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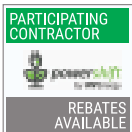
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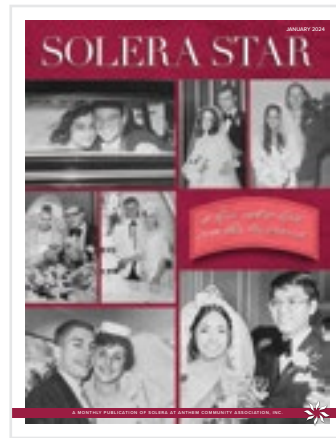
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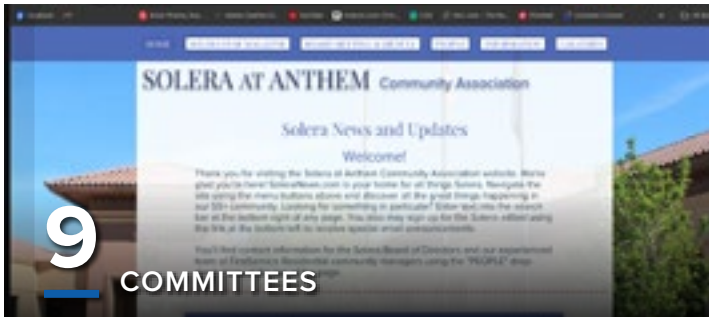
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Agendas are available the week before the meeting, and are emailed out to all residents with an email address on file. To request a copy of the agenda, you may also reach out to Management directly.

Board of Directors Executive Session

February 7 | 9:30 a.m. | *Stardust*

Board of Directors Meeting

February 14 | 9:30 a.m. | *Stardust*

Annual Owners Meeting

February 21 | 4:00 p.m. | *Stardust*

Board of Directors Executive Session

March 6 | 9:30 a.m. | *Stardust*

Board of Directors Meeting

March 13 | 9:30 a.m. | *Stardust*

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BY THE COMMUNITY STANDARDS COMMITTEE



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The holidays are behind us, and we look forward to the new year. January passed quickly. Friends and family members who traveled from colder climates to spend the holidays with you may be returning to enjoy our more mild weather.

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- May 26
- June 30
- Sept 1
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April 17

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COMMITTEES

SOLERA'S COMMITTEES AT WORK

ENHANCING COMMUNITY COMMUNICATIONS

BY THE COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

Editor's note: This is the first in a series of reports outlining the work of the various standing committees of the Solera at Anthem community.

Although Solera at Anthem was established in 2003, it wasn't until 2014 that the Board of Directors created what was then an *ad hoc* communications committee to write articles for the *Solera Star*, various brochures and to help celebrate community anniversaries. It would be another year before the *ad hoc* label was removed and Communications became an official Solera at Anthem standing committee.

In an updated resolution in 2020, the committee was charged with three responsibilities:

- Assist management in the development of articles appropriate for publication in the Association Magazine;
- Assist management and the Board of Directors in developing meaningful methods of communicating with homeowners;
- Assist management in the maintenance of the community website.

Basically, the committee works with the lifestyle director and the assistant in producing the monthly *Solera Star* magazine, in maintaining the soleranews.com website, and in offering the twice-a-week eBlast, to which you can subscribe through the link on the homepage of Solera's website.

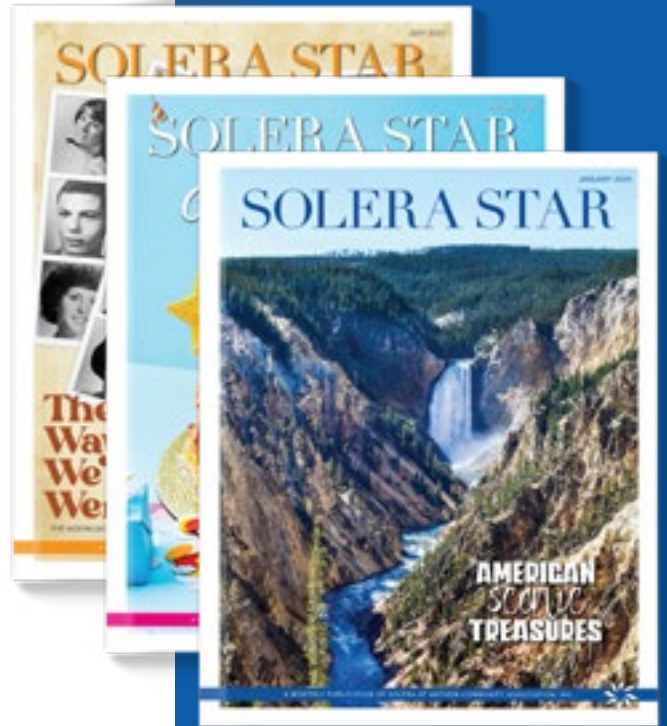
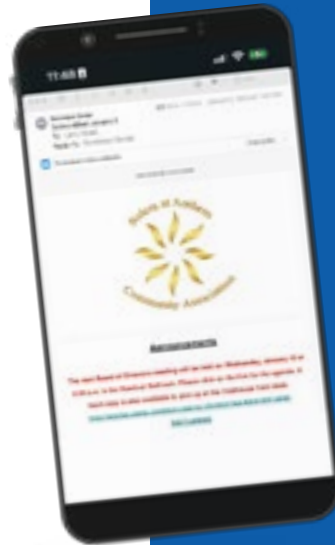
As of the deadline for this issue, committee members are Marcia Adams, Laura Addi, Betty Boyd, Larry Edsall, Tom Gorman and Nadyne Sweetko, with Frank Nobel as the Board's liaison and Dominique Jordan-Qaraja as Solera's newly promoted Lifestyle Manager.

We also must note the work for the previous 2 1/2 years of former lifestyle director Sandi Anderson, who enabled the committee's efforts to enhance and expand the *Star's* content, to produce the 20th anniversary issue this past August, and to change the magazine's printer, a move that produced an annual savings to the association of more than \$21,000.

The committee usually meets the first Thursday of each month, at 9:30 a.m. in the MGM Room, and visitors are welcome. The committee occasionally holds a second meeting, a workshop session. The lastest one was scheduled for January 25 — a brainstorming session to suggest *Star* story ideas for the next year.

While the committee has focused on the *Star*, website and eBlast, in 2023 it also worked on its other board-mandated duty, that of developing meaningful methods of communicating with homeowners. It hosted a brainstorming session with Jacob Kay, the community manager, and, in the aftermath, began offering reports to homeowners and renters alike through the eBlast on Solera Board of Directors meetings.

Another result was the first of a series of quarterly meetings where the chairs of the various Solera standing committees can discuss their committees' work and issues in common with a goal of enhancing life in Solera.



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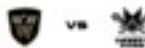


SAT | MAR 30

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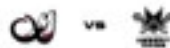
SAT | APR 13



HONORING
HOMETOWN
HEROES

GIVEAWAY: COMIC BOOK

FAN APPRECIATION
AUTOGRAPH SESSION



SAT | APR 20

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SUPPORTING CHILDREN'S
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GIVEAWAY: POSTER

