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# SCOTTSDALE SHADOWS

## NEWSLETTER

A Place To Call Home

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### Special points of interest:

- Les Miserables
- Lone Butte Casino
- Golf Tournament
- Spring Festival Sale
- St. Pat's Breakfast

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**FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER'S DESK**  
**March, 2009**

Well, the first taste of spring seems to have rolled into the Valley of the Sun, although we may yet experience some of the lazy food-filled days of winter. I wish to take this opportunity to let our owners know that the RCI Board and I are very much aware of the current economic turmoil, for we are affected in the same manner as the rest of those who call the *Shadows* their home. As budget re-evaluation time rolls around, every effort will be made to make whatever adjustments may be necessary, yet prudent, to help the Regimes, and our residents through this period.

As General Manager, I am intimately involved in the daily operation of RCI, and in many cases called upon by the various Regimes to assist them with issues they are facing. As a resident/owner, I have a vested interest in our home, as do you, and as GM, I am aware of what is necessary to *take care of and maintain* a Community of this size and nature. We are extremely fortunate in having a staff that is not only dedicated but extraordinarily competent and intimately familiar with the intricacies and unique requirements of a facility such as ours. If we did not have the current staff, it would become necessary to send out for bid, many of the projects, maintenance issues and repair requirements that arise. This would not only result in greater cost, but in inferior work.

The nature of our Community is changing with many of our older residents leaving us, for various reasons, and a younger population mixing in with those of us who are older. This change not only precipitates more paper work but in other ways puts greater pressure on our *physical plant*. This is a welcome change in that it infuses greater vitality into the Shadows, while forcing all of those who are responsible for governing us, to take a closer look at what our current resident compliment requires to make this a pleasant, safe and enviable place to live for all.

We are, because of our amenities, a *Resort-Like* Community, envied by most of those who pass through our gate. My guess is that like me, at least 95% of those who own, or reside here chose to do so because of what we have to offer. Many of our residents take this for granted, and do not realize that because of our amenities, we continue to be the *Best Buy In Town*. Some state that our maintenance fees are too high, When, however, you take into consideration what those fees cover, and compare monthly costs, even if one rents elsewhere, adding to the rental fees, air conditioning, heat, water, and other utilities, you will find that comparison points in our favor, even without the amenities we have to offer.

While there are those who protest that we could cut costs by eliminating some of our amenities, please remember that when those who purchased here, closed title, they entered into a contract with their Respective Regimes and RCI to provide the services and amenities for which they bargained and that induced them to choose the Shadows as their

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home. We understand the current economic situation and the effect it has on all of us, and together the Board and I will make every reasonable effort to provide relief to the Regimes, without compromising the beauty, and desirability of our Community. Those of us who resided here during the reign of our previous management company cannot easily forget the slow and continuous deterioration of the appearance and the deplorable cut back of staffing that threw the Shadows into decline. In time, as the economy recovers, and it will, and as the financial pressures upon all of us become less of a pressing factor, the fact that our Boards, Officers, Directors and Management refused to let the Shadows slide will truly be appreciated.

Sincerely,  
Roger M. Friedman/GM



# *Movies of the Month*

## **Friday at 1PM**

**March 6** *Nights in Rodanthe* running time 97 minutes **PG-13** *Starring:* **Diane Lane, Richard Gere.** Adapted from author Nicholas Sparks' popular romance novel, director George C. Wolfe's *Nights in Rodanthe* tells the tale of a doctor en route to reconcile with his estranged son when his benevolent mission is sidelined upon checking into a North Carolina beach-town inn. When the doctor arrives at the inn, he enters into a passionate affair with an unhappily married woman who is currently considering divorce.

**March 13** *Changeling* running time 142 minutes **R** *Starring:* **Angelina Jolie.** Inspired by actual events that occurred in 1920s-era Los Angeles, Clint Eastwood's *The Changeling* tells the story of a woman driven to confront a corrupted LAPD after her abducted son is retrieved and she begins to suspect that the boy returned to her is not the same boy she gave birth to. Over the course of the following months, the desperate mother would launch a search that would ultimately prove fruitless. As much as Christine would like to accept the fact that her son has been returned to her, she cannot accept the injustice being pushed upon her and continues to challenge the Prohibition-era Los Angeles police force at every turn.

**March 20** *Australia* running time 165 minutes **PG-13** *Starring:* **Hugh Jackman, Nicole Kidman.** Set against the scenic backdrop of pre-World War II Australia. An English aristocrat who inherits a sprawling ranch, and Hugh Jackman as the rough-and-tumble cattle driver who helps protect her property from greedy English cattle barons. As the pair attempt to herd 2,000 head of cattle hundreds of miles across the treacherous Australian outback, they are stunned to bear witness to the bombing of Darwin by Japanese forces -- who just a few months prior launched a devastating attack on Pearl Harbor.

