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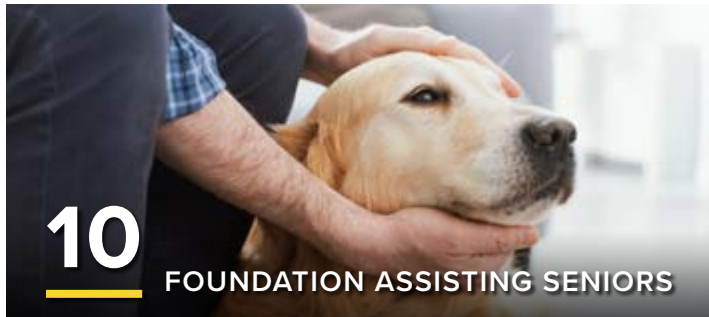
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Solera at Anthem Community Association
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Henderson, Nevada 89044

Administration Office
Monday – Friday 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
After hours Emergency Number (702) 215-8165







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Monday – Saturday 6:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Sunday 6:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Pool Hours
Sunday 6:00 a.m. – 6:45 p.m.
Monday 6:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday – Saturday 6:00 a.m. – 7:45 p.m.

For questions about your balance or for general information, call (702) 215-8165.

Reporting Leaks in Solera and Anthem Parkway
Solera Community - Contact Paul Reeves at preeves@soleraatanthem.us or main line at (702) 207-1407
Anthem Parkway - Contact Anthem Council Community Manager, Ivy Cullen at (702) 737-8580 (Press “0” to speak to the operator to report the leak)

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Please send all violation reports and/or complaints to the Management Office in writing.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS SCHEDULE OF FUTURE MEETINGS AND INFORMATION

Meetings are held in the Stardust Ballroom of the Clubhouse, located at 2401 Somersworth Dr., Henderson, NV 89044
Agendas are available the week before the meeting, and are emailed out to all residents with an email address on file. To request a copy of the agenda, you may also reach out to Management directly.

Board of Directors Executive Session

October 4 | 9:30 a.m. | *Stardust*

Board of Directors Meeting

October 11 | 9:30 a.m. | *Stardust*

Board of Directors Executive Session

November 1 | 9:30 a.m. | *Stardust*

Budget Town Hall Meeting

November 2 | 2:00 p.m. | *Stardust*

Board of Directors Meeting

November 8 | 6:30 p.m. | *Stardust*

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ELECTION SCHEDULE OF EVENTS 2023-2024

<p>Approximately Oct 20, 2023</p>	<p>Nominee Disclosure and Information Statement mailed to homeowners. Nominees should request other election documents from the Election Process Supervisor.</p>
<p>Nov 23, 2023 (90 days)</p>	<p>Persons who have declared candidacy may begin campaigning.</p>
<p>Dec 1, 2023 4:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Nominations Closed. Deadline to file Nominee Disclosure and Information Form, and (if desired by nominee) Candidate Information Statement, i.e. "bio."</p>
<p>Dec 13, 2023 9:30 a.m.</p>	<p>Drawing of names to be conducted to determine the order of placement on the ballot and all other election documents. After drawing, Candidate Information Statements will be posted in the Recreation Center.</p>
<p>Jan 18, 2024 6:00 p.m. (Thursday)</p>	<p>Meet the Candidates Event - Candidates seated on stage in the order in which their names appear on the ballot. After introductions and opening remarks, the audience will be invited to ask questions.</p>
<p>Approximately Jan 20, 2024</p>	<p>Ballots will be mailed to homeowners.</p>
<p>Approximately Jan 20, 2024</p>	<p>Event moderated by the Election Process Supervisor. Candidate Information Statements will be mailed to homeowners.</p>
<p>Jan 21, 2024 2:00 p.m. (Sunday)</p>	<p>Informal Meet the Candidates Event – Meet and Greet style, homeowners and candidates will get the chance to mingle in a less formal setting.</p>
<p>Feb 21, 2024</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4:00 p.m. – Ballots must be in possession of the Election Process supervisor in order to be counted. • 4:00 p.m. – Annual Unit Owners Meeting Called to Order, then Recessed during Counting. • 5:30 p.m. – Annual Unit Owners Meeting Re-convened. • Immediately Following the Annual Meeting - Organizational Meeting of the new Board of Directors will begin.
<p>Feb 22, 2024</p>	<p>Deadline for candidates to remove all posters and signs.</p>

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BY THE COMMUNITY STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Whether you just moved in or have lived in Solera for awhile; whether you are renting, own or are having guests/extended company, it may be the ideal time to enjoy some of the benefits of living in Solera by utilizing our Community Center (aka clubhouse). The activities, clubs, special events, exercise opportunities and numerous other offerings might just be what you are looking for.

So how do you take advantage of all that is offered? Access to our Community Center is simple and there are a variety of options depending on your needs and circumstances.

I am the home owner, so how do I get a membership card?

If you are an owner simply present a universally accepted identification card that includes your age and provide proof that your name is on your home owners deed. If there are two people living in the home, you can get two membership cards.

How do I obtain that second membership card?

If your name is not on the deed and that second membership card is desired, the person whose name is on the deed simply completes and signs a "Request for Membership Privileges" form.

What about other members of your household?

You can obtain up to two additional membership cards per household for a small fee — 1/2 of the annual assessment fee, per card, per year. Those membership cards are known as extra resident membership cards. Anyone with an extra membership card must be over age 19 and cannot bring guests to the Community Center.

What about renters?

Renters are able to utilize the Community Club facilities. Simply present a copy of your lease agreement and a "Request for Membership Privileges" form signed by the home owner. The tenant must be age-qualified and all others possibly living in the home must be over 19 years of age. Proof of age must be provided. While four Renter Cards can be issued in one membership year, only two per address can be active at one time. There is a small one-time fee for each Renter Membership Card.

What about guests?

The validated sole homeowner on the title of a specific address can obtain a Guest Privilege Pass. The Guest Privilege Pass allows a homeowner to bring in any sole guest without needing to purchase a guest pass card. The Guest Privilege Pass can be used as many times for each single visit. Solera at Anthem also accommodates owners that already have two membership cards registered to the property. You have the option to obtain a Guest Pass Card for purchase (\$2 per card) or utilize the (4) free guest passes provided each year per lot. The free guest passes do not roll over into the next year and are valid for the current year only. All owners must be present when checking in their guest. The same rules and restrictions apply for all guests that enjoy the clubhouse. Owners are responsible for the ensuring that their guest is following the expectations of use and conduct that benefit the whole community. Our Community tries to accommodate a variety of situations and has done a great job offering the above options for the use of our Community Center. The Community Rules and Regulations document provides additional information in more detail. You can download, or review the document in your resident portal, or you may request an email copy from the Management. ✨

Update to Community Rules and Regulations, Section VI (F-2)

The pool temperature will be kept between 84 and 86 Fahrenheit (28.9 and 30 Celsius).

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PLEASE NOTE

For more information or to apply please contact management at soleraatanthem@fsrnevada.com.

Residents are welcome to attend any committee meetings that are of interest, except Covenants and ARC. Meeting dates are listed on page 17.



