



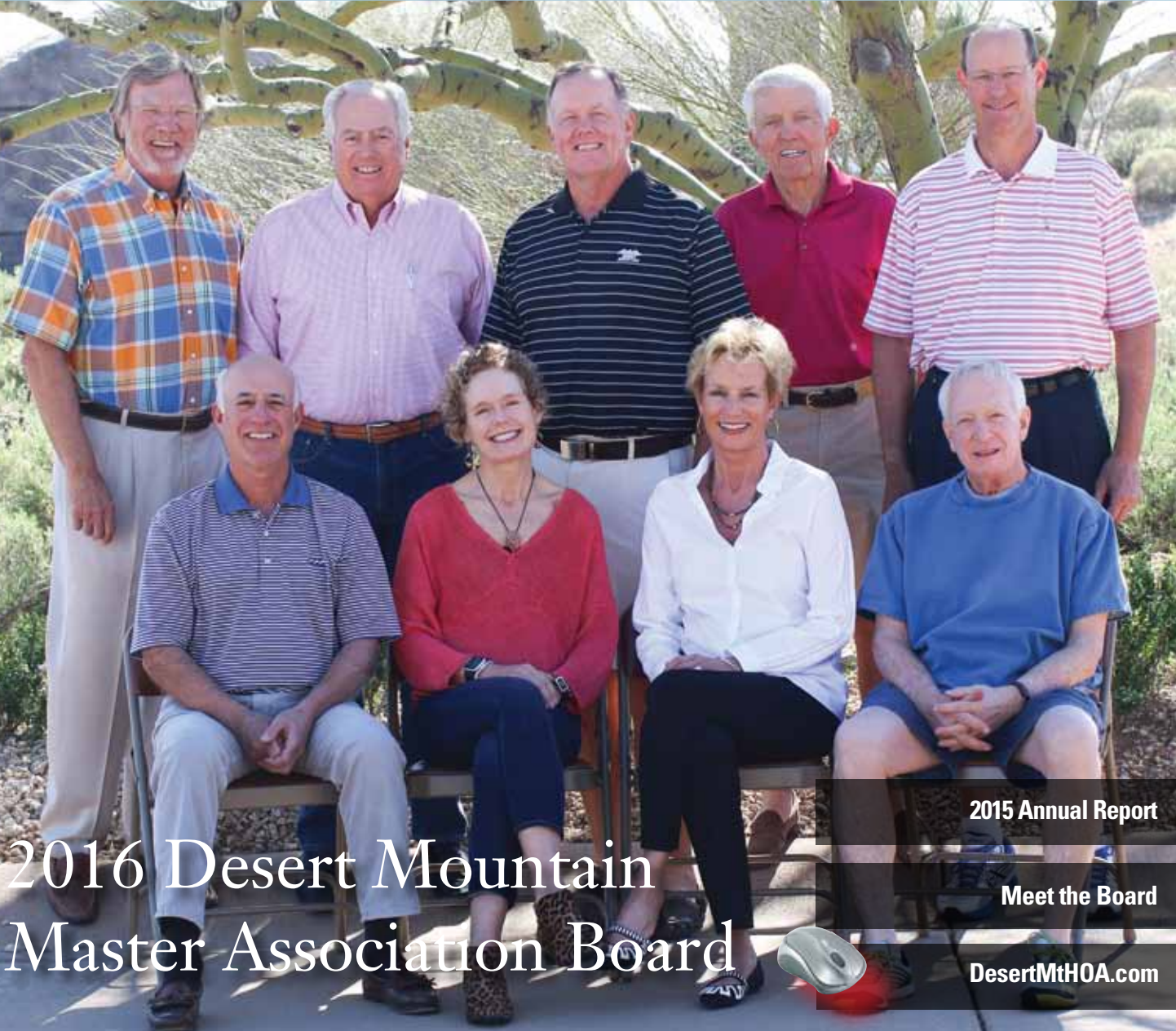
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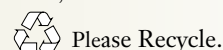
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Moving Forward in 2016

By: *Kevin Pollock, Community Manager*

The beginning of a new year is a time of transitions. A time to move on from the old year and start the next. For some, it's a time to start fresh – an opportunity to get rid of the old and start something new. For others, it's a time to move into a new area of growth, which could be social, physical or intellectual. For me, the New Year gives me the opportunity to build on what was accomplished during my first year on the job at Desert Mountain.

As you will read in newly elected DMMA President Ryan Larson's Annual Report on page 20, the Master Association was quite busy in 2015, with many accomplishments. Whether it was administrative, technical or infrastructure related, the DMMA Board and Staff continue to make headway in all departments and do so with the best interests of all residents in mind.

For those of you who attended the Annual Meeting in January, you heard about the Master Association moving forward on upgrades to the wireless security system and the

potential for an electronic voting option at the 2017 meeting. Read more about that in my manager's article.

We have new leadership on the Master Board with Ryan elected as President in February. But the nucleus of the Board remains, with eight returning members. Add newcomer Mike Dings to that group and each brings a vast wealth of experience and intelligence to forge ahead on important issues that affect each resident.

If everyone is moving forward together, then success takes care of itself. —HENRY FORD

As we move forward after a successful 2015, you can anticipate that your Master Board of Directors and Staff will continue to improve on the accomplishments of the past. As Henry Ford said, "If everyone is moving forward together, then success takes care of itself." ■

GateAccess.net

Be sure to sign up for Gateaccess.net! With the installation of the new access system at the Main and Village gates we are now able to offer you the ability to maintain your own guest access list. If you would like to review who is on your current guest list or update your access list, our Gate Access Control system will allow you to do that via the web. Not only will you be able to control access with a few strokes of a computer keyboard, you may also download the app from the iTunes store and manage your account utilizing your Smartphone!

Simply contact Donna Hardin at the HOA Office by calling 480-635-5600 or email dhardin@desertmthoa.com and she can assist you in setting up web access to your personal account. Donna will need to know your home phone number, email address and full name. If you have a property management company and would like them to make Gate Access changes to your account, please contact Donna to receive the appropriate form (right). Thank you. ■



The form is titled "DMMA Property Management Access Form". It contains several sections for data entry:

- Management Company Name:** A blank line for the company name.
- Name of Contact:** A blank line for the contact name.
- Phone:** A blank line for the phone number.
- Address:** A blank line for the street address.
- Fax:** A blank line for the fax number.
- City:** A blank line for the city.
- State:** A blank line for the state.
- Zip:** A blank line for the zip code.
- Contact e-Mail:** A blank line for the contact email address.

Below these fields, there is a note: "Electronic guest confirmation will be sent to your pre-designated e-mail address. Please designate that e-mail address below. Please be sure and add gateaccess.net to your approved e-mail list." This is followed by a "Designated return e-mail address" field.

The next section is "PROPERTY OWNER:", which includes a statement: "I hereby authorize and request that the above named company be assigned an access code to access Desert Mountain's Internet Gate Access site to change (add/delete/change) occupant(s) and guest(s) who require access to my property, listed below." This is followed by a "Property Street Address" field with "Scottsdale, AZ, 85262" pre-filled.

There is a section for "Remote Access requires a Home Telephone Number for this Home:" with a blank line for the number.

The bottom section is for "Owners Name (Please Print)", "Owner's Signature", and "Date".

At the bottom, there is a return address: "Please return to: Desert Mountain Master Association, % Bill Fulze, Director of Security or Vicky Hwang, Administrative Coordinator, 10550 E. Desert Hills Dr., Scottsdale AZ, 85262, P: 480-595-4220, E: bfulze@desertmt.com, E: vhwang@desertmt.com".

There is also a "For Administration:" section with a blank line.

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2015 in Review

I have the wonderful honor of writing this first article as President of your Association. I am grateful for the confidence the Board placed on me and I look forward to working with this talented and dedicated group in 2016.

At this writing, your Association has just recently completed its annual election process. I would like to congratulate Bob Engelman and Danny Fullerton on the re-election to new terms on your Board, and to Mike Dings on his election to a first term. And kudos also to the other Officers: Bob Engelman, Treasurer; Karyn Grant, Secretary; and Rich Sherman, Vice President.

