

Palm Springs Four Seasons  
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DATE	COMMITTEE SCHEDULE	TIME
09/12/2022	NEWSLETTER	10:00 AM
09/14/2022	FACILITIES & LANDSCAPE	10:00 AM
09/08/2022	COMMUNITY ACCESS CONTROL COMMITTEE (CACC)	10:00 AM
09/19/2022	ARCHITECTURAL	10:00 AM
09/21/2022	FINANCE	9:00 AM
09/22/2022	BOARD OF DIRECTORS EXECUTIVE SESSION	9:00 AM
09/22/2022	BOARD OF DIRECTORS OPEN SESSION	1:00 PM

# SEPTEMBER

Key: AR—AEROBICS ROOM | BR—Ballroom | C—COURTS | CR—CONFERENCE ROOM | GAME ROOM (GR) | L—LOGGIA | LIB—LIBRARY | WP—WEST POOL | EP—EAST POOL  
IOS—OFFSITE | ACT. R-ACTIVITY ROOM

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Upcoming Events/Activities:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10/8-Garage Sale</li> <li>10/19 – Speaker Series</li> <li>“All Ashore Who Are Going Ashore”</li> <li>10/28 – Halloween Party</li> </ul>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>11/11 Veterans Day Ceremony</li> <li>11/12 – Craft Bazaar</li> <li>11/16 -Speaker Series</li> </ul> “Palm Springs: A Town Created by Women”			
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# The Editor's Desk



## VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

The Focus will be launching a new monthly column in October called **“Voice of the People.”** Our goal is to publish anything you want the community to know. This could be comments, concerns, or information you want to share with your neighbors.

Of course we reserve the right to edit your submission based on length and content; if we feel the submissions that are not more than a couple of paragraphs long. All submissions must be signed and should include an email address if you want comments from the community. Send comments to **“voiceofthepeople.focus@gmail.com.”**

*by: Ed Knab*

# BOARD ANNOUNCEMENT

The Board received notice of resignation from one member on August 30, 2022.

In accordance with Association policy the Board will ask members of the community to apply, to fill the open seat.

Applications can be picked up at the Lodge or downloaded from the link in the Happenings.

Applications must be received by September 9th in order to be considered.

The Board will announce a meeting to address the vacancy and choose an applicant to fill the seat.

## FILLING A BOARD VACANCY POLICY

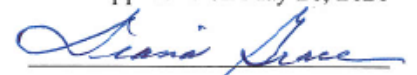
First and foremost, the Board of Directors has a fiduciary duty and obligation to the Community to appoint the best qualified candidate to fill a Board vacancy. To accomplish this, the Board needs to have total discretion, flexibility and latitude in the process.

When the Board receives notice that a Board Member will be resigning, a special Board meeting should be called immediately to determine how that vacancy will be filled. The Board should consider the most expedient manner in which to obtain a full Board.

Unless a Board vacancy is created by the removal of a Director by the Members, the remaining Directors shall fill any vacancy on the Board. In determining who shall fill the vacancy, the Board may take into consideration any or all of the following:

1. If willing to serve, a vacancy may be filled from the remaining candidates from the previous Board election in the descending order of votes received.
2. If the candidates from the previous election do not want to serve the remainder of the term, candidates will be solicited from the Community to file an application. The application process should be no longer than 30 days. The Board may then fill the vacancy from those eligible members who submitted an application by calling a special meeting as soon as practicable.
3. If a tie vote by the Board is encountered in the selection process, the vacancy may be filled by a chance determination, such as a coin toss or high card draw, if all parties involved agree to it. If the candidates don't agree to a chance determination, a run-off election may be held.
4. The vacancy can remain open until the next annual election.

Board approved on May 28, 2020





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**\*\*\*\* ONE-PS Candidate Forums \*\*\*\***

Palm Springs Cultural Center (co-sponsor)  
2300 E Baristo Road (across from PS High School)

Mark Talkington, *Palm Springs Post* (editor), moderator

**Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup>: 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm**

Desert Water Agency Candidates

*Stephan Bronack; Steve Grasha; Marcus Miceli*

Palm Springs City Council District 3 Candidates

*Ron deHarte; Joy Meredith*

Non-contested candidates for School Board and Health district will also be introduced

**Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>: 1:00pm to 4:00 pm**

Palm Springs City Council District 1 Candidates

*Grace Garner; Scott Nevins*

Palm Springs City Council District 2 Candidates

*Jeffrey Bernstein; Renee Brown*

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**!!!! Spread the word, bring neighbors !!!!**

***Send questions (including district-specific) by 9/16/22 to:  
Questions@ONE-PS.org.***

*Candidates listed for information only and does not indicate any preference and/or endorsement.  
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# TELL ME WHERE TO GO...

**By Tim Burke**

Who are those people with the blue name tags??

In March of this year, the Four Seasons HOA Board approved the formation of the Welcome Wagon Club. We thank the Board for their approval and support. We have grown to 16 active members currently. We call ourselves the Wagoneers. We have met with 30+ of the 85 new residents who have moved into Four Seasons during 2021 & 2022. And we hope to meet with more!

During our visits the goal of the Welcome Wagon is to truly connect with new neighbors, talk with them about life here at Four Seasons, answer questions they may have, guide them in settling into the community and help them get acquainted with Palm Springs.

We get questions like: “How do I find a good doctor and vet here in the desert?”

“Do you have cable or dish at your house? Which is best?”

“We want to build a pool. Do you have a good pool contractor?”

“Can you recommend a great weekly pool service?”

“Do you know a good gardener?”

“We understand you guys play pickle ball here. Can we play too?”

“Is it always this hot in the summer?”

“Is it true you play WINE BINGO here?”

“Please, point us in the direction of some really great restaurants.”

“What do you mean there aren’t any good Chinese restaurants here?”

AND... “OK tell us... How do we go about painting our house??”

We gift new community members with a basket filled with simple household items, lists and information on Four Seasons and Palm Springs, useful Where To Go To information, Vendor Suggestions and sometimes vendor discount coupons when they are available. Each basket has a value of approximately \$20 -\$25 and the costs are all covered by donations from the Wagoneers.

In our new neighbor meetings, we review the clubs and activities offered at Four Seasons and encourage new community members to get involved. We put them in touch with activity and committee organizers to make sure they have all the information they need.

We gently ask questions about their lives before moving to Four Seasons and try to connect them with other residents with similar interests and backgrounds helping them lay foundations to form new friendships.

We offer a list of local businesses and their contact information they are sure to need while settling into their new homes.

We give new community members a suggested list of service providers recommended by current



residents that have had good luck in using their services.

The Welcome Wagon Wagoneers have become the official greeters of Four Seasons most popular community event, Saturday's Coffee & Chat, helping to introduce and connect new community members with longtime residents.

You will usually see us at most community events, wearing our name tags and chatting people up as we try to break down the challenges of being the new kids who don't know anybody, and we encourage them to get involved.

The Four Seasons Community is filled with fascinating people who have built great lives, raised families, had successful careers and are very accomplished impressive individuals. Most will tell you their lives required some effort to achieve it all, but that you get back from it – what you put into it.

We encourage all Four Seasons residents to put a little effort into their life here in the community.

