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#### Mark Your Calendars February 2014

Pool Committee 3rd 7 p.m. at WP

Landscape Committee 4th 7 p.m. at WP

Covenants Committee 6 p.m. at WP

6th ARC 7 p.m. at CC

Block Party 10th 5-8 p.m. at WP

> Finance Committee 6:30 p.m. at WP

18th Board of Directors Meeting 6:45 p.m. at CC

20th ARC 2 p.m. at WP

22nd CRCA Office Open 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

# **President's** Report

-John Lambert

As we head into February and the holiday cheer begins to fade, I wanted to share a touching letter that was addressed to our community by a CRCA adopta-family. I hope everyone who donated gifts this vear has a chance to read this and know that you are appreciated!

January 22, 2014

Dear all the Continental Ranch Christmas Angels,

When my kids were little they weren't allowed to enjoy their gifts until the thank you notes had been written and placed in the mail. I'm afraid that this year we've broken that rule.

Please for give that this note is so late, but the ALS my son is battling has completely changed life for us. It seems that one day melts into another and before we know it, we are days, or weeks ... or months,

Many, many, MANY! Thanks to you and all the Angels who made our Christmas possible. You truly blessed us with your generosity.

I wish you could have heard our grand-daughter's excitement as she opened her gifts and shared her smile as she thanked her Daddy for spoiling her. (We told her the gifts were from her Daddy). She has enjoyed the scooter, the Nerf toys, the movies, the clothes, the red dress ... OH MY! She loved it! If she could, she would wear it 24-7. She looked so pretty in it. One day she put it on with some of her jewelry and pretended she was a queen ③ . She proudly displays her jewelry box that is overflowing with her nail polishes and jewelry.

Daddy is enjoying the pajama bottoms, socks, movies and wasted no time logging onto iTunes to use the gift cards.

Grandpa's popcorn is long gone, and he has been enjoying the movie tickets. He wasted no time using his Barnes and Noble gift cards. We will be enjoying the barbecue sauces this weekend.

I am loving my pajamas, slippers and robes. The Walmart gift card has put food on the table since Christmas.

Thank you doesn't seem enough but know that it comes from the bottom of our hearts.

We are grateful. May God richly bless each and every one of you and return your kindness many times over.

-Your adopted family

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#### Marana Parks & Recreation

Pee Wee Soccer x 2



This spring Marana Parks and Recreation has expanded the popular Pee Wee Soccer program! The new season will now be offered at TWO locations, allowing 120 openings, 40 more than previous years. This fun, coed activity teaches a new soccer fundamental each week followed by a brief scrimmage. Soccer is a hearthealthy activity, and this league is a great way to spark interest in this fast action, worldwide sport!

Program is scheduled to take place on Tuesday or Thursday evenings (based on location) over a 9 week period. Class times are broken into two age groups. Space is limited, so register your kiddos before it fills.

#### Crossroads at Silverbell District Park

Tuesday Evenings - March 4-April 29

#### Ora Mae Harn Park

Thursday Evenings - March 6-May 1

Cost: \$40 resident / \$50 non-resident (registration closes Feb. 14)

3-4 year olds practice 5-6 p.m.

5-6 year olds practice 6-7 p.m.

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# January Recap: Meetings At A Glance

The following are highlights from the regular meeting of the Board of Directors held January 21, 2014 at the Community Center. Completed minutes will be posted to the website after they are approved at the next appropriate meeting. A copy of approved minutes may also be requested from the office. Recordings of all meetings will be retained for a period of 30 days following posting of approved minutes to the website.

#### **Board Actions**

Landscape projects including enhancement of an empty common area and additions to a tot-lot were approved, as well as removal of several damaged trees and rock installation to control erosion next to Windmill Park; several reserve study items were approved for the pools including replacement of the sand in the filters at the Community Center pool, replacement of the lap lane lines at both pools, pool area table replacements, and maintenance re-coating of the Windmill pool deck; several Covenants Committee recommendations were approved: \$25 fines and pool use suspension for various unresolved violations; 2014 Easter Egg Hunt budget and additional supplies for community events were approved; annual contracts were renewed for the Landscape maintenance and facilities HVAC maintenance; parcel 39 tot lot asphalt seal coat was approved; 2003 Board resolution upheld for Sunflower resident's Special Use Fee; basin repair in parcel 69 was approved.

#### Community Activities

Monthly Block Parties continue with food trucks gathering at Windmill Park the second Monday of each month – next event scheduled for February 10th from 5pm – 8pm

#### Manager's Report

Mr. Seng regretfully reported that HOA Management Solutions covenants liaison, Paula Bellina, was resigning from her position with the company; announcement of new staff member Ryan Egea handling covenants. Mr. Seng reported on the status of all projects recently completed and/or currently underway since the last Board meeting in November, including: successful holiday events in December, roof leak repairs made at Windmill Park office, termite warranty service, monument entryway light repairs & maintenance, apprehension and conviction of a graffiti criminal by the Town of Marana, seasonal closure of the Community Center pool, installation of the additional Community Center parking lot light pole, and annual financial audit approaching completion.