Your Board had a very busy 2015. Much of this work was focused on technology initiatives:

Wireless Antennae Project

Following the implementation in 2014 of a wireless system to enable the efficient operation of village access system, we focused this past year on researching ways to improve functionality while removing the rather unsightly antennae from Club buildings. After studying a variety of alternatives, the Board concluded the best option is a robust "wireless ring". Besides elimination of the rooftop structures, this solution will provide much better speed and redundancy, and will allow us to bring back on line the six villages which have been without access service for several months since construction began on the Sonoran Club remodel. Also, thanks to advancements in radio frequency technology, and diligent negotiations by Association staff, this system will cost about a half million dollars less than it would just a year ago. We expect the access system to be installed and operating in the second quarter of 2016.

Business Technology Upgrades

After much planning and joint work with Club IT staff, we completed a separation from all Club computer systems. This was indeed a big effort, and means that the Association now

has new email addresses and phone numbers, all independent from Club networks. The Association hired an IT support staff to manage all HOA technology, including cameras, access system, servers and the wireless system now being installed.

DMMA Website

Another key goal was achieved with the privatization of the Association's website – DESERTMTHOA.COM. This will allow us to provide homeowners with more extensive and pertinent information about the HOA. It will also enable the building of a homeowner directory, with owners to be included on an opt-in basis. One of the initial important applications on the site was the posting of the video interviews of each of the candidates running for Board positions.

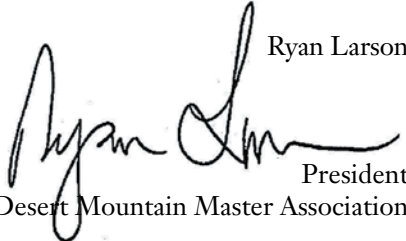
Gate Access

Homeowners can now manage the admittance of guests and vendors through the access system via the internet using a desktop, tablet or smartphone. By using the site GateAccess.net, we can conveniently set up entry permission and monitor who comes onto the property. As an added bonus, you can receive a text or email notice when your guest arrives.

Financial Results

Bob Engelman discusses the Association's results in his Treasurer Report, let me just say that we were quite pleased to be able to add \$765,000 to reserves to be used for future capital projects. This helps position us well to keep our facilities in first class condition.

Here's to a busy and productive 2016 at your Desert Mountain Master Association! ■


Ryan Larson
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Desert Mountain Master Association



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Vision and Mission

For those residents that attended the Master Association Annual Meeting in January, you heard outgoing President Sissy Sailors discuss the Vision and Mission for the Community. The Master Board takes great pride in the way the Community is run and having a clear and concise vision and mission allows them to focus on what is important to all community members. As you saw in my Editor's Message, the makeup of the Board is essentially the same as last year, with an incredible array of experience and you can be assured that they will build on the accomplishments of 2015 this year. It all starts with a Vision and Mission.

Vision: Desert Mountain is one of the world's most vibrant private communities: Financially sound, safe and secure. It is beautifully maintained, with innovative services that enhance the lifestyle of its residents and protect property values of all homeowners.

Mission: To keep Desert Mountain safe, secure and beautiful and to offer services to the community that provide convenience and peace of mind. To work harmoniously with the DM Club by developing complimentary amenities that will keep the community vibrant and sustainable; enhancing home and property values. To practice effective and prudent financial management in all endeavors.

Communications

To be a vibrant and successful community association communication and transparency are vitally important. We pride ourselves in making sure the residents are aware of what is going on and that you have avenues to provide input when desired. You will see on page 36 that the Master Board has approved all of their meeting dates for the year. These meetings are all open to members in good standing and there is always an opportunity for you to address your Board with regards to a particular issue.

Obviously, this magazine is one of the key ways for us to communicate to you, but we are soon to begin a review of the Association website in order to find easier ways for you to access information that you desire. We were pleasantly surprised to see that we received over 500 views of our candidate videos for the recent election. Certainly better than the half dozen people that would attend a "Meet the Candidates" event in the past! Those views were from 20 different states and 4 countries. We know we have a geographically diverse membership that cannot always attend meetings or may not see this magazine, so it is important to provide other avenues to distribute information. This leads me to mention our eBlast news program. Using Constant Contact as our new provider, we are able to distribute information on a

timely basis to the entire membership, or simply a village by itself. Please make sure you add hoa@desertmthoa.com to your email contacts so that these important messages are not sent to your junk file. Also, make sure to contact Donna Hardin in the HOA Office to change or update your information so that you don't miss out on important news and information.

Policies Update

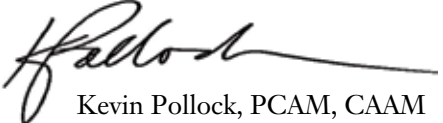
One of the key accomplishments of the Master Board in 2015 was a complete review and update of the policies that help in governing the Association. Many of the policies had become outdated by changes in state or federal law, or changes in the governing documents. More than 15 policies were reviewed by the Board and Legal Counsel before being approved at an open Board Meeting in September. The policies range from communications and collections procedures to reserve funds' investments and violation enforcement. All of the policies are uploaded to the website for your viewing.

The Trails

The Master Association and Desert Mountain Club, Inc. have agreed to partner in expanding the trail system at The Ranch. A new multi-use trail was approved by the Trails Committee in January and is in the process of being built. A

shorter hike than most of the other trails. The Sentinell trail was created to allow for horseback riding to a few beautiful vistas near The Ranch. As always, please remember that horses have the right-of-way when you encounter them on any of the trails.

This is also a good opportunity to remind everyone that the trail system is a wilderness area. Please make sure to hike with a partner, or let someone know when and where you are hiking. Bring more water than you think you might need and the proper shoes and clothes. As we enter into the warmer months, it is easy to be overcome by the heat when hiking and access to most of the area may only be possible by helicopter. Lastly, please remember these tips when you bring your dogs to the trails as well. They may not be used to the altitude and heat and a little water from your bottle is not enough to help an animal that is overheated. We want everyone to have fun and enjoy the beautiful area, just take the proper precautions. ■


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By: **Bruce Spilka**
Operations Coordinator

Projects!

I have been hard at work finalizing contracts and scheduling several vendors for the numerous 2016 pavement preservation, village entry re-stucco and painting projects. The pavement preservation projects began in February 2016 and continue through mid-July (with cooperation from Mother Nature). If we have a wet winter and spring then there will be delays and if necessary, uncompleted work could be rescheduled after the summer monsoon season in September. Please, as always, we ask for your cooperation and ask that you abide by any construction signage posted in order for timely completion.

Road Preservation Projects

Patching > Crack Fill > Seal Coat

Villages of: Arrowhead – Cochise Geronimo – Cochise Ridge – Cintarosa & Ranch in Saguaro Forest – Desert Fairways – Desert Greens – Desert Horizons – Haciendas – Lookout Ridge – Lone Mountain I & II – Lost Star – Renegade Trail – Sonoran Cottages & Enclave – Sonoran Ridge – 101st Street – Greythorn Drive – Saguaro Forest Drive

Slurry Seal > City of Scottsdale waterline replacement

Village of: Sunrise

Patching > Crack Fill > Chip Seal > Slurry Seal

Villages of: Apache Peak – Deer Run – Sunset Canyon – Grey Fox – Turquoise Ridge – 109th Place

Patching > Crack Fill > Micro-Surface Slurry Seal > Striping & Reflectors

Desert Mountain Parkway

Homeowners will receive communications from the HOA with projects dates, maps and pertinent information such as:

- Seal coats and slurry seals will be applied to half of the street at a time
- There is no street parking during seal coat slurry seal applications, inform your guests of the project schedules
- Please notify your service providers and deliveries to reschedule as they will not be permitted village access on the days of scheduled work
- New construction and remodels are to reschedule deliveries and notify their subcontractors that no work will occur during the scheduled days of seal coating, chip sealing and slurry sealing
- Arrangements will be made with the City of Scottsdale Sanitation Department if work is scheduled on Tuesday and Thursday for trash and recycle collection prior to the seal coat, chip seal and slurry seal applications
- The Post Office will be notified of the project scheduling, mail delivery canceled for a day as needed and mail box access closed until the various applications have

cured to allow vehicle traffic

- Owners will need to plan and make arrangements for vehicle access when the seal coat, chip seal and slurry seal applications are scheduled in front of your driveway
- It is strongly recommended to leave your home by 8:00 am and return after 5:00 pm on the day work is scheduled at your driveway entrance
- Expect some minor delays, yield to workers and equipment
- Avoid driving on streets with fresh oil
- Use caution as only half of the road will be open to traffic on the days scheduled for seal coat chip seal and slurry seal applications
- We will do our best to maintain the posted schedule subject to change due to weather conditions, equipment failures or other unforeseen reasons

Village Entry Stucco Projects

Apache Peak – Deer Run – Lone Mountain I & II – Mountain Skyline – Turquoise Ridge – Sunset Canyon

- Monument letters and logos removed and will be refurbished in advance of the stucco projects. Placement of temporary signage with the village name until the letters and logos are reinstalled
- Stucco application requires approximately 8 working days per village
- After curing, a primer is applied to be followed with a second final paint coat
- Letters and logos reinstalled

Village Entry Painting Projects

- Upon completion of the painting for the villages with stucco projects, painting will be scheduled for all of the village monuments
- This project is anticipated to begin during the second quarter of 2016 and continue into 2017 until completed.

