

Merry Christmas - Happy Chanukah

Christmas is almost here and 2007 is rapidly drawing to a close. Time really does fly when you are having fun!

December brings us several religious observances. From the 4th through the 12th is the Jewish celebration



Chanukah, (Festival of Lights,) a celebration of the victory of the Maccabees and the rededication of the Jerusalem Temple and the miracle of the oil that burned for 8 days. Muslims will celebrate Id al-Adha (Feast of Sacrifice or Day of Sacrifice) beginning the 20th. Buddhists celebrate Bodhi Day (Rohatsu) on the 8th. Christians celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ on the 25th. Many other groups also

observe the Winter Solstice and associate different beliefs and rituals with it. One of the wonderful things about our great country is that it embraces just about all of the religious faiths and beliefs of the world and guarantees that all people may practice their faith without government intervention. It's a shame that out of the billions of religious faithful, a relative handful of zealots can create such chaos and misery throughout the world. During this holiday season and extending throughout the coming year keep a prayer in your hearts and on your lips for those of all faiths serving in Iraq and all of those who have been killed or injured in combat there, including the many faithful, innocent

Iraqis who have suffered. Please do not condemn the 1.2 billion Muslims in the world for the evil actions of a few.

We have a number of events planned for December including a soup lunch on the 3rd, potlucks on the 4th and 18th, a pinochle tournament on the 10th, a great biscuit and gravy breakfast on the 13th and a number of others that are listed on the schedule on page 2.

Our annual Christmas dinner will be on the 25th at 1 PM. Those who don't get enough turkey at dinner will have a second chance at the bird with the leftovers at 5:30 PM on the 26th.

Don't become a stranger, you are always welcome.



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

POP, WATER, ICE & COFFEE

Soda pop and bottled water are available in the refrigerator for 50¢ each and ice, for \$1.25 per bag is available in the ice case outside. Place in the marked cans in the hall.

DONATE YOUR PENNIES

There is a bucket in the North Hall for collecting your spare pennies. At the end of the season we will roll the pennies and donate them to the Apache Junction Food Bank. Last season we donated \$76 in pennies. The food bank is not able to provide aid to all who really need it, so please be generous.

ALUMINUM CANS

Save your aluminum cans and put them in the collection container in the North Hall. The cans will be donated to the Order of the Amaranth for their diabetes philanthropic project. All income from the recycling of the cans will go to diabetes research. Nothing is withheld for expenses or salaries. Please do not put garbage in this can.

MEALS

Unless you are advised differently always bring your own table service and glasses/cups to meals and ice cream Socials.

Far and away the best prize that life offers is the chance to work hard at work worth doing. - Theodore Roosevelt, September 7, 1903

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WEEKLY ACTIVITIES FOR DECEMBER 2007

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
6:30 PM Ice Cream Social	7:30 AM Men's Coffee	7:30 AM Men's Coffee	7:30 AM Men's Coffee	7:30 AM Men's Coffee	7:30 AM Men's Coffee	8:30 AM Coffee & Donuts
6:30 PM Billiards	9:00 AM Shuffling	9:00 AM Shuffling	9:00 AM Shuffling	9:00 AM Shuffling	9:00 AM Shuffling	9:00 AM Shuffling
7:00 PM Card Bingo	11:00 AM Water Aerobics	9:30 AM Tennis	9:00 AM Create & Chat	9:30 AM Tennis	11:00 AM Water Aerobics	9:30 AM Tennis
	6:30 PM Billiards	11:00 AM Water Aerobics	10:00 AM Water Aerobics	11:00 AM Water Aerobics	6:30 PM Billiards	6:30 PM Billiards
	6:30 PM Dominoes	1:00 PM Cards	6:30 PM Billiards	1:00 PM Cards	6:30 PM Poker	
		6:30 PM Billiards	6:30 PM Pinochle	6:30 PM Billiards		

**NOTE: ALL TABLE GAMES ARE IN THE CARD HALL EXCEPT CARD BINGO
CHECK THE BIG CALENDAR IN THE NORTH HALL FOR MOST RECENT UPDATES**

DECEMBER SPECIAL EVENTS

- Dec. 1 8:30 AM Activity Meeting and Complimentary Coffee and Donuts
- Dec. 3 11:30 AM Soup Lunch (Sign Up)
- Dec. 4 5:30 PM Potluck (Sign Up)
- Dec. 10 9:30 AM Pinochle Tournament (Sign Up)
- Dec. 13 8:30 AM Biscuit & Gravy Breakfast (Sign Up, Tickets)
- Dec. 16 6:00 PM Vehicle Decoration Contest
- Dec. 17 5:30 AM Two night bus trip to Las Vegas (Sign Up)
- Dec. 18 5:30 PM Potluck (Sign Up)
- Dec. 20 10:00 AM Ladies Day Out Christmas Party (Sign Up)
- Dec. 24 7:00 PM Christmas Eve Dessert Buffet & Gift Exchange
- Dec. 25 1:00 PM Christmas Dinner (Sign Up)
- Dec. 26 5:30 PM Christmas Leftovers Potluck
- Dec. 26 6:00 PM Dominoes & Pinochle
- Dec. 31 8:00 PM New Years Eve Party/Card Games with Hot & Cold Hors D'oeuvres





We will publish a residents directory listing your space number and telephone number. You can also include your home address and phone number and your email address if you wish so we can keep in touch with each other during the summer. Please fill in the form below and turn it into the Activity Office as soon as possible. Even if you were listed in last season's directory you must submit a form. If nothing has changed, just enter your name and write SAME across the form. If you do not submit the form it will be assumed that you do not want to be listed in the directory. Those who are listed will receive one free directory. If you are not listed and want a directory there will be a one dollar charge.

DIRECTORY INFORMATION

Name: _____ Space _____ Park Phone No: _____

Email Address: _____

HOME ADDRESS

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY INFORMATION

His Name: _____ Birthday: _____ (Month and day only)

Her Name: _____ Birthday: _____ (Month and day only)

Anniversary: _____ (Month, day and year)