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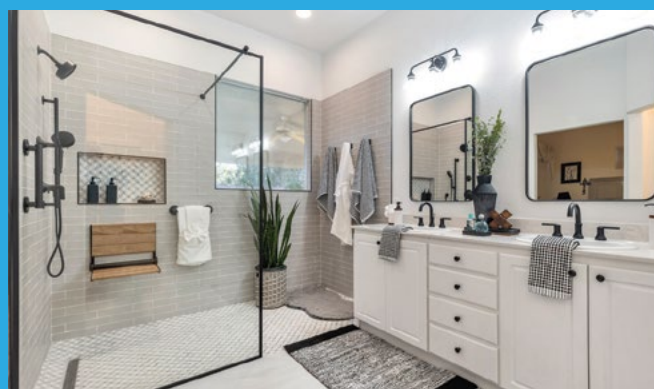
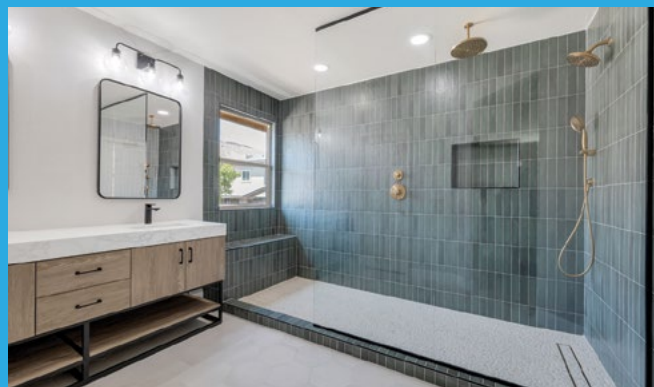
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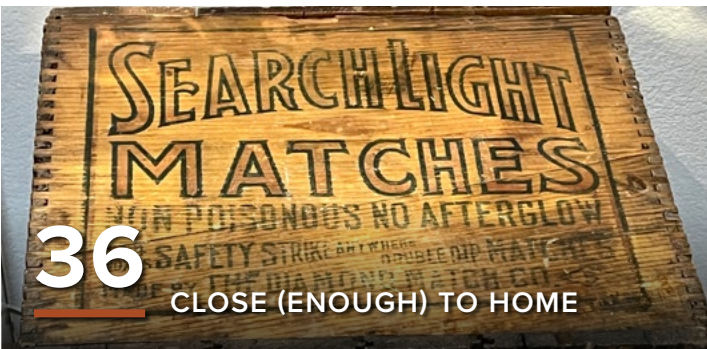
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Agendas are available the week before the meeting, and are emailed out to all residents with an email address on file. To request a copy of the agenda, you may also reach out to Management directly.

Board of Directors Executive Session

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

Board of Directors Meeting

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

Board of Directors Executive Session

April 3 | 9:30 a.m. | *Stardust*

Board of Directors Meeting

April 10 | 6:30 p.m. | *Stardust*

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BE SURE YOUR PROJECT PLANS ARE COMPLETE

INCLUDE AN ACCURATE 'PLAN VIEW' DIAGRAM

BY THE ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

We in the ARC decided to write an article on what would really help us to help you in your upgrades to your properties.

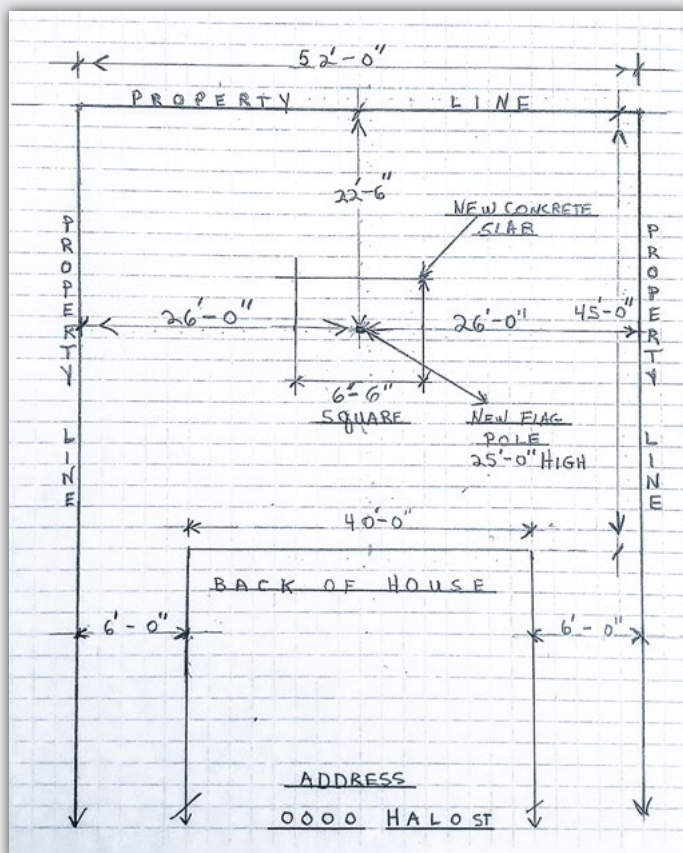
We receive applications from residents every month, but we don't always have enough information. Here's how you can help us:

Every homeowner in Solera should have and should read the Architectural Guidelines for the project that the homeowner wants to complete. If you don't have a copy of the Guidelines or you have questions, the following information is available on the community Website: soleraatthem.connectresident.com or go to our beautiful clubhouse and talk to one of the management service team members.

One of the most common problems is that we don't have a proper plan view of your property and the project plan with the dimensions that we need.

So, here is an example of a proper plan view. In this project, the home owners wants to put a concrete slab with a flag pole in their backyard. It is important to read the Architectural Design Guidelines so that you know you are doing it right. Ultimately, the homeowner is responsible for doing th project correctly.

Thanks, your ARC ✨



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The following committee needs volunteers:
Communications

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COMMITTEES

SOLERA'S COMMITTEES AT WORK

LIFESTYLE...

BY THE LIFESTYLE COMMITTEE

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



The Lifestyle Committee is one of the standing committees appointed by the Board of Directors of Solera at Anthem. Members are appointed for two-year terms and assist the Lifestyle Director by recommending, planning, and producing activities for Solera residents. The committee receives an annual budget from the community association to fund these efforts.

Our committee members are: Pam D'Assis (chairperson), Debbie Waskowitz (vice chairperson), John Miller (secretary), plus Lea Mills, Susan Newman and Gloria Zimny (committee members) and Gloria Street and Lorraine Barcia (alternates).

We assist Solera's Lifestyle Director, Dominique Jordan-Qaraja.