If you have questions or require additional information on these projects, please contact me at 480.635.5607 or by email at bspilka@desertmthoa.com ■

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*By: Christina Duffey, CPP,
President for Anderson Security*

As your Security Services provider, we at Anderson Security, know that our impact on the Desert Mountain Community can be felt each and every day. Providing access control for homeowners and your guests is just one aspect of the many duties that we perform. Keeping the community safe and responding professionally to your needs and requests

is something our team prepares for through regular training and hands-on practice.

We have always felt like a valued member of the overall team because of the culture created by Bill Fultz with CCMC. Bill's style of transparency and inclusivity sets Anderson Security up for success in delivering on your service expectations.

In our most recent performance evaluation from the Safety and Access Control Committee, we received an excellent rating in 17 out of 19 categories, ranging from the quality of our services to the performance of contract and cost management. The remaining 2 categories focused on the Supervisory Team where we received good ratings. The transition of Tim Fischer to the IT Administrator position and promotion

of Major Konrad Raether to the Officer-In-Charge in August 2015 created several promotional opportunities for our team. We are working on developing the overall team's leadership skills and abilities to provide program consistency and to take our security program to the next level.

I would also like to take this opportunity to share with you a little about myself. Last year, I rejoined the management team at Anderson Security in the position of President. I had worked previously with Anderson from 2006 to 2008 where I oversaw the security program at Desert Mountain. I have 25 years of progressive experience in management in the United States and Canada, with extensive knowledge and experience in asset protection and contract security management. I am Board Certified in Security Management as a Certified Protection Professional (CPP) and in 2011 served as President of the Professional Certification Board with ASIS International, concluding a five-year term. I currently service on the Board of Directors with ASIS in the position of Secretary. I have a bachelor's degree in Commerce from DePaul University and also hold an Associate's Degree in Criminal Justice. I make several contributions to the security industry through volunteer leadership, guest speaking and mentoring. In 2014, I was the recipient of the ASIS Canada Ron Minion Security Pioneer Award. I am excited to be a part of the security team again and look forward to serving all of your security needs.

We are truly honored to partner with the Desert Mountain Community and excited about what 2016 will bring. ■

Four Reasons Not to Feed Wildlife

It is that time of year when the wildlife begins to appear in the Upper Sonoran Desert. Feeding wild animals, whether on purpose or not, does more harm than good. Here's why:

- 1. "People" food isn't good for animals. Human foods aren't nutritious enough for animals and may cause serious health problems. Animals have specialized diets and can die from the wrong foods. If a baby animal receives the wrong diet, even for a day or two, it can permanently damage developing bone and muscle. The wrong food can cause disease, mouth injuries, throat obstructions and death.**
- 2. It makes wild animals lose their natural fear of people. Feeding can make large, potentially dangerous animals become too comfortable in residential or recreational areas. Once animals learn they can panhandle for food, they can become a nuisance—or even worse, a safety risk. You risk injury when you do not keep a respectful distance from wild animals. Wildlife can misinterpret your actions. They may not know where the food stops and your fingers begin. Once again, animals lose when people complain of being bitten or "attacked."**
- 3. Wild animals that depend on people for food can cause injuries or spread disease. When wild animals gather for food handouts, it can cause crowding and competition and providing an artificial food source may cause adults to produce large families which the natural food supply can't support. Overpopulation can lead to starvation and epidemics of disease, some of which may be transmitted to pets and humans. Feeding can also cause death by preventing a species from migrating. It can also cause harmful interaction between species that usually don't compete for food. These unnatural conditions increase the chances of fighting and injury among animals.**
- 4. Providing food in residential areas (with the exception of bird-seed feeders) often leads to property damage and unwelcome "houseguests". Sometimes people feed wildlife inadvertently when they leave pet food dishes outside or do not secure garbage and this contributes to unwelcome visitors so be cognizant regarding your environment.**

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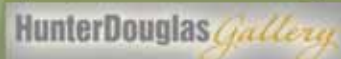
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By: Jacob Marshall, Village & Finance Manager

Master Association Finance:

The Desert Mountain Master Association and all Villages started out 2016 as expected, financially sound and on budget. The Master Association ended January 2016 with a slight loss of almost \$5,800. Revenue for January was \$329,000 as budgeted, while total operating expenses were \$29,000 over

the monthly budget of \$243,000. This is solely due to culvert cleaning that started early this year. Culvert cleaning was expensed at \$31,428 in January on a budget of \$0. The budget for culvert cleaning is not recognized in the financial statement until April – October. With the above average winter rain received, it was best for culvert cleaning to get started and be completed by June 30, 2016, ahead of the monsoon season. The annual culvert cleaning expense is expected to be well under budget, assuming a normal monsoon season. Lastly, \$62,500 was transferred to reserves as budgeted in January.

Owner Services Business – Handyman and Home Caretaking Services:

Everyone should remember the Owner Services Business (OSB) is a service that is available to all Master Association members, even renters with approval from the owner provided. 2016 will be the OSBs fifth year in business for the residents of Desert Mountain. There are two main aspects of the business, Light Handyman and Home Caretaking. Desert Mountain's Handyman is Rick Fields (pictured below). Rick has been with Desert Mountain now over three years and has

served over 400 homes. He is extremely meticulous and always tries to get the job done right the first time. If the OSB cannot get the job done for you, we will help you find someone who can.

The other aspect of the OSB is Home Caretaking. Desert Mountain's Home Caretaker, Scott McVay (pictured right), can take care of your home while you are away, or even while you're here. This includes an in-depth checklist that is completed

weekly, bi-weekly or monthly. Other services that can be added to your Home Caretaking are mail pickups and forwarding and vendor checks. The peace of mind that this service delivers for Desert Mountain owners is instrumental to its growing success.

So remember you have at your disposal, for a reasonable cost, two trusted, experienced, dependable and dedicated HOA employees for all of your Home Caretaking or Light Handyman needs. Call 480-635-5610 to schedule a FREE consultation to see what services we can provide for you and your home in Desert Mountain.



E-Statements:

Was your semi-annual HOA statement lost in the mail this past December? Or were you traveling and inadvertently threw it away with all the rest of the junk mail? Would you rather receive these statements via email? CCMC and your Desert Mountain HOA offer this in the form of e-Statements. With Desert Mountain owners' busy travel schedules, this is an excellent alternative to receiving your Desert Mountain HOA statement through USPS mail. Not only is it more convenient, it is far more efficient, environmentally friendly, assists with cash flow and saves the Association money. There were 226 owners signed up for this feature for the January 2016 HOA statement mailing, an increase of 7% from the July 2015 mailing. However, as I write this article that number is up to 265. If you would like to sign up, simply go to the website as indicated in the ad below this article. All you need is your HOA account number and property address number. Please call us at 480-635-5600 if you need assistance with this information. ■



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By: Jacob Marshall
Village & Finance Manager

2016 is well underway and so are several village projects! As Bruce Spilka outlined in his operations article, it is a very busy year for Desert Mountain and capital reserve projects.