Reach out to neighbors. Join a club. Participate in an activity. Help new community members settle in and assist long time neighbors with their special needs and projects. Watch the quality of your life here in the community grow into a fun and fulfilling life chapter. You can only expect a return on investment based upon what you put into it!

When you see a Welcome Wagon Wagoneer with their blue name tag and the year they moved into Four Seasons, stop, and say hello. Introduce yourself. Let them know how long you've lived here. Start a conversation. It's likely to lead to fun and new friendships!

Want to be a cool kid and become a Welcome Wagon Wagoneer? Email us at [TellMeWhereToGo@yahoo.com](mailto:TellMeWhereToGo@yahoo.com). Let's connect and let the fun begin!

Four Seasons At Palm Springs

# Community Wide Garage Sale!

*One person's trash is another person's treasure! This is the opportunity to make extra cash on your gently used items.*

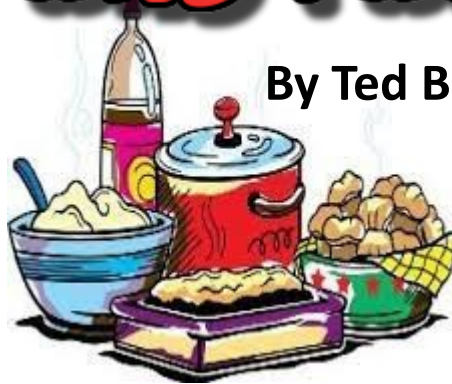
**SAVE THE DATE:**  
**SATURDAY,**  
**OCTOBER 8, 2022**  
**8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.**

## HOW DO I SIGN UP?

- Sign-ups begin Wednesday, September 7, 2022
- A \$2.00 participation fee will be collected for advertising.
- We accept Visa & Mastercard (*note a 2.9% convenience fee will be assessed.*)
- Or Pay with a check. Checks are made payable to
- **Four Seasons Palm Springs HOA**
- Last day to sign up is Sunday, September 25.



# 3PS: POPSICLES, POTLUCK AND PAINT



By Ted Britton



Staff and community volunteers put on a flurry of activities in the last two weeks of August: (1) a free (Board-sponsored) popsicle and popcorn event (2) a first/resumed community pot-luck dinner; and (3) a paint and sip class.

**Popsicles and fruit bars.** On Saturday August 20, folks took refuge from the summer heat by enjoying free frozen



treats in the lodge at 2p. Staff decorated the café with a variety of colored table clothes as well as streamers with balloons in front of the fireplace. Aspen and Brigette served a flavorful menu of fruit bars and popsicles (regular and sugar free) that was posted on a marquee at the entrance, and also had popcorn available. Early arrivers made a run on the mango and coconut flavors.

Some residents combined this offer with the morning's Coffee n Chat to cover all the major food groups in the Department of Agriculture's famous nutrition pyramid: 3 portions of pastries for breakfast, 2 portions of popsicles and 1 portion of popcorn for lunch, and, reportedly, chips and dip at home for dinner. While swimmers and sun



bathers came in from the pool and picked up a treat, other lickers sat in the café and chatted the afternoon away. The next, similar activity will be an end-of-summer event in the afternoon of Sunday, September 25.

**Re-launched community pot-luck dinner.** Dianne Reed, a member of the just-formed Social Committee, spearheaded getting this wonderful community activity going again after a long COVID-caused absence. At 5:30p on Friday, August 26, over 40 community members brought and shared a salivating variety of offerings from pasta dishes, to chicken recipes, salads and deserts. A working resident in our community, Dianne points out that this dinner/evening event is particularly important to our non-retired friends and neighbors. When

Diane moved in, the potlucks (also formerly known as Friday BBQ) were one of the only activities that were timed for her to be able to attend; it's how she and her husband Jack got to make some friends.

For residents who don't have time or feel that they have skills to make something, organizers want them to truly feel welcome to bring store-bought items. (For example, I've just started learning how to 'cook' during COVID, after a lifetime of relying on my husband to do it; so, I brought some store-bought sushi.) Especially given the exciting turnout at this relaunch, pot-luck dinners will regularly happen now on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of each month. Besides your food item, do bring whatever dinner plate, utensils, and napkin you wish to eat with, and your choice of beverage.



**Paint and sip.** A size-limited group of a dozen people enjoyed drinking the evening of Saturday, August 27. Oh! And between sips, folks painted. (Some non-sippers enjoyed being there as well.) The resident who allegedly streaked around Date Palm Circle last year volunteered to be our model au naturel. Perhaps I'm painting the wrong picture of this soiree for you...

An instructor from a professional paint and sip event company patiently led community members step-by-step in creating a wonderful seascape at sunset. All needed materials were provided. We all had fun. As a preteen, I got a merit badge in cub scouts for drawing cartoon characters. Since then, I was in the artistic desert my whole adult life. But a few years ago, my husband cajoled me during a vacation to let my inner child out again; he signed us up for the resort's paint and sip class! I encourage you to give this a whirl if the activity is offered again in 2023.



## *Flower Arrangement Workshop Interest List*

Mizzbee Hiven has a passion for flowers and would like to come host a special workshop for our residents.

Learn how to craft your own beautiful arrangements for your Holiday Tables.

Flower Arranging workshop dates to be determined. Cost to participate will be \$45 per person including all supplies.



We must have a minimum of 10 interested in participating for this class to be scheduled.

Let us know by signing the interest list at the Lodge or online at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FSPSFloral22>

# VENDORS *Wanted*

## Four Seasons at Palm Springs Ninth Annual Fair & Bazaar November 12, 2022

Once again, the Sew 'n Sew group is seeking vendors for our upcoming Fair & Bazaar on Saturday, November 12, 2022. The Committee is comprised of several residents at Four Seasons Palm Springs. This event is open to the public, and we will actively advertise it.

We had a great turnout of vendors and shoppers last year. Vendors displayed a large array of products for sale. Handmade pottery, greeting cards; jewelry and accessories; glass ornaments; Hawaiian arts, accessories, and plants; quilts; purses; pet harnesses, handmade items from the Sew 'n Sew group, and many other items.

**Please consider being a part of this upcoming event:**

**Date:** Saturday, November 12, 2022

**Time:** 9:00 am to 2:00pm

**Location:** The Lodge ballroom –3800 Four Seasons Blvd

**Fee:** \$20 per table/space CASH ONLY PAYABLE AT SIGN IN;  
tables are 3' x 8'; tablecloths provided

**Set-up:** Vendors can begin setting up their table(s) at 7:30am

If you wish to participate in this event, please respond with the following information: name, email, telephone number, description of products/items you wish to sell, number of table(s) needed, and if you need an electrical outlet.

Please be aware that there may be other vendors offering products similar to yours. The Committee will review your request and respond to you as soon as possible.

**For additional information, contact Margaret Myers at 760-318-1516  
(Margaret.myers2011@gmail.com)**

*Sincerely,  
Sew 'n Sew Members:  
Margaret Myers, Margo Hobkirk, Bill Stibich, Nancy  
Peterson, Carl Blue, and Beverly Nabors*

## Introducing Joan Lazarus

*By Janet Goldberg*



Who would have thought that having a dedicated dance studio room would be the impetus for someone to relocate to our Four Seasons community? Our community is just so lucky to have that be true. It (along with a few other factors) has brought us Ms. Joan Lazarus, whose talent, education, grace, passion, and dedication is simply amazing. We are going to be so fortunate to experience all this in December. But I am getting ahead of her story.

