



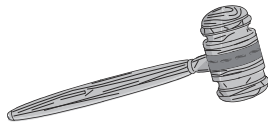
# Saguaro News

Newsletter of the SKP Saguaro Co-op  
Benson, Arizona



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## FROM THE BOARD

☞ First we want to welcome **Dee Dupuis** to the Board of Directors. Dee has been a loyal and untiring worker in the Co-op for many years and we look forward to working with her as she fills a position on the Board. Be sure to congratulate her on her new volunteer position.

### ☞ VOLUNTEERS

When we think of volunteer duties we usually think of serving on one of the many committees, but you must remember that there are many jobs done by volunteers that are not a part of any committee. Is there something for you to do? We think so. Even if you are not able to plant trees (landscape committee) or repair the roads (facilities & maintenance committee) maybe you can carry water around to those doing the manual labor. Monthly volunteers read electric meters and deliver electric bills, even if you can not do that maybe you can help stuff the envelopes with the bills. These can even be delivered to your rig. At the ice cream social you can sit and collect tickets. From your rig you can telephone others in case of an emergency. The Board recognizes that not all members have the same talents and that some have physical restrictions, but we believe there is a place for each of us to offer our help. We will begin to list opportunities for volunteering, and as this is developed it will be shared. One thing we all know is that if we have to hire people to do all the jobs not done by us, all of our M & Os will increase.

### ☞ ECONOMIC IMPACT OF THE CO-OP

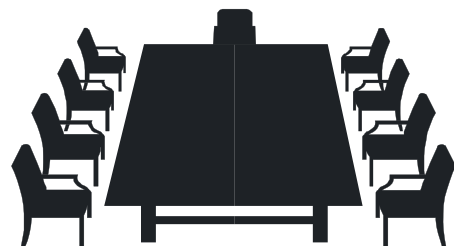
During the month of December we will be asking you to share with us the amounts of monies you spend in Benson. We want to be able to say with some hope of accuracy the economic impact we have throughout the town of Benson. You will be getting a memo in your electric bill outlining the procedure to follow. Generally we ask for the receipts of your spending or the same data on a plain piece of paper. We also will be asking you to indicate the amount of volunteer time you give in Benson, such as the Food Bank, Hospital, etc. We appreciate your help with this and you will be hearing more about this in the future.

### ☞ SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

We had hoped to be able to share with you the completed settlement agreement with Benson, but we are still going back and forth about wording. As was announced, we have agreed to the elements in the agreement and now we are working on the specific wording of this legal document. Maybe the completed document will be under our Christmas tree.

### ☞ RUNNING FOR THE BOARD

Please consider running as a candidate for the Board. We need your talents and the opportunity is free!



## THE OFFICE MANAGER'S CORNER:

Mary Cleveland,  
Office Manager



What a YARD SALE!!!! Great job and a big thanks to the committees that worked so hard to put it together, along with congrats to all who took part, both Leaseholders and Guests. The impression you made added an additional 4 to our Hot List. This is a wonderful, inviting park and everyone works so hard to make and keep it that way. Again, thanks to all.

We are happy to welcome our new Assistant Facility Manager, Doug Miller and his wife Valerie. Please take any opportunity to introduce yourself and personally welcome them.

Your office staff wishes all of you very happy, healthy and safe holidays. Many of you have family and friends arriving, we'll try to take good care of them so you can enjoy and for those of you who are traveling we look forward to your return.

### Reminders:

Budget figures are due.

M & O's are overdue.

Real Estate tax bills should have been paid, if you have any improvements on your lot and have not rec'd a tax bill. PLEASE contact us.

## NEW LEASEHOLDERS

Lyman & Annis Cox - #25

Jerry & Pamela Junker - #279

Anthony & Jean Hoagland - #34

## LOT TRADES

William & Jeanette Fisher  
From #34 to #160

Roger & Elizabeth Kurtz  
From #279 to #278

Thomas & Betsi Outland  
From #271 to # 191

## LEFT THE PARK

Robert & Carolyn Lambie of Lot #25

Ken & Darlene Richardson of Lot #191



## Sunshine Report

Hi! Everyone and Welcome back to all of you who were gone for the summer.