Roadwork:

In 2016 there are a total of 26 separate road projects. Six of which are the Master Association, and 20 of which are in the villages. These road projects consist of patching, crack fill, seal coats and chip and slurry seals. The projected expense of all roadwork in 2016 is expected to approach \$2M. With the abundance of road projects this year, the work is anticipated to be on-going from now through the fall. Let's see how the weather cooperates!

Rip-Rap - Erosion Solutions:

The Gambel Quail, Sunrise and Eagle Feather Board of Directors approved \$167K of rip-rap at their February Board meeting. This is a con-

tinuation of the mountain wide effort to install more rip-rap along the roadways in Desert Mountain. This rip-rap along the roadways helps protect and maintain the integrity of the road system. Other minor rip-rap projects have been completed around the Mountain this year as well such as Painted Sky, Desert Fairways and Saguaro Forest.

Village Monument Entry & Retaining Wall Painting:

Also, as Bruce Spilka mentioned, Apache Peak, Deer Run, Lone Mountain I and II, Mountain Skyline, Sunset Canyon and Turquoise Ridge village entry monuments are being restuccoed. They will also be repainted once that is complete. Additionally, nearly all of the other monument entries and common area retaining walls will be repainted this year. Some are in process now. This project will most likely last all year and drift into 2017 as Desert Mountain has an abundance of village entrances and common area walls.

Wireless Village Gate System:

The Sonoran Clubhouse Renovation has had Mountain Skyline, Sonoran Cottages, Sonoran Enclave, Sonoran Ridge, Desert Hills and Lookout Ridge access system offline for over a year now. The good news is that, hopefully, within a few weeks of owners receiving this issue of the *Desert Mountain Connection*, the Wireless Antennae project will be complete. We sincerely thank everyone for the continued support and patience through this exhaustive process and project. We are all looking forward to checking this project off the list.

Bringing Your Village together!

At their own cost, several villages within Desert Mountain have regular parties or block parties with their neighbors. It usually starts with a few friends or couples who spread the word and plan it together (See page 36 for get-together dates already scheduled). If you would like to do this, we encourage you to contact our office for assistance with a posting on your mailbox bulletin board and a blast email to the Village. ■

Ladies Night Out

By: Barbara Kirr

In the Spring of 2015, a group of ladies who live in the village of Rose Quartz thought it would be fun to have a social gathering on the 3rd Monday of the month from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. to get to know each other better. They decided to call it Ladies Night Out or LNO. The ladies would take turns hosting the party in their homes.

Barbara Kirr and Merike Nichols volunteered to be Co-Chairs and send out a monthly invitation to all the female residents of Rose Quartz. It was decided to keep it simple-wine, beverages, and hors d'oeuvres and everyone attending would be asked to bring something. Those whose names ended in A to M were to bring wine or a beverage of choice.

Names ending in N to Z were to bring an hors d'oeuvres. The next time the wine and food were reversed.

The hostess for that month would provide napkins, ice etc. Linda Barker agreed to make lovely name tags so each of the guests could get to know one another. We also found playing

some kind of game was a great ice breaker. One evening we played LEFT RIGHT CENTER and we all laughed and cheered each other on! The LNO in Rose Quartz has turned out to be a resounding success! As neighbors we have all become closer and it is a wonderful way to welcome newcomers. ■



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Spring Cleaning: Remove Invasive Weeds to Create Defensible Space

By: Tony Amezcla, Field Manager for DLC Resources

In a High Sonoran Desert Community like Desert Mountain, brushfires are always a risk. While there is nothing you can do to completely ensure your property won't be affected by fire, there are certain things you can do to make it less susceptible to damage.

One good tactic is to remove invasive weeds — plants like Desert Broom and Saltcedar — from around your home. If left to grow, these plants can lessen defensible space and provide fuel for brushfires. In fact, the Scottsdale Fire Department recommends removing invasive plants as part of a routine brushfire prevention plan.

Though less important than fire mitigation, there are other reasons you may want to keep these weeds from taking root in your yard. From a purely aesthetic point of view, invasive weeds can make your landscape look messy and unkempt. If left alone, they can also choke out or hinder the health of wanted plants.

As your common area landscape management experts, DLC Resources, Inc. works toward keeping your common areas as free of these plants as possible. But invasive species don't discriminate, and homeowner yards are just as susceptible to invasive species.

Here are some common invasive plants that you may see at Desert Mountain, as well as our tips for eradicating them.

Desert Broom

What it is: a weed with broom-like stems that can grow up to 12 feet tall. This invasive weed can crowd out other plants,



Desert Broom

steal valuable water and clog roadsides and retention areas. While Desert Broom tends to grow in open areas, it also grows in the middle of other plants, especially if there is irrigation to that plant. To spot Desert Broom, look for broom-like branches protruding above the top of host plants.

How to remove it: The best way to kill a Desert Broom plant is to pull it out of the ground by its roots when it's still young. You should not trim Desert Broom as it will continue to grow back and become increasingly more established. Additionally, any root left in the ground can potentially regenerate a new plant. If you find an established Desert Broom, cut it all the way to the ground and apply Garlon concentrate directly to the fresh cut.

Saltcedar (Tamarisk)

What it is: an extremely aggressive invasive deciduous tree with small scale-like leaves and light pink flowers. Saltcedar reproduces quickly and grows rapidly, reaching heights of up to 26 feet. Its fast-growing roots spread deep and wide, causing damage to nearby hardscape. It also consumes large quantities of water — up to 200 gallons per day — and deposits salt in the ground nearby, preventing other plant life from growing in its vicinity.

How to remove it: Getting rid of the Saltcedar is no easy feat. It is resistant to most weed control methods. Call in a licensed Pest Management (OPM) landscaper to get rid of this stubborn weed. ■



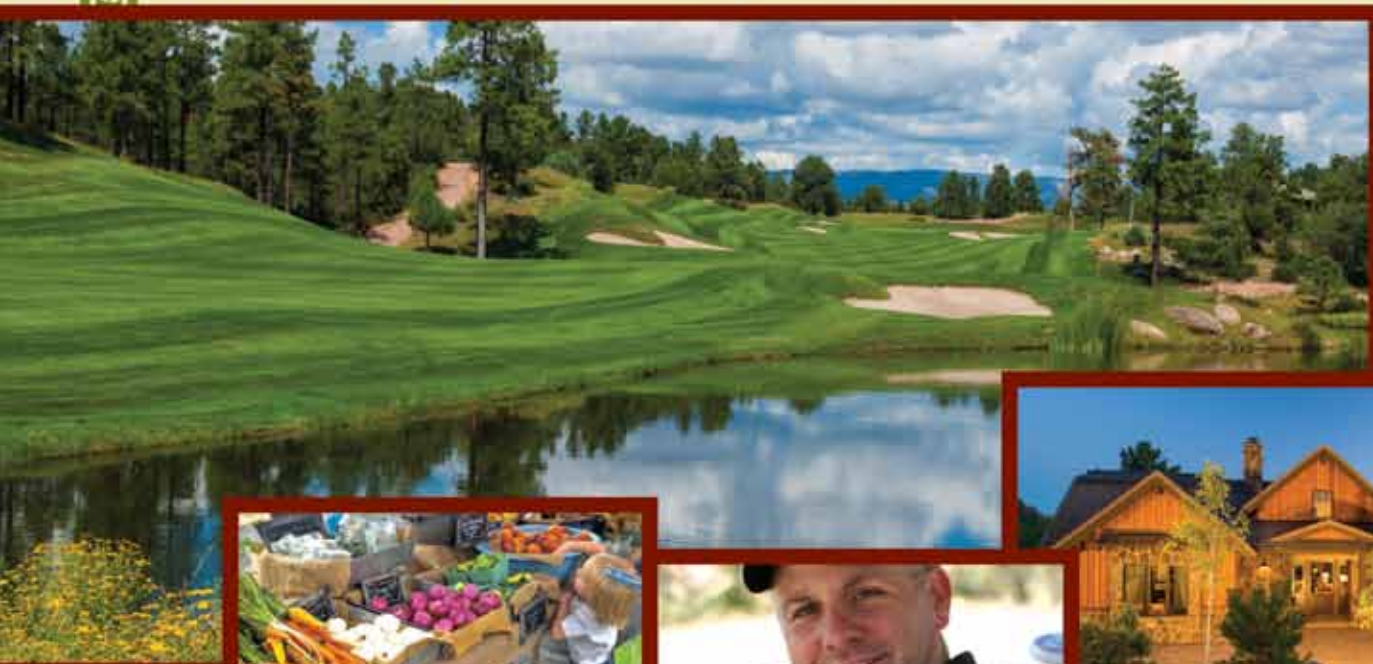
Saltcedar, left, an invasive weed with small leaves and light pink flowers, can grow to be more than 26 feet tall.