Joan and her twin sister grew up in the Boston area where their father was a renowned scientist at MIT. She began ballet dancing at a very early age and has never stopped. Along with dancing and a first marriage, she obtained a B.A. in Psycholinguistics which is a field of study encompassing the structure of speech as it is decoded by

the brain. Then she obtained an M.A. in Dance and another M.A. in Arts Administration.

Her dancing career has taken her from coast to coast as well as on national tours. The emphasis was on ballet but very soon her interest turned to modern dance. And a time at the University of Oregon where she encountered a magnificent instructor and mentor led her to teaching dance. This then led to executive and directorial positions in the Bay area – with the Oakland Ballet, the Cowell Theater, the San Francisco Ballet Associate, the Citicentre Dance Theatre (Oakland) all the while performing and teaching. You can see the juxtaposition of her education in the scientific field and her dancing has meshed nicely. Suffice it to say that she has spent some 25-30 years pursuing her passion and it continues to this day. She has danced with or appeared in the works of a long list of famous dance artists as well as being on the faculty (full-time) at the University of Oregon and Mills College, teaching at San Francisco Ballet, The Princeton Ballet and other dance venues. She has received numerous awards including but not limited to the Isadora Duncan Dance Award for Sustained Achievement. When she talks about teaching dance, there is a very striking sparkle in her eyes and an excitement in her voice. One simply gets transported to the beauty and joy of movement right alongside her.

Along the way, after a blind date, she married for a second time and became stepmom to two children aged 8 and 12. Unfortunately after some 12 years, that marriage ended with Joe's demise.

It is our good fortune to have Joan living here on our west side along with her colleague and partner, Rob Bailis. Rob is currently still working full time as the Director and Arts Administrator of the Broad Stage (Santa Monica), He is also a clarinet virtuoso



"Some people seem to think that good dancers are born, but all the good dancers I have known are taught or trained."  
- Fred Astaire

and performs at various venues.

Joan's teaching brought her to leading a class at our Mizell Center where the specialty was Ballet for Older Dancers. She is interested in continuing that here at our own Lodge should there be any interest. The emphasis will be on strength and balance, and it is not required that a student be professional – just someone who might love to dance and was perhaps told at some point, that was not their forte. Feel free to contact her at [joan@danceartsf.org](mailto:joan@danceartsf.org) if you would like more information.

You may recall from previous profiles that a free program of live performance and talent is being produced by residents Michael Roberts and Kay Montgomery. To everyone's delight, Joan has agreed to step up and produce alongside them. The program will begin with a Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> performance of these three plus hopefully other residents and artists (perhaps including Kay's daughter -a professional singer, and perhaps even Rob on his clarinet) right here at our Lodge. If you are a performer, and wish to participate -and we hope you will - please contact Joan directly at the email address above. It is hoped that this could lead to a series of performances highlighting the talent we know to be within our community. Consider this an open call for all performers – including an emcee and stage manager, etc. Come on down folks! It's going to be fabulous and a real treat for Four Seasons.

There are plans afoot for other types of theater events in the works. You will have to stay tuned for details as time progresses. Meanwhile, how exciting to count these talented persons as our neighbors and friends.

Joan arrived in Four Seasons about 1-1/2 years ago. The side effect of Covid ravaging careers and professions drove her to leave the Bay area – much to our benefit.



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# *Need More People to Wine* By Ross Willour

**Let's promote more resident wining!** If you've never been to a Wine Club social that happens on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month, considering checking it out. We'd really be pleased to have you there. If you already know quite a bit about wine, you'll enjoy it. But if you just like wine and wonder if you'd like to know more about it, you too will enjoy the get together. In other words, you don't have to be oenophile; don't be at all intimidated about coming whatever your level of wine knowledge. And as a newcomer, you needn't bring anything except the glasses you want to use!

**Blind taste testing and socializing.** Here's an example of what happens at one of our socials. For our March meeting, participant Jim Martin volunteered to do a brief talk on Riesling wines. I send out an email to people on our list in advance of the meeting to let them know the type of wine to be featured that month. If you are a newcomer, I am happy to send you the email if that interests you; just reach out to me at [rwill6462@aol.com](mailto:rwill6462@aol.com). However, no worries if you wish to just show up without getting that email beforehand.

Jim let the 21 people in attendance know that: Riesling is an aromatic white grape variety that is native to Germany; it is also commonly found in France, Australia, and the United States; there a range of styles from bone dry to sweet desert to sparkling; and Riesling is one of few white wines that can age for decades and can pair with all food types.

We had six bottles volunteered for the blind evaluation which everyone independently rated for Appearance, Aroma, Body, Taste, and Finish. No worries if you don't know what these traits mean because we'll explain them.

Each bottle can attain a total of 25 points. The final scores (an average of everyone's ratings for each bottle) were: first place with 19.8 points was Dr.Heblemanus Bernkastel; second place with 19.4 points was Barefoot Cellars; third place with 18.9 points was

Kendall Jackson; fourth place with 17.9 points was Chateau Ste. Michele; fifth place with 17.7 points was Renew Mosel and sixth place with 17.4 points was A to Z.

The group had fun chatting about how the ratings turned out. One intriguing pattern over the years has been a weak relationship between the prices of the wines and the ratings they get; for example, there have been times when the least expensive bottle got the highest score! After the short group discussion, we shifted to our social time with snacks, other bottles of Riesling, and hearty conversation. Until COVID, we also had a nice dinner with wine pairings once a year, using \$2 that regulars donate each month for that purpose; we hope to relaunch that annual event in the coming months. To close, I remind you of our bottom line; we hope more people in Four Seasons will wine with us!





# FOUR SEASONS

Four Seasons Rainbow will host a **Social Mixer Thursday, October 20, from 5:00pm to 7:00pm** in the Lodge Ballroom.

An array of seasonal appetizers and sweet temptations will be offered. Bring your favorite adult beverage or enjoy water, ice tea or Harvest Moon punch (perfect for a cocktail setup)

\$10.00 per person. Make your reservation at the Lodge front desk between September 19 and October 14, 2022. For more information, contact Max Hill at [maxfieldandbob@aol.com](mailto:maxfieldandbob@aol.com).

Join us in re-kindling friendships, welcoming new neighbors and enjoying our wonderful Four Seasons community.

*Four Seasons Rainbow* brings **LGBTQ+** residents, their neighbors and friends together for fun, inclusive activities and fellowship while fostering a greater sense of community. All are welcome!

## *Four Seasons Bazaar Mini*



The 9th Annual Four Seasons Bazaar will be held on **Saturday, November 12, 2022**. In conjunction with this event, there will be a mini-rummage sale.

