



## **Message from the President** Dave Sielken

The Annual Meeting is less than two months away. This meeting signals the start of the new year as far as HOA activities are concerned. This means that in addition to the appointment of the elected Board members, staffing for the various committees will start to be confirmed. Actually, anybody can join at any time in most cases, but we like to start our new year with confirmed teams.

So if you have interest - or specific expertise - to serve in any of these volunteer capacities, please let one of the board members know.

Standing committees include Architectural Control, Capital Projects, Common Area Maintenance, Green Valley Council, Recreational Facilities, Finance Review, Neighborhood Relations, Hospitality, Neighborhood Watch, Enhancement and Gardeners. There will also be service opportunities throughout the year and we always look for the support of our neighbors! Thank you for your continued support of our neighborhood!

## **Board Candidates**

**Ken Lindeman** - Kathy and I have been residents of Esperanza Estates since 2014. We became full time residents this July when we sold our home in Colorado. During our time in Colorado, I served on the HOA board for 10 years as secretary/treasurer; Road committee board for 8 years and the Water committee board for 9 years. I have served as secretary of the HOA Board this year when I was recruited to fill a position vacated at the last annual meeting. Since I filled a position with one year remaining, I have the privilege of running again this year. I really feel obligated to serve a community that gives freely of friendship and generosity. I have never been part of a community that volunteers so liberally to make an exciting environment for everyone in the neighborhood. Esperanza Estates does this. I would like to continue as a volunteer on the HOA Board with your votes. My ambition is to continue to

work at making this community an exciting and friendly place to live while retaining the structure of our environment.

**Dean Lockwood** - My wife, Robin, and I have been owners in Esperanza Estates since 2005 and this is our third full Winter season here. We spend the other six months in Ortonville, Minnesota. I am running for the EE Board because I would like to help keep this neighborhood great and hopefully make it an even better place to live. Robin and I have been volunteering on both the Hospitality and Enhancement Committees, and have also helped lead afternoon Water Aerobics the last few seasons. I am active in the Green Valley Optimist Club, helping raise money for local kids. I love playing Pickleball, and Robin and I are looking forward to being part of the local hiking group. We frequently volunteer at Crossroads Mission in Nogales, Arizona. I served on the board of the Minnesota MS Society for 5 years in several positions including Treasurer. I held several positions on the board of the Minneapolis Viking Chapter of the National Association of Accountants including Newsletter Editor, Special Events Coordinator and President. I retired in 2017 from a 37 year career in various positions in accounting and financial management. I have a Bachelors Degree in accounting, a C.M.A. and a Six Sigma certification in Process Excellence. My goal is to bring a spirit of cooperation, helpfulness and analytical thinking, and to promote community involvement to help Esperanza Estates stay one of the premier neighborhoods in Green Valley.

**Hugh Rhine** - My wife and I purchased our home in EE early in July of this year after living in the Denver area for the past 30+ years. As a newcomer to this subdivision I look forward to learning more about why EE was so highly recommended to as the "Best and most friendly HOA" in Green Valley. Our experience since being here supports that opinion.

My thinking is that serving on the board should be a good way to meet and get to know others in this community. Hopefully, putting myself forward as a candidate is a first step in being supportive of the openness we have received here.

In so far as my suitability for this task is concerned, My work background is largely in Finance and Operations Management. I retired from AMERICAN MEDICAL RESPONSE (AMR) in 2012. I have also served in leadership positions in our church, United Way and Chamber of Commerce.

Anyone interested in more info on my background can look me up on LinkedIn, although my info there has not been updated since I retired.

**Douglas Syme** - I was born in Dublin Ireland in 1950. After graduating with a degree in Mechanical Engineering from Trinity College I worked in that field in Europe for 10 years. I have also been an avid rugby player and referee. After migrating to the US for my work in

1983 with my wife of 46 years, Linda, and our three children I became a US Citizen and continued my engineering design and maintenance career in New Jersey and the surrounding area. A significant portion of my responsibilities involved swimming pool equipment and maintenance. I retired and we moved to Esperanza Estates as full time residents on Circulo Napa in 2016. Since arriving I have continued my interest in rugby. I have also become a member of the Good Shepherd United Church of Christ where I sing in the choir and make deliveries for the Sahuarita Food Bank. Linda and I have come to enjoy the life as full-time EE residents and I would welcome the opportunity to contribute to our neighborhood by serving on the EE Board.

## **Looking Back 50 and 100 Years** Roberta Bower

2018 is almost at an end. It will no doubt be recalled as a year with a memorable mid-term election and too many natural disasters. The year 1968 was one that everyone living in Esperanza Estates can certainly remember and perhaps there are even people here in our neighborhood who were alive in 1918. Let's take a look back.

1968 is best remembered as the year that LBJ was bedeviled by the Vietnam War, students protested all over the world, and violence erupted during the Democratic National Convention in Chicago..