The Lifestyle Committee develops a month-by-month list of potential activities that fall into four major categories:

- Primary events at the Solera Center: Such activities include dances — Valentines Day, St. Paddy's Day, Halloween, and Christmas Dance (when we're visited by Santa and his Elf). We also stage a few different dance events including Disco Night, Karaoke Night, Spring Fling, Jazz Night and Under the Stars (the latter two held outside on the clubhouse courtyard), and we cannot forget our monthly Bingo Night. Bingo is a big hit, averaging at least 100 residents in attendance.
- Travel events: These activities are more limited because of ticket and transportation costs. Staying within the committee's budget and determining a fair pricing for these events requires more planning and an analysis of the potential interest by community residents. Past events include Fly over Las Vegas, Town Square for a Lunch & Shop, Smith Center to see the Nutcracker, Eldorado Mine Tour, Westgate to see the Soul of Motown, Fremont Experience, Mandalay Bay Shark Reef Aquarium, Spring Mountain Super Summer Theatre, Glittering Lights Santa Tram. We also do sports events — a favorite among our residents. Some of the recent sporting events include the Aviators, Henderson Silver Knights, Las Vegas Aces and UNLV football.
- No-cost events: At the present time the committee has several scheduled events in this category and is always looking for more. We have daytime seminars presented by a variety of businesses and service agencies. We have our annual shredding and e/waste event, Health Fair (with

over 30 vendors in attendance), (in June) New Residents Orientation where our new residents can come and explore all we have to offer. We recently added Coffee & Donut Day, inviting people in our community — such as the Henderson Police Department — to come and join us.

- Special annual events: We also have our annual events that are very popular with our residents. They include the Parking Lot Sale. It's like having a garage sale without the hassle. We invite people from all the surrounding areas to come to see all the great things our residents are selling. We have our annual Derby Day. Horse racing is a big hit with our residents. Not to be forgotten is our 4th of July BBQ. We not only serve hot dogs and hamburgers but also great entertainment. Our committee worked very hard on this event. We have our annual Solera Day in November. This event includes a Car Show, Craft Show and Bake Sale (put on by the Women's Club), outside entertainment and — of course — our Hot Dog Lunch. This past year we celebrated the 20th Anniversary of Solera. We had a luau themed event with outstanding entertainment. This event took six months of planning.

The Lifestyle Committee holds its regular meeting on the third Tuesday of each month, but also has additional workshop sessions in between. We all work very hard on all our events. It takes a lot of planning to bring these wonderful events to our community. We do these all for you. ✨



LET'S TALK TRASH

BY MARCIA ADAMS

So, are you up to a little trash talking?

No, I don't mean about people. I mean actual trash. As in what are the rules and regulations concerning garbage cans? – inquiring minds want to know.

In checking Solera's Quick Reference Guide, I learned that "cans are to be placed out by the curb on Monday after 5 pm for pickup. The cans are to be returned to your storage area by Wednesday at 5 am. Trash cans must be kept at least 3 feet away from any fire hydrants when left out for pickup."



As an aside, the Quick Reference Guide is a nifty reference tool for all residents. If you haven't seen or read it, you can obtain a copy on the Solera Athem Community Association website (www.soleranews.com). Just click on the Information Tab at the top and then Helpful Links.

Under Helpful Links, there is a listing of various documents, such as a printable map of the Solera Community; Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions that pertain to the Solera Community; Community Rules and Regulations; Quick Reference Guide and more – all pertaining to life here in Solera.

What else did I learn while snooping around the trash?

Trash cans need to be kept in good condition and cannot be stored in the front yard or where they are visible from the street. The same is true of any bulk trash items. Unless you have an approved trash container (see Architectural Design Guidelines for more details – also available under Helpful Links), trash cans and bulk items should be stored in your garage. If you are unsure, check the Community Calendar in the *Solera Star* for bulk trash days.

Here's to a neat neighborhood! ✨

SERVING COUNTRY AND COMMUNITY

BY THE SOLERA VETERANS AND FIRST RESPONDERS CLUB

As Veterans or First Responders we did what we did to help others who could not help themselves. But you do not have to be in either profession to be a servant to others.

When we were younger, things were much different than they are today. We would not hesitate to stop and help a stranger who was broken down on the side of the road or someone else in need of assistance. People helped each other. Neighbors looked out for neighbors. We were polite and showed kindness to others, whether it was holding the door open for someone, helping them with something heavy, comforting them in times of need, or just saying hello.

Today, there are many ways to help others, and just by being involved. The Solera Veterans and First Responders Club helps Veteran and First Responder organizations throughout the Henderson and Las Vegas community through donations from our Solera Community. Thank you for your heart of giving!

The financial donations also help us purchase flags for our parking lot, and the resale of flags and poles to residents of our community. Flags are \$5 and a flag and pole combo is \$25. If you are in need of a flag please contact us at SoleraVeterans@outlook.com.

Every Solera resident is welcome to join our club. Come to our next meeting and check us out. We always have interesting speakers, and some great events throughout the year, such as our annual Ice Cream Social, Memorial Day Ceremony, 9/11 Ceremony, Annual Chili Cook Off, and Veterans Day Event.

Our annual membership fee is \$20 for an individual, \$30 for both you and your significant other. There is a 50/50 drawings and gift basket raffle at each meeting.

Save these dates:

27 April: Solera Veterans and First Responders Ice Cream Social

27 May: Memorial Day Ceremony

11 September: 9/11 Ceremony

19 October: Solera Veterans and First Responders Chili Cook Off

11 November: Veterans Day Program ✨





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BY THE FOUNDATION ASSISTING SENIORS



Are you a pet owner? Or, are you a pet lover who doesn't want the long-term commitment to own a pet?

The Foundation Assisting Seniors and Veterans has launched the Pet Foster Program available to seniors and veterans in times of unexpected illness or injury. We have learned that when faced with an illness or emergency, seniors and veterans are reluctant to get treatment because they have no one to care for their fur babies.

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We are accepting applications for pet fosters. If you apply

for this project, you will be asked to complete an application, be interviewed, and your home will be inspected for safety.

We are starting by providing this service for dogs only.

If you are a pet parent and would like to sign up for the program before you have a problem, you can go on to **FoundationAssistingSeniors.org** and complete an application for your dog. One of our trained volunteers will contact you to arrange a meet and greet with you and your dog. It is extremely important that we ensure he will be compatible in a foster environment.