#### **Upcoming Dates**

Block Party—10 February 2014, 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Windmill Park

Board of Directors' Meeting—February 18, 2014 at 6:45 p.m. at the Community Center

### **Special Use** Fee

In an effort to continually follow the rules set forth in the CC&Rs, the Continental Ranch Board recently re-instated a Special Use Fee policy which had been originally approved back in 2003. It came to light that a section in the CC&Rs calls for a mandatory fee to be charged for agerestricted parcels (such as the Sunflower HOA, which is a sub-association within Continental Ranch) for use of the common areas.



Sunflower owners only pay 25% of the full assessment amount to CRCA. The 2003 policy established the Special Use Fee as the difference between the \$37.12 normally paid by Sunflower residents versus the \$148.50 paid by the other CRCA residents on a semi-annual basis. Essentially, Sunflower residents will be required to pay the difference of \$111.38 as a Special Use Fee in order to use CRCA's common area pools.

While re-instating the 2003 policy, the Board added an exception to try and accommodate Sunflower residents who might have a temporary need to visit the CRCA pools by allowing up to 2-weeks per year of use without requiring the fee. For further information, refer to Section 3.1.1 and 3.1.5 of the CC&Rs.

#### **Volunteer Luncheon** A Wonderful Event

This year's volunteer luncheon was another wonderful event! As is the tradition in Continental Ranch, this luncheon was held to honor those in the community who generously donate their time to participate on the Board and the various committees, serving the community with their efforts.

The vendors who donated funds and door prizes to sponsor the luncheon included: Association Reserves, Arizona Plumbing, Bates Paving, Goodman Law, HOA Management Solutions, Pro-

Care Janitorial, Todd Lundering CPA, and Waste Management. Titan Landscape was honored this year as a volunteer, for their donations of materials and labor for the installand.

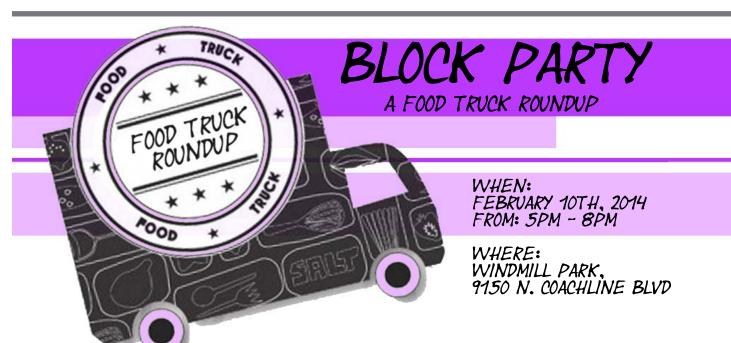
donations of materials and labor for the installation of the brick walkway at Windmill Park.











We're at it again! Another Block Party/ Food Truck Roundup will be held at Windmill park on Monday February 10th between 5:00 pm and 8:00 pm. A variety of food trucks will be available to satisfy your appetite, so grab the family and come on down for food, fun and all around merriment!

# A Word from the Landscape Committee

With the holidays in our rear view mirror and spring in our windshield, it's time to start thinking about our landscapes again. I was looking back at last year's February article and we were coming out of the deep freeze. Knock on wood; we haven't been anywhere close to those temperatures. But February can still have freezing temperatures so it is still too early to trim most things.

However, it is time to trim rose bushes. Beth Hargrove is a local rose expert and owner of Rillito Nursery and Garden Center, located on La Cholla Blvd just south of Orange Grove Rd. According to Mrs. Hargrove, it is time to get your roses ready for the year, and that includes trimming, cleaning up old leaves, fertilizing and spraying for all that ails roses.

Trimming roses is very important. It gets rid of the dead and decaying stems, and the suckers that sap energy. It also rejuvenates the shrub. Part of trimming is stripping the old leaves from the plant and picking up any debris that has fallen to the ground. This gets rid of any pest eggs that could still be present.

Fertilizing roses helps ensure your roses thrive. Roses grow very fast and their blooms require a good source of energy to reach their full potential, not to mention getting through the summer months. Mrs. Hargrove recommends fertilizing once



a month and to use an organic fertilizer for shrubs in the ground, and a water soluble (dissolves in water) fertilizer for plants in containers.

Roses are very susceptible to insects and diseases. Spraying an all purpose rose spray will help to control fungi, diseases and insects. Beth recommends waiting until the first sign of a bud to spray, which is usually around mid-February. With all chemicals be sure to follow the instructions on the label.