### **Other important historical events:**

1/23 North Korea captured the USS. Pueblo

1/30 The Tet Offensive began

4/4 Martin Luther King Jr. assassinated

6/6 Robert F. Kennedy assassinated

9/30 Boeing introduced the first 747

10/16 U.S. athletes took a stand at the Mexico City Summer Olympics

12/24 Apollo 8 launched

### **Some less important but interesting memories of 1968:**

-McDonald's introduces the first Big Mac

-Elvis makes a comeback after his military service-The Rolling Stones record "Jumping Jack Flash"

-"Hair" opens on Broadway (first show with on stage nudity)

-Richard Nixon says "Sock it To Me" on Laugh-In

-the Beatles record the "Hey Jude" album

In 1918 Woodrow Wilson was re-elected and World War I came to an end. The Spanish Flu epidemic began in Europe and Irving Berlin wrote "God Bless America."

## What's Happening at the Ramada?

### 4th Annual EE Artisans Holiday Arts and Crafts Sale

Saturday, December 1st, 10AM - Noon

Shoppers, there are some very talented people in EE and fourteen of them will be offering their creations for sale. You'll find fantastic hand-crafted edibles, jewelry, greeting cards, clothing, yard art, and more!



**DUE TO THE EE CHRISTMAS PARTY SCHEDULED FOR DEC. 15TH, THERE WILL BE NO "HAPPY HOUR" ON FRIDAY DEC. 14TH**

### EE Christmas Party

Saturday, December 15th, Social Hour 4:30PM/Eating at 5PM

This party will be our traditional sweet & savory potluck. If your house number is an odd number, please bring a sweet to share (cookies, bars, etc.; something not requiring utensils). If your house number is an even number, please bring a hearty appetizer to share (something not requiring utensils). Of course, no Christmas party would be complete without an ugly Christmas sweater contest. Prizes will be awarded to the "best"! Additionally, gifts are always a part of Christmas. If you would like to participate in a "white elephant" (something funny or something you no longer need, etc) wrap it up and bring it to the party. A very fun/funny gift exchange is part of the evening, too. And, yes, the heaters will be on and the infamous Southern Comfort punch will be served!

### Happy Hour at the Ramada, Friday, December 28th, 4PM

Here's how it works:

1. No one is in charge
2. Bring your own beverage (and ice if you need it)
3. Bring an appetizer to share .
4. Bring your own cups/glasses, plates, napkins, utensils.
5. No reservations required



### Dinner Theater (Soup & Salad, and a Movie)

Wednesday, January 16th, 4:30 Happy Hour, 5PM Dinner, 6PM Movie \$7

Optimist Club Italian Sausage, Tuesday, Feb 12th

Pingo!. Pizza and Bingo, Tuesday, Feb 21st

### **Historic events include:**

1/20. Congress establishes Daylight Savings Time.

3/? Tsar Nicholas and family are assassinated in Russia

6/8 Total Solar Eclipse

8/13 Opha May Johnson the first woman enlisted in the US Marine Corps

8/27 Battle of Ambos Nogales {US Army skirmish with Mexican militia led by Pancho Villa at Nogales, Arizona, the only battle of World War I fought on US soil}

9/11 The Boston Red Sox beat the Chicago Cubs in the World Series (their next World Series win was in 2004)

11/11 World War I ends

### **Interesting 1918 trivia:**

-In Chicago 100 waiters were arrested for poisoning bad tippers.

-US life expectancy for males was 36.6 years and 42.2 years for females (dropped by 12 years from 1917 because of the Spanish flu)

-684 sheep were killed by lightning in a single strike in Lebanon, Kansas

-a carrier pigeon named Cher Ami saved 194 American soldiers by delivering a message to nearby support troops

-famous people born in 1918 included Betty Ford ,Nelson Mandela, Leonard Bernstein, Spiro Agnew, Rita Hayworth, Billy Graham, Ann Landers

Returning to 2018 and being cognizant that there was no such thing as the Internet in 1918 or 1968, let's turn to our friend Google for some comparisons. After these observations I think we as a generation can say with some certainty that the world is a different place than it was 100 years ago.

### **Most Popular Movie:**

1918 Tarzan of the Apes

1968 In the Heat of the Night

2018 A Star is Born

### **Best Selling Book:**

1918 The UR Trial by Zane Grey

1968 Airport by Arthur Hailey

2018 Fire and Fury by Michael Wolff

### **Most Popular Song**

1918 Rock-A-Bye Baby by Al Jolson

1968 Hello, Goodbye by The Beatles

2018 Happier by Marshmello

### **Most Popular Baby Names**

1918 Mary, John

1968 Lisa, Michael

2018 Olivia, Muhammad

## Bienvenidos Committee

The Bienvenidos Committee visits new homeowners to welcome them to Esperanza Estates and tell them about our community. When we find out a house has been sold, we leave a letter in the door with information about how to arrange a visit. If you are new to EE and didn't get a letter but would like a visit, contact Cynthia Surprise at [cjsurprise@verizon.net](mailto:cjsurprise@verizon.net).