Please join us March 26 at 10:00 a.m. in the Stardust Ballroom to learn more about this exciting program. ✨

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Pet Foster Program

Temporary Pet Foster Program

Come Learn About the Foundation Assisting Seniors Temporary Pet Foster Program

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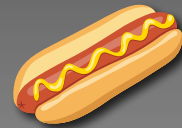
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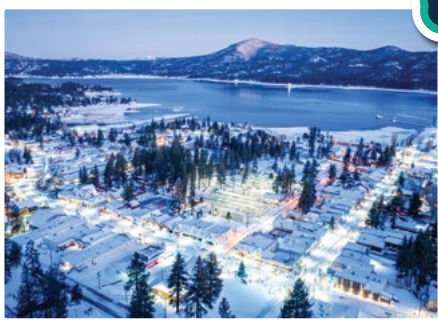
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3	4	5 ARC 9am Veterans & First Responders 6:30pm	6 Executive Board 9:30am	7 Communications 9:30am	8	9 Fitness Center Orientation 10am
10 Daylight Saving Time	11 First Night of Ramadan	12 Ticket Sale For Parking Lot Sale 9am Bulk Trash Day	13 Board of Directors 9:30am	14 St. Patrick's Dance 6pm	15	16
17 St. Patrick's Day	18	19 Lifestyle 11:15am	20 Buildings & Grounds 9:30am	21 Covenants 10am Bingo 6:30pm	22	23 Shredding & E-Waste Event 12pm
24 Palm Sunday	25 Holi	26 Temporary Pet Foster Program 10am Bulk Trash Day	27 Finance 9:30am Community Standard 4pm	28	29 Good Friday	30
31 Easter	APR 1	2 ARC 9am Veterans & First Responders 6:30pm	3 Executive Board 9:30am	4 Communications 9:30am	5 AARP Safe Drivers Class 9am	6

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Rosalie Feit | (702) 897-4965

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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.
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Handcrafted Creations Club

Bead Weaving | Thursday | 1 p.m.
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Stained Glass | Wednesdays | 12:30-5 p.m.
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David Hon | (801) 791-6229 | hondid@msn.com

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Solera Starz Cardio Class | Tuesday | 8:30 a.m.
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Lorie Frigillana | (702) 487-5725

Solera Starz Dance Aerobics

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Solera Starz Line Dancing | Monday | 4:30-6 p.m.
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Solera Singles Club | Monthly Activities
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Veterans & First Responders Club | First Tuesday | 6:30 p.m.
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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.
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SOLERA'S WELCOME TEAM

MEET THE MONITORS WHO GREET YOU AT THE CLUBHOUSE

BY LAURA ADDI

We all love seeing their smiling faces when we enter the Solera clubhouse. I'm talking about the front desk monitors. We've come to expect their friendly greetings and helpful responses to our questions, but they provide so much more.

It's in their job description to be "self-motivated, outgoing, detail oriented with excellent interpersonal communication and organizational skills." And those things come natural to them.

But they're not just pretty or handsome faces. Another big key to the position is maintaining guest privacy and keeping information confidential. They also are usually the first ones to respond to emergency situations.

They must be able to identify and organize resources to provide the personal service expected by Solera residents, and they work independently without direct supervision.

The Front Desk Monitors answer questions received via phone calls or in person, and they route calls to appropriate management personnel for things they cannot resolve themselves.

Not only do they greet residents and check them in as they enter the facility, they do it with enthusiasm. In my conversations with them, each truly loves this aspect of the job and enjoys getting to know residents personally. Feel free to stop by and just chat.



Melanie Ascher

Melanie Ascher is our longest-running front desk monitor, having been hired in June, 2011. She moved to Solera from San Jose, California, in 2009 and lives here with her mother, Sharon. As an only child, she has a strong bond with her mother, whom she cares for. Her father, who still resides in California, visits from time to time to keep the connection with his daughter.

Melanie had a brief career as a dental assistant in California but took a different path when she moved to Solera, working in customer service at the YMCA.

She loves where she works now. She genuinely cares for the residents and enjoys when they stop to talk with her. She encourages residents to get involved with the many activities in our community and believes it is the best way to stay vibrant. Her goal as our monitor is to make this a positive and happy place.

Melanie loves horses and frequents the South Point resort during the rodeo, Cowboy Christmas, and the other events in the arena. She comes from a musical family and loves all kinds of music, especially piano. When she watches TV, she leans toward medical shows and movies involving animals.

Barbara Ortega has been a Solera resident for five years. Before that she called Sacramento, California, home and before that the bluegrass of Kentucky.

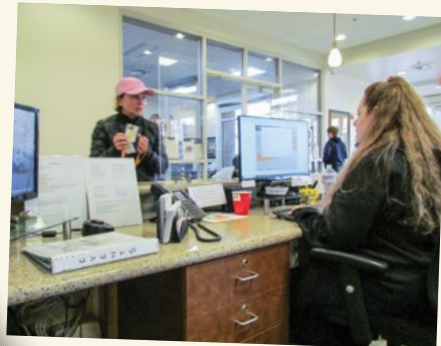
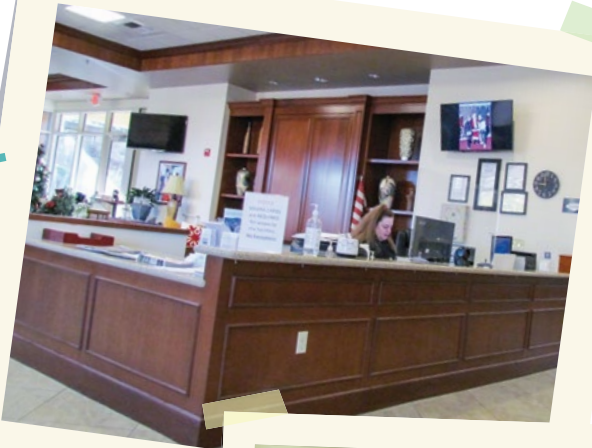
Barbara lives with Richard, her husband of 21 years. They both enjoy working out in our gym. In her spare time, Barbara likes to read fiction novels; among her favorite authors are John Grisham and Dean Koontz. She likes to work in her yard, taking care of their own landscaping and re-planting and trimming plants/cactus as needed. Bike riding is another of her hobbies and she likes to ride the various trails in the Las Vegas area, such as the River Mountain Loop and the Wetlands. She and her husband enjoy movies at the Green Valley casino on discount days.

Barbara has a daughter in Summerlin and Richard has three sons in Sacramento. Together, they have four grandchildren. Since the majority of their family live in Sacramento, they travel there as much as possible to spend time with the boys, brothers and sisters and Barbara's parents; both of whom are still living.

As a working woman, Barbara retired after 31 years at AT&T. The beauty of that organization and many large companies is how easy it is to move within the company. She held several positions there, from 411 operator to management.



Barbara Ortega



Sandi Patte, a native of Scranton, Pennsylvania, relocated to Henderson to be closer to family. Her son, Wayne, lives in Henderson with his wife, Jamie, and Sandi's two granddaughters, Layla and Ellie. Sandi purchased her home in Solera in 2010 but did not move here permanently until 2015 after retiring from the UPS accounting office in Pennsylvania.

Sandi was an active volunteer for NAN (Neighbors Assisting Neighbors) and served as vice president in 2020. She also was a member of Solera's Communications Committee in 2016 and enjoyed writing and editing for the committee.

She began working at the clubhouse in July 2020, taking reservations for the use of gym and pool once the COVID lockdown was lifted. Reservations were required due to post-COVID restrictions. It was a challenging time for everyone. Once restrictions were lifted, sometime in 2021, she moved to the monitor position and loves her time checking in and helping residents.

In her spare time, she enjoys reading mystery novels on her Kindle and walking her Golden Retriever, Scout. She is also the "Uber" driver for her granddaughters to all their extra-curricular activities. She loves to support them and watch them play golf and flag football.



Araxi Demirjian

Araxi Demirjian has been a resident of Solera since 2007, moving here from Santa Clarita, California. She and her husband, Raffi, have been married 38 years. They have no children, however, their three nieces are like daughters to them.