FAS OFFERS TWO NEW PROGRAMS HOWRU24, PET SITTING SERVICES LAUNCHING

BY THE FOUNDATION ASSISTING SENIORS

The Foundation Assisting Seniors is proud to announce the upcoming launch of two revolutionary programs set to make a difference in the lives of seniors and veterans starting this month.

FAS is introducing the HOWRU24 program, an expanded 24-hour safety communication system. This program addresses "what if" concerns, providing reassurance and peace of mind.

KEY PROGRAM FEATURES:

- Wearable device with instant fall detection.
- Immediate calls to designated contacts in emergencies.
- Two-way voice communication, using the device as a phone.
- Exact location tracking for swift assistance.
- Dashboard for caregivers to monitor and check on the user.



The Foundation also is expanding its services to include pets. The Senior Pet Foster Program offers a safe and nurturing environment for pets while their owners are temporarily unable to provide care.

KEY PROGRAM FEATURES:

- Temporary pet housing (up to 30 days).
- Relief for owners from worrying about pets during challenging times.

FAS actively seeks volunteers for various roles to support these new programs. If you are interested in volunteering, or would like more information on these programs, contact FAS at (725) 244-4200 or visit www.FoundationAssistingSeniors.org. ✨

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Solera Field Day



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STARDUST BALLROOM
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Activities will include plastic axe throwing, cornhole, hula hoop, & basketball free throw contest.
Hot Dog lunch following the Field Day activities from noon -1pm
\$5 (includes hot dog, chips & drink)
Please sign-up at the Clubhouse Front Desk if you're interested in participating in any of the activities.

UNLV FOOTBALL GAME

SATURDAY, OCT. 21 | 4PM
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\$50 per person (includes admission & transportation)
Bus will leave Solera at 2pm & return around 7pm
Tickets will be available for purchase at the Clubhouse Lady Luck Room on Tuesday, October 3 at 9am

SOLERA ART SHOW

The Solera Fine Arts Club will display a collection of original watercolor and colored pencil art for your viewing pleasure.

SUNDAY, OCT. 22 | 1-4PM
STARDUST BALLROOM

You are cordially invited to browse the art display and visit with the artists.
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SOLERA HALLOWEEN PARTY

FRIDAY, OCT. 27 | 6-8PM
RESIDENTS \$20 | GUESTS \$22

Entertainment will be provided by Mark Aston
Taco catering will be provided and cupcakes will be served
This is also a BYOB event
Costume contest (prizes awarded to winners)
Tickets will be available for purchase at the Clubhouse
Lady Luck Room on Tuesday, October 10 at 9:00 a.m.



SOLERA COMMUNITY TOY DRIVE

NOVEMBER 1 - DECEMBER 16

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SOLERA DAY COMMUNITY EVENT

SATURDAY, NOV. 4 | 10AM-2PM

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Hot dog lunch will be available for \$5



Solera Ladies Club BAKE SALE



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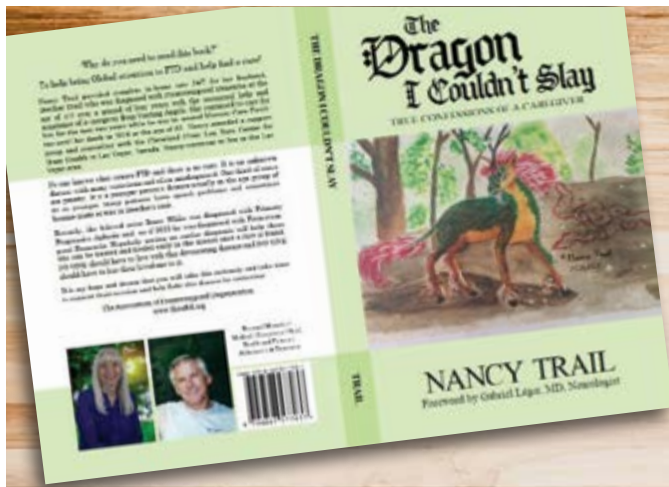
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Encore Lounge & Lady Luck Room

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The Solera Ladies Club will be holding a Bake Sale
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BOOK PRESENTATION & SIGNING BY NANCY TRAIL

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 15 | 2-3PM
STARDUST ROOM

Nancy is a long-time resident of Las Vegas and lived in Solera at Anthem for ten years. She took watercolor and dance classes at Solera and her husband also started painting after he was diagnosed and could no longer work. She took care of her husband from 2012-2016 until he passed away in October of 2016. It was during this time that she started writing in a journal about his illness (FTD) which she had never heard of. Writing in her journal helped her to vent and eventually led to the writing of her book "The Dragon I Couldn't Slay"- Confessions of a Caregiver. FTD (Frontotemporal Dementia) is a very rare form of Dementia and usually strikes people under the age of 60. It is a devastating disease. There is no cure, and it is often misdiagnosed.

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FRIDAY
NOV. 17 | 6-8PM
STARDUST ROOM

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1	2	3 ARC 9am Veterans & First Responders 6:30pm Ticket Sales Begin for UNLV Football Game 9am	4 Executive Board 9:30am	5 Communications 9:30am	6	7 Solera Health Fair 9am-12pm
8	9 Covenants 10am Columbus Day Indigenous Peoples' Day	10 Ticket Sales Begin for Halloween Party 9am Bulk Trash Day	11 Board of Directors 9:30am	12	13	14 Fitness Center Orientation 10am
15	16	17 Lifestyle 11:15am	18 Buildings & Grounds 9:30am	19 Bingo 6:30pm	20	21 UNLV Football Game (Bus leaves at 2pm)
22 Solera Art Show 1-4pm	23	24 Neptune Society Lunch & Learn 12pm Bulk Trash Day	25 Finance 9:30am Community Standards 4pm Deadline to Drop Off Pumpkins By Noon	26	27 Halloween Party 6pm	28
29	30	31 Halloween	NOV 1 First Day of Toy Drive Ticket Sales Begin for Karaoke Night 9am Executive Board 9:30am	2 Communications 9:30am Budget Town Hall Meeting 2pm	3	4 Solera Day Community Event 10am-2pm
5	6	7 ARC 9am Veterans & First Responders 6:30pm Election Day	8 Board of Directors 6:30pm	9	10	11 Veterans Day Program 9am Veterans Day

CHARTERED CLUBS

American Mah Jongg Club | Tuesday | 1 p.m.
Rosalie Feit | (702) 897-4965

Asian Mah Jongg Club | Wednesday & Friday | Noon
Vickie | (702) 489-7922

Bridge Club | Tuesday & Friday | 12:30 p.m.
Sharon Deter | (253) 303-1738 | sharon.dtd@gmail.com

Bunco Club | Second Tuesday | 5 p.m.
Karen Schanhals | (775) 721-4701
Sue Levine | (631) 871-8459

Euchre Club | Monday | 1 p.m.
Gregg Schiffbauer | (702) 379-1399 | magregg@aol.com

Fine Arts Club

Watercolor | Thursday | 10 a.m.
Judy Blankenship | (702) 457-0550

Colored Pencil | Tuesday | 1 p.m.
Judy Blankenship | (702) 457-0550

Handcrafted Creations Club

Bead Weaving | Thursday | 1 p.m.
Carol Runyan | (702) 558-7623

Quilts & More | Friday | 10 a.m.
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Tennis Group | Saturday | 7 a.m.
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OUR FACILITY FACILITATORS

MEET SOLERA'S MAINTENANCE TEAM

BY LAURA ADDI



Do you think that the upkeep of Solera's facilities is provided by little elves and fairies that scutter around the buildings at night? I know you know better than that.

