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ANNUAL MEETING

LAISSEZ LES BONS TEMPS ROULER

Let the good times roll!



FOLLIES AUCTION COMING SOON!

Mark your calendars for **1 p.m. on February 12** for the 2021 Follies Auction! Unlike other years, this auction will be held outside!

Donations of high-quality items are needed for a successful money-raising auction. Items that sell well include food & baked goods in plastic containers (due to Covid), outdoor furniture, new or gently used appliances as well as time donations (2 hours handyman, cleaning or computer training for example). You can also offer to cook a meal, make an airport run, or pickup groceries - use your imagination!

With your donation include your name, a brief description of the item and what it is, and the approximate used value, please let Pam or Steve Ritchie on lot 38 know ahead of time what you are donating as limited storage is available. You can also make a monetary donation directly to Roof Raisers. Checks should be made out to *Roof Raisers* & given to Debe Kurzer on lot 43 or mailed to the Co-Op in care of Debe. Remember that all donations go to supporting special projects - the new floor in the clubhouse, events (like the 40th Anniversary Celebration) and dinners at Thanksgiving and Christmas to name a few. Many thanks for your generosity in advance!

2021 RoVer's Roost Follies

Thursday, February 11 at 10 a.m.—Annual Meeting

12:00 p.m. Goodies!

Friday, February 12 at 1 p.m.—Auction (Outside)

Meet and Greet After Auction

Saturday, February 13 at 11 a.m. —Treasure Hunt

2:00 p.m. Golf Cart Parade

Sunday, February 14 at 4 pm.—Subway Meal

5:30 p.m.—Street Dance/Fire Pit

(Bring Chairs / Drinks)

Monday, February 15—9 a.m. Pool Tournament

11:00 a.m.—Pet Parade

3 p.m.— Meet and Greet

3:30 p.m.— Brown Bag Raffle



OUR NEWEST LEASEHOLDERS PRESENT IN THE PARK

AS OF JANUARY 31

Don and Trudy Rivest both grew up in Wisconsin. Don worked for Case Tractor for 30 years before retiring and Trudy was employed by the Department of Corrections. They have a history with the park, since they were assistant managers and then managers in the early 2000's. They have a house in Green Valley, but like to travel and decided to add the Roost back in their travel schedule. They are on lot 42 so give them a holler and learn something of the history of our park!



Marty and Sue McMahon are both retired army veterans. Marty grew up in Philadelphia and Sue in Wisconsin. They met at Ft. Benning and married while serving in the military. After retirement they ended up in Las Vegas—Marty taught Special Education and Sue, Occupational Health as she is also an RN. They plan on spending four winter months here and have already signed up for committees! Please extend a hearty welcome to the McMahons and their two lovely pets on lot 27.

Velinda Lees joins us at the Roost via Oregon. After retiring from her work in Tucson, she went to Oregon on the urging of a friend and worked as a camp host at a Eugene RV park for five years. Unfortunately, this dear friend died of cancer and Velinda made the decision to return to Arizona where her two sons are living. She has been renting at the Roost since August and is now a leaseholder. Please be sure to welcome her and her two little canine "kids" when you see them on Lot 99! (Picture next month!)

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DOG OBEDIENCE DEMONSTRATION HELD AT THE ROOST



Janice Dearth and a fellow judge from Yuma, AZ gave Roost residents an opportunity to see a demonstration of dog obedience. Many attended and were amazed at the dog's abilities!





EXPECTATIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

What is the definition of a co-op? It is "an autonomous association of persons united voluntarily to meet their common social, educational, and economical needs and aspirations through a jointly-owned enterprise". A cooperative is owned and operated *by* and *for* the benefit of its members. Each Roost resident is a leaseholder in the corporation. When a person becomes a member, that person is not buying a lot, but rather is given the rights to a particular lot through membership until that membership is relinquished in the co-op. Within the guidelines of the co-op, improvements can be made to the lot - addition of concrete, a new shed, or a 3 foot fence, for example, but all with approval of the appropriate co-op committees. With that membership comes expectations and responsibilities.

Leaseholder Pam Ritchie asks and answers:

What expectations do we have on our return to RoVers Roost?