Araxi is of Armenian origin and was born in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. She was schooled in Italy and the culture there had a major influence on her.

She moved to the U.S. in 1976. She speaks four languages: English, Armenian, Amharic (Ethiopian) and Italian. Through her travels she has developed a global perspective regarding race relations, and she sees the good in everyone.

Araxi was in accounting for the food industry with the Las Vegas 51's baseball team (currently the Aviators) and for the D Hotel Casino until her retirement three years ago.

She volunteers as the treasurer of her church's board of trustees. She enjoys sewing and cooking. She loves the street she lives on and is still in contact with some of the original neighbors.

She became a Solera front desk monitor a year ago and loves the interaction with the residents and management.

Pamela Wilson is a woman who has woven a remarkable tapestry of life across various states and experiences. Born in Indianapolis, Pamela's journey was marked by frequent relocations alongside her late husband, a dedicated member of the Air Force.

From Indiana to Ohio, Colorado to Utah, Texas to Oklahoma, she finally found her anchor in Boulder City in 1985, a charming small town that proved to be the idyllic setting for raising her two sons. In such tight-knit communities, neighbors weren't just neighbors; they were reliable pillars of support in times of need. Tragically, Pamela faced a profound loss when her husband passed away at the age of 37, leaving her to navigate the challenging terrain of single motherhood for the next two decades.

Pamela embarked on a professional path that led from commercial banking to establishing her own title company. She later delved into HOA (homeowner associations) banking, traveling across Nevada, Utah, Arizona and parts of California to cover her territory.

Then, Pamela's story took a delightful turn with a love story that reads like a modern fairy tale. While working in HOA banking, she achieved the remarkable feat of becoming the nation's top salesperson. However, when faced with the prospect of attending a prestigious award ceremony solo, she turned to **Match.com**, seeking a companion who met her criteria — intelligent and handsome. After sifting through numerous candidates, she found Doug, a man who not only fit the bill but exceeded her expectations.

Their first meeting was not over coffee but at the Eiffel Tower at the Paris casino. Doug stipulated that he was not a chatty sort of person, yet they spent over four hours together that evening. A former firefighter/paramedic, Doug has seamlessly transitioned into the role of the man of the house, attending to Pamela with love and care.

Today, Pamela's passions have evolved, and art takes center stage. A skilled watercolor artist, she creates custom greeting cards that have become highly sought after at trade and art shows. Her business, thriving through word-of-mouth, has expanded internationally, keeping her so busy that she occasionally has to turn down requests.

In addition to her artistic pursuits, Pamela is a lifelong learner. Currently she is enrolled in classes at the Community Institutions Association; she emphasizes that her quest for knowledge is not driven by a desire for employment but a genuine love for learning.

She was part of the Solera Communications Committee and continues to contribute occasional articles to the **Star**. She has been a monitor for 2 ½ years.

Her joy and contentment are evident in her interactions with the wonderful, kind, and considerate residents she encounters daily. Over the past eight years, Solera has become more than just a place to reside; it's home.



Pamela Wilson



Deborah AVECILLA

Deborah AVECILLA grew up in Flint, Michigan, and moved to Detroit, where she met and married her husband, Armando. After he retired in 2006, she accepted a transfer to the Sacramento, California, area, which they found perfect with Tahoe, Napa Valley and the Bay Area so close.

Nonetheless, she took another transfer, in 2011 to Henderson, where they rented for a year before buying a home in Solera.

She retired in 2022 and joined the front desk monitoring team. Her favorite part is meeting neighbors and making new friends.

She is a member of the Solera Veterans & First Responders Club and volunteers for the Ice Cream Social, Chili Cookoff and helps with the Toys for Tots campaign. She enjoys playing bingo.

She and Armando have three children — a daughter in Georgia and two sons in Michigan, as well as three grandchildren. They also have two kittens, Harley, and Honda, named for motorcycles Armando has owned.

On the horizon, travel, with England, Ireland and Scotland on the bucket list as well as traveling by train across Canada.

Pete Petit was born in Liverpool, England, and lived there till age four. (Anyone else you've heard of that hails from Liverpool?)

His life took many turns, having moved from the UK to Boston to New York and finally to Nevada. He and his wife Barbara have been married for 36 years and have a daughter who is in New York. Barbara came to Nevada with some friends from the Red Hat Society and loved it so much, they purchased their home in Solera.

They've owned their property in Solera since 2006. However, Pete was a part-timer here for 10 years, spending weekends here while working long hours and traveling throughout California inspecting alcohol/drug properties for compliance. After ten years with this arrangement, he retired to spend his life with Barbara as a full-time resident.

Pete and Barbara enjoy dancing and traveling and enjoyed cruising to the Caribbean.

Pete has been one of the Solera front desk monitors for nearly eight years and has enjoyed meeting and interacting with so many residents. He has loved his time here, but some family health issues may necessitate a move to California, where their son lives.



Pete Patte



Vickie Rossin

*(The other Solera monitor, **Vickie Rossin**, chose not to be interviewed for this article.) ✨*

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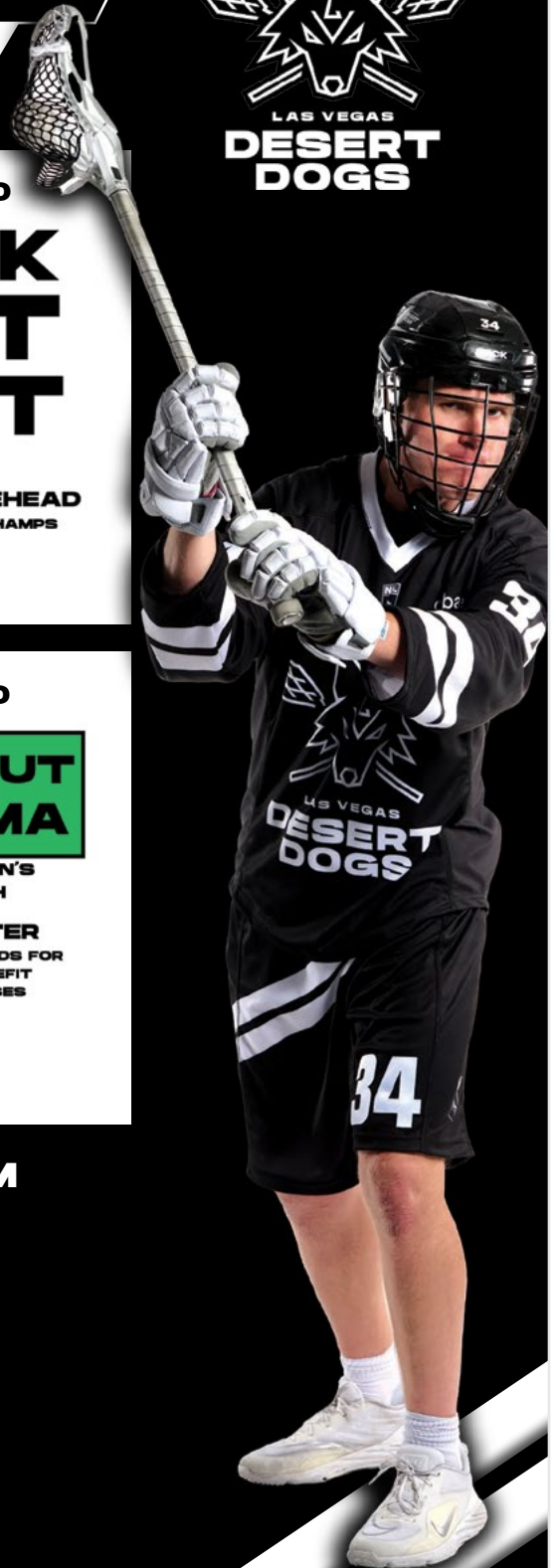