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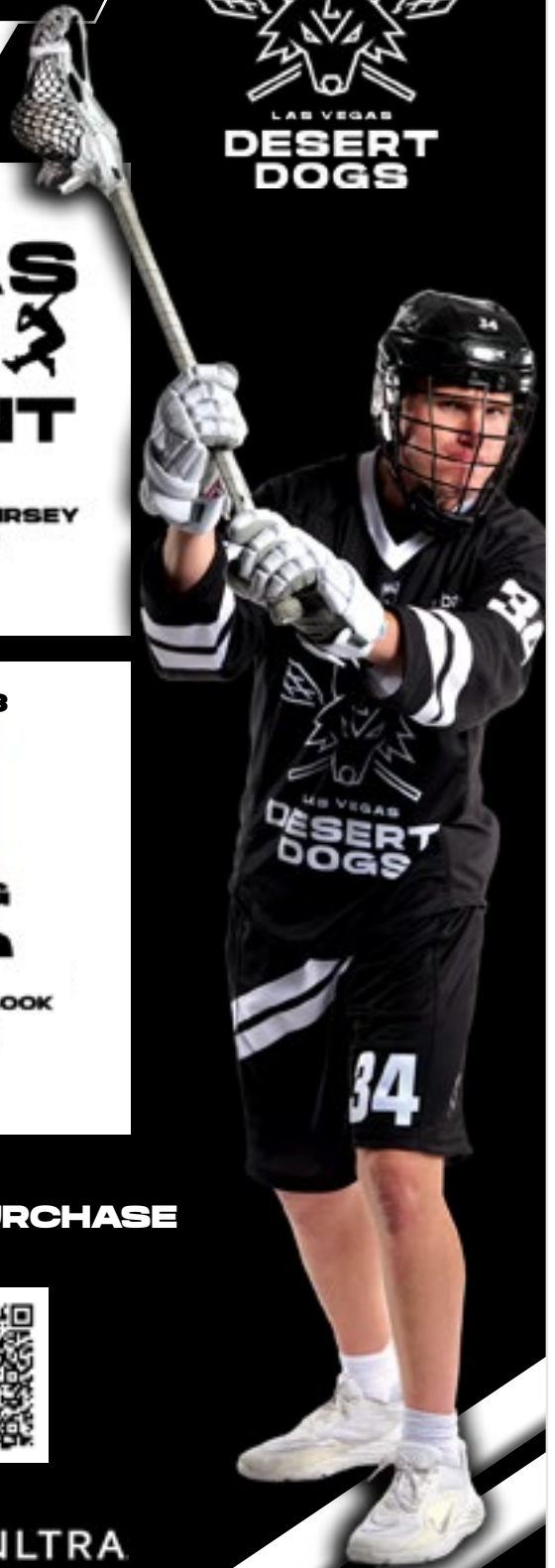


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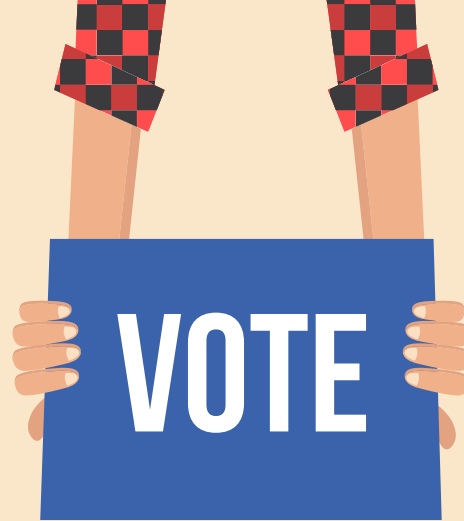


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BOARD OF DIRECTORS VOTING INSTRUCTIONS



VOTE

Solera residents have the opportunity to cast several votes in this year, including the U.S. Presidential Preference Primary this month, the June Primary, and the General Election in November.

Of immediate concern for residents of Solera at Anthem is the annual election of our Board of Directors. Your ballot and voting instructions are being mailed concurrent with this issue of the *Solera Star*. On the following pages you'll find the biographies submitted by the five candidates running for the four seats on the Board. To keep the proper election sequence for the 7-person board, the three candidates receiving the most votes will serve 2-year terms and the fourth highest candidate will serve a 1-year term.

You can vote for as many as four candidates on your ballot.

A "Meet the Candidates" forum took place on January 18 and a more informal open house with candidates occurred in the clubhouse on January 21.

In addition to the candidate pages that follow, each candidate's two-page nomination form is available for viewing on the resident portal on the Solera website.

Your ballot must be delivered to the Solera at Anthem clubhouse — by mail or you can drop it in the ballot box at the monitor's desk — by 4:00 p.m. on February 21.

If you wish, you can watch as the votes are opened and counted in the ballroom by a team of Solera residents who have volunteered to serve as ballot counters. That process begins at 4:00 p.m. The results of the election will be announced as soon as the tally is completed as part of the annual unit owners meeting, which is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. February 21.

Immediately afterward, the new Board of Directors will hold its organizational meeting to appoint officers and committee liaisons. ✨



2024 BOARD OF DIRECTORS CANDIDATES

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ASSOCIATION



Greetings my name is Bob Waskowitz. I am proudly running for the Board of Directors for our Solera Community

A little about myself. I am originally from Pittsburgh PA & attended Thiel College & earned my Bachelor Degree in Accounting. I then joined the USMC & served for 2 years. I gained a great deal of knowledge while being in the Marine Corp as a disbursing clerk & auditing payroll records. After the Marine Corp I worked at the IRS office in Pittsburgh PA as an IRS Revenue Agent for 30 years auditing Fortune 500 companies.

After retiring I moved to Laughlin, NV in 2002 & was on a HOA Board as President of that Association.

I have been on the Solera Board for 2 years previously serving as Treasurer & as a Director of the Board. These are some of the activities I am involved in: Presently I serve as a member of the Finance Committee. Also I am deeply involved with the Lifestyle committee as a volunteer & I was also formerly the liaison for that committee & many of you would know me from the events (such as bingo & particularly working the HOT DOG machine) & activities which I participate in with the Lifestyle committee.

I could include more achievements but there are too many to list. If you don't know who I am ask my wife (Debbie) who is a member of the Lifestyle committee.

I would like your vote & the opportunity to serve as your Board member to enrich & keep our Solera community a great place to live.

FRANK NOBEL

(BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2020 – 2023)



Hi, I am Frank Nobel and I'm seeking a Solera Board of Director Position as an incumbent. I have been on the board for three years. When I first ran for the board, I provided the following background information:

I worked for the State of Michigan and retired as Director of Labor Relations with the Michigan Employment Security Commission. My responsibilities included, but not limited to, member of the Michigan Management Team bargaining with the United Auto Workers, lead position for the Agency bargaining with the UAW, represent the Agency/State in grievances, arbitrations and workers compensation issues.

As a resident of Solera for twelve years, my wife, Joanne, and I have enjoyed many of the provided benefits, such as, attending the Lifestyle Committee events and healthy living functions such as, line dancing, dance aerobics, gym and even billiards.

I am running for the Board of Directors, as an incumbent, to continue to give back to the Solera Community that Joanne and I have so thoroughly enjoyed.

The above background being said, I have added to the community by being a Member of the Board. I have served as Secretary to the Board. I am the Board liaison to the Communications Committee which is responsible for the Solera Star magazine, E-Blasts and Web Site. I have covered for other Board members as liaison to committees, such as, ARC, Community Standards, Building and Grounds, and Lifestyle when it was not possible for them to attend. And, I have attended Finance committee meetings to get the monetary view of what is going on in our community. Most recently, I supported the Board's commitment to working on cutting costs on major projects like the irrigation system/landscaping at the Villas. The covered patio project was not supported because of the escalating costs. The pickle ball/tennis courts situation is being discussed. I voted for the compromise to raise the water temperature in our pool, and voted for immediate implementation. I voted against raising the cost to attend the Holiday Party. I firmly believe and support the Board's efforts to watch our budget but the Solera Community services/events should not be subject to a "nickel and dime" approach. My personnel feeling toward this community is reflected in my December Solera Star article, "My Window On Solera". If you have read that article, and that's how you feel too, I welcome your vote. Thank You.

Michael (Mike) A. Goff



My wife (Ilene) and I purchased our home in 2006 and permanently moved here in May of 2008. We were attracted to Solera for many reasons. Some of the features that were very important to us were: Solera being an age restricted community, Solera's location in the valley, Solera's very reasonable HOA fees, and lastly, the numerous amenities and activities offered within the community. We are very pleased with our decision to live here and we have no plans or expectations to ever leave.

My inspiration and reason for running for the Board of Directors is very simple: I want Solera to be the **Best Community It Can Be!** I have the skills, work experience, determination and drive necessary to be very successful as your Board Member. I am a very good leader, a very good problem solver, and very good at getting projects and/or tasks across the finish line. I commit to you that I will dedicate myself to the job at hand and work with the existing Board Members and Management to achieve a common goal.