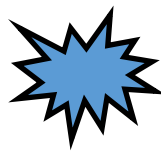
We expect to come on our site with 7 days' notice, have a clean clubhouse, clean laundry room, propane, attractive landscaping, friendly managers and friendly neighbors. In normal times we can enjoy crafts, cards, bingo, ice cream socials, and special functions, among other activities.

What are our responsibilities as co-op leaseholders?

It is the responsibility of ALL of us to pitch in. Opportunities abound! Serve on the Board of Directors, participate as members of committees such as Marketing, Technology, or Landscaping. Help with the ice cream social, recycling, Wednesday bingo, planting flowers, pulling weeds, or the mail service. Some of the volunteer positions may take as little as two hours of your time - some will have responsibilities over most of the winter season. But through your participation you will get to know other co-op members and may very well develop lasting friendships.

What gives a member the feeling of "home" when returning to the Roost? The warm greeting of those with whom they've worked!

Where will you choose to "pitch in" in our community?



An Hour
Of Fun
Around
Casa
Grande!



Check out Train Graffiti



Look for lambs around town



Find for the giant piles of cotton seed

GUY THOMPSON 1942—2021



A memorial service celebrating the life of Guy Thompson, husband of Vicki was held on January 31 outside of the clubhouse. It was a beautiful day and 62 people brought chairs and sat in the sunshine to honor Guy and remembered his life and the life he and Vicki shared for over forty years. Although Guy had several years of serious illness prior to his death, it was the coronavirus that took his life a few hours after Vicki was allowed to visit him in the hospital.

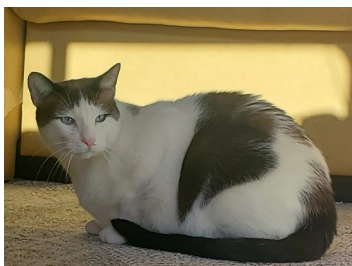
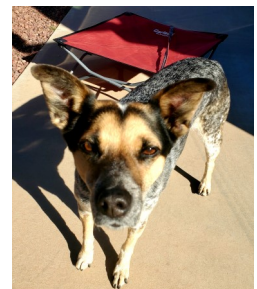
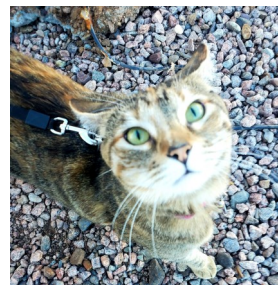
A little bit about Guy - he was retired military and had served as a missile engineer at Warner Robins Air Force Base. After leaving the service he worked for the Tennessee Power Authority and at the Oklahoma/New Mexico power company providing essential safety procedures which helped to reduce on the job injuries.

He and Vicki became members of RoVer's Roost in 2012, spent several weeks here each year until 2016 when, due to Guy's declining health, they made it their winter home. One of his biggest pleasures here was listening to good conversation and he loved it when someone would sit down with him outside his RV and chatted. He always told Vicki how much he enjoyed these encounters!

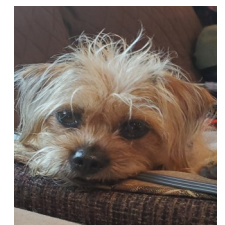
Guy leaves three children - Jeff, Lydia and Laura and three grandchildren, Mark, Brad and Paul. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family and especially with Vicki who will miss Guy's humor and adventurous spirit most of all.



PET CORNER



The World Health Organization announced that dogs cannot contract COVID-19. Dogs previously held in quarantine can now be released. To be clear, WHO let the dogs out.





OUT AND ABOUT AT THE ROOST

Leaseholders who are not at the Roost this year may wonder what we, who are here, are doing. Well we are not just sitting around, twiddling our thumbs hoping that this pandemic thing will soon get under control. (Okay, we *maybe* doing a little twiddling...) We are constructing, redecorating, pouring cement, planting gardens, recreating in the sky and on bikes and even getting together to hoist a beverage and play a game or two. And we have pictures to prove it!



Construction



Games



Gardening



Walking and Biking