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LIVING SOLO IN SOLERA

PERVIN GUPTA'S LIFE IS FULL, AND VERY BUSY

BY TOM GORMAN



What diversity we enjoy within Solera — a community filled mostly with retirees who are kicking back to one degree or another and wondering what to do next with their lives.

And then there's Solera resident Pervin Gupta, who knows how to stay occupied because her plate is full enough already. Among her talents, she recently was awarded the Ms. Senior India Universe 2023 trophy in her first such pageant. Furthermore, the 55-year-old is a registered behavioral specialist for children burdened by autism.

Pervin's other talents are harder to rank. She runs marathons, dances, speaks two languages, earned a Master of Science in Special Education and Rehabilitation — with a certificate in mediation, and has served as a court-appointed special advocate for children, due to her ability to work with autistic children.

"I just absolutely love it because I can help those kids," she reflects. "Like the 6-year-old girl who was very violent. But she and I have a great connection and she doesn't become violent with me at all.

"I love giving myself to others," Pervin says. "I will give my life for a stranger on the street. I just have love in my 752 trillion cells. I don't have a mean bone in my body. I love all people — black, white, Chinese, Mexican, Indians, Asians." She paused and added, "I have all kinds of friends."

Our neighbor's story begins in India where, when she turned 20 years old, she was married to a man by her parents' arrangement. The couple came to the United States and by the time she was 30, they had two daughters. The couple's marriage turned sour and she raised the girls as a single mom. Today, one of the girls is a neurologist and the other has two master's degrees — in business administration and in hospital administration. One daughter lives in Arizona, the other in California.

"I'm in the middle," Pervin smiles. "And being single gives me freedom and makes me a stronger person because I have to deal with problems and think of solutions alone." But after a pause, she adds, "I wish I had a handyman."



PET PARADE



A BLENDED HOUSEHOLD

CELESTE GUILLORY
HAS A DOG AND A CAT

BY BETTY BOYD

Solera resident Celeste Guillory has a dog named Peppe and a cat named Morris.

Peppe is a 15-pound, 5-year-old black-and-white Shih Tzu, and was gotten from a breeder. A Shih Tzu breed is in the toy category. Peppe is playful, affectionate, and outgoing, with a long coat, which Celeste keeps regularly groomed.

Morris is an orange, short-haired Tabby cat who came with Celeste from Grants Pass, Oregon. Morris is 17 years old, and is loving but timid. Tabby is not a cat breed, but they have distinctive coat markings of stripes, dots, or other patterns. Morris is an indoor or outdoor cat and will sit outside in the shade when it is hot.

Morris is named for the similar-looking star of those popular 9 Lives commercials, and thus his name.

When Celeste's son, Brad, visits and sits in the recliner, Peppe will sit in his lap and Morris will come along and sit at his feet.

Celeste has a beautiful rapport with Peppe and Morris, showing how she loves each in their own way. ✨



Pervin earned her master's degree in special education and vocational rehabilitation from Utah State University. Since then, she has worked 23 years with the federal Job Corps program.

"I don't remember how many kids I worked with," she says. "But it was really rewarding — helping them. Isn't that something? Me helping American kids get jobs!"

But for Pervin, her's was a rough row to hoe to get where she is today. She had been raised in the slums of India where, at an early age, she was forced into an arranged marriage. She was the sole parent in raising two daughters while learning a second language and, at University of Utah, earning an advanced degree. With that background, she served as a court-appointed special advocate for children.

To relieve stress, Pervin took up dancing and, at 55 years old, started running marathons.

As for living in Solera, the name "sounds like a resort to me," Pervin says. "It's peaceful, quiet, and after I moved here I found out people are wonderful, too! People are just great! And there's no snow. That's the biggest plus. I just don't like snow."

"Am I happy? Oh, yes! I'm not going anywhere!"

And after a pause: "I wish I could get somebody but it hasn't happened. We will see. But I'm very content, very comfortable. I can jump 24 hours with happiness. There is peace in my heart. I'm fine alone, I'm fine with people.

"And there's no snow. That's the biggest plus. I just don't like snow." ✨

CONCERNED ABOUT COYOTES?

NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE PROVIDES KEYS TO 'LIVING WITH COYOTES'



“The coyote,” as Mark Twain spelled the creature’s name in 1872 in his book, Roughing It, “is a long, slim, sick and sorry-looking skeleton, with a gray wolf-skin stretches over it... despairing expression of forsakenness, and misery... He is always hungry. He is always poor, out of luck and friendless.”

And for those of us living on the western slope of Black Mountain, coyotes are our neighbors and frequent visitors to our Solera community. But how should we treat these neighbors? Should we fear them? The Nevada Department of Wildlife offers guidance on its website, www.ndow.org:

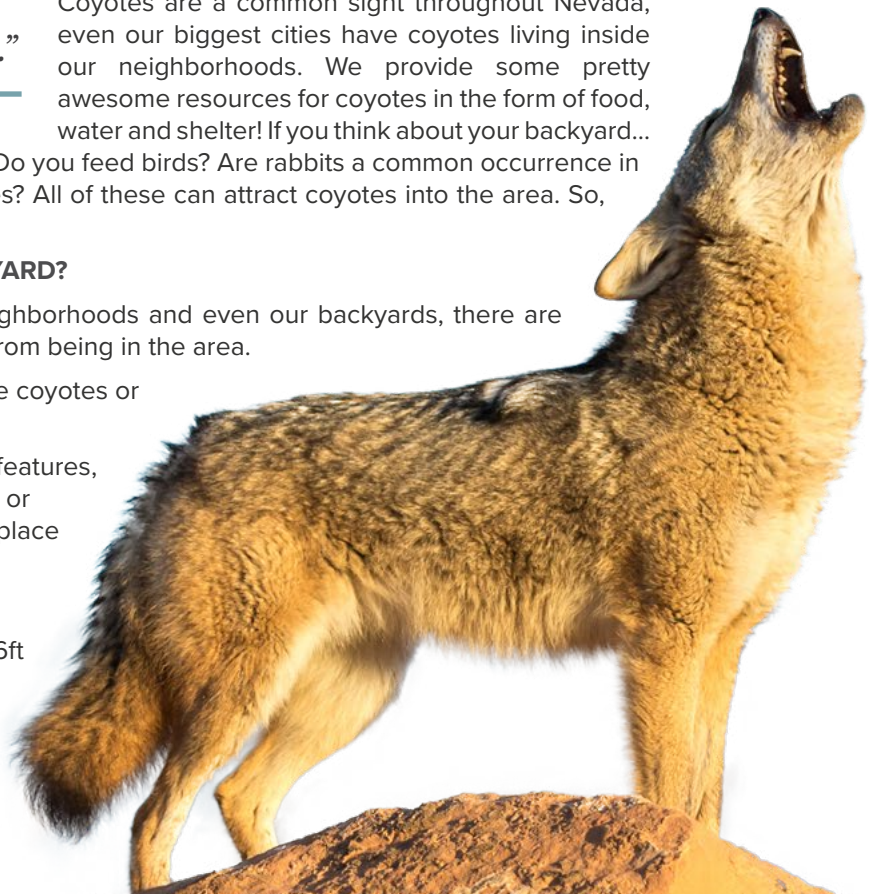
Coyotes are a common sight throughout Nevada, even our biggest cities have coyotes living inside our neighborhoods. We provide some pretty awesome resources for coyotes in the form of food, water and shelter! If you think about your backyard...