Since September 1<sup>st</sup> cards have been sent or given to: Monte Simpson, Tony With, Joanne Eaton, Jean Nash, Devin Fenn – at the request of a leaseholder, Jim Conley, Gordon McGugan, Pat Andrews, Dorothy Kehoe, Marie Lovell, Geri Grover, Audrey Lueke. Sympathy cards were sent to: Elaine Provanca, Louise Strong, Betty Williams, Joe & Lillie Gaul, Barbara Struble & her brother, Glenn (Jean Cohen's children.)

Please call me if you know of anyone "under the weather," or needs a sympathy card.

Hugs, Ellie Doty  
586-7248  
Lot 176



## Christmas at Home in New England

by Sylvia T. Burnside

Many of us who had a happy childhood remember our holidays. Christmas in our home near Boston was one memory I cherish almost beyond all others. At the age of seven or so, just before my belief in Santa Claus dissolved into the rite of passage that introduced me to the world of the “knowing,” I was in a comfort zone in my family that never would be again.

Making the list out in childish handwriting to leave for Santa on Christmas Eve, getting out the red and white flannel stockings that had been stored away, going with my father to get the tree (the bigger the better) that would scrape the twelve foot ceiling of our “best” parlor and going shopping with my mother for the large turkey, twenty-five pounds or so, rutabagas, a large blue hubbard squash, Maine potatoes, extra butter and sugar, and little onions.

My sisters and I wrapped special gifts that we had made for our family members; buying gifts was not something we kids did in 1942, and that our parents did sparingly. Braided lanyards, stocking dolls, place mats or writing paper with drawings on it, little boxes made with glue and colored paper were some of those special things. Sometimes we even made the wrapping paper or used paper that had wrapped gifts in years gone by, carefully folded and saved.

The days leading up to Christmas were exciting beyond words. All we could think about was Christmas morning, when we would hover at the top of the stairs waiting for our parents to get up and accompany us downstairs to see what Santa had left! There would be another waiting period afterward while we picked up our “stuff” and stored it in a corner of the parlor. The tree could not be approached until we had gotten dressed, had our breakfast and made our beds. Only then would our father “play” Santa Clause, doling out the gifts one excruciating gift at a time. Each of us had to wait until a gift had been opened and appreciated by the recipient. We kept a list of what we received and from whom, so we could

be sure to write our thank you notes in the days to come!

Cold December wind found cracks to come in. Gifts were opened with cold fingers, but loving hearts. A roaring fire in the fireplace kept our circle warm. The smell of the turkey cooking, pies on the buffet made from Baldwin apples we’d picked in the back yard, a bowl of fresh fruit topped with Concord grapes and unshelled nuts was always the centerpiece on the table.

The windows were steamed from the moisture of vegetables being prepared in the kitchen. There was a last minute scurrying to get ourselves dressed in “proper” clothing to greet the guests that my mother inevitably had invited to share our meal. That was a very special time indeed.



**I’m lost and have  
gone to find myself.  
If I get back  
before I return,  
please ask me to wait.**



## ANNUAL LOT INSPECTIONS

The annual lot inspections will be performed during the period from December 1st thru December 15th. The inspections will be performed by a member of the rules committee and a member of the architectural committee. The following are the areas to be inspected:

### Water

50 foot hose with nozzle  
Backflow preventer in place (if required)

### Sewer

Donut making sealed connection  
Sewer hose off ground

### LP Gas

All propane tanks must be secured  
Black pipe used through wall

### Lot Appearance

Walkway to electric meter accessible  
Excess Weeds  
Outside appliances  
Outside garbage can  
Outside storage  
Clothes line up and not in use

### Other

RV license not current  
Seals on electric meter in place



If you have any questions contact Tom on Lot 285 or call him on 586-2649



### **SaguaroNews Wants Your Stories.**

*One of our readers suggested that some of the 'Old Timers' might be willing to share some of their stories about the beginning of our Co-op. There are a lot of us that are newcomers and we'd sure like to have you share your memories with us.*

## CHANNEL 5 HAS A NEW LOOK

Those of you that were still in the park last April saw the new and improved Channel 5.



Thanks to a great deal of research by Howard Bandy it was decided that the most practical way to broadcast Ch 5 was to use a DVD player to continuously broadcast the messages. The messages are created offline on a computer using a program called Pro Show Gold and a new DVD is created each morning. This gives a lot of flexibility to the broadcast which can now include pictures, graphics, and music. Announcement slides can be created in PowerPoint and added to the "show". Note that with this system, we can no longer have last minute additions or changes.