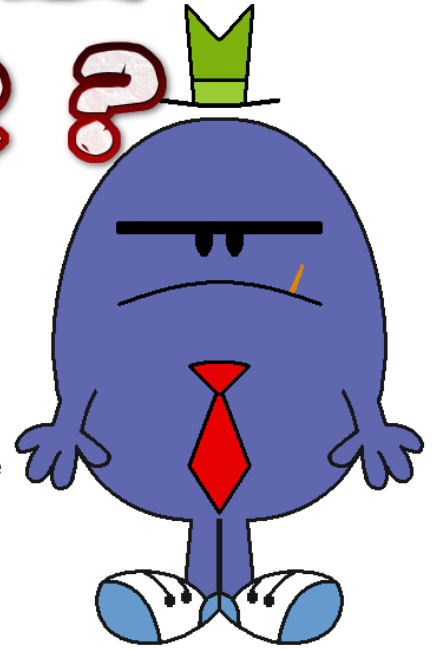
As the date draws near, The Sew 'n Sew group will be collecting donated items such as glassware, knick knacks, kitchenware, costume jewelry and small items. Your donated item might turn into someone's new treasure! **Please bring your items to The Lodge Community Room labeled "Rummage Sale."**

The mini-rummage sale has proven to be a very successful event. All proceeds are contributed to the Palm Springs Fire Department Annual Toy Drive.

**If you have any question, please contact Margaret Myers at 760-318-1516 or [margaret.myers2011@gmail.com](mailto:margaret.myers2011@gmail.com)**

# GRUMBLE, GRUMBLE GRUMBLE, OR ?

*By Janet Goldberg*



Much has been written – especially lately – about our divided interests as a country and how these matters are being handled. There seems to be so much grumbling and bombast that we cannot even agree on how to handle our elections. And, as of January 6<sup>th</sup>, it appears as if the answer by many people is violence against one another. This response is baffling to me since we have, for the most part, long been a country of law and order and Judeo-Christian ethics and commonality and doing things for the common good. Why is that shattering? The talking heads try to parse these things over and over again, but I have yet to hear a satisfactory answer\*. I truly understand why some people hate masks and others believe it the best tool available. That doesn't mean we have to beat each other with weapons to get our way. That smacks of a toddler's reaction since his power to reason has not yet been fully developed.

All the above leads me to our very own community and its responses to the various issues that arise. Thankfully, I have yet to observe or hear of anyone getting violent. But, since I am active, aware, and involved in many activities, I have been privy to a lot of impatience, anger, scorn, and disdain for opposition views – the first step towards hateful rhetoric and danger. Case in point would be the proposal by Spectrum to lower our costs by agreeing to their terms. Before we had an opportunity to query them about how exactly this would work to the benefit of all or how it might possibly be negotiated (yes, negotiation is a thing) the matter was summarily dismissed because the anger from some was so loud and - sorry to say - downright nasty. One cannot place total blame on the decision-makers since a threat was implied albeit couched within a series of questions. They are capable of reading between the lines. But the question then arises, is this any way to weigh the pros and cons and come up with a solution? I would suggest that all it did was shove the matter under the rug, hurt a lot of feelings, divide the community, and nothing to

help curb our current sky-rocketing costs. In the long run it kept the anger simmering – no matter which side you favor. Here again, it is yet another example of minority rule by the loudest voices. We seem to have taken the “squeaky wheel” axiom way too far. We have not yet fully explored the possibilities. All this being said, we might, in fact, come up with the same response but at least the exploration would reveal the facts.

The issue of Bingo pretty much fell within this same scenario. It was easier to say “no” than try to figure out how to navigate the desires of the community as a whole and work within whatever parameters the law set forth. In this case, residents took the high road and peacefully made their wishes known and respected and there will be a happy ending. An argument could be made that it didn't have to take so long and require all that extra work. But that's a story for another time. The bottom line is we will resume Bingo very soon and with mini-





mum angst because we acted as adults to achieve a common goal.

While this is just one community issue, all I want to say is give your responses some thought before you jump into the swamp. Maybe sleep on it for a night or two or three. Much like you wouldn't talk to your mate, your parents or, your children in such nasty tones, show some respect. Temper your outbursts. Give the opposition the benefit of the doubt. Hear them out. Get the facts.

Retain your dignity. Understand that when you shout at me, I shut down and you accomplish nothing. Remember that bold type-face equals shouting. \* And if you shout at someone less patient and grounded, you risk their ire and who knows what they will do in response.

None of this is meant to silence anyone. I believe you have the right to speak your mind and express your opinion. No doubt the future will bring more and more major decisions regarding our neighborhood. An election – both nationwide and on the local level – as well as within our own community looms. Pay attention. Participate. Keep it civil. Let's return to a kinder, more thoughtful society. Start right here and now. Please.

\*\*Since writing this column, much has happened and will no doubt continue to evolve, and I acknowledge that I have been guilty of the very thing of which I am outlining. It is very unlike me to give into my immediate anger and I sincerely apologize for what could be deemed the hypocrisy. However, I still feel that there is much which needs to change within our community in terms of attitude, responsibility, and yes, knee-jerk actions and re-actions. In coming months, the Focus will begin a page devoted to the Voice of the People, I urge you to temper your remarks with kindness and thoughtfulness. Do include positive, praiseful remarks sometimes too. After all, we are all volunteers and trying to do our very best for everyone and your feedback is important.

**FOUR SEASONS PALM SPRINGS PRESENTS:**  
**Friday, September 30, 2022**

# BINGO IS BACK

With your host for the night!  
*Frank Perez*

Grab a friend and come on down to the Clubhouse! Doors open at 5:30pm

- The first BINGO game begins at 6:00 p.m.
- \$5 at the door for 10 GAMES
- Extra cards available, small games of chance, door prizes and just good fun!
- Don't forget to bring your lucky dauber. Don't have one? Don't fret! We will have them available for purchase (\$1.50).
- As always, bring your favorite beverage of choice.





# FROM PHYLLIS'S KITCHEN

## RICH & SIMPLE FRENCH ONION SOUP

Prep Time: 15 minutes

Cook time: 50 minutes

Servings: 4

### Ingredients:

½ cup unsalted butter

2 tbsps. Olive oil

4 cups sliced onions

4 (10,5 oz,) cans beef broth

2 tbsps. Dry sherry

1 tsp dried thyme

1 pinch salt and pepper to taste

4 slices French Bread

4 slices Provolone Cheese

2 slices Swiss cheese, diced

¼ cup grated Parmesan Cheese

### Directions:

#### **Step 1:**

Melt butter with olive oil in an 8 qt. stock pot on medium heat. Add onions and continually stir until tender and translucent. Do not brown the onions.

#### **Step 2:**

Add beef broth, sherry and thyme. Season with salt and pepper, and simmer for 30 minutes.

#### **Step 3:**

Heat the oven broiler.

#### **Step 4:**

Ladle soup into oven safe serving bowls and place one slice of bread on top of each (bread may be broken into pieces if you prefer). Layer each slice of bread with a slice of Provolone, ½ slice of diced Swiss and 1 tbsp. Parmesan cheese. Place bowls on cookie sheet and broil in the preheated oven until cheese bubbles and browns slightly. **ENJOY!**



# Middle Class Tax Refund

Submitted by Janet Goldberg

Overview: The Middle Class Tax Refund is a one-time payment to provide relief to Californians.

If you are eligible, you will automatically receive a payment. Payments are expected to be issued between October 2022 and January 2023.