Turpentine, right, looks very similar to the invasive weed Desert Broom, above. However, there are differences in leaf shape and overall plant structure.

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The Board of your Desert Mountain Homeowners Association is comprised of nine hardworking, dedicated volunteers, and we are proud of the 2015 accomplishments of the Association. We faced a number of significant challenges throughout the year and completed a range of complex projects. At the beginning of the year, we established six concrete goals, each aimed at moving the dial toward our shared Mission and Vision. The following is a summary of our progress on those goals:

DESERT MOUNTAIN MASTER ASSOCIATION MISSION STATEMENT

- ▲ To keep Desert Mountain safe, secure and beautiful and to offer services to the community that provide convenience and peace of mind.
- ▲ To work harmoniously with the DM Club by developing complimentary amenities that will keep the community vibrant and sustainable; enhancing home and property values.
- ▲ To practice effective and prudent financial management in all endeavors.

- ▲ **Fiscal Responsibility, leading to minimal dues increase.** The Association faced substantial costs of a months-long project of cleaning out the community's drainage culverts, following the damaging storms of 2014. In spite of this cost, we were able to finish 2015 with an excess of revenue over expense large enough to contribute \$765,000 toward our long term reserves, \$155,000 greater than our budget. This is an important result as we build funds toward a major effort to replace our Desert Mountain Parkway in about four years.
- ▲ **Improved Efficiencies in Operations and Community Governance.** Early in the year, Kevin Pollock was hired as the new Community Manager for Desert Mountain. The Board is pleased that the transition to Kevin's leadership was smooth, and impressed that he has been able to make significant contributions so soon in his role at Desert Mountain. His experience, leadership and effectiveness have already improved operations in areas across the Association in measurable ways.
- ▲ **High Level of Service, including Owner Services Business.** The OBS continues to get high marks for timeliness, efficiency and customer service. Our partner vendors who provide security and landscaping services once again received high marks for their work on the Mountain, as safety and beauty are key components of our Mission for the Community. The improvement of holiday lights at the gate entrance received highly positive reviews from residents and their guests. We have added the convenience for homeowners of being able to manage entrance of their guests and vendors via the internet at GateAccess.net and a related app for mobile devices. And the in-person interviews of our Board candidates have been replaced with videos available on the web, dramatically increasing exposure of the candidacies.

Desert Mountain Master Association

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2015



By: Ryan Larson, President
Desert Mountain Master Association

ANNUAL REPORT *, continued*

- ▲ **HOA Transparency across Various Communication Vehicles.** We are proud of the effectiveness of the Association's communication efforts, including regular and timely email blasts – and now a private, dedicated website - informing residents of updates on maintenance, traffic and landscaping projects. The quarterly Connections magazine receives consistent positive feedback for its high quality, informative articles. And all our Board meetings are open to homeowners, enabling an open exchange of input and ideas.
- ▲ **Collaborative Working Relationship with the Desert Mountain Club.** We partnered with the Club to host a smoothly run Schwab Cup Championship. Much of our work in 2015 was focused on developing a plan, with the Club, to remove the radio antennas from the Club buildings and create a suitable replacement mechanism. Late in the year, we approved a solution, and that project is being implemented at the time of this writing. Finally, both organizations cooperated in a comprehensive effort to separate all technology systems, resulting in completely independent phone, email and internet systems in place by the 3rd quarter of 2015.
- ▲ **Effective Administration of the Design Review Guidelines.** We received and processed 32 new applications for home designs, far exceeding our budget. We have made steady improvements in providing owner-friendly service and improved timeliness on responses, responding to increasing demand for new construction on the Mountain.

Finally, as I mentioned at the beginning of this piece, the work of your Association depends in large part on the talents and diligence of its volunteers. We are particularly grateful to Ray Herzog, who has completed his service on the Board, most notably leading the Design Review function with a dramatically improved performance in that area resulting from his hard work. A great big thank you, Ray!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ryan Larson". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Ryan Larson
President



ANNUAL REPORT , continued

Desert Mountain Master Association:

Balance Sheet – Operating (Un-Audited)

December 31, 2015

ASSETS		(000)
Cash	\$ 2,876	
Accounts Receivable	88	
Fixed Assets	37	
Other Assets	46	
Total Assets	\$ 3,047	

LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE

Current Liabilities	\$ 1,846
Fund Balance	1,201
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	\$ 3,047

Desert Mountain Master Association:

Income Statement – Operating (Un-Audited)

For the 12 months ending December 31, 2015

REVENUES		(000)
Owners Dues	\$ 3,246	
Design Review	698	
Other Revenue	236	
Trails Donations	17	
Bad Debt Adjustment	4	
Total Operating Revenues	\$ 4,202	

OPERATING EXPENSES

Administration (Staff, Management Fees, Legal Fees, Professional Fees)	\$ 1,659
Operations (Landscape Maintenance and Replacement, Guard Service, Street Sweeping, Repairs/Maintenance, Utilities, Office Rental, Communications, Legal/Consulting)	1,676
Taxes, Insurance, Other	66
Total Operating Expenses	\$ 3,400

RESERVE CONTRIBUTIONS	\$ 755
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2014 EXCESS REVENUE OVER EXPENSES	\$ 46
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By: Bob Engelman, Treasurer
Desert Mountain Master Association

2015 Financial Report

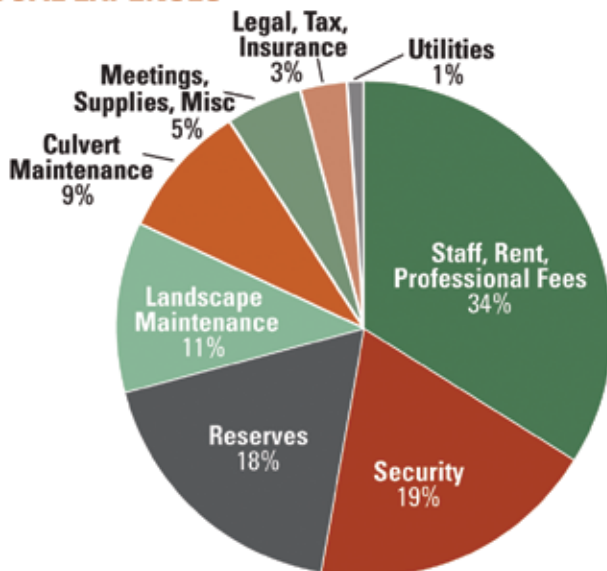
“Financially sound”, “practice effective and prudent financial management in all endeavors”, “continuous improvement in financial management” ... these are words and phrases from your Master Association’s Mission, Goals and Strategies statements. But they are much more; they are a way of life for both the Board and the staff. Accordingly, I am pleased to report the Master Association recorded very favorable results for 2015.

Last year operating revenues exceeded expenses by more than \$46,000. At the same time over \$750,000 was allocated to the Master Association’s reserve account. That was more than \$150,000 above the budgeted amount for reserve allocations. Significant positive income variances were seen in net design review and construction access fees. The only area that recorded a material negative variance was culvert cleaning, residual work from the 2014 summer storms. The storms had not yet hit at the time the 2015 budget was developed. Indeed, 2015 was a very good year from an operating perspective.

