, Public Relations Officer and Firefighter, Corona de Tucson Fire

Department: It's that time of year when our fellow desert critters come out of hibernation and start getting neighborly again! So we are giving you, the city slickers, an opportunity to listen and ask questions regarding friendly rattlesnakes, scorpions, centipedes, spiders of all sorts, etc etc etc. Todd came out last year and gave a wonderful presentation so we opted to bring him back for those of you who couldn't make it and for those who just moved into our neighborhood. Please join us on Saturday, April 30th at 10:00am at Dennis and Barbara Still-Wood's home at 9339 East Sycamore Springs Trail in the Sycamore CREEK subdivision. RSVP by Friday, April 29th to Barbara at 762-8874!

The Sycamore Springs

Community Affairs Committee will normally have their meeting subsequent to the board meeting on every third Wednesday of the month. The time and place will be at 1:30pm at Linda Elling's residence at 16592 South Graythorn in the Sycamore SPRINGS subdivision.

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NEW CAC CHAIR

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SPOTLIGHT

David &
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A Very BIG Thank-you!

by Chris Leach

To all the folks that have supported me during this past year as Community Affairs Committee Chairperson. Very special thanks to Jewel Andrews, Mary Argueta, Shirley Laubli and Barbara Still-Wood who made up the core of the Committee throughout most, if not all, of the past year. Thank you to the Board for their assistance and giving us free rein! We attempted to set up a committee that would bring together our community through various means and interests, i.e Volunteer Community Clean-Ups, Desert Critter Talks, Traveling Company and Treats, Star Gazing Party, etc. Bearing in mind that this committee had no funds from the Homeowners' Association to work with, I appreciated both the time and money that everyone contributed to make these events possible. Thank you again.

At this time, other personal commitments need to take precedence in my time allotment. As a result, I submitted my resignation as Chairperson to the Board prior to the Annual Board Meeting. I was unable to attend the meeting due to being at the Emergency Room

with my daughter (she is okay now) but I understand that my husband stood in for me admirably! Even better, someone expressed interest in becoming the new Chairperson, pending a talk with me. After she met with the other Committee members and myself at our regular meeting, voila! She became our new leader.

Please welcome Linda Elling as your new CAC Chairperson! She's ready to jump at the bit. She's already scheduled Todd Cuppell from our local fire department for a neighborhood talk (check Mark Your Calendars...) and is ready to bring as many of you on board as possible. Organization is key and I think she will make an excellent replacement. Linda will take this committee to the next level as we enter our second year to making this a great neighborhood. All support would be appreciated, including ideas!

Linda can be reached at 762-1387 and looks forward to meeting as many of you as she can. If you need a proxy, feel free to call me at 762-9746.

Our Neighborhood Telephone Directory

➔ Please, please give Tom Andrews a call to set up a photo op of your family. We would like to put together a telephone/email directory of our neighborhood as soon as possible, which will include your photos. So, give Tom a call at 751-3774 and get your photo taken!

Our Children's Safety....

➔ At the Annual Board Meeting in February, concern was expressed over the sight of our neighborhood children "riding" our gates after they are dropped off by the school bus. **PAR-ENTS:** Please tell your children **NOT** to do this and to be aware of the risks they are taking—in potential harm to both themselves and the gates.

The Board and your neighbors thank you.

Meet David and Jane Donath

by Jewel Andrews

The Donaths reside at 9449 E. Barrel Springs Place. They are originally from Fallbrook, California, where they met in High School. They married in June 1950. They have twin daughters and two sons, seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren (#4 is due in July).

David started in the building business with his dad and got his electrical contractors license. In the 60's he worked for Raytheon Marine Products Operations in San Francisco as Manager of the Ultra-Sonics Measurements Dept. In 1968, they moved to Mesa AZ, and started "David C. Donath Co., Inc.", a Rep. firm dealing in mining equipment. They sold the business and their home in 1984, and David made the transition into retirement by building a home in Kino Bay, Sonora, Mexico, where they spent the winter months and traveled in a motor home in the summer. Eventually, they found a little historical ranch on Cochise Stronghold Road, in Cochise, AZ., that needed some loving care. It became their second home. With much work, the ranch turned into quite a showplace, especially with the five Texas Longhorns they acquired, roaming the pastures. In 2003, they sold the ranch and moved to their new home in Sycamore Creek.

Dave and Jane are both private pilots and owned



a plane for 40 years. They have flown to every state and many places in Mexico. Due to a heart problem, Dave sold the plane a few years ago. They both enjoy boating and fishing in the Sea of Cortez, and traveling. One of the major highlights they experienced was a Safari trip to South Africa in 2000. David is a ham radio operator, W7KBU. Jane loves decorating, puttering in the patio, and of course, their family.

Dave and Jane enjoy the beautiful landscape, views and the sunsets in the area, and are looking forward to meeting more of the neighbors and becoming a part of all our community activities.

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Common Neighborly Courtesies....

At the Annual Board Meeting in February, two other items were brought to the Board Members' attention:

- As much as we enjoy our neighbors having pets, we don't enjoy walking or running into their poop! So, please, when walking your adorable pets, please make sure you scoop up their adorable poop and dispose of it in your garbage bins!! Much

appreciated. muchas gracias, danke danke!!

- As we drive, some of us are turtles, some of us are rabbits and that's fine—as long as we don't endanger anyone or aggravate them! Bear in mind that we do have a 25mph speed limit in our neighborhood and that children are about. Please try not to tailgate. Remember: "Patience is a virtue" and "Better late than never" !!

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Note: For the month of March, this has been changed to Thursday, March 24th at 1:30pm. Still at Linda's place! **VERY IMPORTANT:** The more members in this group, the merrier—so please consider attending the meeting and joining our efforts to making this a great community!

Progressive Treats/Dinner:

Mark this one down, SATURDAY, MAY 14th! Neighbors who came to the Traveling Company and Treats last year know what a good time they had. Those of you who couldn't make it or arrived in the neighborhood after the event are in for a treat! Set aside that evening to visit with your neighbors while

venturing to four of your neighbors' homes. Be prepared to gain a few pounds as wonderful food is prepared for your enjoyment—PLUS—there's even a rumor of stargazing to be done at the last house on the list. Details will be forthcoming in future newsletters. Just make sure to reserve that date on your social calendars!!

One sad note:

The Community Affairs Committee has decided to cancel the First Annual Spring Hike to Sycamore Springs due to the difficulty and length of the hike. Major apologies, but we are looking into other easier local hikes. We will keep you posted.