Eligibility: You are eligible if you:

- **Filed your 2020 tax return by October 15,**

**2021,**

Meet the California Adjust gross income (CA AGI) limits described in the What you may receive section,

- Were not eligible to be claimed as a dependent in the 2020 tax year,
- Were a California resident for six months or more of the 2020 tax year,
- Are a California resident on the date the payment is issued.

## When you'll receive your payment:

Californians are expected to receive payments between October 2022 and January 2023.

## How you will receive your payment:

Generally, if you filed electronically and received your 2020 tax refund by direct deposit, then you should get your payment the same way. Otherwise, you will receive your payment on a debit card.

## What you may receive:

For your CA AGI, go to Line 17 on your 2020 Form 540 or Line 16 on your 2020 Form 540EZ.

You can find specific tables of what you will receive based on the above information on the California Franchise Tax Board website but payments will generally be between \$350-\$1,050.

<https://www.ftb.ca.gov/about-ftb/newsroom/middle-class-tax-refund/middle-class-tax-refund-estimator.html>

If you have further questions, call 1-800-542-9332. Weekdays 8 AM to 5 PM.

Reprinted from 2022 California Franchise Tax Board website.

# Spectrum▶ Survey Results

By Ted Britton



[Board Action on August 25: Based on the survey results, the Board has asked the Association's Ad Hoc Technology Committee to seek offers from one or more additional vendors and to negotiate potential improvements in the offer from Spectrum.]

## About the survey and this report

**Prior emails not designed to systematically elicit representative community views.** The first email sent to residents can be regarded as an informal query (or survey). However, it was not intended or designed to elicit systematic, large-scale information from residents. Rather, the email merely invited residents to suggest questions or offer comments or concerns *only for the purpose of informing development a formal survey*. Further, that email did *not* ask each resident to send in their views and it also stated that a formal survey would be forthcoming; this statement would make many of the email readers feel it was not necessary to send in their views or comments at the time of the initial email, because they would be given an opportunity to do so in the planned, upcoming survey. Therefore, comments sent in as replies to the first email are not systematically representative

of the community's sentiments; obtaining such views is the purpose of the recent survey.

**One response per household.** The survey instructions asked that only one survey response be submitted per household. Therefore, the survey software parameters were set to permit just one submission per device; that is, if a user entered the survey again on the same computer after previously submitting a response, it did not make the survey available to the user. It was possible, however, for a household to disregard the honor system and enter more than one response by using different electronic devices to complete the survey

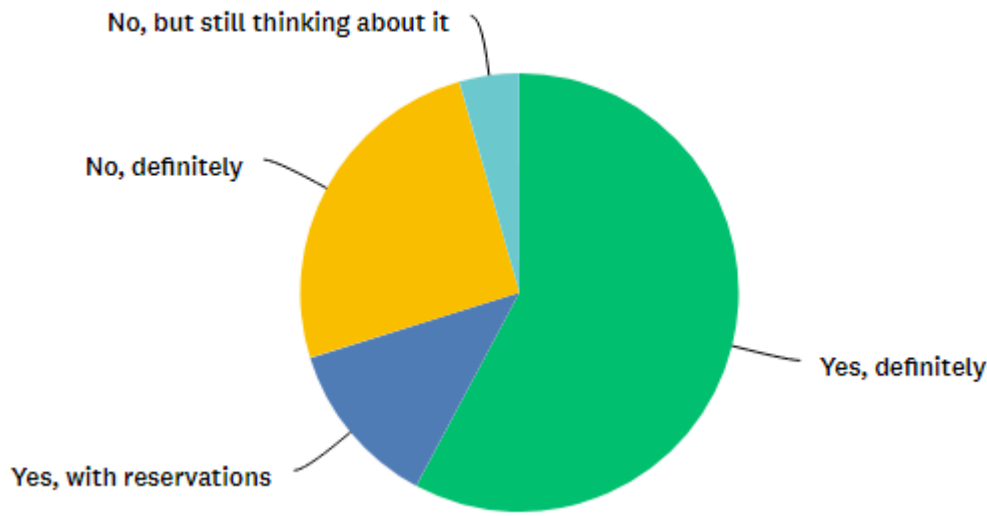
This FOCUS article is an adaptation of the Executive Summary of a technical survey report provided to the Board. I found that residents' written statements in the survey really helped me clearly understand my friends' and neighbors' varied questions, thoughts and feelings about this matter.

## Results

**A strong majority (70%) of survey-takers are interested in the Board pursuing a bulk services agreement with Spectrum.** Most of the survey respondents (92%) were current Spectrum users. While



Spectrum households generally said “yes” and non-Spectrum households generally said “no,” there were exceptions among both groups.



There is an uncommonly high degree of confidence that this result is representative of views in the community, because the 348 received responses correspond to almost three-quarters (73%) of Four Seasons households; [As a comparison, even elections for the Board typically receive a response from less than half of Four Seasons households.]

There are three caveats about the overall result, as described below. However, *because the frequencies of the caveats are relatively low, they do not mathematically rise to the level of altering the overall finding that a majority of respondents are interested in the Board pursuing the agreement.*

First, write-in comments suggest that some residents had not seen and/or understood some specific key points in the previously provided information, particularly the Spectrum TV channel line-up and the cost of add-on services that residents might currently have or want beyond those included in the bulk services agreement. Not being aware of this information could have influenced some responses. *This finding suggests that additional efforts should be made to communicate information and answer questions.* Second, about 4% of respondents said no, but also that they still are considering this issue. Third, about one-fifth of “yes” respondents have reservations about their preference, most often out of concern for the impact on non-Spectrum households (rather than concerns about the value of the agreement for their own household).



Most respondents took time to write comments. Over a hundred “yes” respondents remarked enthusiastically about the cost savings, and other “yes” respondents commented on a favorable prior experience with Spectrum bulk services when they lived in other HOAs.

Among the “no” respondents, the most common written objections or concerns included: bad prior experiences with Spectrum retail services; losing some TV channels they currently have, because they are not in the Spectrum lineup; a stance that an Association requirement that delves into residents’ consumer choices is inappropriate; or wondering about the impact of higher HOA dues on homes’ marketability.

Some “no” and “yes” respondents **shared** some reservations about proceeding.

- The most common concern was a worry about or objection to requiring non-Spectrum households to pay for Spectrum in their HOA dues if they did not wish to subscribe. Among these respondents, most were concerned about converting from another carrier.
- However, other respondents were concerned that they already have or would want, within the period of a five-year contract, to move to streaming-only TV services.
- Other shared points of view were about a sense of unfairness for Spectrum and/or the Association not to address out-of-pocket costs for initial conversion, including: termination penalties in existing agreement with other providers or buy-out costs over the remaining life of an agreement (if no termination permitted); and the charge for in-home Spectrum installation.
- Also, some respondents felt the agreement would be unfair for people who do not reside here year-round, unless it would be possible for them to suspend or not pay for the service when away for substantial periods of time, which customers currently can do in their retail agreements.

Following are a few comments written by respondents, selected to illustrate each point in this article.