Actually, there is a team of six dedicated men who, at the direction of supervisor Paul Mayen, handle these responsibilities.

Supervisor **Paul Mayen** carries with him a wealth of Solera maintenance knowledge. He has been in the facilities maintenance section for four and a half years and knows where everything is and is aware of the intricacies of the community grounds. He assists **Paul Reeves**, the Facilities Manager, and the rest of the staff by relaying maintenance requests and concerns and/or addressing them directly. He has constant contact with facilities staff in the performance of daily duties and serves as a nearby presence for emergency responsiveness.

He is responsible for scheduling and documenting maintenance procedures for the team, and for providing support and training to new staff, ensuring they are made aware of proper procedures and expectations.

Paul is the primary point of contact to facilitate repairs. For example, if a stationary bike in the fitness center breaks down, Paul will be notified by a resident or the front desk. He reviews the situation and determines if he can perform some sort of basic reset or repair before notifying the Facilities Manager and arranging for repair. He will input the issue into the Solera maintenance tracking software and follow up through completion. He decides if our maintenance staff can handle certain repairs themselves, saving money when not hiring outside vendors.

Besides all this, he is responsible for ordering and stocking supplies, and for communicating with the front desk regarding facilities concerns.

Paul also enjoys bowling and carries a 205 average. Paul and his wife, Dyane, have lived in Solera with their golden retriever, Chloe, for five years. He is a native of New York and migrated to Henderson in 2018 when a change in family dynamics prompted a move.

When not on duty, you can probably find Paul on our pickleball court, and he often finds time for a few games before starting his shift. He frequently plays

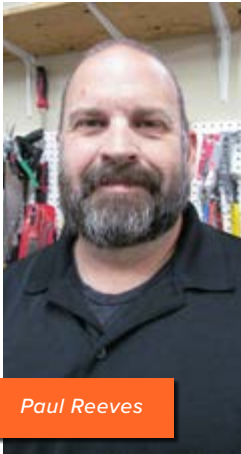
and wins in local tournaments with his favorite partner, Susie Gordon, also a Solera resident.

"Paul Mayen is integral to the Solera community," noted Jacob Kay, Solera's general manager. "His institutional knowledge cannot be replicated. He can always be trusted to handle his daily tasks plus any spur of the moment issues equally. Paul is always willing to assist and is a tremendous asset to the team."

For a clubhouse that operates 14 hours per day, seven days per week, 363 days per year, Solera needs a facilities staff that is diligent and attentive. And that is what we have. The staff prioritizes keeping buildings, facilities, and restrooms in a clean and orderly condition. It performs cleaning duties for floors, shampooing rugs, washing walls and glass, cleaning and dusting fixtures, cleaning showers and restrooms and removing rubbish. It does deep cleaning of the pool and spa area. It also assists with in-house repairs as needed and they keep equipment and tools organized.

The team maintains communication with the front desk monitors throughout the day and is available when needed.

COMMUNITY



Paul Reeves

It handles the set-up and takedown of building spaces for events, meetings, club activities and otherwise as needed, including arranging decorations and ensuring safety standards are met. It performs duties with a courteous and helpful attitude towards our residents.

Garrett Bedell moved to the Las Vegas area less than two years ago from Enumclaw, Washington. After a year in Solera, he and his wife Patti, moved to Inspirada where his daughter, son-in-law and two grandchildren were living. He has been working in Solera two nights a week since May 2023. He is a life-long Raiders fan, loves playing guitar, collecting comic books (of which he now has over 4,000) and working out in the gym. He likes to listen to a variety of music including that of the '70s and '80s in general, rock 'n' roll and country.

"Garrett has boundless energy and has been a great recent addition to the team," Jacob Kay said. "He is focused and dependable. I appreciate his willingness to communicate and ask questions."

Roger Johnson hails from North Dakota where he spent the first 50 years of his life. As an infection control contractor, he worked in the surrounding states, doing mold removal and addressing environmental air-conveyance issues. He later moved into the commercial arena working with schools, prisons, banks and power plants doing toxic cleanup, disaster preparedness and the like. He relocated to Henderson about 2008. Before spending a year in another Las Vegas community (which will remain unnamed) where the people were not very friendly, he and his wife of 49 years, Debra, rented a home in Solera for three years to make sure it was a good fit. They purchased that rental a year ago and recently moved in Roger's 97-year-old mother. Roger started working in Solera five years ago. In his spare time, he does a little gambling at some local casinos, likes working out in the gym and being Mr. Fix It around the house.

"Roger is the second longest tenured facilities staff member after Paul

Mayen," Jacob Kay commented. "He specializes in ensuring high sanitary standards. He probably would have been a hit on the TV show, *Dirty Jobs*. We love his can-do attitude."

Anthony Kwon hails from South Korea where he spent the first 40 years of this life before moving to Anaheim, California, with his wife, Won. They finally settled in Solera in 2022 and he started working in the maintenance department in June of 2022. He likes to work out in the gym and swimming pool. He previously was an avid tennis player.

"Anthony Kwon is a dependable, task-oriented worker. We value his efforts and role on the team," Jacob Kay commented.

Richard Sanchez came to Henderson from San Jose, California, in 2020. He has lived in Solera for two years. He is a bachelor and has many activities to keep him busy. In his spare time, he likes to shoot pool, and go bowling, playing and watching sports and riding horses. He works half days in the morning and cleans the courts early for the sports fanatics. He empties the rubbish, cleans the pool area, and gets the morning started by opening the entrance and exit doors.

"Richard Sanchez is truly connected to the community," Jacob Kay said. "Richard arrives early and does everything from moving large equipment to ensuring rooms are properly set up. He can handle any job."

Ron Smithling is from Waterloo, Iowa, and his wife, Terri, have lived in Solera for four years. He started working on the maintenance team this past December. He works evenings, a very busy time, three days a week. He sets up rooms and tables for clubs, events and meetings. He still travels back and forth to Portland, Oregon, where he has a business making signs. He also enjoys a little gambling and working on side jobs.

"Ron Smithling is both friendly and dedicated," Jacob Kay noted. "Even in less-than-ideal situations Ron takes an understanding approach. He is also reliable and hard-working." ✨



Paul Mayen



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1983: THE BEIRUT BARRACKS BOMBING

BY BOB PROPP, *Commander*
Solera Veterans And First Responders Club



On 23 October 1983 a truck bomb killed 220 Marines, 18 sailors and three soldiers in Beirut, Lebanon. This was the largest number of Marines killed in a single day since Iwo Jima.

I lost friends and brothers on that tragic day, nine who I can name. I might have been among them; I had orders to 1st Battalion 8th Marines (1/8) HQ Company, but had decided to get out of the Navy in July 1982. One/eight was the Battalion Landing Team, part of the 24th Marine Amphibious Unit (MAU). They were part of the Multinational Force deployed to Beirut in October 1982 as a peacekeeping force because of an uprising by the Palestinian Liberation Organization and other factions in and around Beirut.