In addition to tending to your roses, weeds are popping up all over the place. Pre-emergent ideally should have been applied in December, however, better late than never. There are plenty of weed seeds that haven't germinated yet, so by spraying pre-emergent as soon as possible that will help keep the weed population down. I recommend waiting a week or two after spraying pre-emergent, and come back and spray a post emergent (roundup) to control the weeds that have actually germinated; they just had not risen above the rocks at the time of the pre-emergent application. If you don't want a phone call from the HOA office, get control of your weeds, I think they are going to be extra bad this year. Next application time for pre-emergent is May/June, before the monsoon rains start.

March is a busy month for landscapes. If your flower pots and flower beds have dead plants in them, clean them out, and refresh the soil if it hasn't been done within the last two years. February is good time to check the irrigation system to all of your plants. That way you will be ready to plant when the weather is ready in March.

Rob Palfreyman, CRCA Landscape Committee Chairman



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7600. We look forward to seeing you there!

# **Call For** Summer Pool Monitors

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# Seniors And Retirees Of CRCA

The tinsel is gone; lights are packed away; holiday displays are retired to their packing boxes waiting a re-awakening at the end of the year. Already, the month of January has slipped by and we're making exciting plans for the new year.

The first order of business for 2014 however, is an apology. My apology goes to two ladies in our group who have each endeared themselves by accepting leadership roles and offering their expertise to make SCRCR even better throughout this coming year. In the January column, we listed incoming SCRCR Secretary as Jane Bobo, when it should have acknowledged Barbara Romo into that position. Now, there's no similarity in sound, spelling, or anything else between these two ladies, so this writer must accept blame for a big goof. Sorry ladies.

In January, new officers were installed by Jim Alam, past president, and several committee appointments were announced for the coming year: Hostess Co-Coordinators—Barbara Lebowitz and Susan Day; Philanthropic Co-Coordinators—John Zimmerman and Mike Titone; Activities Coordinator—Joyce Grosso; Historian—Magda Quiros, Sunshine Co-Coordinators—Nancy Pearson and Sandy Padilla; Communications Coordinator/Hiking Coordinator—JoAnn Ross. Others will be acknowledged as appointed.

The highlight of our January meeting was the announcement of our special annual award—Member of the Year 2013. Nominations were received from the membership, and the out-gong Board for 2013 made the final decision and acknowledged this honor with a plaque and standing ovation by everyone present for Lew McDonald, honoree. Congratulations to long-time member Lew for many years of dedicated service to both SCRCR and the community. Lew has always been a source of information and assistance and over the years served in many officer and committee positions.

February brings us into a new era for SCRCR. We have outgrown the facilities at Rock 'n Java and now locating into a new home large enough to accommodate an expanding membership, more weekly activities, and philanthropy projects hopefully fulfilling some of the many needs of the area's residents. We have thoroughly enjoyed our association with Rock 'n Java and will miss the staff that has welcomed and helped us each week. Our new meeting place is Grace Lutheran Church located at Ina and Wade, and although it's a little farther away for many of us to travel, we will enjoy the ability to expand our programs as we continue to grow and welcome new members. Meeting time hasn't changed—9 a.m. for fellowship; 9:30 a.m. for the start of the meeting, followed by games and socializing as desired. Temporarily, it's a "bring your own coffee" situation—at least until we get organized in our new facilities.

Super Bowl Sunday is a fun time for all. Already, the excitement is building and each year, the group grows in size

as we enjoy food, fun and good-natured whooping, hollering and cheering for both teams. Mark your calendar for the 2nd at 3 p.m. at The Native New Yorker, but be sure to sign up since we need a head count. Birthdays are celebrated on the 2nd Thursday of each month, and our Activities Committee is scheduling special activities such as the Indian Art Show at the Uof A, dinner at Guisseppe's, a wildlife show, horse racing, Gaslight Theater; a visit to the Green Valley Farmer's Market, etc. Details and sign-up sheets are available at each Thursday gathering, and of course, car pooling is scheduled for those who need that assist.

#### This 'N That

So, what else do we see in February? Groundhog Day is the 2nd, so if Punxsutawney Phil is waking up in Pennsylvania to look for his shadow and more cold weather, we hope he stays in hibernation! The Boy Scouts of America celebrate their founding on the 8th, Valentine's Day is the 14th as is the birthday of Arizona, and Presidents' Day on the 17th officially honors both Presidents Lincoln and Washington, (whose birthdays are actually on the 12th and 22nd respectively). February is also the month to remember National Burn Awareness Week along with a reminder to have smoke alarms checked and necessary battery replacements completed. Heart disease continues to be the number one cause of death among women in the United States, and the American Heart Association has created a "Wear Red Day" during February with special events planned to educate us on the ongoing need to promote awareness.