I previously served on the Solera Board from '19-'21, serving as Treasurer the final year. Once again I am serving as Treasurer, appointed as Interim Treasurer in April 2023. If elected to the Board in 2024, I will continue to work tirelessly and diligently on behalf of all residents to:

- Uphold the existing Solera By-laws, CC&Rs and Standards
- Honor my fiduciary responsibility by making sound, fiscally responsible financial decisions with a laser focus on keeping HOA dues as low as possible, all without compromising our standards and quality of life for residents
- Ensure that our facilities and equipment are all properly maintained and in good working order for all residents to enjoy
- Continuously search for opportunities, new assets, new amenities, more efficient and effective methods of operation to increase our community's value and desirability
- Value all suggestions, ideas, opinions, comments and criticism from all residents and stakeholders
- Focus my attention on improving communications, transparency and community relations

In 2015, after working nearly 34 years in the gaming industry, I retired. During my career with an industry leading gaming company I have:

- Held key leadership positions at the property, division and corporate levels
- Led both large and small departments in operations, sales and marketing
- Been responsible for 9-figure annual revenue performance results
- Managed and been accountable for an 8-figure annual budget
- Chaired and/or participated on numerous company committees and task forces

My hobbies are traveling, hiking, golf, tennis, pickle ball, working out in the gym, yoga and working on projects around the house. I am a member in good standing with the Pickle Ball Club. I am also a Neighborhood Watch Block Captain.

I respectfully ask for your vote of confidence. I commit to you that I will work very hard for you and this community and rely on my demonstrated skills, instincts, leadership abilities and business experiences to make you more proud of our community.

Together, let's make Solera the **Best Community It Can Be!**

Respectfully,
Michael (Mike) A. Goff
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- **President- 1990 - 1996**

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- **Agent – 1976 - 1980**

Top Listing/Selling agent multiple years

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1994 Educator of the Year Award, State of Utah

Awarded for extraordinary educational services

1992 Board President, Salt Lake Board of REALTORS®

Served all leadership and most committee positions

1979, 1981, 1983 Nominated Salesman of the Year, Salt Lake Board of REALTORS®

ASSOCIATION



My name is Kathy Tataasciore, and I am running for a seat on the Board of Directors. I have lived in Solera since January, 2013.

I have a Bachelor of Science degree from Kutztown University in Pennsylvania. My work experience was in Human Resources and my final position was Senior Vice President/Director of Human Resources for a Financial Holding Company with locations in 5 states on the East Coast. I oversaw the 300+ employees in New Jersey.

I had been a member, the Secretary and the Chairperson of the Communications Committee, for 3 years prior to the Covid Pandemic.

I am currently a member of the Community Standards Committee.

I would look forward to becoming a member of the Board of Directors with the following objectives in mind:

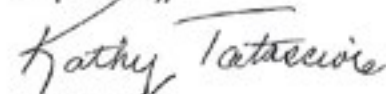
1. Electronic Voting, already approved by the state for Board Elections
2. Electronic survey for the Age Requirement survey
3. More community involvement for decision making that affects the entire community, not just a select few.
4. Find ways/solutions for owners to observe/listen to participate in monthly Board meetings. i.e. phone-ins for listening only; ZOOM, etc.
5. Investment/Rental properties controlled as to the percentage of homes allowed, if possible

I do not know if, or how, these might be attained, but I am willing to research them so that they may come to fruition with the agreement of other Board members and the input of the community.

I have no conflicts of which the homeowners should be made aware and I am a member in good standing.

Thanking you in advance for your vote of confidence and support.

Respectfully,



Kathy Tataasciore

SOLERA AT ANTHEM COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGARDING HOLDINGS OF CONSTRUCTION DEFECT FUNDS**

WHEREAS Solera at Anthem Community Association (the "Association") is a Nevada non-profit corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Nevada and whereas the governing documents of the Association, including its CC&R's;

WHEREAS on or about September 1, 2011, the Association filed a lawsuit against defendants Del Webb Communities, Inc., P.S.H. Inc., John Delle Donne of Nevada, and Burke & Associates for construction defects relating to the construction and development of various aspects of the Association project. The lawsuit was filed in Clark County, Nevada District Judicial District, as case number AM17CV0101 (petition).

WHEREAS, in particular, the construction defects as alleged by the Association in the litigation related to construction defects in the construction and/or design of portions of the Community Center, a section of all townhome community known as The Villas at Solera at Anthem;

WHEREAS, pursuant to multiple settlement agreements entered into between the Association and the defendants relating to the litigation, the Association received settlement funds ("Settlement Funds") in use to make future repairs to those portions of the Community Center and The Villas that were alleged to have been defective, as set forth in the litigation. Del Webb and Pulse were dismissed as defendants from the litigation on or about January 2, 2015;

WHEREAS, those Settlement Funds have been held by the Association in a special construction defect lawsuit, and have been claimed upon since 2015 to make various needed repairs and replacements to those items that were alleged to be defective. As time has passed, however, many of those items that were alleged to be defective have been repaired or replaced and the frequency of the need of such repairs has significantly decreased;


WHEREAS, the Association Board of Directors ("Board") desires to close the construction defect account and move the remaining Settlement Funds into other Association holdings that the Board deems to be the best interests of the Association;


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board adopts the following resolution regarding the move of the holding of the Association's remaining Settlement Funds:

1. Due to the decreasing frequency of needed repairs relating to the construction defects as alleged in the litigation, the Board will close the construction defect account and transfer all remaining Settlement Funds in accordance with this Resolution;
2. The Board may, in its discretion and belief that it is acting in the best interest of the Association, transfer portions of the Settlement Funds into the Association's operating account, reserve account and/or other holding or investment instrument;
3. The Board will, and reserves the right to, exercise its discretion on where to transfer those remaining Settlement Funds, to be used for the benefit of the Association;
4. This Resolution in no way changes or modifies any duty or responsibility the Association has to maintain, repair and/or replace the Association's common areas or any other area or components that the Association has a duty or responsibility to maintain, repair and/or replace. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, Settlement Funds will not be used to repair or replace any windows on the units in The Villas when such repair or replacement is the result of normal wear and tear; the Settlement Funds will only be used to repair those conditions which were defective as asserted in the litigation;
5. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, pursuant to NRS 116.311395, all funds of the Association, including the Settlement Funds, shall be maintained and invested in a financial institution whose accounts are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, National Union Share Insurance Fund, Securities Investor Protection Corporation, or a private insurer approved pursuant to NRS 678.755, or in government securities that are backed by the full faith and credit of the United States Government.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Resolution Regarding Holdings of Construction Defect Funds have been executed by the Association as of this 10th day of January, 2024. The undersigned hereby certify that this Resolution has been adopted and approved in accordance with the NRS 116 and the Association's Governing Documents.

SOLERA AT ANTHEM COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, a Nevada non-profit corporation

By: 
Its: Secretary
Print Name: David De Oto

By: 
Its: President
Print Name: Joe Lightowler

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FEBRUARY MILITARY HISTORY

BY THE SOLERA VETERANS AND FIRST RESPONDERS CLUB

Editor's note: *The Solera Veterans and First Responders Club will not be meeting February 6 due to Presidential Primary voting taking place in the Stardust Room.*

February 3, 1943 - An extraordinary act of heroism occurred in the icy waters off Greenland after the U.S. Army transport ship Dorchester was hit by a German torpedo and began to sink rapidly. When it became apparent there were not enough life jackets, four U.S. Army chaplains on board removed theirs, handed them to frightened young soldiers, and chose to go down with the ship while praying.

February 9, 1943 - During World War II in the Pacific, U.S. troops captured Guadalcanal in the Solomon Islands after six months of battle with 9,000 Japanese and 2,000 Americans killed.



February 10, 1942 - The first Medal of Honor during World War II was awarded (posthumously) to 2nd Lt. Alexander Nininger for heroism during the Battle of Bataan.

February 13, 1945 - During World War II in Europe, British and American planes began massive bombing raids on Dresden, Germany. A four-day firestorm erupted that was visible for 200 miles and engulfed the historic old city, killing an estimated 135,000 German civilians.

February 15, 1898 - In Havana, the U.S. Battleship Maine was blown up while at anchor and quickly sank with 260 crew members lost. The incident inflamed public opinion in the U.S., resulting in a declaration of war against Spain on April 25, 1898, amid cries of "Remember the Maine!"



February 17, 1865 - During the American Civil War, Fort Sumter in South Carolina was returned to the Union after nearly a year and a half under Confederate control. The fort had been the scene of the first shots of the war.

February 17, 1909 - Apache Chief Geronimo (1829-1909) died while in captivity at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. He had led a small group of warriors on raids throughout Arizona and New Mexico. Caught once, he escaped. The U.S. Army then sent 5,000 men to recapture him.

February 19, 1945 - U.S. Marines made an amphibious landing on Iwo Jima.