At the request of the Lebanese government, Syrian troops restored order to the region and remained in country under an Arab League mandate. PLO forces remained and used Lebanon as a base of operations for harassing attacks into Israel. The US and international community unsuccessfully sought a resolution to the fighting, and Israel invaded southern Lebanon in June 1982 to defeat the PLO.

The Marines mission revolved around the concept of providing “presence.” American leaders thought the presence of armed Marines would deter the warring factions from fighting and provide time for the Lebanese government to regain control of the situation. In February 1983, the 22nd MAU, a re-designation of the 32nd MAU, relieved the 24th MAU. The Marines of the 22nd MAU were already familiar with the mission and were moved into their old positions around the airport. On 17 April, an unknown enemy shot at and nearly wounded a Marine sentry, who returned fire with unknown results. This was the first time that Marines returned fire in Beirut.

This event was overshadowed the next day when a terrorist detonated a truck bomb at the U.S. Embassy in Beirut, killing 63 people, 17 of them Americans. The embassy bombing effectively changed the mission and rules of engagement for the Marines, who could now return fire if they “perceived” a threat.

In an incident shortly after the bombing, when the Marines used rifle fire to force an approaching vehicle off the road, the

word went out that “we do shoot back and that we hit what we shoot.”

On 29 May, the 24th MAU landed in Beirut to relieve the 22nd MAU. Any doubt that the Marines were a target of these militias ended on 22 July when the Marine positions at the airport received small arms, rocket, and mortar fire. Major George Converse perceived a burst of machine gun fire into Marine positions on 5 August “as a warning because it appeared that we were getting closer and closer aligned with the Lebanese Armed Forces (LAF).”

The situation in Beirut further deteriorated in August as the Israeli Defense Forces (IDF) prepared to leave their positions as part of a May agreement signed by Israel and Lebanon. The presence of Israeli forces had deterred much of the violence in Beirut, but as they began to withdrawal, the fighting between factions flared up. The LAF attempted to fill the role of the IDF but was less trained and equipped. As the fighting escalated, Marines found themselves on the receiving end of both stray and targeted rounds.



On 28 August, the fighting around the airport reached a climax as the LAF engaged militia groups in nearby neighborhoods. More than 100 rounds of mortar and rocket rounds landed within the Marine positions at the airport.

The fighting increased following the complete withdrawal of the IDF on 4 September. During this time, retired Colonel Peter Ferraro, then a first lieutenant with Company A, 1st Battalion, 8th Marines, and his men were involved in extensive firefights that typically lasted all night. The Marines adhered to a concept of “proportionality,” meaning they could only return fire with force equal to what they were receiving. For example, artillery and naval gunfire could not be used to respond to small arms and mortar fire. Though restrained by these Rules of Engagement, the Marines employed illumination, rifle, and machine gun fire to repel attacks.

Confirming enemy casualties was impossible but Colonel Ferraro recalled seeing ambulances and vehicles arriving at enemy positions during the day and evacuating the dead and wounded. From the end of August until mid-October, mortar, machine gun and sniper fire killed six Marines and left many more wounded.

In addition to the intense combat engagements, other developments signaled a shift in American policy. Though the MNF was supposed to be a neutral peacekeeping force, its actions signaled otherwise. Lebanese militias clearly resented the Marines efforts to train LAF forces and prompted them to attack Marine positions. Any claims for American neutrality was further negated 19 September when U.S. Navy ships fired their guns in support of LAF units that reported being in danger of becoming overrun by militia groups.

Then, on the morning of 23 October, disaster struck for the 24th MAU. At 0622, a Mercedes-Benz stake-bed truck carrying 2,000 pounds of explosives sped past a Marine post, through a fence, and crashed into the lobby of the Battalion Landing Team 1/8 Headquarters

Building and detonated. Almost instantaneously, the building, housing more than 300 men, completely collapsed into a pile of rubble. The compressed-gas enhanced bomb detonated by the suicide truck bomber was the largest non-nuclear explosion recorded by that time.

The four-story BLT building ceased to exist. The devastating attack left many more dead than wounded. The blast had killed three soldiers, 18 sailors and 220 Marines. The Marines had to handle not only recovering the survivors, but identifying the dead. The complete destruction of the BLT and the fact that many of the Marines were sleeping in PT gear and without dog tags made the task difficult. Further compounding the problem, the BLT kept its medical records in the basement of the building, and they could not be recovered until a few days after the attack. Anyone who could positively identify the men in the BLT on the morning of 23 October was either dead or wounded.

Instead, identifying the dead required making rosters of the living and tracking down the wounded. The process was slow for families back in the U.S., but it was necessary to ensure that information was accurate. Despite the heroic efforts of all the rescue workers, no survivors were found after 23 October.

In 1986, a memorial to the Beirut Marines was constructed outside the entrance to Camp Johnson, formerly the Montford Point Camp, in Jacksonville, North Carolina. Two broken granite walls, representative of the crumbled BLT building, comprise the memorial. The first is inscribed with the names of all American servicemen killed during operations in Beirut, the second carries the simple inscription “They Came in Peace.”

Rest in Peace my Brothers I will never forget! ✨

VETS AND FIRST RESPONDERS IN ACTION

The Solera Veterans and First Responders Club kicks off its annual Toys For Tots toy drive soon and wants to shatter the record collection achieved a year ago in Solera. All toys go to local children who depend on our toy drive to have a joyous Christmas.

The club is open to all who live in our community and this year as donated to Honor Flight of Southern Nevada, the Southern Nevada Veterans Home, Firefighter Memorial Escort, Henderson Police Department, Henderson Fire Department, Toys For Tots, and Michael’s Angel Paws. ✨



THAT'S A FACT JACK!

BEFORE THE INTERNET, ALMANACS WERE OUR SEARCH ENGINES

BY LARRY EDSALL

In the mid-18th century, one of Benjamin Franklin's businesses was publishing *Poor Richard's Almanack*, presenting an annual compilation of puzzles, proverbs, household tips, weather forecasts, and assorted information and entertainments.

When Franklin's attention turned to helping create a new nation, *Poor Richard's* popularity inspired a new publication — the *Old Farmer's Almanac*, which launched in the fall of 1782. A couple centuries later my parents bought a copy every year, and I recall my mother consulting it as she planned the planting of her big garden.

However, there was another sort of almanac that I cherished. My choice was *The World Almanac and Book of Facts*, which traced its heritage and name to a 120-page annual launched in 1868 by the *New York World* newspaper.

My primary interest was the sports section, with its lists and statistics that ranged from Heisman Trophy winners to the batting and pitching statistics from the most recent major league baseball season. But there was so much more information provided in those thousand pages of this brick-sized paperback. There were sections with information and statistics on the countries of the world, the states of our nation, the tallest buildings, longest rivers, and hundreds of pages more to explore.