*I’m very excited about the savings! (Over 100 similar write-in comments)*

*Every place I’ve lived in this millennium, I’ve lived with a bulk rate internet and cable provider. I was shocked when moving into the 4 Seasons there WASN’T a bulk rate provider. When Spectrum quoted the price of service for our home, I almost pooped my pants!*

*Some residents say they don't use and don't want to be forced to pay for it. However, they are not allowed to cafeteria pick what other items the HOA dues cover like recreation facilities they don't use. Plus, they must not be aware of how Four Seasons' dues are one of if not the lowest in the Valley, especially for a neighborhood this size.*

*I would be getting channels I do not ever watch and lose those that I do watch all the time.*

*Some of us have contracts with other providers already and breaking them would result in fees that we have to pay. I would be charged for a cable service I chose not to use just so others would get a discount.*

*As a seasonal homeowner, Spectrum offers temporary cessation services for \$5/mo. Request this feature be included in any new plan.*

*I don’t want to contribute to a monopoly with such a poor history of horrible treatment of customers.*

*Cable is dying. I prefer streaming and mobile access to internet. I do not want to be committed in a contract that is five years long to a product that has limitations, in a time that technology is changing so rapidly.*

*The HOA should NOT be interfering in the finances of homeowners’ private consumer choices.*

*Advertising HOA dues at higher rate when selling home may discourage buyers.*





## ★ It's That Time of Year ★ Submitted by Tom Perdue

The Finance Committee is now working to deliver its 2023 operating, capital, and reserve budget recommendations to the Board of Directors. The Finance Committee has already conducted two budget workshops and expects two more before submitting its 2023 plan to the Board. This year is even more challenging than last year due to continuing high inflation's impact on our HOA cost structure.

We, the residents, are the HOA, the shareholders. The operating budget funds keeping the lights on, managing, and maintaining the property and its activities. The capital budget funds new items such as the recently acquired alarm systems that have been installed at the East and West pool areas. Reserve funds are essentially a savings account that are used to pay for longer-term repairs and replacement such as the pools, street repaving, etc.

Reserves are fully (100%) funded when the reserve funds balance is equal to projected cost, determined in a detailed independent reserve study done each year. Special assessments are levied when a HOA reserve is underfunded relative to a necessary major repair or replacement.

We are fortunate that over the years our HOA has achieved and exceeded full reserve funding. I recently read that the average California HOA is approximately 60% reserved. Our reserve strength greatly mitigates the risk of special assessments which are particularly disruptive to retirees living on a fixed budget.

Last year, to hold the monthly assessment increase to 7% (in a +8% inflation economy) the monthly allocation to reserves was reduced by \$5,000. During the year, several large projects including the pool and security camera replacements have been funded from reserves. Smaller contribution and significant expense results in our current reserve funding level of 97%.

The Finance Committee and the Board must build a budget that balances operating, capital, and reserve needs. A critical question is at what level should reserves, our savings account for the future, be maintained? The sum total will ultimately determine 2023 monthly assessments.

We are all experiencing the challenges of the current economy within our personal lives – our HOA is not immune from the same pressures. The goal, however, remains the same: maintain a safe, financially strong, active community that contributes to the market value of shared assets and properties.



# SEAFOOD FUTURES

By Iolanthe Woulff

(This piece pays homage to the immortal Tom Lehrer's unforgettable satire song, "Pollution".)

Let's all go have dinner at Captain Monsanto's!  
Believe me, their dishes are rare.  
They've Snapper Selenium,  
Chromium Cod,  
plus assorted *Chemiques de la Mer*.

The Mercury Swordfish is truly sublime,  
while the Bouillabaisse glows in the dark.  
The Bi-phenyl Clams  
with an aspic of lead  
go quite nicely with Phosphorus Shark.

I think just this once I'll have Crabs Becquerel:  
Full-flavored, not too sweet or sour.  
They come from a wrecked  
old plutonium barge  
and they parboil themselves in an hour.

Have you ever tried Filet of Flounder Fluorine?  
It's delicious! Feels warm going down.  
My extremities tingle  
recalling that taste...  
'Tis an entrée of widespread renown!  
You might wish to sample the bright yellow Blackfish,  
or maybe some Haddock of anti-freeze green.  
Either's quite fine,  
but do drink some wine.  
They tend to be spicy, y'know what I mean?

Or how about trying some Lobster Monsanto?  
These babies are red when they're caught.  
The boats set their traps  
by the nuclear plant,  
where the hot current keeps the lines taut.

Their Molybdenum Mussels with Acetone Sauce  
is a bit on the bland side for me.  
(It's there for the old folks  
who can't abide salt,  
and the poor diabetics, you see.)

So let's hit the road for some wonderful chow  
at Monsanto's. My treat tonight, Boss!  
I promise a dinner  
that's out of this world...  
By the way, have you paid your Blue Cross?

LW



## COFFEE AND CHAT SCHEDULE:

- ⇒ **September 3<sup>rd</sup>**: Barth Norton, Gretchen Cotter, David Liggett, and Mark Hawk
- ⇒ **September 10<sup>th</sup>**: Mahjong Group
- ⇒ **September 17<sup>th</sup>**: Saul Raigosa and Tom Piergies
- ⇒ **September 24<sup>th</sup>**: Rainbow

Would you like to become a Coffee & Chat Host? Or would you like more information?

Contact Carol Brich—[carol@roppa.com](mailto:carol@roppa.com)

# The Ladies Who Dine



August 9th we had a wonderful early Italian dinner at Trilussa Restaurant in Cathedral City. Janet Goldberg and Phyllis Beck hosted this get together and it was quite a success, thank you both for making this such a

pleasant evening. The food was exceptional, I had Eggplant Parmesan and it was one of the best I ever tasted, all the ladies were more than pleased with their meals. The restaurant treats their diners to a complimentary Biscotti and Amaretto after the meal, as well. The staff was attentive and served us well. If you have not been there yet, you are missing out on something very special. They open for early dinners if that is your liking.

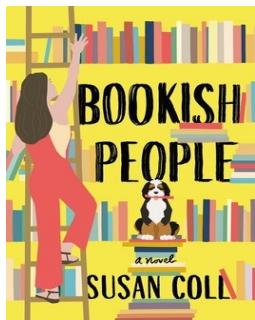
Kay DiGregorio,  
Ladies Who Dine

*Kay DiGregorio*

**QUOTE:** *Blind belief in authority is the greatest enemy of truth.*

# BOOK REPORTS *By Janet Goldberg*

*With this caveat: these are book reports, not reviews. Read at your own discretion! I chose this first one because I thought we could all use a laugh and some comedic diversion.*



336 pages

**A perfect storm of comedic proportions erupts in a DC bookstore over the course of one soggy summer**

**week—narrated by two very different women and punctuated by political turmoil, a celestial event, and a perpetually broken vacuum cleaner.**

This big-hearted screwball comedy features an intergenerational cast of oblivious authors and over-qualified booksellers—as well as a Russian tortoise named Kurt Vonnegut Jr.—and captures the endearing

quirks of some of the best kinds of people: the ones who love good books.

Recently widowed bookstore owner Sophie Bernstein, 54, is trying to find her footing after the death of her beloved husband and the other disorienting events of 2017 (Charlottesville looms large), but it's not easy. For one thing, almost all the people in her life are her employees and are much younger than her.