February 20, 1943 - German Field Marshal Erwin Rommel broke through American lines at Kasserine Pass in North Africa as inexperienced U.S. Troops lost their first major battle of World War II in Europe, with 1,000 Americans killed.

February 23, 1942 - During World War II, the first attack on the U.S. mainland occurred as a Japanese submarine shelled an oil refinery near Santa Barbara, California, causing minor damage.

February 23, 1942 - The flag raising on Mt. Suribachi (Iwo Jima) occurred in the early afternoon.

February 23, 1991 - In Desert Storm, the Allied ground offensive began after a devastating month-long air campaign targeting Iraqi troops in both Iraq and Kuwait.



February 27, 1991 - In Desert Storm, the 100-hour ground war ended as Allied troops entered Kuwait just four days after launching their offensive against Saddam Hussein's Iraqi forces. ✨



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FRIDAY, FEB. 2 | 7PM
DOLLAR LOAN CENTER



Tickets will be available for purchase at the Clubhouse Lady Luck Room on Wednesday, January 17 at 9am.

Tickets are **\$45**
(includes admission & transportation)
Bus will leave Solera at 5pm & return around 9:30pm.



Valentine's Dance

FRIDAY, FEB. 9
6-8PM | STARDUST ROOM

\$15 residents / \$17 guests

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FRIDAY, FEB. 16
9-10:30AM | STARDUST ROOM

This is a FREE event for Solera residents only
Coffee, donuts & muffins will be served
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Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) Presentation

THURSDAY, FEB. 27
2PM | STARDUST ROOM

The Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) will provide information about the public transportation system in the Las Vegas Valley, focusing on the Flexible Demand Response transit service. This service offers Anthem residents the convenience of door-to-door transit service three days a week. Please sign-up at the Clubhouse Front Desk if you are interested in attending.



FREE Community Shredding and Electronic Recycling Event for Solera residents



SATURDAY, MAR. 23
12-3PM | CLUBHOUSE PARKING LOT (Lower Lot)

The Blind Center of Nevada Electronic Recycling Refurbishing Operation, employs those who are visually impaired, creates a revenue to help the blind community, and helps keep our environment clean. All e-waste is repurposed or recycled in an environmentally friendly way and 100% of the proceeds go directly to the Blind Center of Nevada. The Blind Center of Nevada is also a 501(c)(3) organization, so your e-waste donations are to be tax-deductible.

Please see the list of acceptable electronics below:

Computers	Printers	Tube
AV equipment	Flat Screen computer monitors	CRT boxed Monitors
Laptops	Cell phones	Rear Projections TV
Tablets	VHS players	Old boxed TV
Wire	Not accepting: Flat-screen televisions	Copiers
Scanners		
Servers		

Must show Solera ID for Shredding event



HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY

THURSDAY, MAR. 14
6-9PM | STARDUST ROOM

\$20 residents/ \$22 guests

Entertainment will be provided by Mark Aston



Sandwiches, cookies and soft drinks will be provided. This is a BYOB event! Tickets will be available for purchase at the Clubhouse Lady Luck Room on Wednesday, February 28 at 9:00 a.m.




Temporary Pet Foster Program

Come Learn About the Foundation Assisting Seniors Temporary Pet Foster Program

TUESDAY, MAR. 26
10-11AM | STARDUST ROOM



FEBRUARY 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
28	29	30	31	1 Communications 9:30am First Day of Black History Month	2 Henderson Silver Knight Outing (Bus leaves at 5pm)	3
4	5	6 ARC 9am Election Day for Presidential Preference Primary	7 Executive Board 9:30am	8	9 Valentine's Dance 6pm	10 Fitness Center Orientation 10am Lunar New Year
11 Big Game Party (Sponsored by the ROMEO's) 2:30pm	12 Covenants 10am	13 Veterans & First Responders 6:30pm Bulk Trash Day	14 Board of Directors 9:30am Valentine's Day	15 Bingo 6:30pm	16 Cupid Coffee Social w/ Henderson Police 9am	17
18	19 Presidents' Day	20 Lifestyle 11:15am	21 Buildings & Grounds 9:30am Annual Owners Meeting 4pm	22	23	24
25	26	27 RTC Presentation 2pm Bulk Trash Day	28 Tickets on Sale for St. Patrick's Dance 9am Finance 9:30am Community Standard 4pm	29 Coffee & Conversation w/ Author D.M. Murphy 6:30pm	MAR 1	2
3	4	5 ARC 9am	6 Executive Board 9:30am	7 Communications 9:30am	8	9

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

Aquasize | Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday | 10 a.m.
Diane Fimiano | Aquadiane1@aol.com

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.
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Handcrafted Creations Club

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

Quilts & More | Tuesday & Friday | 10 a.m.
Maryann Bianco
(702) 453-2884 | maryann.bianco@yahoo.com

Stained Glass | Wednesdays | 12:30-5 p.m.
Bob Stahurski | (702) 994-3919

Paper Works / Greeting Cards Club | Monday | 1 p.m.
Linda Freitas | dfreitas89044@cox.net

Party Bridge Club | Tuesday & Thursday | 12:30 p.m.
David Hon | (801) 791-6229 | hondid@msn.com

Pickleball Club | Monday - Friday | 7-10 a.m.
Susie Gordon | (619) 602-3772

Poker Club

Monday | Noon; Wednesday | 5 p.m.; Thursday | 5 p.m.
Donna Tipps | (775) 846-3616 | dtipps4@cox.net

Romeo's Solera Mens Club

Third Friday | 8:30 a.m. | Southpoint
Allen Blonder | (702) 395-6878

Solera Starz Cardio Class | Tuesday | 8:30 a.m.
Candee Wolfe | (419) 230-9407; Ardena Golder | (702) 802-1963;
Lorie Frigillana | (702) 487-5725

Solera Starz Dance Aerobics

Monday, Wednesday, Friday | 8:30 a.m.
Arda Reitter | (702) 462-6167; Carol Page | (702) 205-0164

Solera Starz Line Dancing | Monday | 4:30-6 p.m.
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Solera Ladies Club | Monthly Activities
Sue Boylan | (702) 373-6055 | srb702@gmail.com

Solera Singles Club | Monthly Activities
Georgie D'Alessandro | (702) 914-0630 | georgied248@gmail.com

Table Tennis Club

Monday, Wednesday, Saturday | 8 a.m.-Noon; Sunday | 1:30-5 p.m.
Steve Reed | (309) 696-5311

Veterans & First Responders Club | First Tuesday | 6:30 p.m.
Robert Propp | (509) 220-6304 | robert.propp1@gmail.com

Water Volleyball Club

Wednesday | 5:30-7 p.m.; Saturday | 1-2:30 p.m.
Susan Newman | (951) 850-2595 | sjntchr@aol.com

GROUPS

Billiards | Tuesday | 1:30-3:30 p.m.
Ken Moser | (702) 401-7823 | chefmoser1@icloud.com

Bocce Ball Group | Monday & Wednesday | 9 a.m.
Danny Mosher | (702) 524-8058 | dsmosher66@gmail.com

Book Group | Second Saturday | Noon
Monica McAdams | (702) 371-6575 | monica0921@hotmail.com

Crafts and Stitches | Tuesday | 9 a.m. | Please drop by

Double Deck Pinocle Group

Wednesday | 5-8 p.m.; Sunday | 4-7 p.m.
Mike Sinclair | (360) 567-7664 | grizle@comcast.net

Genealogy Group | Second & Fourth Wednesday | 9-10:30 a.m.
Celeste Guillory | soleragsig@gmail.com

Rummikub | Sunday | 1-4 p.m.
Richard Kroeger | rkroeger22@yahoo.com

Tennis Group | Saturday | 7 a.m.
Sam Misraji | (818) 207-1947

Trivia Group | Last Tuesday | 6-8 p.m.
Rosemary Massey
(907) 230-7945 | rosemarymassey2@gmail.com

HEALTH & FITNESS

Party Time Dance | Tuesday | Noon-1 p.m.
Carol Page | (702) 205-0164 | carolpage11@yahoo.com

Power Walkers | Daily | 7:30 a.m.
Cheryl Beaudry | (702) 823-5441

Tai Chi Clinic | Monday & Thursday | 11:15 a.m.
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Yoga Friends | Tuesday & Thursday | 9 a.m.
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The Solera at Anthem Communications Committee is reviving a *Solera Star* tradition. In preparing for the 20th anniversary of Solera (see the August 2023 issue), we paged through all the previous issues of the *Star*. Among other things, we discovered that for a few years, several pages of the February editions featured photos of Solera resident couples who, in the previous year, had celebrated their 50th wedding anniversaries.