Announcements need to be submitted at least 1 day in advance. This is really a fun system to use because it allows lots of creativity. We are looking for new people to train so if anyone is interested in joining our Ch 5 team please call Jan Johnson, Lot 235, 586-2470. We could really use your help.

Watch all the new and exciting changes in the months to come.



## Two weeks before Christmas

*By Mark Guinan a.k.a. The Duke of Doggerel*

There were just two more weeks before Santa'd  
take to the skies

To deliver the toys to all of those good little  
guys.

Santa was in a snit; 'twas a regular blue funk.  
He'd have to work overtime or they'd all be  
sunk.

The elves were already griping at the hours that  
they worked.

All those toys coming from Asia had a peculiar  
quirk.

Chinese as a second language was considered  
an out.

To understand what the oriental gibberish was  
about.

To add to Santa's woes, who should appear?  
It was an OSHA Rep and his mission was  
clear.

He said the workplace left a lot to be desired  
Because of tools and trash littering the floor,  
It was hard for the elves to open the door.  
Even the reindeer gave Santa cause to fret.  
For Vixen was pregnant; Donner was the donor  
I'll bet.

Prancer and Dancer were just playing around  
And Blitzen was flashing to Cupid his mate  
And Dasher the masher was very irate.  
The reindeer were all tethered outside in the  
snow

They were giddy with excitement before the big  
show.

But out of the night that was forty below (a little  
plagiarism folks)

Came a delegation to add to old Santa's woe.  
It was the Animal Rights Crowd, don't you  
know.

"We've tried to save the piglets, the owls and  
sperm whales too

And now we're here to help these poor  
impoverished reindeer,"

Their spokesperson proclaimed. Kindness to  
animals is the name of our game.

"You make them pull that heavy, rickety old  
sleigh through the skies.

If they get any rest, I'd be surprised"

Santa's face was no longer wreathed in a smile,

Tax hikes had forced him to quit the pipe after  
awhile.

He wondered whether his job was secure and  
about retirement too.

Maybe sending gift cards was the wave of the  
future.

There'd be no need for reindeer, elves and a  
sled. .

He'd just sell out when all's done and said.

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## Saguaro Players



We are leaving the area and moving  
back to Ohio to be closer to family.  
After fourteen great years, it is with  
sadness that we leave the park and  
the Saguaro Players. We put our  
house on the market, and it sold the first day, so  
we have not had time to say good-bye to all  
those we hold so dear.

Thank you for supporting the players throughout  
the years, and special thanks to everyone who  
appeared in the plays or worked on them as  
technicians. As people died or left the park,  
others picked up the load and carried on. Who  
could forget Joe Loos as Red riding Hood being  
chased by Paul Pratt in his wolf suit, or Jock Bliss  
as Johnny Deadly, with Cathy Stumph as the  
femme 'fatale. Then there was Jan Hafner, who  
was in every play from the beginning, playing  
everything from a cook to a police inspector to a  
murderer. And how about my favorite, the ladies  
in Anybody for Tea who poisoned their borders to  
order to get close to the police detective. Our  
son-in-law starred as the Baron, and Sue Moore  
was the scariest screamer ever in The Baron's  
Last Request murder mystery dinner. The Co-op  
library has videos of most of our productions, and  
we'd love to have you check them out for  
viewing. You'll see many of your neighbors and  
friends.

Again, thanks to those who worked with us in  
Saguaro Players. You gave us both many hours  
of satisfaction and fun.

**Bob and Carolyn Lambie**



## EMAIL FACTS OF LIFE

*By Al MacDiarmid  
(spending the winter in Newman Lake, WA)*

☒ Big companies don't do business via chain letter. Bill Gates is not giving you \$1000, and Disney is not giving you a free vacation. There is no baby food company issuing class-action checks. You can relax; there is no need to pass it on "just in case it's true". Furthermore, just because someone said in the message, our generations back, that "we checked it out and it's legit", does not actually make it true.

☒ There is no kidney theft ring in New Orleans. No one is waking up in a bathtub full of ice, even if a friend of a friend swears it happened to their cousin. If you are hell-bent on believing the kidney-theft ring stories, please see: <http://urbanlegends.tqn.com/library/weekly/aa062997.htm> And I quote: "The National Kidney Foundation has repeatedly issued requests for actual victims of organ thieves to come forward and tell their stories. None have." That's "none" as in "zero". Not even your friend's cousin.