are there rodents or places for rodents to hide? Do you feed birds? Are rabbits a common occurrence in your yard? Do you have pet food or water dishes? All of these can attract coyotes into the area. So, how can we live with coyotes in the area?

HOW DO I KEEP A COYOTE AWAY FROM MY YARD?

Coyotes can often find their way into our neighborhoods and even our backyards, there are some ways you can help to discourage them from being in the area.

- Remove anything that might be attracting the coyotes or their food sources such as rodents.
- Birdseed, pet food, trash or compost, water features, fallen fruit, excess shrubs, woodpiles, decks, or other structures that can provide cover or a place to den.
- Install devices to scare away the coyotes.
- Fence in your yard with a fence that is over 6ft tall. You can also add “coyote rollers” to the top of the fence. Coyotes can jump fences that are seven feet tall, so a fence alone will not suffice.
- **Never** allow a coyote to become comfortable around your home, every time you see a coyote scare it away!



I'M WORRIED ABOUT MY PETS. WHAT SHOULD I DO?

A lot of us have pets for whom we would do anything. Making sure to secure your pets properly helps to ensure their safety.

Dog owners –

- Supervise your dog when it is outside, especially around dawn and dusk. If you must leave your dog outside, make sure you leave it in a fully enclosed dog run that has a roof.
- When walking your dog, always keep it on a six feet leash. Avoid using extendable leashes because this limits the control you have over your pet.
- Do not allow your dog to interact with coyotes! **Never** allow your dog to chase or follow coyotes for any reason.

Cat owners –

- The only way to ensure your cat's safety is to keep them indoors or in an outdoor cat enclosure that is secure. This not only keeps your cat in, but other animals out.

WHAT SHOULD I DO IF I SEE A COYOTE IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD?

Because they are so common, a lot of us will see a coyote in a neighborhood at one point or another. Whenever a coyote is seen in an urban area, the best thing you can do for them, and us, is to haze it away. This means:

- Standing your ground, **never** run from the coyote.
- Get big, loud and scary!
- Wave your hands around and yell at the coyote.
- If the animal stops and looks back, make sure to continue scaring the coyote away until they have completely left the area.
- **Never** corner a coyote, always make sure they have a way to escape.

Hazing is important because it helps to ensure coyotes maintain a fear of humans. When they become habituated to humans (lose their fear) they are more likely to become bold and be less likely to run away from people when they are seen.

I AM WORRIED ABOUT MY SAFETY, WILL A COYOTE ATTACK ME?

Statistically, champagne corks and golf balls are far more dangerous to humans than coyotes. By taking the above precautions you will help limit conflicts that may arise in your neighborhood. If an incident with a human does occur, please call 911 or our dispatch 775-688-1331 immediately.



WILL THE DEPARTMENT COME AND REMOVE/RELOCATE THE COYOTES IN MY NEIGHBORHOOD?

In short, removal of coyotes is not a long-term solution. If there is habitat in your neighborhood, coyotes will be in the area. Even if every single coyote was removed, more would quickly come into the area (who doesn't want to live near a nice golf course?).

Coyotes are very territorial and dependent on their home ranges. After being relocated, they will do just about anything to get back home where they are familiar with the resources (this includes crossing roadways, exposure to elements, lack of food and water) – this is both dangerous for the animal, and counter-effective for the neighborhood. If they stay, the new, unfamiliar territory is almost guaranteed to be a currently occupied territory for other foxes or coyotes, who will aggressively and fatally defend against intruders. The best, and most effective way of keeping coyotes out of our neighborhoods is to keep the resources low (reduce attractants) and the threats high (haze).

If there is a significant public safety risk, please reach out to us. However, we do not remove coyotes for being sighted in neighborhoods or attacking free-roaming cats and dogs. With that in mind, please make sure to secure your pets and haze away coyotes when seen. ✨

SEARCHING FOR A DAY TRIP?

EXPLORE THE HISTORY OF SEARCHLIGHT

BY LARRY EDSALL



What do Hollywood actors Rex Bell and Clara Bow, fashion designer Edith Head, aviators William Nellis and John Macready, businessman James “Big Jim” Cashman, entertainer Rags M’Goo, and music composer Scott Joplin have in common with the late U.S. Senator Harry Reid?

Each was either born in, raised in, resided in (or nearby) or wrote in tribute to Searchlight, Nevada.

Each also is featured in the Searchlight Museum, which joins the Cannon Aviation Museum (see January 2024 *Solera Star*) and the main Clark County Museum on Boulder Highway (see July 2023 *Solera Star*) to comprise the county’s historical museum footprint.

The Searchlight branch fills a room inside the Searchlight Community Center, located some 60 miles south of Solera and east of Highway 95 on Cottonwood Cove Road (Nevada 164).