**March 20** *The Boy in The Striped Pajamas* running time 94 minutes **PG-13** *Starring:* **Asa Butterfield, Jack Scanlon.** The innocent son of a high-ranking Nazi commandant, Bruno has been largely shielded from the harsh realities of the war. When Bruno discovers that his father has been promoted and that their family will be moving from Berlin into the countryside, he doesn't take the news well. Increasingly bored in his sprawling yet dreary country abode and forbidden by his mother from exploring the backyard, young Bruno searches for something to do while his older sister plays with dolls and vies for the attention of handsome Lieutenant Kotler. One day, bored and gazing out his bedroom window, Bruno spies what first appears to be a nearby farm; his parents refuse to discuss it, and all of the inhabitants there are curiously clad in striped pajamas. But while Bruno's mother naively believes the "farm" to be an internment camp, her husband has sworn under oath never to reveal that it is in fact an extermination camp specifically designed to help the Nazis achieve their horrific "Final Solution."

## Events in March

### Spring Festival Sale

When: Saturday, March 7  
 Where: Lounge Room  
 Time: 11 AM - 4 PM  
 Cost: FREE (Vendors \$5 - \$15 Tables)

### St. Patrick's Day Breakfast

When: Tuesday, March 17  
 Where: Lounge  
 Time: 10 AM  
 Cost: \$1

### Les Miserables

When: Thursday, March 12  
 Where: Phoenix Theatre  
 Time: 6:15 PM (Bus Departs)  
 Cost: \$65 (Bus + Show)

### Golf Tournament

When: Saturday, March 21  
 Where: Golf Course  
 Time: 8 AM Start  
 Cost: \$5 (Used for Prize Money)



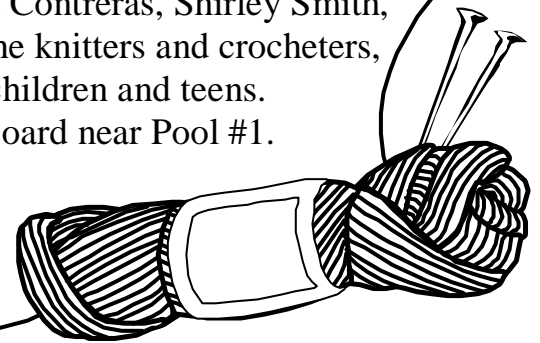
**BINGO  
Returns!**

*Thursday, March 12  
&  
Thursday, March 26  
7PM Start*

Refreshments will be provided

## Knit Wits

The Scottsdale Shadows Knit-Wits (and Happy Hookers, too) have done it again. Really big time, this time! They delivered more than fifty blankets to Banner Desert Medical Center's Pediatric Oncological Unit. The covers are for the young cancer patients undergoing chemotherapy and, in some cases, their siblings. The children's ages range from infancy to early twenties. Heartfelt thanks to all the knitters, crocheters and these wonderful ladies who have contributed yarn for the labors of love. Gayla Stein, Marylou Pisano, Lydia Contreras, Shirley Smith, and Joanne Poplin. All of these women, along with the knitters and crocheters, have helped to make a difference in the lives of sick children and teens. Their labor of love can be viewed on the Bulletin Board near Pool #1.



## Art All Around Us

Art Discussion

**Title Of Talk:**

Slice of Americana

**Time Period Covered In Talk:**

Early 20th Century

**Description Of Talk:**

Slice of Americana covers the art of the Regionalist Painters of the United States. They rose to popularity in the early part of the 20th Century-mainly during the Great Depression. Their names were: Thomas Hart Benton, John Stuart Curry, and Grant Wood. This is the story of how they sought to paint the American Scene with a modern sensibility, but were scorned by art critics of the day and loved by the American public.