☒ Neiman Marcus doesn't really sell a \$200 cookie recipe. And even if they do, we all have it. And even if you don't, you can get a copy at: <http://www.bl.net/forwards/cookie.html> Then, if you make the recipe, decide the cookies are that awesome, feel free to pass the recipe on - sans the Neiman Marcus story.

☒ We all know all 500 ways to drive your roommates crazy, irritate coworkers and creep out people on an elevator. We also know exactly how many engineers, college students, USENET posters and people from each and every world ethnicity it takes to change a lightbulb.

☒ Even if the latest NASA rocket disaster(s) DID contain plutonium that went to particulate over

the eastern seaboard, do you REALLY think this information would reach the public via an AOL chain-letter?

☒ There is no "Good Times" virus. In fact, you should never, ever forward any email containing any virus warning unless you first confirm it at an actual site of an actual company that actually deals with viruses. Try: <http://www.norton.com>. And even then, don't forward it. We don't care.

☒ If your CC: list is regularly longer than the actual content of your message, you're probably going to Hell.

☒ If you're using Outlook, I.E., or Netscape to write email, turn off the "HTML encoding." Those of us on Unix shells can't read it, and don't care enough to save the attachment and then view it with a web browser, since you're probably forwarding us a copy of the Neiman Marcus Cookie Recipe anyway.

☒ If you still absolutely MUST forward that 10th-generation message from a friend, at least have the decency to trim the eight miles of headers showing everyone else who's received it over the last 6 months. It sure wouldn't hurt to get rid of all the ">" symbols that begin each line. Besides, if it has gone around that many times - I've probably already seen it.

☒ Craig Shergold in England is not dying of cancer or anything else at this time and would like everyone to stop sending him their business cards. He apparently is also no longer a "little boy" either.

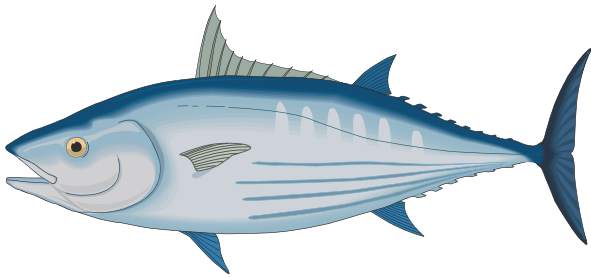
☒ Forwarding useless stuff just clogs up the Internet. It also clogs up all our e-mail. Think of the poor RVer who is standing in line to access that 5 minute phone line before you send useless stuff out. If you want to receive junk, sign up for the Joke a Day, Prayer a Day, Tip a Day or other site that sends stuff like this out. I get my news over the Internet, but I really don't need the 35<sup>th</sup> copy of something that originated over 5 years ago. Just think before hitting the forward button.

## FISH FRY

The Fish Fry has been a wonderful success. Everyone seems to enjoy the food and the socializing. We hope that you'll attend and find out for yourself how great it is.

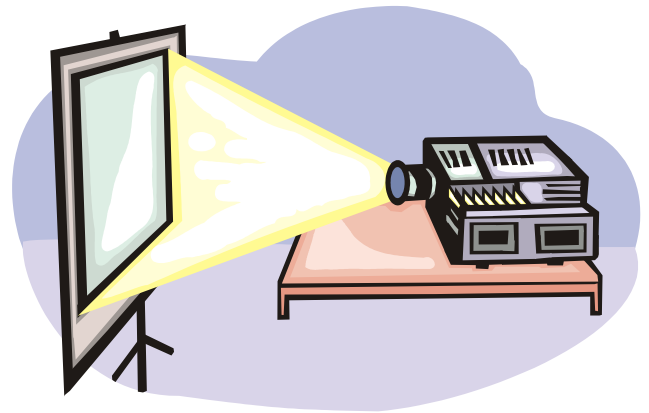
A big thank you to all the volunteers who have helped out because if we don't have volunteers, we can't continue to have the Fish Fry. We need more volunteers as we only want volunteers to work once a month.

We also need desserts. They do not have to be homemade. If you can bring one, please contact Cheri Kok Lot 78 or phone 9622. We need several each week.