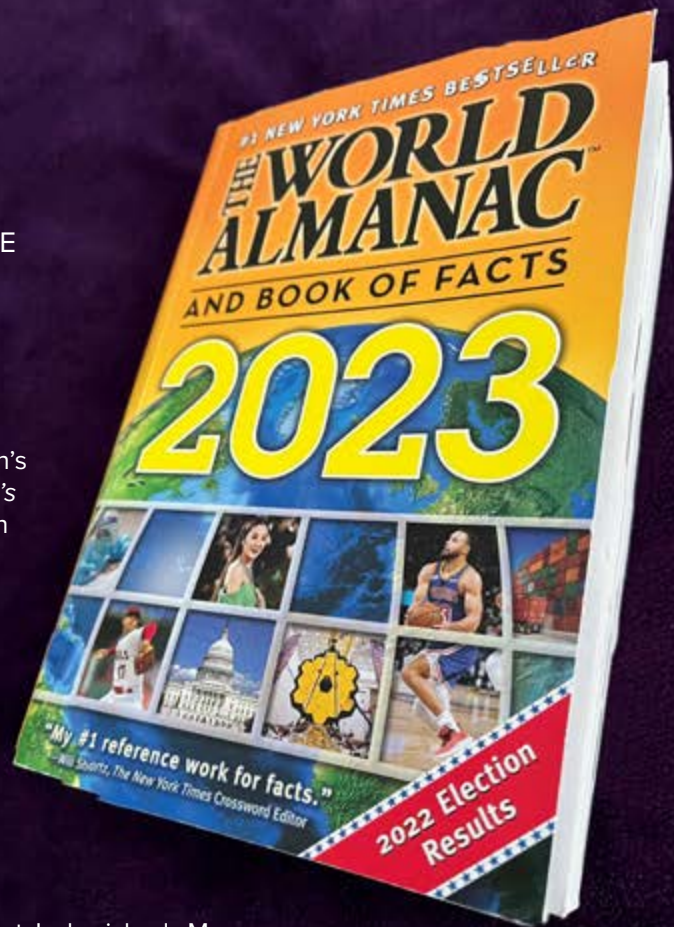
I started asking for the *World Almanac* as a Christmas present when I was in high school. After graduating from college, I bought my own. The *World Almanac* became a handy reference book for a young newspaper reporter and was consulted on a nearly daily basis. But then something called the Internet came along and I could search for statistics without reaching for a book.

Last year I remembered how much I enjoyed fingering through those pages, so I clicked over to Amazon and — *viola!* — the book is still being published. I ordered the 2023 edition of *The World Almanac and Book of Facts*, produced since 2009 by Infobase, publisher of reference books for schools and libraries. A company called Infobase.

Did you know that nearly 25 percent of student loan debt is held by people over the age of 50... that Americans pay an average of nearly 25 percent of their income in taxes and Social Security contributions... that fewer than 18 percent of high school seniors admitted to smoking tobacco, but more than 40 percent had tried vaping or marijuana... that the U.S. divorce rate declined during the Covid pandemic?

I also learned Nevada's population grew by more than 16 percent from 2010-2020; the leading products produced here are gambling machines, cement and concrete, plastics, printing, architectural and structural materials, and electrical instruments; we also grow lots of onions and mint; more than 12,000 people in Nevada work for the federal government, and at 1,149 feet, the Stratosphere is the tallest free-standing tower in the U.S. We have a state motto, but it's not on our license plates, which proclaim *Home Means Nevada*, the title of our official state song.

Oh, and be glad if you're retired, because the average worker living in Henderson faces a daily driving commute of 23.9 minutes. ✨



SOLERA'S NEWEST NEIGHBOR: WEST HENDERSON POLICE SUBSTATION

BY LARRY EDSALL



Chief Hollie Chadwick

Solera has a new neighbor. Just three miles away (and visible from the gazebo in the Solera Villas) is the new Henderson Police Department West Henderson Substation, which hosted an open house in early September.

The 52,000-square-foot facility will be the home not only of a full array of police officers, but of the Henderson Police Academy and of the city's public safety dispatch communications center and school. Just across the street is the new Debra March Center of Excellence (bottom photo), a joint-venture where the College of Southern Nevada will do training in advanced manufacturing. The building also houses a public art gallery and Henderson's economic development department.

"Henderson is one of the safest cities in America," said Henderson police chief Hollie Chadwick, adding that such a claim comes from "the dedication of each man and woman serving on the Henderson Police Department.

"It means a lot to us that we can invite the community in today to see what's we're doing."

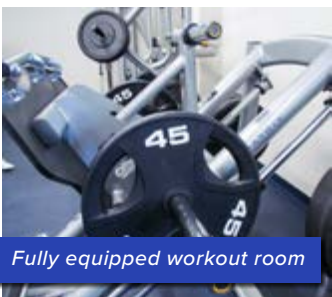
What city officials and the police department and PGAL architects and Penta Construction are doing is creating what appears to be a state-of-the-art facility to serve the west side of the city. This new substation is the city's fourth but the first built in the last decade (the Green Valley substation has been the one closest to Solera).

The West Henderson facility is being completed in conjunction with the 70th anniversary of the HPD, which began in 1963 with seven officers (who also fought fires) and what Chadwick noted was a "borrowed police car."

Noting that the west side of Henderson is experiencing rapid growth, Mayor Michelle Romeo added that nearly 60 percent of Henderson's operating budget is devoted to public safety expenses, and that the city continues to add to the more than 500 police officers and nearly 180 civilian public safety staff serving the city's citizens. ✨



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SCI-FI SCRIPTS AND THE SOLERANS

BY FRANK NOBEL

How often have you read a story or an article in the *Solera Star* that referenced our residents as Solerans? Perhaps that description produced a vision of an alien species with a huge bubble head, large featureless black eyes, and no nose?

Or perhaps not, but let's have some fun with the thought for a few minutes through Soleran caricatures based on vintage science fiction television shows:

Let's start by taking a moment to observe Rod Sterling introducing the Soleran construct on *The Twilight Zone*. The episode may be in black and white, but being a Soleran is never just limited to black and white.

What if the Soleran was projected into *The Outer Limits*? Being within the confines of *The Outer Limits* would that take the Soleran concept over the edge? I do not believe that would be the answer, however, a Soleran could very well take that *One Step Beyond*.

What about a science fiction icon such as *Star Trek*? Can't you see Captain Kirk asking Mr. Spock, "Spock, who are these Solerans?"

"Captain, I need additional information to formulate an answer."

"Bones, what do you understand about these Solerans?"

"Captain, I believe the Solerans are part of a varied community of individuals over the age of fifty-five with many common interests."

"But Bones that may be accurate but why do some of these Solerans seem *Lost In Space*?"

Within the broad universe of *Star Wars* (OK not a TV show but allow a little leeway) Chewbacca may say "Aroowoor," and I am unable to translate that remark.

Science fiction nostalgia may not provide a tangible definition of a Soleran. Nevertheless, I will suggest that perhaps pieces from our brief visit may help to define a Soleran, such as not being only black and white but a definitive group of individuals with common community interests yet willing to take their own unique positive steps.

In any event, not an alien with a bubble head and large black eyes. ✨

PET PARADE

ROSANN AND HER ITALIAN GREYHOUNDS

SOLERAN ADOPTS SISTERS
BORN A YEAR APART

BY BETTY BOYD



Solera resident Rosann Costantino has two Italian Greyhounds – Angie, who has passed on, and Ellie, who is still here. They were rescue dogs, sisters birthed a year apart from the same mother.

The Italian Greyhound breed is not interbred. They originate from the Mediterranean Basin and date back over 2,000 years. Their lifespan is from 12 to 15 years.

This breed is also called “Iggys” and is the smallest of the sight hounds, typically weighing 9 to 12 pounds. They need at least one hour of exercise daily, have very little hair, and don’t shed much.