We decided to resume that tradition, beginning with this issue. But to catch up, we invited couples who have been married 50 years or longer to have their photos taken, and thus the images that follow of couples who have been married for between 50 and 69 years.

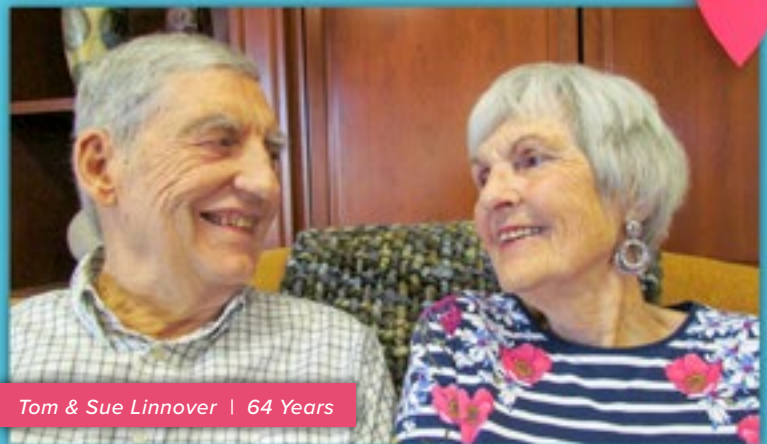
Our plan is to continue the tradition, with the February 2025 edition of the *Star* displaying photos of couples who celebrate their 50th wedding anniversaries in 2024. Look for notices in the November 2024 edition of the *Star* and in the eBlast about scheduling photos. ✨



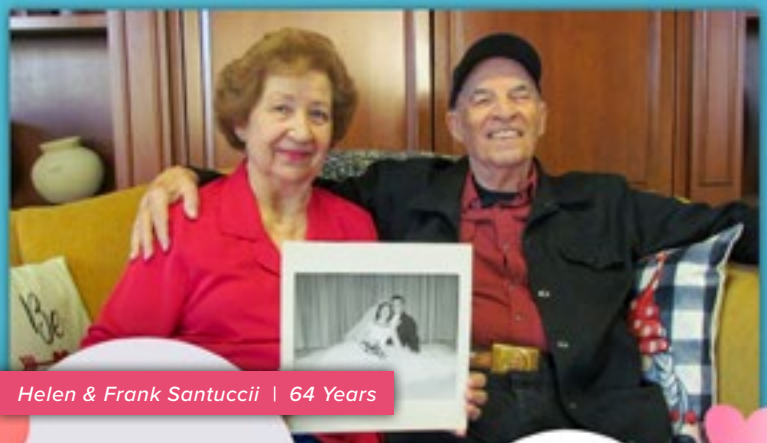
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DeAnn & Richard Rigg | 67 Years



Tom & Sue Linover | 64 Years



Helen & Frank Santucci | 64 Years



Anthony & Anna Parzanese Sr. | 62 Years



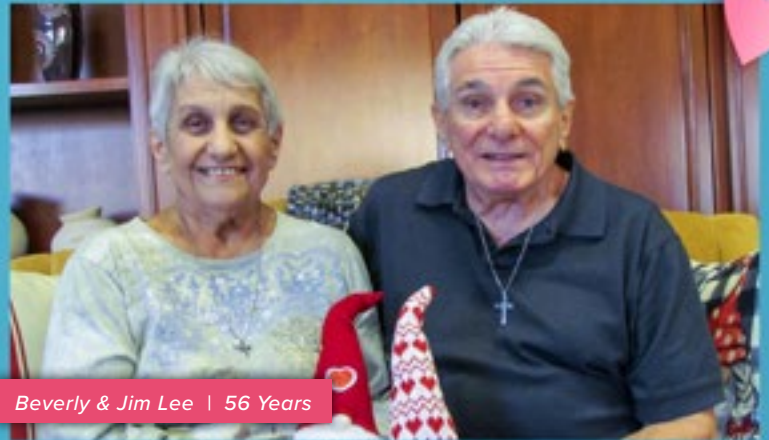
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Dan & Caroline Kim | 61 Years



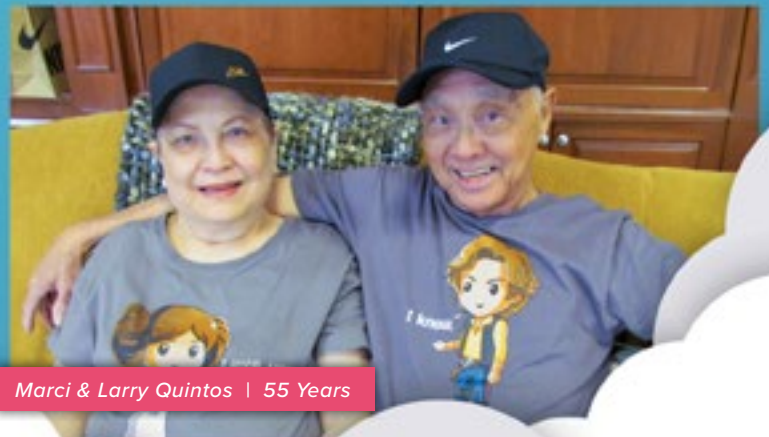
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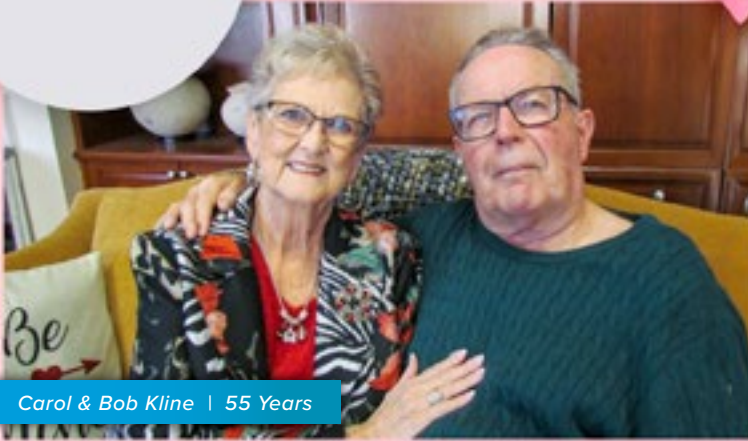
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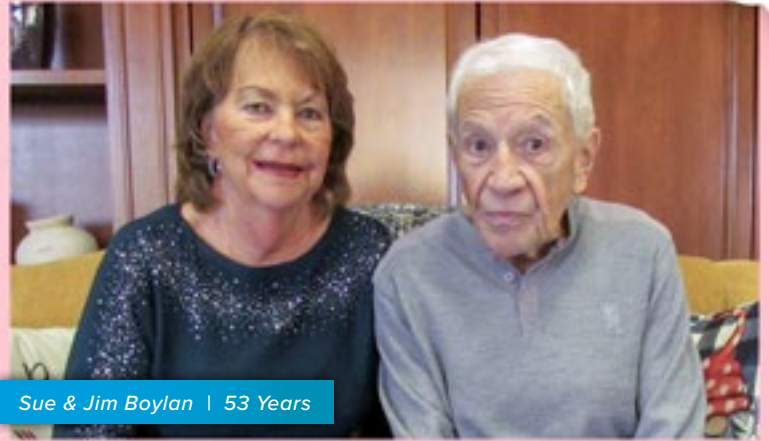
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Marci & Larry Quintos | 55 Years