By the way, if you’re wondering how Searchlight got its name, there seems no definitive answer. According to local lore, it was either in a conversation between mining partners Gus Moore and G.F. Colton and Colton’s use of a Search Light brand match to light his pipe, or that one night Colton was atop a tall hill, lit a match and saw gold at his feet, or he said the spot would be an ideal location in the

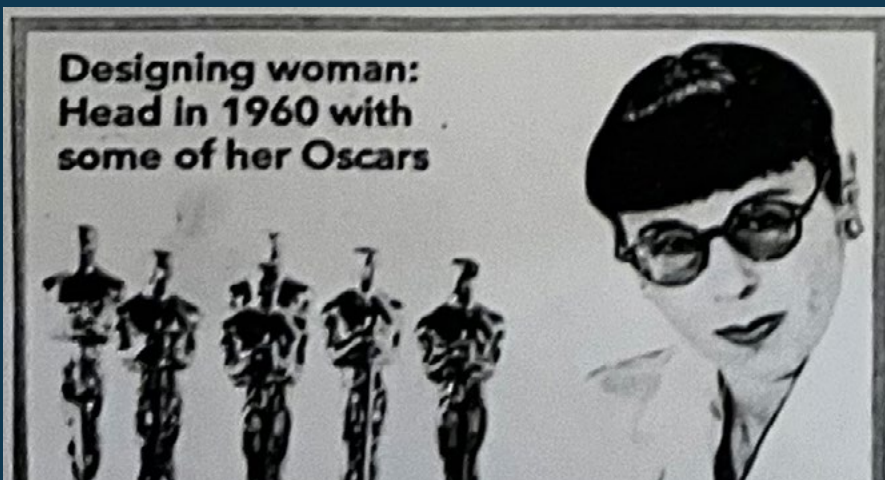
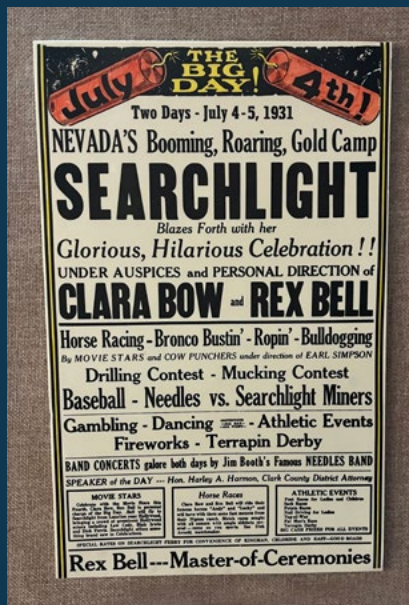




desert for a searchlight, or perhaps it was a local committee deciding several months after Colton and Moore established their Searchlight mine claim to name the local area as the Searchlight Mining District, or that the town was named for miner Lloyd Searchlight, though that later report in 1906 by a local newspaper has been invalidated, there being no record of such a person ever existing.

Mining made Searchlight so significant that when Nevada's Lincoln County was to be split in 1907, Searchlight, with twice as many registered voters as Las Vegas, was considered for the new Clark County seat. However, the process to split the county wasn't consummated until two years later and, by then, Las Vegas had the larger population.

If you want to explore beyond the museum on your day trip, you can continue east to Cottonwood Cove and the Lake Mohave section of the Colorado River. Or go back across Highway 95 and go west on scenic Nipton Road. Along the way is Walking Box ranch, the home of Rex Bell and Clara Bow. Just before you reach Interstate 15, you pass through fascinating town of Nipton (see June 2021 and April 2023 issues *Solera Star*). ✧



SCOTT JOPLIN AND THE SEARCHLIGHT RAG

In 1907, Scott Joplin, America's foremost composer of ragtime music, wrote the SEARCHLIGHT RAG as a tribute to his friends Charles and Tom Turpin. The Turpin brothers had an interest in the Big Onion Mine in 1891 near what was to become Searchlight. They did not stay long in Nevada and returned home to St. Louis. The SEARCHLIGHT RAG was an apparent tribute to that experience.

Joplin was very particular about how the rag was played. His directions were exacting, "NOTICE. Do not play this piece fast. It is never right to play ragtime fast. COMPOSER."

Scott Joplin died in 1917.

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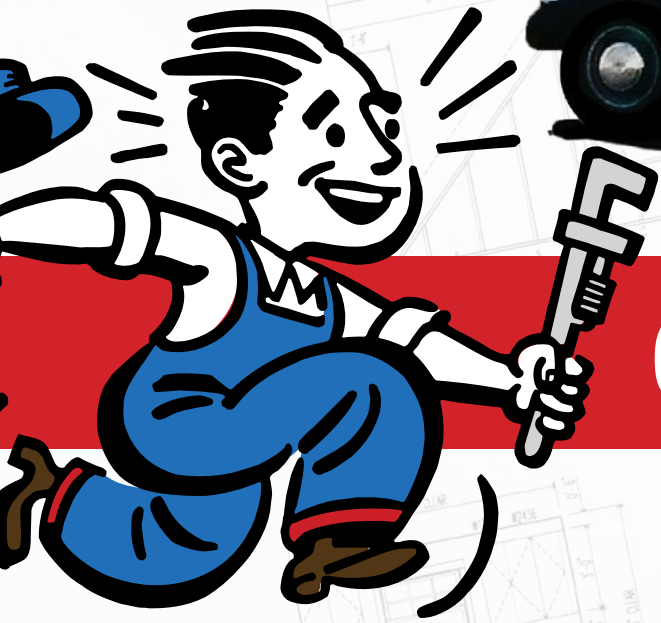
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SOLERA ROMEO'S AREN'T WHAT YOU MIGHT EXPECT

THEY AREN'T CHASING WOMEN, BUT ARE DOING GOOD

BY FRANK NOBEL

When you learn that Solera has a club called the Romeo's, you can be forgiven if your first thought is along the lines of "what about Juliet?"

But this group isn't based on Shakespeare's famous play. ROMEO in this case is an abbreviation for "Retired Old Men Eating Out."

The club was established in January 2008 and meets for breakfast the third Friday of each month.

"We've been everywhere," notes Ken Pavese, the Romeo's founding treasurer.

At first, the club would meet at the Solera clubhouse and decide on locations for breakfast. Destinations included the Omelet House, Railroad Pass, and Arizona Charlie's, to name just a few. Other locations have included the buffet at Green Valley Ranch and the Village Pub on Eastern Avenue.

Ken recalls that at Village Pub, a waitress named Leslie knew each member's usual order even before they could remember what they wanted to order.

The club's current breakfast place is the buffet at the South Point Casino.

Eating out aside, the Romeo's history is that of service. The group was founded to provide support for our troops in Afghanistan, and some 50 boxes of basic essentials were collected for servicemen and women, the local Elks Lodge handling the cost of shipping.



Romeo's Today

The Romeo's also started Solera's bingo games, hot dog lunches, pancake breakfasts and a New Year's Eve party. They staged the first road trip to Tuacahn, the art and entertainment venue in St. George, Utah. Currently, the Romeo's support the country breakfast and the Big Game (Super Bowl) party.

Even with 14 months missed during the Covid-19 epidemic, the March 2024 breakfast marks the 179th for the group, which collects nominal annual dues toward its support of charities.

Interested in becoming one of Solera's Retired Old Men Eating Out? Just show up the third Friday of the month at the South Point Casino buffet at 8:30 a.m. Look for Ken; he's the Romeo counting the money and he'll gladly sign you up. ✨



Big Game Party



Romeo's First Breakfast



DESTINATION: BLUE DIAMOND

DON'T JUST DRIVE PAST ON YOUR WAY
TO RED ROCK CANYON

BY FRANK NOBEL

Nestled between Cactus Joe's Blue Diamond Nursery and the Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area is Blue Diamond, a census-designated place in Nevada.

As you drive toward Red Rock Canyon on Blue Diamond Road, you may notice an outgrowth of trees on your left: that's the community of Blue Diamond, and there is a bit of history attached to that locale.