Every five weeks, they get their nails trimmed because there are pads on their paws and their feet don’t touch the ground.

“I call them Velcro dogs,” Rosann says.

She calls them Velcro dogs because they tend to be cold-natured and want to snuggle under the covers, blanket, or lay beside your feet.

The process for the adoption involved extensive paperwork; the Greyhound Foundation of Southern California visited Rosann twice because the two sisters previously had been in four other homes. The previous owners worked all day and this breed should only be left alone for two to three hours at a time. So Rosann could see how she interacted with various Italian Greyhounds, her first meeting with Angie and Ellie took place in a dog park just for Italian Greyhounds. The adoption took place in 2017 at a Petco Adoption Fair.

Rosann’s dogs are lovely, intelligent, affectionate companions but tend to be stubborn. They have a loud bark and can fool someone into thinking a much larger dog is around.

Angie and Ellie have been wonderful companions to Rosann, even with Angie no longer here. Ellie is 11 years old and is still providing Rosann joy every day. ✨

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The Manhattan Project's secret scientific library (Photo courtesy Los Alamos Historical Society archives)



OPPENHEIMER'S LIBRARIAN

CHARLOTTE SERBER GUARDED MANHATTAN PROJECT'S SECRETS

Editor's note: *With the popularity of the movie Oppenheimer, we reprint from the Easy Living at the Oasis newsletter this article adapted from a story by Michael Waters and edited by Bob Duchin.*

Los Alamos, New Mexico, wasn't supposed to exist during World War II. To disguise the existence of the atomic bomb being built there, everyone involved needed to consider and reconsider their every move. They couldn't leave "the Hill," as Los Alamos was known, without required passes. They got their mail through a series of forwarding addresses across the United States, arriving at a PO Box 20 miles away in Santa Fe. Food was purchased from a single commissary; a trip to Santa Fe was a major event.

One of the most significant features of the security apparatus was the scientific library, a virtually unknown space that housed the secrets of the nuclear bomb.

If library work was among the most tedious on the Hill, the award for the most unenviable job likely belonged to its head librarian: Charlotte Serber, a University of Pennsylvania graduate, statistician, and freelance journalist.

In 1942, J. Robert Oppenheimer, head of the Manhattan Project, selected Serber to spearhead the archives in part because of her lack of librarian experience. He wanted someone who would be willing to bend the rules of cataloging.

Serber, whose husband was a scientist involved in the Manhattan Project, became the de facto keeper of secrets, a position that soon saw her and Oppenheimer targeted for an FBI probe that almost ended in their being fired from the project.

Serber developed a pass system for accessing the library's secure vault, requiring that each scientist present a "typewritten letter" bearing Oppenheimer's signature, rather than a badge.

She also battled apathy toward security protocol. Scientists left top-secret documents out in the open overnight where anyone could access them. She pioneered nightly sweeps of the library. Scientists who didn't put away documents were either required to pay a fee to obtain his documents or be forced to become a night inspector for the next shift.

When mail arrived in Santa Fe, one of the scientists' wives, along with a guard, made the twice-daily pilgrimage to retrieve it. Serber required that the woman keep the mailbag locked to her arm. Serber had the only key, so the mail carrier had to report back to Serber in order to be freed.

Any success the librarians may have had keeping the project secret was ruined by the scientists themselves. Many scientists, impatient with the wait for books, went to Santa Fe and checked them out themselves, under their real names — a major security violation.

Oppenheimer's trust in the Serbers was immense. Santa Fe residents speculated about what was happening on the Hill so Oppenheimer enlisted the Serbers to spread false information. However, Oppenheimer's trust didn't save the Serbers from nearly getting booted from the Project. On October 16, 1943, the Army recommended the Serbers be terminated, as they were "entirely saturated with Communist beliefs and all their associates were known radicals."

The FBI concluded the Serbers, especially Charlotte, had a history of befriending "a group of younger faculty members and their wives all of whom were... labeled by many as Communists." It didn't help that the Serbers came from liberal, Russian-immigrant families. Still, Oppenheimer's ultimate faith in the couple spared them.

Charlotte's library functioned not only as a source of information and a hiding place for the bomb's secrets, but as a social hotspot. For many residents, especially for the wives of the scientists, it became a venue to catch up, trade concerns, and exchange gossip.



Charlotte Serber's
Los Alamos ID photo

As the race to finish the bomb reached its fever-pitch, the scientific library proved instrumental. Through Serber, scientists could access and share confidential information at a rapid pace. Even so, when the nuclear bomb was tested at the Trinity Site in July 1945, Charlotte was the only group leader not allowed to watch the test; Oppenheimer claimed he could not accommodate her because the site did not have the proper "facilities" for women.

Nonetheless, Oppenheimer was later quoted as claiming "her secret library was pivotal in its construction—for better or worse." ✨



Sign reminded Manhattan Project participants of the need for secrecy

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OUTSMART THE SCAMMERS

BY NADYNE SWEETKO

First, some startling facts:

*Nine million identities are stolen each year.
The cost of such fraud in 2022 was \$36.5 billion.
One of six people scammed are retired.
Scammers get more creative each day.*

At the Lunch and Learn program here in Solera, on August 28 this information was shared with the attendees.

We all receive phone calls, emails and regular mail each day that we need to decide, "Is this a scam?" Financial advisors from Edward Jones hosted a Lunch and Learn session here in Solera, the key information was to follow your instincts: Hang up or hit the delete button or shred that mail.

Here are a list of scams discussed at that session:

Collection fraud. The caller may claim to be the IRS or representative from a utility company.

Grandparent scam. The caller claims that your grandchild has been arrested or been in a car accident and asks to have money wired urgently.

Romance or long-distance relationship scam. This happens through emails, social media, dating websites, or online games. Conversations over time build a trust in this person so when they ask for help due to an illness in the family or being overseas for a lucrative job or government contract or an inheritance issue they will request financial help.

Lottery and sweepstakes scams. You receive a call or letter stating you won thousands or even millions of dollars. But you are told that taxes are due before you can receive your prize, so they ask for your banking information so they can deposit your winnings.

Inheritance scam. You receive notification about an inheritance from an unknown relative or someone from a foreign country where you have no family connection or you just need to pay attorney fees or taxes first.

Check fraud, credit and debit card fraud and computer intrusion. These scams play on your emotions, or the situation is urgent and you need to act fast.

When you are confronted with any of the situations above, stop and think about what you are being asked to do. Before you go to your bank or buy gift cards, call a relative or friend to discuss the contact, and this is an especially valuable step if you are being pressured to act quickly. Protect yourself and your money. ✨

ARE YOU READY FOR SOME FOOTBALL

LOCAL TAVERNS CATER TO FANS OF SPECIFIC PRO TEAMS

BY FRANK NOBEL

Fall and football, much like peanut butter and jelly, are inseparable. And, like some people prefer crunchy with grape, over creamy and strawberry over grape, you may have your own favorite National Football League team. At times, you may even want to share your enthusiasm for your team of choice over a beer or two at a local bar and with like-minded fans.