Along the way, Sophie faces extreme drama of all kinds, from the threat of a protest over the visit of a rapacious British poet blamed for his wife's suicide to having her car towed because her keys have been sucked up by her vacuum cleaner, the

fearsome Querk III. Her *other* vacuum cleaner, a Roomba, is the closest thing she has to a new boyfriend. Meanwhile, the book jokes don't stop coming.

For more in depth review, check out the following link: <https://www.kirkusreviews.com/book-reviews/susan-coll/bookish-people/>

## And, for the more serious types:

### LIFE ON THE MISSISSIPPI

By [Rinker Buck](#)  
416 pages

The eagerly awaited return of master American storyteller Rinker Buck, *Life on the Mississippi* is an epic, enchanting blend of history and adventure in which Buck builds a wooden flatboat from the grand "flatboat era" of the 1800s and sails it down the Mississippi River, illuminating the forgotten past of America's first western frontier.

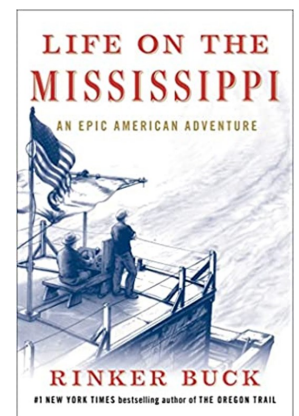
An invigorating blend of history and journalism informs this journey down Old Man River...Besides being a willing and intrepid traveler, Buck is also an able interpreter of history,

and it's clear that he's devoured a library of Mississippiana. It all makes for an entertaining journey in the manner of William Least Heat-Moon, John McPhee, and other traveler-explainers. For armchair-travel aficionados and frontier-history buffs, it doesn't get much better."

As a historian, Buck resurrects the era's adventurous spirit, but he also challenges familiar myths about American expansion, confronting the bloody truth behind settlers' push for land and wealth. The Indian Removal Act of 1830 forced more than 125,000 members of the Cherokee, Choctaw, and

several other tribes to travel the Mississippi on a brutal journey en route to the barrens of Oklahoma. Simultaneously, almost a million enslaved African Americans were carried in flatboats and marched by foot 1,000 miles over the Appalachians to the cotton and cane fields of Arkansas, Mississippi, and Louisiana, birthing the term "sold down the river." Weaving together a tapestry of first-person histories, Buck portrays this watershed era of American expansion as it was really lived.

For full review, check out Amazon Books. <https://www.amazon.com/Life->



Mississippi-Epic-American-Adventure/dp/1501106376/ref=sr\_1\_1?crid=1PDUWRGEL2C7T&keywords=life+on+the+mississippi+rink



Did you know that you can take a one-hour tour of the Palm Springs Animal Shelter ?

Yes ! That’s right! You’ll learn all about our history and mission, and you’ll be taken on a comprehensive behind-the-scenes tour of their operations. And, of course, you’ll have a chance to meet all of the amazing pets they care for at the shelter.

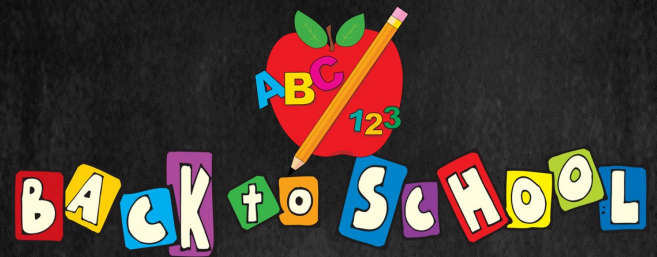
To take the GIMME SHELTER TOUR—PLEASE REGISTER AT

<https://form.jotform.com/221396111958156>



The Palm Springs Animal Shelter can use a number of typical household/pet items and welcomes donations of new or gently used items such as:

- ⇒ New and gently used blankets and towels,
- ⇒ Anything off of our Amazon Wish Lists at [psanimalshelter.org/amazon](https://psanimalshelter.org/amazon)
- ⇒ Volunteers to help with dog and cat care, medical care, customer service, retail store operations, special events and many more.
- ⇒ Foster guardians to help take in kittens, puppies, and other special need pets until they are ready for adoption.
- ⇒ Media contacts to help promote our pets up for adoption.
- ⇒ A new van we can use for animal transport.



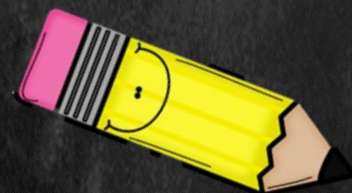
## SUPPLY DRIVE

**SEPTEMBER 2 – SEPTEMBER 23**

Accepting the following donations:

- ◆ Pens
- ◆ Crayons
- ◆ Pencils
- ◆ Highlighters
- ◆ Folders
- ◆ Erasers
- ◆ Notebooks
- ◆ 3-ring binders
- ◆ Scissors
- ◆ Markers
- ◆ Glue Sticks
- ◆ Paints
- ◆ Paper
- ◆ Rulers
- ◆ Paperclips

Help us collect supplies for the students of North Palm Springs. There will be a drop off box available in the Lodge. If you have any questions, please see the Lodge front desk.





# You May Be Able to Pay Less for Internet Access or Even Get it Free



Internet access is necessary for work, school, healthcare, and more. Unfortunately, high speed internet remains unaffordable for too many households. The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) runs a program, the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP), that reduces the cost of getting online for people with limited income. Many internet providers offer fully covered internet plans—meaning you may even get high-speed internet for free.

**If your household income is 200% or less than the Federal Poverty Guidelines or someone in your household participates in certain ACP provides. Visit the ACP website to see if you qualify. Please do not contact Social Security with questions about the ACP.**

You can take advantage of the discounts with confidence knowing that receiving ACP assistance does not affect your Social Security retirement, survivors, or disability benefits.

## What discounts are available?

- \$30 per month toward internet service for eligible households. Some companies offer internet service for \$30, making internet service free.
- \$75 per month for households on qualifying Tribal lands.
- Eligible households also can receive a one-time discount of up to \$100 toward purchasing a laptop, desktop computer, or tablet from participating providers.

## How do you get the discounts?

You can apply online with the FCC (<https://nv.fcc.gov/lifeline>) , directly contacting your current internet service provider, or by mail.

You can also call 1-877-384-2575 to find our how to apply.

# Men's Dining Group

Dine and socialize with us ... enjoy camaraderie, friendship, and belonging



**Monday, September 12, 2022**



**5:00 pm "Meet, greet, mingle, and mix" cocktail hour**

**6:00 pm Dinner** *Select from the regular menu.*



EIGHT4NINE  
RESTAURANT & LOUNGE

**EIGHT4NINE (849) Restaurant and Lounge**

**849 N Palm Canyon Dr, Palm Springs, CA**

Separate checks will be issued (20% gratuity will automatically be added to your bill). We will have a private room if we have at least 25 attendees.



Please RSVP by Friday morning, September 9th  
at 9:00 a.m. to  
[kevin@kevinharrigan.com](mailto:kevin@kevinharrigan.com)

For more information, contact:  
Kevin Harrigan at [kevin@kevinharrigan.com](mailto:kevin@kevinharrigan.com)  
or  
David Liggett at [davidliggett@mac.com](mailto:davidliggett@mac.com)



# Getting from Here to

*By Ted Britton*



Wow. By late fall, you'll be able to fly nonstop from Palm Springs to 35 different cities! It's been slim pickings during the summer, as usual, with only 16 routes operating. However, during September through December (especially in November), airlines are adding back seasonal routes to many more places: three routes resume in September; four of them in October; 17 routes return in November; one in Dec; and five sometime this fall (TBA, Allegiant).