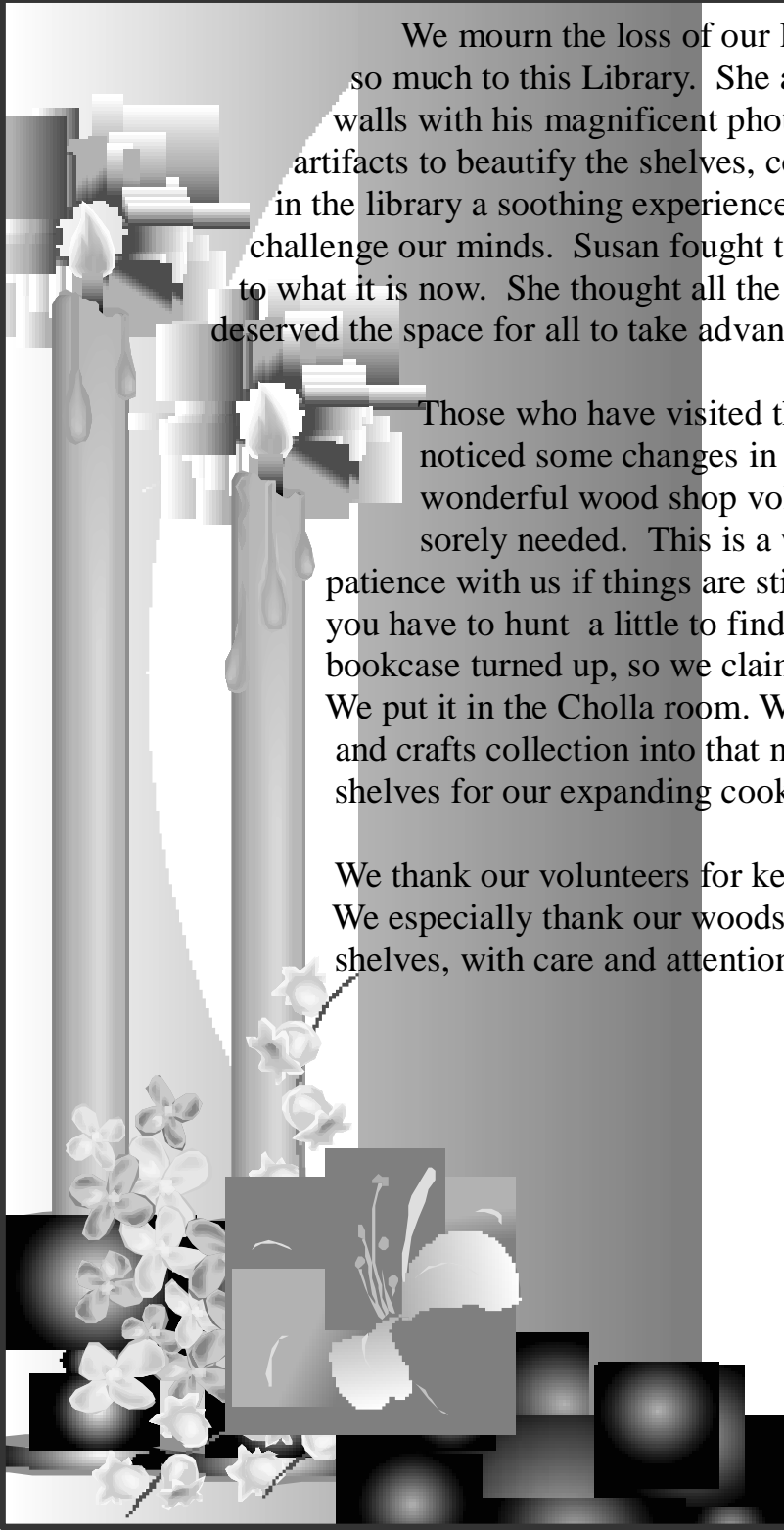
When: Tuesday, March 3, 2009

Where: Navajo Room

Time: 10:30 AM



# LIBRARY NEWS



We mourn the loss of our lovely lady, Susan Isbell, who gave so much to this Library. She and her husband, Bill, enhanced the walls with his magnificent photographs. Susan found interesting artifacts to beautify the shelves, comfortable furniture to make reading in the library a soothing experience, setting up the puzzle table to challenge our minds. Susan fought to have the physical space increased to what it is now. She thought all the generous donations of our residents deserved the space for all to take advantage of. We will miss her very much.

Those who have visited the library recently would have noticed some changes in the shelving. We have had our wonderful wood shop volunteers make additions that were sorely needed. This is a work in progress, so please have patience with us if things are still not accurately labeled and you find you have to hunt a little to find your favorite authors. An additional bookcase turned up, so we claimed it, with Roger Friedman's O.K. We put it in the Cholla room. We'll be moving our art, architecture and crafts collection into that new bookcase. That will free up shelves for our expanding cook book collection.

We thank our volunteers for keeping our library looking so good. We especially thank our woodshop guys for turning out such great shelves, with care and attention to function and safety.