We've found several such establishments in the Las Vegas Valley. We start with our own home team:



LAS VEGAS RAIDERS

Located in the M Casino, the official hotel for the Raiders, is the **Raider's Tavern & Grill** and it abounds in Silver and Black with memorabilia, team merchandise, two bars and television screens offering a view anywhere you sit. There's a full restaurant that is able to please any appetite such offerings as "Nick's wings" (you have to ask for these) doused in garlic and hot sauce. And while many of the bars celebrate their NFL team on game days, the Raider's Tavern & Grill is Raider's all the time.



KANSAS CITY CHIEFS

The **Blue Diamond Saloon**, 6935 Blue Diamond Road, has been a Chiefs' bar for 23 years. The bar itself is a neighborhood watering hole. On game days, there are drink specials and game-day raffles. Naked City Pizza, located in the Blue Diamond Saloon, but a separate business, also has a long list of specialty pizzas and football specials. On a Chiefs game day, other games will be shown, but the majority of screens are devoted to the Kansas City team.

"Actually," said Kim, the manager, "the Chiefs are my second-favorite team, but the owner loves the Chiefs."

DENVER BRONCOS

Jake's Bar has been a Denver Broncos bar for 11 years. Located at 2301 S. Eastern Ave, it is a neighborhood bar. On a Broncos game day, it's wall to wall activities.

"This is the only true Broncos bar," proclaims Cindy, the owner/manager.

All the TVs show Broncos game. There are the Orange Crush Club, and raffles, and the atmosphere is loaded with fun. On game days, the two pool tables are covered and used for additional dining space.



PITTSBURGH STEELERS

Noreen's Lounge, a neighborhood bar, claims to be the No. 1 Steelers Bar in Las Vegas and has a declaration from the Pittsburgh Steelers as a designated Steelers bar. It's located at 2799 E. Tropicana Ave., just a little east of Eastern.

On a Steelers game day, the pool tables are removed to make room for additional seating. All televisions are tuned into the game, and because food is not served, patrons bring in their own food or even have food delivered. Also, because they do not serve food, Pittsburgh favorites like Heinz Ketchup or Iron City beer are not available unless brought in by a patron.



MIAMI DOLPHINS

If you want to watch the Dolphins, how about a location with beach in its name? **Tommy Rucker's Mojave Beach & Grill** fits the bill. It's located at 4275 Dean Martin Dr., where Kyle, general manager, says without hesitation, "We are a Dolphins bar." He added, however, that about equal treatment is provided to the Raiders, "because that is the home team."

There are a number of \$10 food specials, such as chili dogs, Raider's Tots, cheese nachos (added protein is extra), and Phindip, a customer's favorite, as well as pretzels bites to go with buckets of domestic and international beers available at \$30 or \$35. Tommy's' has plenty of room to stretch out if you are going with a large group of Dolphin fans.



CHICAGO BEARS

Dah Bears! **Joe's Bar** at 2851 N. Rancho Dr. is a Chicago Bears bar. Owner Joe Signore explained that he sold his first Bears bar, and this is his second. But if you added them together you would have 25 years as a Bears bars.

On a game day of the 14 TV screens, 12 have the Bears on exclusively. As a businessman, Joe will, if requested, televise another game. There are always drink and food specials, and after every game there is a raffle for a Chicago Bears jersey. At times, there are additional raffles for Bears memorabilia. Also, as a Chicago Bears bar, it features deep dish pizza and Chicago hot dogs.

Unrelated, but if you are a fan of Chicago deep dish pizza and such, you may want to consider Windy City Beefs N Pizza. There are a number of locations but they are more restaurant than sports bar.

GREEN BAY PACKERS

The **Rum Runner Lounge**, at 1801 E. Tropicana Ave., No. 7, has been a Packers bar for 35 years. One patron admitted, "Yeah, because I was a Packer fan I was sneaking in here when I was 18 years old."

There are two additional Rum Runners' but John, the manager said, "This location is the mother ship."

You become a Packer Backer by paying a yearly fee of \$60 or you could be a day member for \$25. There are perks to being a Packer Backer, such as a T-shirt, gift bag, and drink and food specials.

On a game day the bar is about 50/50 locals and out-of-towners. At times, an out of towners will run into an old friend or relative that they haven't seen in a while. This just adds to the fun of a Packer game day. There's a Wisconsin map on the wall identifying patrons hometown by colored pins.

Many of the locations we mentioned are neighborhood bars so when the football season ends, the "regulars" are there and, yes, everyone knows their name. ✨



GRANDMAMA NOBEL'S APPLE BREAD

BY NADYNE SWEETKO

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Can you believe it is October already? Along with changes in the weather and color of leaves on the trees, out come the seasonal recipes. I had the pleasure of watching Joanne Nobel make her family's favorite apple bread, helped by her very own personal sous chef, her husband Frank. His assigned tasks are to peel and cut the apples and to grease the needed number of loaf pans for baking.

This apple bread is made for trips back to Michigan for holidays or whenever there's a visit with family and friends. This bread freezes well.

On their trip back for Christmas last year, Frank carried eight frozen loafs in his carryon. The TSA had Frank open his bag and he had to explain that the bread would be thawed and ready to eat upon arrival. The officer waved Frank and Joanne through and they were on their way.

Their eight grandchildren all love this apple bread. The first question asked upon arrival is, "Did you bring the apple bread?"

Joanne and Frank are native Michiganders. They have been married for 52 years and have lived in Solera for 12 years.

They met in ninth grade. When Frank entered the classroom Joanne told her friends, "He is mine." As the saying goes, the rest is history.

They moved to Solera after visiting friends here numerous times.

"I really like the 55-plus community up in the mountains," Joanne told Frank, triggering their move.

You may know Joanne or have seen her at the clubhouse since she is vice president of the Solera Ladies Club and plays Mah Jongg twice a week. Frank is a director on our HOA board.

Baking apple bread isn't the only labor of love Joanne has done for their three children and other family members. She collected the family's favorite recipes and put them with family photos in a hardcover cookbook. Thus the Italian grandparents' photo appears next to their favorite spaghetti sauce recipe and their Polish grandmother and her mother are across the page from the recipe for pirogies. Grandchildren also are featured next to their favorite foods.

Joanne plans to make pumpkin loaves for the Solera Ladies Club bake sale being held on Saturday, November 4, 2023, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Encore Lounge and the Lady Luck room of the Solera Clubhouse.

(Note: Last year's bake sale sold out quickly, so make your selections early. Enjoy some homemade baked goods along with a mug of hot chocolate, tea or milk, which will be available for purchase. Seating will be available to take a break from all the activities available at Solera Days.)

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Note from Nadyne: When I was invited into Joanne and Frank Nobel's home the smell of cinnamon and apples filled the air. Joanne baked an apple bread before I arrived so we could cut one while the next one was baking. The apples are evenly distributed throughout the batter, incorporated by using a stand mixer. As the baking of their second loaf was happening Joanne sliced the completed one for us to taste. Excellent flavor of crunchy topping with cinnamon and the middle was soft and buttery with an apple in every bite. Delicious is how I would describe this apple bread.



PREP: 25 minutes

TOTAL TIME: 1 hour 25 minutes

YIELD: 1 large loaf or 4 small loaves

INGREDIENTS:

1 cup white sugar

½ cup shortening (Crisco)

2 eggs

2 Tbl mayonnaise

2 cups flour

1 tsp salt

1 Tbl vanilla

2 cups, peeled and sliced apples

TOPPING:

2 Tbl sugar

2 tsp cinnamon

2 Tbl melted butter

STEP 1: Use a stand mixer because the batter gets thick. Doing by hand is hard on your wrist.