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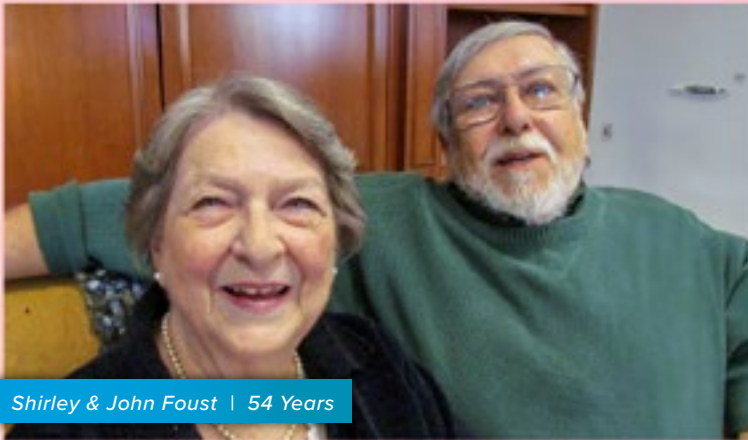
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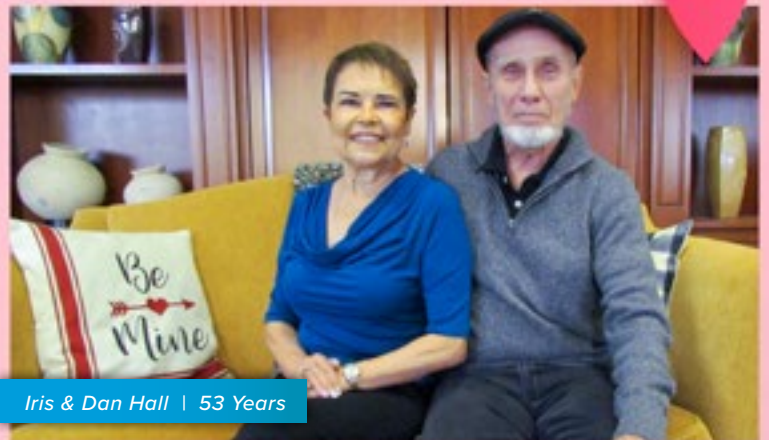
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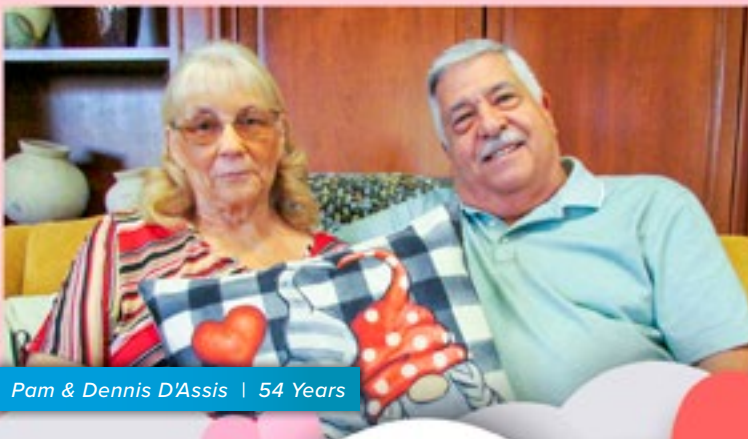
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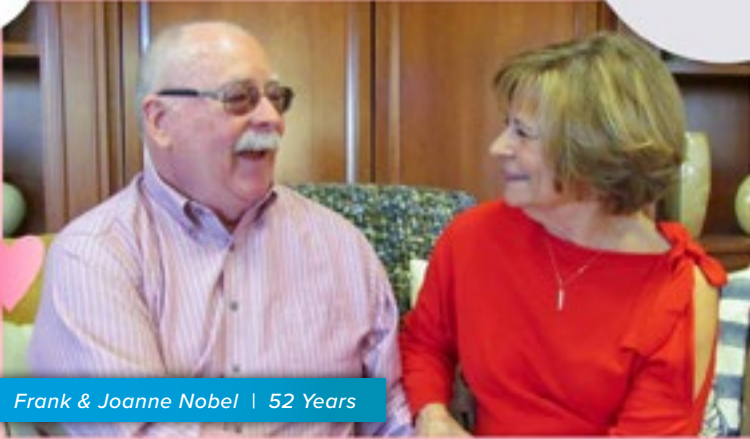
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Jeanne & Tom Gorman | 51 Years



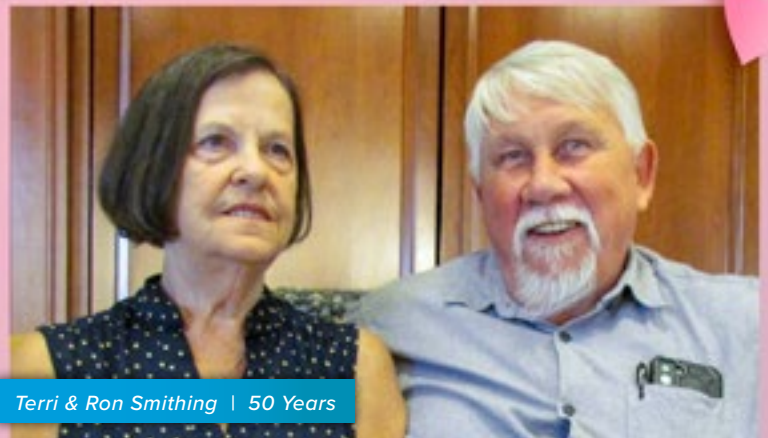
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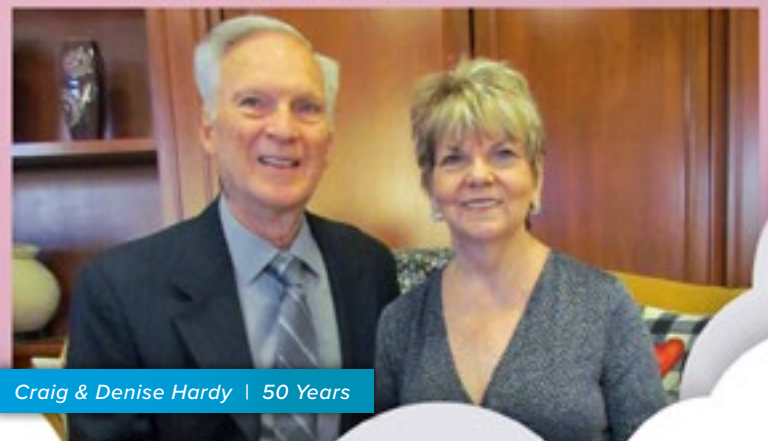
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FROM CAMPUS TO CRUISE TO CINEMA

BARBARA AND HOWARD BLUESTONE
HAVE HAD AMAZING LIVES

BY BETTY BOYD



Howard Bluestone and a friend decided to walk across campus toward the girls' dormitory. Howard noticed a young woman, her name was Barbara, and her girlfriend walking in the same direction. A conversation ensued.

Howard and Barbara were natives of Chicago. He majored in business administration and recreation. She majored in education. They dated on and off for the next seven years.

Howard went into the Army in 1960 and was stationed in Germany. Barbara and her girlfriend visited. Howard proposed to Barbara. They became engaged and in 1962 they married. Howard would serve in the military for 21 years (two on active duty and 19 in the Army Reserve), working largely with armored tanks and retiring as a full colonel.

The couple eventually settled in Glenview, Illinois, living there for 42 years. Barbara taught fourth grade in nearby Chicago for about three years. Howard's family owned an auto parts store, and later an Ace Hardware store.

In 1999 Howard called one of his college fraternity brothers. The call would change Howard's life. The frat brother was an entertainer for the American Vets organization and was starting a role as an entertainer for Princess Cruise Lines. He suggested Howard, who had done some acting in college, should apply as well.

Since then, Howard has been an actor for television, movies, commercials, voiceovers, an extra on movies, and been in industrial films. Memorably, he worked as Jerry Lewis' stand in and double, and he continues to get acting roles. He and Barbara also worked for the cruise line's fine arts department, Howard doing auctioneering and Barbara doing computer work and inventory control.

While aboard ship, they were granted passenger status, ate in the dining room, could leave the ship to visit various ports, and traveled extensively for two and a half years.

As an actor, Howard has had many and varied roles, including a Russian general in the Gene Hackman movie *The Package*. He was in the movie *Return to Me* with Minnie Driver and David DeCovney and appeared in the television series *Early Edition*. He has portrayed shop owners, a steelworker, FBI agent, doctor, fireman, blacksmith and governor.

Barbara also has done some exciting things. She was a delivery truck driver for their auto parts store, an assistant gymnastics teacher for the YMCA, and helped with recordings of medical seminars.

They moved to Solera some 13 years ago. They have two sons, three grandsons and a granddaughter.

Howard collects and makes sure worn American flags are properly retired, more than 900 in the past 21 years. He also has volunteered at the Mob Museum for several years, and for the past 10 years has worked in private security, greeting Charter flights with clients including the Raiders and the Golden Knights, among others.