Admittedly, the main market for many seasonal flights is to bring people to sunny Palm Springs for winter getaways, because we're less apt to leave here and go there in winter; for example, three different airlines are serving the chilly city of Edmonton in northern Alberta. On the other hand, maybe you have friends or relatives in these climes who could use the flights to visit you more easily!

On August 4, the airport announced the addition of budget carrier Avelo, beginning in November. This brings the number of airlines serving PSP to 13! Avelo is including nonstop service to two new cities for Palm Springs: Bend/Redmond and Santa Rosa. Below is the complete list of airlines and destinations, drawn from information on the airport's website. Note that the site does not specify the frequency of flights, i.e., while most routes operate daily, some only operate several days of the week, or even one day a week. You'd have to go the airline's websites to determine this.





From palmspringsairport.com/airlines-and-destinations

Airline	City	Status
		O = operating Date = return date for seasonal flights
Aha!	Reno-Tahoe	O
Air Canada	Toronto	Oct 1
	Vancouver	Oct 2
Alaska	Austin	Nov 18
	Boise	Nov 20
	Everett	Nov 18
	Portland	Sept 11
	San Francisco	O
	San Jose	O
	Seattle	O
Allegiant	Bellingham	TBA in fall
	Des Moines	TBA in fall
	Eugene	TBA in fall
	Nashville	TBA in fall
	Provo	TBA in fall
American	Austin	Nov 17
	Chicago ORD	Sept 7
	Dallas DFW	O
	Phoenix	O
Avelo	Bend/Redmond	Nov 11
	Eugene	Nov 12
	Santa Rosa	Nov 11
Delta	Atlanta	Dec 17
	Minneapolis	Oct 6
	Salt Lake City	O
	Seattle	Oct 6
Flair	Edmonton	Oct 31
	Toronto	Oct 30
	Vancouver	Oct 30
Jet Blue	Boston	early 2023
	New York JFK	Oct 30

Airline	City	Status
		O = operating Date = return date for seasonal flights
Southwest	Dallas Love	Nov 19
	Denver	O
	Las Vegas	O
	Oakland	O
	Phoenix	O
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FOUR SEASONS PALM SPRINGS PRESENTS



# Do you want to learn something new? Come to the Speaker Series With Vinny Stoppia



**Wednesday, October 19, 2022 | 6:30 PM | Ballroom**  
*Topic: All Ashore Who Are Going Ashore*



Pack your trunk, brandish your passport, and head for the nearest gangway as we drift back in time. We shall rediscover the halcyon days when travel by an ocean liner across the seas promised fun, adventure, perhaps perils, and maybe romance.

**Wednesday, November 16, 2022 | 6:30 PM | Ballroom**  
*Topic: It Takes A Dame To Build A Town*



Do you know how Palm Springs got its start? Well, you may be surprised to know that a handful of visionary and determined women made this town a place that achieved international appeal. This presentation is the story of these indomitable women who created a magical resort community against tremendous odds. Thanks to these women, the Palm Springs brand still endures today.

**Wednesday, January 18, 2023 | 6:30 PM | Ballroom**  
*Topic: Marie Antoinette: It Ain't Just Cake*



Did you ever wonder what it might be like to be a big queen? Perhaps you visualize endless parties, designer fashions, and Harry Winston jewels. Well, for the true scoop on wearing a crown, just ask Marie Antoinette. She can tell you that the glitz is the first frill to go. Bring your hand fan to ease your agitation as you learn about the real life of Marie Antoinette, because it ain't just cake.

**Wednesday, February 22, 2023 | 6:30 PM | Ballroom**  
*Topic: You Call That Art?*



Have you ever visited a museum or gallery and asked yourself, 'How do they call that art.' Join in for a spirited look at art from the past that caused many a person to wag their finger in disgust, as well as contemporary art that often elicits the same seal of disapproval. Come and take a look at the works of artists that we might, at first, wish to dismiss.

# PUMPKIN SUCCULENT CONTAINER WORKSHOP

Wednesday, September 28, 2022  
10am-12pm or 1pm-3pm

Registration for this class begins  
Tuesday, September 6, 2022.

**\$35 per person. All supplies are included.**

- 10 students per class.
- Workshop #1 will start at 10am
- Workshop #2 will start at 1pm

You can reserve your seat with a check payable to Four Seasons Palm Springs or with a credit/debit card.



## Four Seasons Presents **END OF SUMMER SOCIAL**

Saturday, September 24, 2022  
2:00 pm | In the Ballroom | FREE

We invite you to come out and bring your Community Neighbor for an afternoon of prizes, hotdogs (while supplies last), and live music by Standard jazz.

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September 13, 2022-December 15, 2022

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Classes are held in Riverside at UCR Extension University Village, and in the Coachella Valley at the UCR Palm Desert Center. There are no tests, grades, entrance exams or minimum educational background restrictions. Courses and lectures are delivered in person at either of the locations and you can also attend classes delivered remotely using Zoom.

### 4 Ways to Register:

Classes open for enrollment on August 8, 2022

### ONLINE:

[https://commerce.cashnet.com/ucr\\_osher](https://commerce.cashnet.com/ucr_osher)

Print and mail a completed membership and enrollment form to:

### Mail:

UCR Palm Desert Center  
75-080 Frank Sinatra Drive, Palm Desert, CA 92211  
Make checks payable to: Regents UC

### CALL:

760-834-0929  
Mon -Fri 10 am – 2 pm

### IN-PERSON:

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75-080 Frank Sinatra Drive, Palm Desert, CA 92211  
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### COURSE SELECTIONS:

#### Remote Delivered Courses

Cinematic Exploration: The Bonds Between Humans and their Pets

Judicial Issues in the News

Art From Medieval Manuscripts: Medieval Autumn

The New York Melting Pot: 1880-1940

The Science, Literature and Cinema of Frankenstein

#### UC Palm Desert Center In-Person Courses

The Literature of AIDS: Gay Men Respond to a Crisis

The Week's News in Review - Part One

History of Impressionism in Art from Monet to Van Gogh

The Week's News in Review - Part Two

The History of American Cinema

Heroines of Historical Fiction: Ten Thousand Waves of Women's Voices

Early Abstract Expressionism

Profiles in Deceit: JFK & LBJ on Vietnam

Ukraine - A Troubled History

#### UC Riverside In-Person Courses

Why Did the Soviet Union Collapse?

History of Impressionism in Art from Monet to Van Gogh

The Week's News in Review

How Can America Be Exceptional in Disrupting Times?

Profiles in Deceit: JFK & LBJ on Vietnam

Ukraine - A Troubled History

Military Technology, Development, and How "The Sausage" is Made

#### The Edward A. Dickson Emeritus/a Professorship Lecture Series 2022-2023

Flourishing, Long Life, and the Nature of Health

**Please** All classes: \$55 (unless otherwise noted)

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Quarterly membership - \$70

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