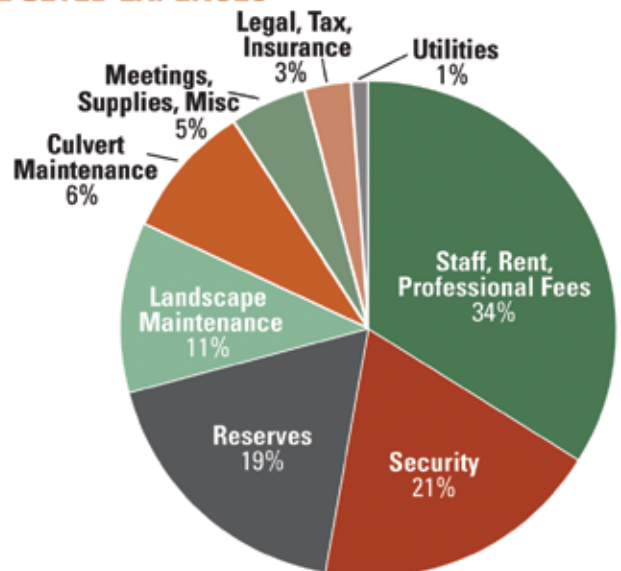
Looking at the 2016 operating budget, Master Association revenue is expected to be just over \$4 million while operating expense are projected to total almost \$3.3 million with the differential being allocated to reserves as an additional “expense”. The projected decline in revenue is the result of conservative budgeting of 2016 design review and construction access fees, historically very volatile items. It is important to note that the Master Association’s revenue and expenditures are only 46% of total HOA revenue and expenditures with the balance of the revenues and expenditures coming from village specific budgets – primarily roads, landscaping, security and reserve funding.

As important as positive operating results are, ensuring that the Association’s reserve accounts are appropriately funded ultimately reduces the risk of financial surprises down the road. As of December 31, 2015, the Master Association reserve account (monies set aside for road, access system, monument, and other signage construction and repairs), totaled \$3.4 million. From these funds, it is expected that the Association will spend approximately \$1.25 million on road preservation projects and other long term capital projects during the coming calendar year and nearly \$7.5 million over the next five years. Keeping these reserve accounts funded at a level consistent with projected needs continues to be a very high priority for your Master Association Board of Directors.

**2015 MASTER ASSOCIATION
ACTUAL EXPENSES**



**2016 MASTER ASSOCIATION
BUDGETED EXPENSES**



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Desert Mountain Community Foundation Upcoming Events

PINNACLE AVIATION PUTTING CHALLENGE

Thursday, March 31, 2016 at Demo Day

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How the contest works.....

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A complete list of the qualifying options and contest rules is available at PinnacleAviation.com/PuttingChallenge

SCHOLARSHIP AWARD WINNERS TO BE ANNOUNCED IN APRIL:

We are currently in the Scholarship application process. Desert Mountain Employees and their families are entitled to apply for Scholarships until March 28, 2016.

The granting committee will review all applications between April 6 - 15th. Several factors are considered in selecting the Scholars, with greater weight given to financial



need and the applicant essays about their future plans and goals.

Reviewers use an objective scoring system to select the winning applicants.

Our 2016 DMCF Scholars will be announced at the end of April.

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Summer home preparation checklist

By: Nicole Sherbert, Scottsdale Water

Heading to cooler weather for the upcoming summer months? Here are some quick tips from Scottsdale Water to add to your home preparation checklist:

- Replace your irrigation controller with a weather-based system. Today's smart controllers use historical weather data specific to your area to adjust watering appropriately, meaning a correctly programmed smart system will automatically adjust your landscape's watering needs during the wet monsoon weeks.
- o BONUS! Scottsdale Water offers a one-time rebate of up to \$250 per single-family home for the purchase of a smart irrigation controller*.
- Change the battery in your irrigation controller. No matter how well your irrigation controller is programmed,

without battery back-up, one power outage and your controller will default back to factory settings.

- Check your toilets for leaks. Did you know that a silently leaking toilet flapper can leak about 300 gallons of water a day? A simple dye test can determine if you have a leak (and a replacement flapper costs only about \$10).
- Turn-off your time-clock-based water softener. Time-clock-based water softeners will continue to regenerate – and flush hundreds of gallons of water and salt down the drain – softening water that won't be used.
- Leave a contact number with neighbors and your HOA or guard gate. Catastrophic leaks are uncommon, but they do occur and can cause extensive damage and affect your fire suppression system. Best to make

sure someone can reach you in an emergency.

- Flush your water system, including any internal storage reservoirs (such as those on RO units), when you return. Just like the air in your home, the water in your pipes will get stale when left for long periods of time.
- Don't overpay for sewer charges. Sewer charges are calculated annually in July based on your water use in the winter. If you believe your winter water use is not a true representation of your annual sewer use, you may request a recalculation. Sewer charge adjustment requests must be submitted by Sept. 30.

For more information on all of these tips, visit ScottsdaleAZ.gov/Water or call 480-312-5650. Have a great summer!

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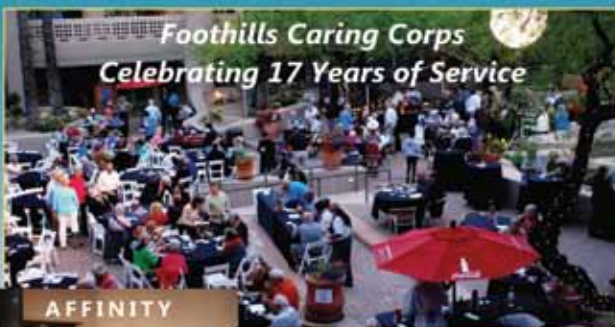
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CARE-ing Together

By: Karyn Grant, Chair

CARE is 19 years old and going strong. Thanks to you we will approach \$6 million raised to fund local cancer research. Because of your generosity, many life-changing breakthroughs are being discovered.

Today, CARE dollars go to the cutting edge of cancer research, personalized medicine. The scientists/physicians at Mayo Clinic in Arizona and HonorHealth are applying the latest in genomics to make molecular-level diagnoses and create highly targeted, tumor-to-tumor therapy.

Powering these Breakthroughs are the 2 unique ways CARE leverages your donations:

- 1... CARE is an all-volunteer charity—so, nothing goes to administrative Payroll Expenses
- 2... Mayo Clinic Arizona and HonorHealth recently pledged that every dollar CARE gives them goes 100% to the researchers; nothing from CARE is set aside by either institution for marketing or admin expenses

March 7 & 8 brought FUNRaising to the Mountain once again. The golf was exceptional, with teams competing for over \$1M in hole in one prizes on the Richest Day in Golf.

Auctions brought exquisite wines, fabulous experiences, and a Spotlight Celebration that reminded us all that we are a community coming together to fight a terrible disease that affects us all.

The CARE FUNRaising continued the next day with the newest twist, the Pub Crawl Spectacular! The CG Clubhouse transformed into 4 hoppin' Pubs, with tasty pub food, drinks and games galore. Pub crawlers competed with their friends to rope the calf in the Rusty Spur Saloon, at beer pong in the Nine Fine Irishmen Pub and other fun games at Hogs n' Heifers and Cantina Biblioteca. Winners hoped to win the grand prizes, including a trip to Africa!

CARE is the perfect opportunity to meet your neighbors and make new friends. Please join us in our FUNRaising! We have activities and events all year round and welcome all who have a little time to invest in this special cause supported only by Desert Mountain residents. Please contact CARE Board Chair Karyn Grant at kpgrant@me.com to get involved.

As we celebrate 19 years of CARE success together, please remember how appreciated you are. Each of you truly makes a difference.

Together We Win! ■





By: Robert Colonna

The Upscale Singers are a Community Choral group of men, women, and children who live in the Northeastern part of the Valley who have been performing vocal musical shows since 2005. They applied for and received a 501(c)(3) designation as a non-profit charitable organization in 2008. Since that time they have had as one of their objectives to enhance the musical education of middle school and high school students in the northeastern valley. They have mainly supported three charities:

1. Providing vocal scholarships to middle and high school students based on auditions. Each year they award between 10 and 12 scholarships for vocal training ranging from \$500 for the winners in each division

to \$100 for honorable mentions. The winners in each division are asked to perform with the Upscale Singers as soloists at some of their shows to give them performing experience. This year scholarships have been awarded to students from Cactus Shadows, Anthem Prep, Sonoran Trails, Boulder Creek, and Pinnacle High School. Over the past 8 years over 80 scholarships have been awarded.

2. Sending 8 special needs students to The Arizona Music and Dance camp. Several of these campers are also invited to perform with the Upscale Singers, which they and the fans thoroughly enjoy.
3. Providing grants of \$400 each to 5 music teachers in the district to aid them in buying music in these days of

tight school budgets. Over the past eight years, these grants have positively impacted several thousand students.