Barbara and Howard say they love just about everything Solera has to offer. From the short walk to the clubhouse, the mountain views, the lovely people they meet. When they moved to Solera, they joined the Solera Stagers, a dramatic group that put on two shows a year for several years. Barbara also belongs to a knitting group in Summerlin.

Barbara and Howard say they also enjoy sitting and staring out their window, awaiting their next adventure. ✨

WORDS AS OLD AS I AM

BY LARRY EDSALL



I'm usually a very sound sleeper, but I woke up recently at 3:00 a.m. and couldn't get back to sleep. In frustration, I got up, wondered if I was coming down with something, and decided to take my temperature.

But to do so, I had to find the thermometer, which meant going through the drawers in the bathroom. Since I was awake anyway, I ended up emptying each drawer, throwing away stuff either outdated or no longer needed. Finally, near the end of that process, I found the thermometer and can report my temperature was normal. I think I was just coming down with an early-winter head cold, and now I have nicely re-organized bathroom drawers.

I tried going back to bed but still couldn't sleep, so I moved to the living room, did my morning devotions, played the *New York Times'* Connections and Wordle games, and decided to check my email, only to discover there isn't much that arrives between bedtime and 4:00 a.m.

So I tried Facebook and found a post from Merriam-Webster, the dictionary publisher, about a feature it calls Time Traveler:

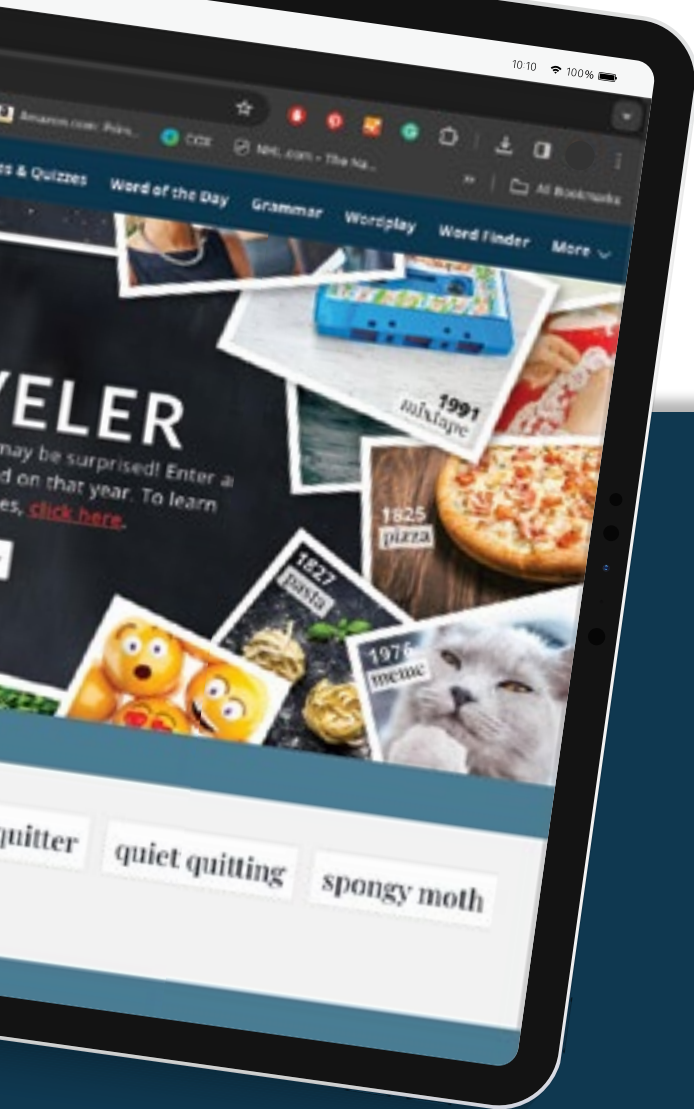
"When was a word first used in print?" the notice asked. "You may be surprised! Enter a date below to see the words first recorded on that year..."

As a writer, I like words and their origins and was curious enough to use the drop-down menu to go to the year of my birth — 1947.

First appearing in print that year were words such as: afterburner, apartheid, artsy, bikini, Chicano, chopped liver, Cobb salad, collateral damage, counterculture, critical mass, decongestant, drunk tank, essay question, gamesmanship, hydrogen bomb, jet stream, jump shooter, kickstand, morph, open bar, palmetto bug, party pooper, power play, preproduction, prime time, red-carpet, role model, sentence fragment, spinal tap, strip search, top banana, unidentified flying object, Vietnamese, Walter Mitty, Windsor knot, and workaholic.

And that list is only a fragment of the new words and phrases first seen in print 77 years ago.

By the way, if you type www.merriam-webster.com/time-traveler into your web browser, you can select



the year of your birth, or any other year dating back to “before 12th century,” and not only do you see the list of words first appearing in print that year, but you can click on any of the words and be taken to their definition.

Thus I learned that “top banana” originally referred to “the leading comedian in a burlesque show” and to a “routine involving three comedians in which the one that gets the punch line also gets a banana.”

And while red carpet was first published in noun form in 1934, it wasn’t until 1947 that red-carpet became an adjective to mark a “ceremonial courtesy,” as in red-carpet treatment.

OK, enough of this lack-of-sleep stream of consciousness (a phrase, Merriam-Webster informs was first seen in print in 1855). I think it’s time for me to make use of one of those words first seen in print in 1947 — “decongestant — an agent that relieves congestion.” ✨

PET PARADE



GOOD THING THESE DOGS LIKE MUSIC

JTM BAND MEMBER AND HIS WIFE SHARE HOME WITH BUDDY AND ACADIA

BY BETTY BOYD

Kathy and Jerry Harris have had a love for dogs since their childhoods. They share their home in Solera with Buddy, a Maltese, and Acacia, a Yorkie/Schnauzer mix.

Buddy is a rescue dog and is seven years old. Acacia was given to them by their 90-year-old neighbor, though Acacia’s age is unknown.

Buddy’s characteristics: He is very loving, a good watchdog, friendly, low-key, and sweet. On the other hand, Acacia is very caring, barks at everything — including other dogs —and is always happy to see you. She is very protective of Kathy and Jerry but especially attached to Jerry,

The Maltese is a toy breed covered in fine, long white hair. They are affectionate, gentle-natured, trusting, and playful.

The Yorkshire Terrier breed has a silky coat and makes an excellent watchdog. The Schnauzer breed is stocky and friendly and makes good watchdogs.

Jerry is part of the JTM band and plays the piano at home. When Jerry plays the piano, the dogs come out of nowhere and enjoy the music.

“If you give a pet a lot of love, they will give right back,” says Kathy.

Loving your dog (or cat) is a great comfort to all pet owners. ✨

MY "WINDOW" IS CLOSED FOR WINTER

BY FRANK NOBEL



Winter. The temperature plummets, the wind howls up and down Jada, and you bundle up like an Eskimo. Brrrrr. Because of this inclement weather shift, I am compelled to close my garage door window on Solera, it's just too cold.

Now, as I exercise on my Schwinn Air-Dyne, my window is limited to the small windows on the top of my garage door. Infrequently, I am only able to see a much bundled up head cross my field of vision.

With this limited view, it is not possible to know if that bundled up head belongs to a dog walker or a fitness walker. In either case, they are fighting the elements. In that vein, we are dealing with the cold and looking forward to Spring. With Spring, we Solerans will be able to once again enjoy the outdoors, at least until we all complain about the Summer heat.

As a little bit of an aside, my firm belief is that since the *Star* published "My Window On Solera" story back in December, I have observed an actual increase in the number of waves and head nods in our community — or we are all moving more to stay warm?

Perhaps you have your own "Window On Solera" and would be willing to share with our community in a future issue. If so, send me your article and a photo or two at fnobel@cox.net. ❄️

AN AUTHOR AMONG US

SOLERAN DIANE MURPHY PRESENTS
'DOWN, DOWN, DOWN'

BY ELLEN GALVIN



Diane Murphy

How many of us have had an idea for a book and dreamed of someday becoming a published author? Years pass, life happens, and dreams remain just that — dreams. Solera resident Diane Murphy not only had the dream as a teenager, but she followed through and now, decades later, has written not one, but three books and is in the process of completing two more. And yes, life happened.