Please join us in welcoming some new neighbors.

### Jud and Carol Stevens (W. Circulo Napa)

Carol started her life in Tucson until her father took a job with McDonnell Douglas in Long Beach, California when she was 14 years old. The Marines brought Jud to California. Jud and Carol met and married there, and he worked for Hughes Aircraft (which was bought by Raytheon) first in California and then in Mississippi for a few years. He worked in supply chain management and Carol worked as a hairdresser for 30 years as well as at Raytheon for 5 years.

After Jud retired from Raytheon, the Stevens helped one of their three children move to Titusville, Florida, where the Stevens then lived in a little house in the back of their property. In 2014, Jud decided to work again for Raytheon and is telecommuting through the Tucson office even now. He says Tucson is the "shining star" division of Raytheon.

You may see the Stevens walking Chico, their 8 year-old black Scottie, in the neighborhood.

## Esperanza Holiday Lampposts



Don't be a grinch. EE has a long-standing tradition of decorating our street light posts for the holiday season from Thanksgiving to New Years. If you don't have the time or the energy, or you aren't here during the holidays, you can enlist the aid of the Enhancement Elves. They will decorate your post for just \$10 if you already have the decorations, or \$15 if you don't. If you need a plug adapter for the lamp socket, the charge is an additional \$2.00, but the adapter is then yours. The charge includes both putting up and removing the decorations. The Elves start right after Thanksgiving and the deadline for requesting this service is **December 6** (Santa has first dibs on them after that.) If you want the Elves to work their magic at your lamp post, call **Jackie Rautio at 269-7864**. They do extremely nice work.



## Book Discussion Group

The EE Book Discussion Group meets at 1pm on the second Tuesday of each month at the Sunset Ramada. Meeting times are occasionally changed due to unforeseen circumstances. New group members are always welcome.

This is a great opportunity to meet new friends, discuss some great books, learn about other good reads, and go away feeling good about time well-spent.

Here are the "reads" for the coming season:

**Dec. 13th - LUNCH OUT!: Contact Linda Sielken at number below to RSVP no later than Dec. 10th**

Jan. 8th: *A Man called Ove* - Frederick Backman

Feb 12th: *Locally Laid*: Lucie Amundsen

March 11th: *Unbroken* - Laura Hillenbrand

April 9th: *News of the World* - Paulette Jiles

May 14th: *Before We Were Yours* - Lisa Wingate

## THANKS TO THE ESPERANZA BOOK CLUB FOR INVITING ME TO SPEAK LAST FALL

My book *Windswept A South Pacific Sailing Adventure* was published last fall as an E-book on Amazon Kindle. Online sales rocketed. Due to the numerous requests I received for hard copies, my book is now available in a hefty, 6 x 9 paperback with easy to read print. To check out reviews, read sample chapters, or purchase, type title in either Amazon or Facebook search bar. Shipping free with Amazon Prime.



I welcome and respond to comments and questions. Anyone interested may also Google the book by title or by my name: Ginny A. Sollars. May also contact me at [ginnco@hotmail.com](mailto:ginnco@hotmail.com). My husband, Jim, and I have lived in Esperanza Estates since April, 2017.



## DOG WALKERS!

**YOU ARE REMINDED TO PICK UP YOUR POOCH'S POOP AND PACK IT HOME!**

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## Coffee & Doughnuts

Join your neighbors at 8:30am on the 3rd Wed of each month for complimentary coffee & donuts.

**Next date:** Dec. 19th

*Hosted by the Cookes & the Surprises*  
Food Bank donations are always welcome.

## Board Meetings

Board Meetings are held at 1pm on the 3rd Monday of each month at the Ramada, except for the months of July and August.

**Next REGULAR Board meeting:**

**December 17th, 1PM**

## Esperanza Jams

In the Oct/Nov edition of the Periodico, the idea of a forming an acoustical musical group in EE was introduced. Because the majority of the respondents were not scheduled to be in EE until December, the original Nov. 8th get-together was rescheduled for December. Those interested include an accordion player, a ukulele player, a violin player, a couple guitar players, a banjo player and a stand-up bass player.

The initial gathering will be at the home of Steve & Marla Ries and we will all work together to agree on the basics of the group (how often to meet, genre of music, where to meet, etc.). At this point, no one is in charge and we would work together as a group to make decisions.

If you're interested in joining the fun, please contact Marla at the email address below.

### FIRST GET-TOGETHER:

Bring copies of one song that you are comfortable playing that may be a familiar tune to all.

Thursday, December 6th, 3pm  
852 W Calle del Regalo

Questions: gvmarlaries@gmail.com  
360-708-0855

## Name Badges

Name badges for Ramada gatherings are available for \$6.00 each. If you would like to order a badge, contact Melodye Cooke: (520)336-8844 or melodye1@cox.net. If you've lost your magnet, replacements are available for \$1.00.

Esperanza Estates

**John Doe**