The Upscale Kids are a related group the Singers supports to further encourage vocal music education. They perform with the Upscale Singers usually doing a medley from a children's oriented show such as Peter Pan or Polar Express.

In the spring, the group features medleys from Broadway shows. This year the group is performing medleys from South Pacific, Fiddler on the Roof, Beautiful (the Carol King musical), and Peter Pan, plus a tribute to the music of Jule Styne. The show dates and ticket information is shown in the accompanying notice below. ■



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Friday, April 8, 2016 – Desert Mountain - \$65
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Friday, April 15, and Sunday, April 17, 2016 – Opera House - \$50
The Opera House at Carefree Resort
Reserved Seating with Buffet Dinner, Cash Bar and Silent Auction
Social Hour and Silent Auction 5:30 PM / Buffet Dinner 6:30 PM



All of the events below take place at Desert Foothills Library, which is located at 38443 North Schoolhouse Road in Cave Creek, and are free, except where noted. For more information on these and other library programs, please contact David Court or Dereth DeHaan at 480-488-2286 or log on to www.desertfoothillslibrary.org.

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Focus on Your Health Series 3rd Thursdays, 2 – 3 p.m.

Focus on Your Health Series, presented by HonorHealth. Each month, a health expert from HonorHealth will visit with a presentation about a health topic of interest. Topics will range from traditional to alternative healthcare. Register: 480-488-2286.

3rd Fridays, 3 – 5 p.m. Cinematic Reflections on WWII:

Little Known Stories of the War

World War II is one of the best known and widely depicted conflicts in history. This film series, along with post-film discussions, will explore little known stories from that war -- stories filled with daring, intrigue, and sometimes such improbability that they have to be seen to be believed. At the heart of each one are the men and women who made World War II modern history's seminal event. Post-film discussion, facilitated by Gary Zaro, faculty WWII expert from Paradise Valley Community College (PVCC), will follow. Presented in partnership with PVCC. Register: 480-488-2286.

April 15: Conspiracy- (96 min.) (R)
The story of how Hitler's Final Solution was decided. The decision to exterminate 6 million Jews was made at the Wannsee Conference, Based on actual transcripts of the meeting and the trial testimony.

May 20: Escape From a Nazi Death Camp- (56 min.) (not rated)

A documentary about the mass escape of prisoners from the Sobibor concentration camp in Poland is told by its survivors.

Art in the Store: Antique American Advertising Mannequins and Store Displays Saturday, March 26, 1:30 – 2:30 p.m.

In the second of two presentations on American Antiques, local collector Greg Hoffman will show vintage counter-top and store window advertising mannequins and retail display pieces from his collection. We will explore the origins of these pieces, how they were designed for maximum impact, and the role they played in stimulating retail business during the first half of the 1900's. Register: 480-488-2286.

The Happy Hookers 4th Mondays, 1 – 3 p.m.

Do you knit, crochet, or practice another needle-craft? Join The Happy Hookers monthly for companionable creating and conversation! No registration.

The Literate Foodie Club 1st Mondays, 1 – 2:30 p.m.

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Apr. 5: Women Who Changed the World (Sherry Koopot)

Apr. 15: Hohokam/O'odham Art & Culture (Heard Museum)

May 3: Wildlife Art (Phoenix Art Museum)

May 18: Latin American Art at the Phoenix Art Museum (Shawn & Joe Lampe Curator of Latin American Art, Vanessa Davidson)



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course there will be snacks, guest chefs and speakers, fun and good company—and yes, we will read some books, too! Special meetings and “field trips” to be announced periodically. Check our website for monthly themes. Facilitated by self-declared foodie Dana Rakinic. Bon appetit! Register: 480-488-2286.

What is Geocaching? – Fun for the whole family!

Saturday, April 9, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Long-time Geocacher Dave Hendricks will introduce you to geocaching: what it is, how-to, the rules, and what you need to get started. He'll have examples of geocaches you might find in the field, as well as electronic devices you might use to locate geocaches. Bring your smart phone, iPad or tablet to download a geocaching app and obtain a geocaching ID while in the class. Following the class, Dave will help you locate 2 nearby geocaches. Register: 480-488-2286.

The Okovango Delta: Botswana, Africa Thursday, April 14, 2 – 3 p.m.

The largest untouched inland delta in the world, Okovango Delta receives a bonus of water from mountains. With a human population of only 2,000,000 it is very progressive in protecting wildlife, setting aside 40% of the country for this purpose. David and Diane Reesor have travelled extensively within Africa, and share their fascinating journey. Wild dogs, normally secretive, are captured on camera hunting and feeding their pups. They visited five camps to photograph all the iconic creatures of Africa drawn to the abundant waters. Register: 480-488-2286.

The American Indian and the Far West in the Civil War Wednesday, April 20, 2 – 3 p.m.

Learn about the Confederate attempt to extend the Confederacy to the Pacific; the formation of the southern New Mexico Territory, called Arizona, as a Confederate territory; the mostly successful attempt of the South to enlist the Indians in Oklahoma territory to

the southern cause; and the Indian wars that took place during the Civil War. Presenter Jim Pierce is a longtime Civil War buff, retired Air Force General and CEO of an airlines communication business. Register: 480-488-2286.

Sketching Made Easy with Roberta Kritzia Saturdays, April 23 & 30, 1 – 3 p.m.

Beginners, as well as experienced artists, are welcome; all students will receive independent instruction during classes. All needed supplies will be provided. Roberta will share work done by artists throughout history, and will do a demo to illustrate how art supplies and subject matter are to be used. Students will select from objects, and begin working with graphite, in order to learn the techniques of rendering form and volume on paper. Instructor Roberta Kritzia is a highly respected Art Instructor who has conducted classes at the MIM. Pay materials fee of \$10 at the first class. Register: 480-488-2286. Cost: \$50 (total for both classes) plus materials fee.

Legends of Summer Wednesday, May 18, 2 – 3:30 p.m.

From the ancient Celts through the Hopi peoples of the American Southwest, the period of the Summer solstice was a time filled with enchantment, fear, and anticipation: the period when portals between the worlds of the supernatural and those of humans were brushed aside. It was, quite simply, what Shakespeare would later term as a “midsummer night’s dream”. Dr. Sharonah Fredrick, Assistant Director, Arizona Center for Medieval & Renaissance Studies, ASU, will take us on a folkloric trip including Celtic Ireland, medieval Arizona, the Mediterranean, and the sun worshipping Incas. It will map the significance that the sun had for humanity during the Middle Ages and Renaissance, as well as understanding how these older beliefs continue to influence our modern-day world. Register: 480-488-2286.

5th Annual Hearts and Hands Gal March 6th

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Card Making with Esther April 1st and May 6th from 10 am - 12 pm

Partners in Education’s The Bee April 6th

Calling all community partners to join us for the 6th Annual Spelling Bee at Cactus Shadows Fine Arts Center. Put together a team that represents you, your business, HOA, church, or youth group and join in the fun while supporting local teachers and schools. Team applications now available at azfcf.org/spellingbee. Form a team today for \$300 per team.

Desert Foothills Theater presents The Children’s Hour

FINAL WEEKEND! March 25th, 27th and 28th.

Smokey Joe’s Cafe-April 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 8th, 9th, 10th, 15th, 16th and 17th.

Alice in Wonderland- May 13th, 14th, 15th, 20th, 21st and 22nd.

Call 480.488.1981 or log onto www.dftheater.org for showtimes and tickets.

Holland Gallery of Fine Art presents Fin, Fur and Feather March 26th-April 28th

Please join us for an art reception on April 9th from 4:30-6:30 PM. There will be live music, appetizers and a short talk by the curator, Christine Sandifur. This exhibit will represent a remarkable group of artists from all disciplines showing their vision of Fin, Fur and Feather, Exhibits with themes challenge the artist to think outside the box, in some cases, or it may force them in a new direction. You will see pottery, painting, metal work, fiber, jewelry and more. Each of the artists was selected through a jury process.