### No Fish Fry on November 25

Eat leftover turkey! Next one will be  
Friday, Dec. 1. See Ch. 5 for details

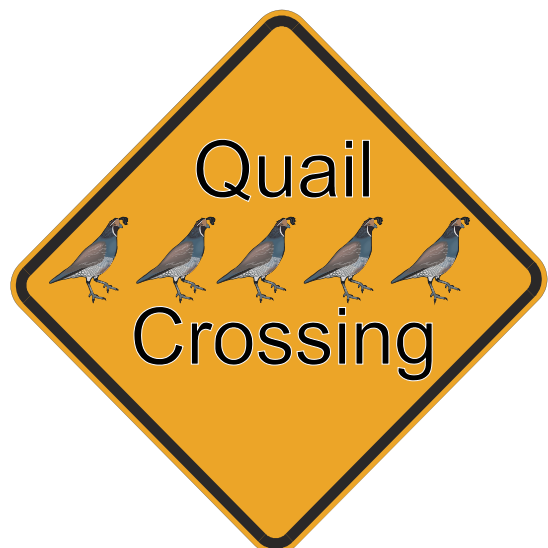


## MOVIE NIGHT

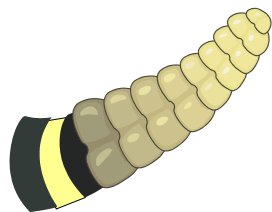
We've had several excellent movies so far this season. "RV" with Robin Williams was a BIG hit. If you were there, then you heard all the comments during the movie and all the hootin' and laughter! We could all relate because most everyone that "RV's" has been on a road they should not have been on!

If you haven't attended Movie Night, you should join us. We all have a good time. Some upcoming movies will be: The Long, Long Trailer with Lucille Ball and Desi Arnaz, War of the Worlds, Eight Below and Christmas with the Kranks.

Hot dogs and popcorn are available. Volunteer to "stuff the buns". Contact Cheri Kok at lot 78 or phone 9622. Shorts start at 6:00 pm and the movie at 6:30 pm Check Ch. 5 for information.



# “BUZZ” AROUND THE PARK



by “Buzz” Tail

Notes and happenings in and around your SKP Saguaro Co-op. Send your entries to “Buzz” at:

**SaguaroNews@Escapees.Com**

Be sure to put “Saguaro News” in the subject line (it’ll get you through the Editor’s SPAM filter.)

“Buzz”



## Be a Santa to Benson's Foster Children

Again this year we are collecting money to buy Christmas presents for Benson’s foster children as our Christmas project. Fifty-seven children are on the list this year--sixteen more than last year. We need your support to make this campaign a success. Look for the donation box in the clubhouse at events, coffees, happy hours, etc. Also, donations can be given directly to any of the committee members. The deadline for collections is Dec. 3. **Let's show our SKP caring, sharing spirit** by generously supporting our community through this project.

Please watch channel 5 for the date when the presents will be wrapped. Helpers will be needed. Thank you,

Carol Rucks #42 586-1101  
Marion Runyan #140  
Audrie Newport #292  
Carol Bezdeka #177  
Judy Gray #258

### Mary Cleveland

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### Roger Kurtz

Lot 278  
Facilities Manager

## FROM THE ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE REMINDER TO ALL LEASEHOLDERS

A permit is required before making any improvements to your lot, small or large, which will be included in the future sale of your lot. Permits are also requested for all CHANGES to lots and/or buildings. This includes flag poles, antennas and outside lights.

The permit needs to be signed by TWO Committee members. If you plan to be reimbursed for the improvement, you will need to have the permit and the cost receipt(s) in your file.

Permits can be obtained from any Committee member and a list is posted on the Clubhouse bulletin board.

This does not include routine maintenance items such as painting, caulking, etc., which are not reimbursable, but still are necessary to do.

Please remember to keep your files and receipts up-to-date.

***The Committee thanks you!***



We would like to thank **Bonnie and Charles Berglund, Molly Bandy, Alice Schulz, Carol Need, Terry Braatz and Nolan Parret** for helping to clean the kitchen. A BIG Thanks to ALL

Linda Markwood and Bonnie Heley

“Saguaro News” Editor

**Chuck Flanagan**

Lot 36

Please send submissions to:

**SaguaroNews@Escapees.Com**

Deadline is the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month.