Marilyn Freedner & Ruth Albert

## Phoenix Theatre 2009/2010 Season

**Curtains** - The Musical Comedy Whodunit.  
From the creators of "Cabaret" & "Chicago."  
Date: Thursday, September 24

**Glorious** - The Joyful Florence Foster  
Jenkins had a passion for singing, but a voice  
of disastrous proportions.  
Date: Thursday, January 7, 2010

**All The More To Love** - Magic happens  
at this plus-sized women - and the occasional  
cross-dresser resale clothing store.  
Date: Thursday, April 29, 2010

**Always Patsy Cline** - Based on the  
unlikely true story of the legendary country  
singer's friendship with Houston housewife  
Louise Seger.  
Date: Thursday, May 27, 2010

Show times and dates are subject to change

Reserve your seats for next Season with a \$5 Deposit.

## Dancing With The Stars - Exercise Class



**When:** Every Thursday

**Where:** Lounge

**Time:** 5:30 PM

**Cost:** FREE

# Community Board

## Poker Players

### We Play :

Wednesday And Thursday 1-4 pm  
Call Fred **941-8305**

RCI has Free Notary Services.

**Please CALL for an appointment**  
**Lori Hammond 480-994-2063**

*Records and Registration*

## REMINDER:

**NO REFUNDS WILL BE GIVEN  
ON ANY EVENT, ONCE EVENT HAS  
BEEN PAID FOR BY RCI.**

Please understand that once we pay for an event we, RCI, do not get the money back. We cannot be responsible for refunds.  
Thank you for your understanding.

## Pool Aerobics

**Instructor Bobbie Levine**  
**POOL 1 7 days a week Starts @ 10 am**

# Regime News

## Attention Regime VI

As previously announced, please be advised that after March 15, 2009 storage locker #37 in Bldg. 30 and storage locker #31 in Bldg. 31 will be opened and contents removed, unless those individuals occupying Them, come forward and identify themselves.

**Your Board**

## Attention All Regimes

Please Call Activities Office at **480-994-2073** before the 21st of the month, we will post any notices you want your residents to be informed on, i.e., Meetings, changes, etc.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
1 Pool Aerobics 7 Days a Week 10 AM Pool 1 <i>Bobby Levine</i> Instructor	2	3 Art All Around Us 10:30 AM	4 Bus - Ranch Market 11:30 AM Game Day @ 12PM	5 Knit Wits @ 10 AM Zumba @ 5:30 PM	6 Movie Day @ 1 pm <i>Nights in Rodanthe</i> PG-13	7 Spring Festival Sale 11AM - 4 PM Lounge	
8	9 Lone Butte Casino 10 AM Bus Departs	10 Bus - Pavilions 11:30 AM Game Day @ 12PM	11 Les Miserables Bus Departs 6:15 PM	12 Knit Wits @ 10 AM Zumba @ 5:30 PM Bingo @ 7 PM	13 Movie Day @ 1 pm <i>Changeling</i> R	14	
15	16 Regime VI Meeting Navajo 7 PM St. Patrick's Day Breakfast 10 AM	17 Bus - Mesa Riverview 11:30 AM Game Day @ 12PM	18 Knit Wits @ 10 AM Zumba @ 5:30 PM Regime VII Meeting Navajo 7 PM	19 Golf Tournament 8 AM Start \$5 Sign-Up Today!	20 Movie Day @ 1 pm <i>Australia</i> PG-13	21	
22	23	24 Bus - Pavilions 11:30 AM Game Day @ 12PM	25 Knit Wits @ 10 AM Zumba @ 5:30 PM Bingo @ 7 PM	26 Movie Day @ 1 pm <i>The Boy in The Striped Pajamas</i> PG-13	27	28	
29	30	31				<b>Activities</b> <b>Director</b> <b>Ramiro Wong</b> <b>994-2073</b>	
<b>Activities</b>						<b>RCI</b>	<b>Activities</b>

# Coming in April

## Art All Around Us

How The Queen Got Her Pictures

Docent: *Barbara Siegel*

Refreshments Provided

**When:** Tuesday, April 7th

**Where:** Navajo

**Time:** 10:30 AM

**Cost:** FREE

## Wii - Tennis

Sign-up is required  
before the day of the event.  
Bring in your friends and  
play doubles matches.

Refreshments provided

**When:** Tuesday, April 21

**Where:** Lounge

**Time:** 1 PM

**Cost:** FREE

## CATS

ASU GAMMAGE

The original production of CATS opened in the New London Theatre, in the West End in 1981. Eight years later, it celebrated both its birthday and another important milestone. It had become the longest running musical in the history of the British theatre.

**When:** Thursday, April 9th, 2009

**Where:** ASU Gammage

**Time:** 6:15 PM Bus Departs

**Cost:** \$67 (Bus & Show)

## Breakfast in the Lounge

Sign-up is required  
before the day of the event.

**When:** Friday, April 24th

**Where:** Lounge

**Time:** 10 AM

**Cost:** \$1