In February we are reminded to share our love to each other on Valentine's Day, originally known as Saint Valentine's Day, named after early Christian martyrs named Valentine and established by Pope Gelasius I in 500 A.D. It was deleted from the Roman calendar of saints in 1969 by Pope Paul VI, but its religious observance is still permitted along with the tokens of flowers, candy and cards that we associate with the annual day of love! The rose has been the traditional choice of flower for presentation around the world. The word ROSE is supposedly a rearrangement of the letters EROS, the God of Love. The color of rose selected for giving also has meaning, with the red rose expressing love, respect and courage. It's a special day, however we each choose to honor it.

#### Thought For The Day

Abraham Lincoln could have quit many times but he persisted. Born into poverty, Lincoln was faced with defeat throughout his life, losing eight elections, failed in business twice, and suffered a nervous breakdown. But Lincoln was a champion who never gave up, and became one of the greatest Presidents in the history of our country.

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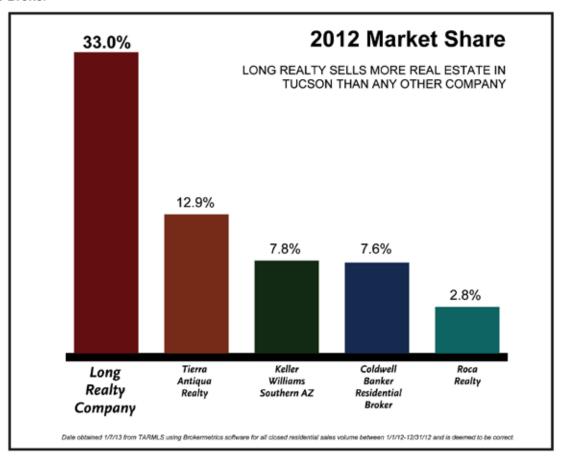
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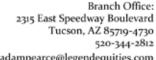
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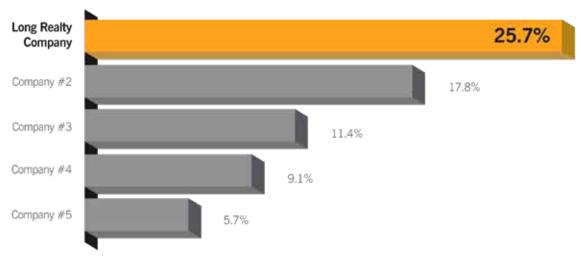
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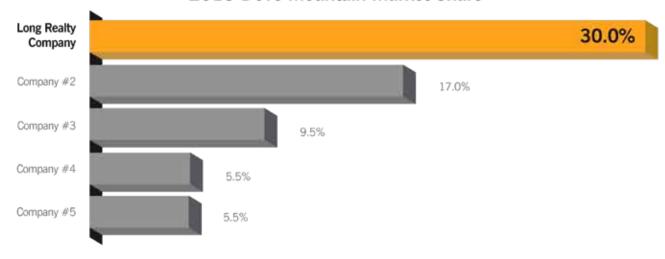


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The Continental Ranch Windmill is published monthly by the Continental Ranch Community Association (CRCA), and is prepared under the direction of the CRCA Board of Directors. The Windmill strives to maintain a positive message while informing the community of the various projects undertaken by the Board, advertise notices to the community, and promote the accomplishments within CRCA.

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Letters must be signed and include a phone number for verification. Names will be withheld upon request. Anonymous letters or articles will not be printed. Publication of letters will be at the discretion of the CRCA Board of Directors.

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# Management's Message

February is a solemn month for the HOA Management staff, following the departure of our team member Paula Bellina. Many of you have come to know and love Paula who has served as the HOA Covenants Liaison for the past several years. We're sad to say she has moved on, relocating with her husband to take a position out of state. For those of you who have had a chance to interact with Paula, you'll know why she will be missed. We thank her for the work she did and wish her the best in her new endeavors.

Filling Paula's seat in the office is our newest member to the team. We want to welcome Ryan Egea as the new Covenants Liaison. I think that everyone will like Ryan's upbeat personality and attention to detail. Stephen Hinchliffe, our Projects Coordinator, will be working closely with Ryan as he gets caught up to speed with the duties of his position. Stephen has been with our team for over a year now, but if you haven't had a chance to meet him, I hope you'll swing by the office and say hi to Steve and Ryan.

I've fielded quite a few calls recently from CRCA owners who were concerned about their recent Waste Management bills and some confusion about "contract negotiations" between CRCA and Waste Management. I just thought it would be worth reiterating here that CRCA does not have a contract with Waste Management. The last contract held with the HOA expired in 2012 and was not renewed. CRCA residents are free to select a waste removal company of their choice. If you have any questions or concerns, please email me and I will pass it along to the operations manager at Waste Management.

Josh Seng, Community Manager On behalf of Aime, Jocelyn, Ryan and Stephen



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