Social groups, bridge, mah jong, art classes and so much more! New events coming soon! Check back at www.azfcf.org or call 480.488.1090

DESERT MOUNTAIN ART LEAGUE

By: *Ellen Rundle*

The Desert Mountain Art League (DMAL) is having another successful year. Classes started in November and continue through the beginning of April. Check the website for information on workshops. Open studios are being held on most Thursdays in the mirror room (across from the Sunset Terrace) at Cochise Geronimo. We have been honored to have Vicki Reins teach/critique at many of the open studios for a very nominal fee. Additionally the DM staff has been wonderful to help us with setup and provide yummy snacks & drinks while we merrily paint away!


Photos are from the very well-attended workshop taught by returning artist, Linda Glover Gooch.

Linda specializes in painting the Grand Canyon and is so versatile that she can help with any subject matter. Her talent and engaging personality make for a fun and challenging workshop! Bryce Pettit, a renowned sculptor, had another completely full class. Bryce has the students' masterpieces bronzed and delivered back to the students. Wow! What a unique opportunity!

Hedi Moran is currently teaching an oil painting workshop using still life set ups. Her vibrant style and riveting colors are amazing.

Jenny Foster, Trevor Swanson and Rob Stenberg classes are also filled and will take place after this article is submitted.

Please keep checking the website: www.desertmountainartleague.org. ■



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Event: Experience India

Saturday and Sunday, April 16 and 17, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Join us for our annual celebration of East Indian music and culture. See vibrant musical and dance performances, participate in hands-on activities and exhibit talks and try temporary henna body art. Tickets: Activities and performances included with paid museum admission.

Event: Experience Polynesia

Saturday and Sunday, May 14 and 15, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Kick off the summer at MIM with our annual celebration of Pacific Island music and culture! Enjoy musical performances, dancing demonstrations, a Polynesian-inspired menu at Café Allegro and even try your hand at a ukulele. Tickets: Activities and performances included with paid museum admission.

Event: Experience Italy

Saturday and Sunday, June 4 and 5, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Experience "la dolce vita" at MIM as we celebrate Italian music and culture. Get a taste of Italy with an Italian-inspired menu at Café Allegro, gallery talks, performances and hands-on activities for all ages. This event marks the final weekend of our special exhibition, "Stradivarius: Origins and Legacy of the Greatest Violin Maker,"

so don't miss it! Tickets: Activities and performances included with paid museum admission.

Event: Musical Icons: Johnny Cash and June Carter

Saturday, June 25, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Join MIM for a celebration of the lives and legacies of Johnny Cash and June Carter. Come and hear gallery talks, test your knowledge of Carter/Cash trivia in our popular MIMQuiz activity, view a film screening and more! Tickets: Activities included with paid museum admission. ■

The Musical Instrument Museum is located at 4725 E. Mayo Boulevard in Phoenix (corner of Tatum and Mayo Boulevards, just south of Loop 101). For additional events please visit www.mim.org or call (480) 478-6000.



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Desert Mountain: An Active Outdoor Lifestyle Wonderland

By: Troy Gillenwater, Trails Committee

Desert Mountain is synonymous with great golf. We all know that. The entire nation and even the world knows that.

But what isn't so well known about Desert Mountain is that with each passing year, new and exciting amenities developed on Desert Mountain's Northern Properties are transforming Desert Mountain into an outdoor wonderland for the hiker, runner, mountain biker, and equestrian user.

Recently, DMMA's Board and Trails Committee, working in conjunction with the Desert Mountain Club, approved the construction of a new connector trail and two new spur trails that lead to natural promontories that overlook the Phoenix valley and beyond as far south as the mountains near Tucson.

The new connector trail, the Sentinel Trail, is nearly a mile in length. It connects Brangus Way to the Bronco Butte Trail, which creates another loop trail. Looping trails are the hallmark of Desert Mountain's multi-

use stacked loop trail system and were instrumental in securing Desert Mountain's "2013 Best Developer Trails" award by the American Trails Association.

Looping trails are the gold standard in trail design because they provide greater scenic variety than out-and-back trails, they disperse users across a greater area, and they offer nearly endless combinations of trail routes and distances.

Spur trails, on the other hand, are one-way trails that typically traverse shorter distances but lead to particularly interesting view points or natural features.

Desert Mountain's two new spur trails, Lower Sentinel Lookout and Upper Sentinel Lookout, lead to two promontories that present stunning panoramic views much closer to the trailhead than the existing Sunset Summit and China Walls Trails. With these new spur trails, a greater number of users can now enjoy dramatic sunrise, sunset, and valley views all within 15 to 30 minutes

from the trailhead.

For horseback riders, the spur trails offer hitching posts to enable riders and their guides to dismount and admire the views and lofty elevation.

Additionally, the spur trails will distribute hikers and horseback riders across a greater area to preserve the wilderness feel of our trails versus the congested, urban feel found on public trails such as Pinnacle Peak and Gateway in the McDowell Sonoran Preserve.

We invite you to check out the new Sentinel Trail and the Lower and Upper Sentinel Lookout spur trails. Stand atop either of them and gaze down on Desert Mountain's Ranch and Trailhead complex. From the kiva to the stables to the corrals and to H2R Expedition's Golden Reef Camp with its dining and sleeping tents perched on the hillsides, one marvels at how quickly this world-class outdoor amenity has unfolded and blossomed deep within Desert Mountain's Northern Properties. ■

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Board Meetings

Monday, April 25, 3:00 pm, TBD
Monday, June 27, 3:00 pm, TBD
Monday, Aug 1, 3:00 pm, TBD, Budget 1
Monday, Aug 29, 3:00 pm, TBD, Budget 2
Monday, Sept 26, 3:00 pm, TBD
Monday, Dec 5, 3:00 pm, TBD
Monday, Jan 23, 2017, 3:00 pm, TBD

Village Meetings

Monday, Oct 17, 9:00 am, HOA
Saguaro Forest Board Meeting
Wednesday, Oct 19, 9:00 am, HOA
Turquoise Ridge Board Meeting
Wednesday, Oct 19, 3:00 pm, HOA
Mountain Skyline Board Meeting
Thursday, Oct 20, 3:00 pm, HOA
GQ, SR & EF Board Meeting
Tuesday, Oct 25, 3:00 pm, HOA
Arrowhead Board Meeting
Wednesday, Oct 26, 3:00 pm, HOA
Apache Cottages Board Meeting
Thursday, Oct 27, 8:00 am, HOA
Cochise Ridge Board Meeting
Thursday, Nov 1, 3:00 pm, HOA
Grey Fox Meeting Board Meeting

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Council of Presidents

Monday, April 11, 3:00 pm, TBD
Monday, June 13, 3:00 pm, TBD
Monday, Sept 12, 3:00 pm, TBD
Monday, Nov 21, 3:00 pm, TBD

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Design Review Meetings

Design Review Meetings are scheduled on the first and third Thursday of every month. They take place at 8:00am at the HOA Office, which is located at 10550 East Desert Hills Drive, Suite 100. Please call 480-635-5605 to be included on the meeting schedule. ■

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**HOA Office Closed Monday May 30
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Save the Date

Apache Peak Village Get-together

April 17th Golf and Dinner event
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RSVP to Anne Borsch
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Sonoran Cottage Enclave Get-together

April 5th, 4pm-6pm
RSVP to Alyce Peterson at petersonda2@msn.com or by phone 480-350-7535

Grey Fox Get-together April 10th 4pm-8pm

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Turquoise Ridge Get-together

April 13th 5pm-7pm
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Sunrise Village Sunset Social

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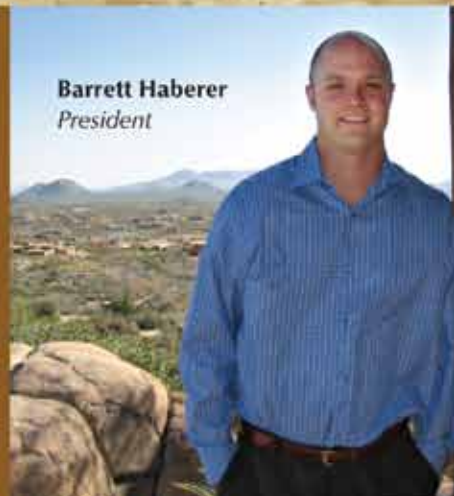
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