Many of you may know Diane from The Stagers drama club which she founded soon after moving to Solera in 2013. For almost four years, Diane wrote and directed plays and productions at the clubhouse and served on the communications committee, writing many articles for the *Solera Star*. She is an army veteran, accomplished newspaper journalist and columnist, college English professor, wife, mother, grandmother and now, a published author!

She first pursued her passion for writing when, at age 18, she became a military journalist, winning accolades for her coverage of the troops at Georgia's Fort Stewart Army Base.

She went on to write for city newspapers in California, Arizona, and in Youngstown, Ohio, where she became a twice-weekly columnist, a compilation of which became a book, *Two Days a Week* (which is going through the editing process).



Ohio native Diane met and married her husband, John, 45 years ago. Their lives together have taken them to several states. As John taught college theater classes, Diane took advantage of the university offerings, earning a BA in journalism from San Jose State and her MA in education from Chapman University. During this time, she and John reared two children.

Diane started writing long form back in 1992 when her children were young. Her first fantasy crime mystery, *Down Down Down*, originated from story ideas she jotted down when she was a young military journalist covering the rigors of army boot camp for *The Patriot*.

This year, *Down Down Down* by DM Murphy became book one in the Beckler Trilogy of fantasy mysteries following the dangerously bizarre cases of Detective Mike Beckler. It is a masterfully crafted crime fantasy that

weaves mythology, theology, and magic into a gripping journey down thru the steps of hell in search of a missing tech tycoon. The book leaves readers eagerly awaiting Detective Beckler's next intriguingly dangerous criminal case. We don't have long to wait, *The Ripper*, book two of the trilogy, is written and is being written.

Diane has yet another book in the works: *Oak*, a mystery novel about a missing person. She also has written a children's study skills book under the pen name, Mrs. M.

Join Diane Murphy at the Solera clubhouse at 6:30 p.m. on February 29 for Coffee & Conversation. Her zest for life, passion for writing, and undaunted determination serve as an inspiration.

Down Down Down is available from Amazon and Barnes & Noble in print, audiobook and e-book.

See bydmmurphy.com for more information. ✨

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SWEET HEARTS

VALENTINE HEART-SHAPED SUGAR COOKIES

BY NADYNE SWEETKO

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February means Valentine’s Day and for the Recipe Exchange that means Evie Schild-Hart’s Valentine heart-shaped sugar cookies.

You’ll recall that Evie and her dark chocolate mocha cream cake were featured on the cover of the March 2023 issue of the *Solera Star*. Several months later I casually asked her if she made sugar cookies and she said, “Oh yes,” and said she uses a recipe passed down generation to generation from her great-grandmother, who was born in 1860.

I asked if she’d share that recipe for Valentine’s Day 2024 and she has. When the cookies were baked and cooled, Evie had her Rose icing ready, the color very carefully blended from a paste, not from a dollop of squeeze-bottle coloring. She informed me that the squeeze bottle coloring has too much liquid, but the paste is dense, full of vibrant color, and blends very well.

She dips a toothpick into the paste and adds it to the icing mix and then blends it in with a butter knife or small spatula. More paste can be added via a toothpick until you get the desired shade.

If you have put in too much color, you can blend in more of the uncolored icing.

Now for the fun part!

When we arrived (Larry Edsall was along to take photos), Evie had prepared pastry bags with decorating tips and assigned her sister, Gwen Culp, and Larry and I to help decorate her cookies.

She showed us how to iced the flat top of the heart and then how to hold the pastry bag and decorate the cookie.

Once we became comfortable with our new skills, we took liberty with our creative visions. The result was some strange-looking cookies and a lot of laughter. We went home with wonderful memories and tasty cookies.

Here are a few useful tips when making these or other cookies.

1. When trying to smooth out the top of your icing, dip your spreader in a glass of water, shake the excess water off the knife and glide your spreader across the top of the icing until smooth.
2. When adding coloring paste to color your icing, use a fresh toothpick each time. You do not want to put icing debris from a used toothpick into your paste.
3. These cookies freeze beautifully. They can be made ahead and when you or your grandchildren want to decorate, just thaw out the amount needed and have a decorating party.



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Note from Nadyne: *This sugar cookie is delicious even eaten without icing. On your first bite you’ll hear the snap of a well baked cookie. Then you taste the soft butter flavor throughout the body of the cookie as you eat it. It melts on your tongue as you chew. After icing is added, you’ll taste the sweetness along with the icing’s smooth texture, followed by the butter flavor of the sugar cookie. Oh, so good.*

EVIE'S GREAT-GRANDMOTHER'S SUGAR COOKIES

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 cup butter (2 sticks)
- 1 1/2 cup sugar
- 3/4 cup thick sour milk (1/4 cup vinegar & 1/2 cup milk)
- 1/2 tsp baking soda
- 1 tsp vanilla
- 3 cups flour
- 2 tsp baking powder

PREP:

Put baking soda in sour milk to dissolve, add other ingredients. Mix by hand or electric mixer.

Roll out half the dough at a time. Roll your dough to about 1/2 inch thick, sprinkle with sugar. With your rolling pin roll lightly over the dough one time so the sugar will adhere to the dough.

Cut with a glass. Today we use cookie cutters.

Bake at 400 degrees about 10 minutes.

Yields 2 dozen for the large Valentine heart cookie cutter used.

Depending on the size and shape of your cookie cutter the amount will vary.

Excellent recipe to use to cut out Christmas cookies and decorate.

EVIE'S ROSE ICING

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 large egg white
- 2/3 cup white shortening (Crisco preferred not lard)
- 1 Tbsp butter
- 1 lb sifted powder sugar (a must)
- 1 tsp flavoring (your choice)

PREP:

Blend egg white, shortening, butter, flavoring a little at a time with mixer. Add the powder sugar. Beat until well blended. This icing will be quite stiff after setting up. ✨



RECIPE EXCHANGED!



Karen Schanhals

Solera resident Karen Schanhals is a past contributor to the Recipe Exchange (red velvet macrons) and has been saving all the recipes. Two months ago, she was invited to share a dish at an event and decided to try making the dark chocolate mocha cream cake that launched the Recipe Exchange back in March 2023.

Unknown to Karen, the event was a surprise birthday party for her so she ended up making and taking her own birthday cake!

She reports that everyone raved about the cake and her decorating skills. The original recipe is from Evie Schild-Hart. If you don't have a copy of the March 2023 issue, you can find it on the soleranews.com website under the "Solera Star Magazine" tab. ✨



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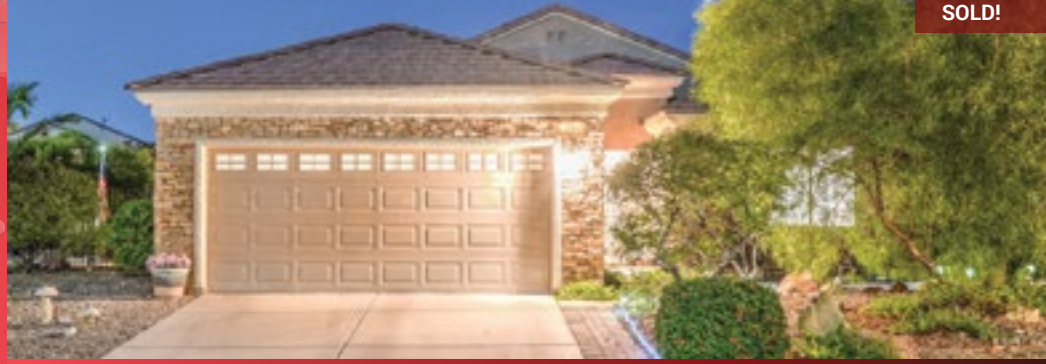


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RECENTLY SOLD BY LAURA HARBISON...
WILL YOURS BE NEXT?



Dear Solera Homeowners!

I just wanted to start off by wishing you a Happy Valentine's Day! I hope that day (and every day of this month) is a great day... whether you are celebrating with someone special or just enjoying some time for yourself.

We started off the month of January with only 9 homes on the market, but by January 5th three of them already had accepted offers on them. The interest rates are coming down a bit, and that is good news for both home buyers and home sellers (buyers will pay less, and there will be more demand for houses for sale...) If you are curious as to what your home could sell for, call me today. I will be happy to provide you with the up-to-the-minute information that you need.



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