Cream well, white sugar, shortening, and eggs.

Add to mixture: mayonnaise, flour, salt, vanilla, and apples.

Grease pan or pans with shortening before adding batter.

STEP 2: Topping: mix sugar, cinnamon, and butter in a small bowl and spread on top of the batter in the loaf pan.

STEP 3: Bake 1 hour at 350 degrees for large loaf or 50 minutes for small loaves. ✨



SPORTS & FITNESS OPPORTUNITIES AT SOLERA

YOGA FRIENDS AND PICKLEBALL (AND MORE TO COME)

BY BETTY BOYD

Editor's note: This is the first of a series of articles that will focus on the sports and fitness opportunities available at the Solera Clubhouse.

There are many great sports and fitness specializations available to Solera residents right at our clubhouse. This series will focus on the people leading the various activities and is offered with the aim of helping to expand the understanding of what is being offered.

Merrilee Gaines – Yoga Friends



Merrilee Gaines has practiced yoga with a variety of teachers through the years. The Yoga Friends group has been around for almost 10 years in Solera. It is a self-directed class (meaning everyone does whatever they are comfortable doing). She leads the class with different routines each time it meets.

Merrilee likes yoga because you are not competing against anyone. The practice is done on an individual basis, each participant trying to improve themselves.

Yoga is a quiet sport; people can concentrate and focus on their mind and body. Merrilee will do inspirational readings at the beginning of each session to open up the mind and spirit. This enables each person to think in a larger context rather than just themselves,

Merrilee has adapted routines that work well in a group environment. She considers that some poses need some modifications, along with props, to help aid the person in doing yoga. She is constantly researching to keep the material new and fresh.

"I love seeing the smiles I get from the members of group after a session is done, and hearing from people how their health has improved, or pain has been relieved after a class, knowing I have helped them feel better than when they came through the door," she said.

Yoga has many benefits, depending upon a person's experience level. It can improve strength, balance, and flexibility. It may aid in better posture and body awareness. Yoga can help with back pain, ease arthritis symptoms, and reduce inflammation. It may benefit heart and bone health while relaxing you for better sleep. Yoga can contribute to more energy, brighter moods, and manage stress and pain levels. It may also improve mental health and boost immunity.

Steve Gordon — Pickleball

Steve Gordon, president of the Solera Pickleball Club, got involved with the sport due to covid. He used to play basketball and had never tried pickleball until moving to Solera. He would hike or swim, but he wasn't making new friends in the process. That wasn't the case with his wife, who played pickleball and was making new friends, even during the epidemic.

So Steve tried this new game and discovered that many of the skills associated with basketball and other sports translated nicely to pickleball. He is in his second year as president of the Solera club.

Pickleball is a growing sport not only in Solera, but across the country. Solera's courts have been upgraded and expanded so more people can experience the sport that involves hitting a whiffle-style ball with a paddle. Pickleball is played on a smaller but tennis-style court.

Steve likes the social interaction with fellow Solerans that he would never have met, along with their different backgrounds, cultures, and experiences.

He also has learned that his own play has improved by playing against others who are more experienced and talented when it comes to playing pickleball.

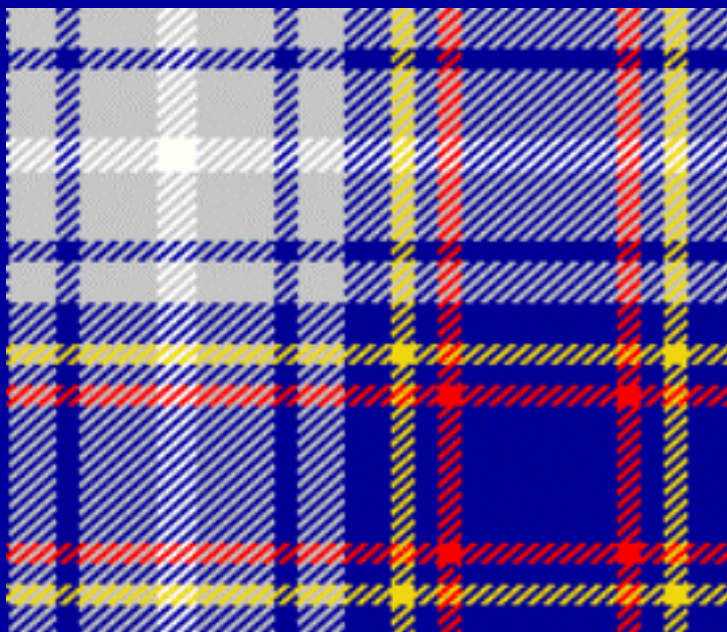
Among the benefits of pickleball are the mental aspects, the strategy of the game. You have to know where your partner is and the opponent's whereabouts to make the best point-scoring shot.

"There is a lot of thinking involved in the game that I was not aware of," Steve said.

Steve's most significant memory is being matched with a player so Steve could help that player improve both their skill level and confidence in the sport. ✨



NEVADA'S OFFICIAL TARTAN



Nevada's official tartan

Like most of the 50 states, Nevada has an official bird (Mountain bluebird), flower (sagebrush) and tree (single-leaf pinion). But our state has other such official symbols, including a reptile (Desert tortoise) and fossil (Ichthyosaur).

And like the various clans of Scotland, we have an official tartan. It was Richard Zygmunt Pawlowski of Boulder City and features colors that make Nevada "unique and bountiful."

The tartan's blue represents one of the official state colors, the waters of Lake Tahoe and the state bird; the silver represents the other state color, the granite of the Sierra Nevadas, and the silver country of northern Nevada; the red represents the Virgin Valley black fire opal and the red rock formations of southern Nevada; the yellow represents the state flower and the Great Basin Region; the white represents Nevada, the Spanish word meaning snow-covered.

The crossing of the yellow and red stripes represents the colors of Nevada sandstone; the white intersection on a silver field stands for our snow-capped peaks.

The four blue lines represent the four main rivers — Colorado, Truckee, Humboldt and Walker, while the intersecting blue lines represent the Colorado River as it meets Hoover Dam and creates Lake Mead.

The small solid boxes of silver and blue number 8 X 8, or 64, representing 1864, the year Nevada became a state, while the 13 solid-color intersections and the solid white intersection in the center of the tartan represent the 16 counties and the state's one consolidated city-county government. ✧

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October may make you think of Jack-O-Lanterns and all things Spooky, but there's so much more to this month than ghouls, goblins, and witches!

October is also Breast Cancer Awareness Month. This is a cause close to my heart as so many of my friends have battled this terrible disease, and most recently my mother. Statistically, about 1 in 8 women will develop invasive breast cancer in their lifetime, and there are roughly 300,000+/- new cases being diagnosed in the USA each year.

There is an event "Pink In The City" which will benefit the Breast Cancer Research Foundation (with special guest speaker Dr. Daliah Wachs MD, FAAFP) taking place on October 11, 2023 from 5-8 pm at the Sun City MacDonald Ranch clubhouse - details & tickets (\$35 per person) are available on Eventbrite.com. There are other worthy events in the month of October as well - check online to see if any of them interest you!



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