The area was named when the Blue Diamond Company took ownership of the gypsum mine located there. Prior to that, the village had been known as Cottonwood Springs: and because of the springs it became a location on the famed Old Spanish Trail, that went from Southern California to Santa Fe by way of territory that would become Nevada, Utah, Colorado, and New Mexico.



Currently, Blue Diamond is home to a population of around 300 people. It has a library, elementary school, and a park. In the park you will often see wild burros grazing on the grass. A drive through the community doesn't take but a hot minute unless, of course, you stop to refuel at the gas station.

But there is a destination to consider for your trip to the community — the Cottonwood Station. The saloon and restaurant may be new, but it also is quaint with decorations, photos, and good food and service.

Blue Diamond is an interesting side trip as you head to Red Rock Canyon, or even a destination for a roundtrip of about 50 miles.

(Cottonwood Station is closed on Monday, opens with pastries for breakfast at 7:00 a.m. on Tuesday and for lunch and dinner from 11:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., and then offers a full kitchen service Wednesday through Sunday from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. For more information, visit www.cottonwoodstationeatery.com)*



THOSE OTHER SOLERAS

OUR NAME IS SHARED WITH A BANK, RVS AND MORE, INCLUDING VARIOUS SPIRITS

BY LARRY EDSALL

I saw a headline a few weeks ago. It reported that “Solera lays off staff...”

Fear not, Solera at Anthem residents, our FirstService Residential management team is still on the job for us. Turns out the headline referred to a different Solera, in this case Solera Holdings Inc., a Texas-based software company and provider of services to the automotive and property insurance industries.

Which got me to wondering: How many celestial bodies might there be in the larger Solera solar system?

Obviously, there’s Solera at Anthem, where some 3,000 of us live and play. We were created by the Del Webb home development company, which was so happy with us that it shared our name with several other of 55-and-older housing arrays, including those in California, Florida, Arizona, New Mexico, and even locally over at Stallion Mountain.

There also is Solera Senior Living, a company based in Denver that operates senior citizen apartment communities there as well as in Clearwater, Florida; Evanston, Illinois; Austin, Texas; Williamsburg, Virginia; Reston, Virginia; and even here in Las Vegas, where the company’s Lumina facility is on West Charleston Boulevard.

But wait, there’s more.

For example, Solera Network, a Phoenix-based company which, according to its website, “matches consumers to curated disease prevention” and is contracted “to administer the CDC Diabetes Prevention Program.”



Solera Energy, of Springfield, Missouri, claims to be “the premier leader in solar energy in Missouri and Northwest Arkansas.” There likely are those in that geographic area who use that energy to illuminate lighting fixtures from Solera, which manufactures custom architectural lighting in Brampton, Ontario, Canada, or from Solera Solar Lighting, which is based in Cary, Illinois.

The Solera National Bank is located in Lakewood, Colorado, so not all that far from Solera, an apartment building in downtown Denver. The Colorado community of Lone Tree is the home of Solera Salon Suites, of which there are five such facilities where you and your guests can be pampered.

There's another Solera, this one a risk management company in Roseville, California. Meanwhile, Solera also is the name of a "full band dynamics processor" produced for audio specialists by Flux, a French software engineering company.



Oh, and there's Solera, a brand of fabrics from marine and automotive manufacturer Lippert for use in awnings for recreational vehicles, and Solera, a line of RV models produced by Forest River of Elkhart, Indiana.

Solera also is the name of shower shampoo, conditioner and body wash products made in Canada, which are not to be confused with the fungicides, herbicides and insecticides from Yuma, Arizona-based Solera.

My Google search also revealed Solera, a Spanish-themed restaurant and tapas bar in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. By the way, Solera is a fitting name for such an establishment because while our name sounds like something related to the solar system, solera actually is a Spanish word that describes the process for producing sherry wine, and apparently the process has been adapted to the making of rum, brandy, whiskey, balsamic and sherry vinegars, as well as beer.

By whatever means, the Solera Brewery in Parkdale, Oregon, brews beers in small batches and serves them in a "public house experience" that also offers soup, sandwiches and what it calls "a HUGE burrito." There's American Solera, a craft brewery and tap room with locations in Tulsa and Edmonds, Oklahoma, and also the Bull City Solera and Taproom in Durham, North Carolina.

If beer isn't your beverage of choice, you might consider Solera, a single malt whisky from Australian distiller Starward, or Solera Rum, produced by the likes of Hilton Head Distillery, Santa Teresa, Bacardi and perhaps others.

Prefer wine? St. Julian of Paw Paw, Michigan, offers Solera cream sherry, and the Tasting Room of Huntly, Virginia, promotes Solera NV, a Rappahannock Cellars Vidal Blanc it produces using the Spanish solera system.

Breweries, distillers, vintners... maybe we should consider a tasting party at our Solera at Anthem clubhouse featuring those Solera-labeled beverages? ✨



ROSELLEN'S BEANS

HOW A SIDE DISH EVOLVED INTO A MEAL

BY LARRY EDSALL



Mom (standing) and Rosellen



Rosellen was one of my mother's best and longest friends. Mom lived to 101 and Rosellen to 98. Through many decades they shared their faith and their commitment to schools and their students. Their families became close, living not far apart while working in Illinois, enjoying recreation in cottages on a lake in Indiana, and in retirement living in residences a few miles apart in Florida.

Pot luck dinners were held at church and in homes, and Rosellen prepared her beans as a side dish for such events. I've moved them from a large casserole baking in the oven to a stew- or chili-style main meal cooked in the crock pot/ slow cooker.

Here is the original recipe, as Rosellen gave it to Mom, and she to me:

- Brown a half-pound each of bacon and hamburger and a 1/2-cup of chopped onions.
- Add a 1/2 cup of ketchup, a 3/4 cup of brown sugar, and 1 teaspoon each of salt and mustard.
- Add a can of kidney beans, a can of pork 'n beans and a can of lima beans.
- Bake for 2 hours at 350 degrees in the oven.



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Here is my modified recipe for cooking in the crock pot (you probably could save time by browning the meat on the stove top, but I do everything in the crock pot, thus there's only one pot to clean, and while it takes a few hours for everything to cook, I love the way the house smells during the process):

- Brown the meat (I tend to use two 16-ounce rolls of ground pork sausage, one regular and one spicy).
- Add at least a 1/2 cup of finely chopped onion, a little less than a cup of ketchup and an equal amount (or even slightly more) of mustard, a cup (or maybe a smidge more) of brown sugar, and 1 teaspoon of salt.
- Next, add 5 cans of beans (I don't like lima beans, and there's more room in a crock pot than in a casserole baking dish, so I do 2 cans of black beans, 1 of Northern or white beans, 1 of kidney beans, and 1 of Navy beans, including the liquid that's in those cans).
- Add 2 bay leaves (but remember to remove them before serving) and cook in the crock pot on low for several hours, enjoying the way your kitchen smells as you anticipate the evening meal.

The result is what I find to be a tasty stew- or chili-like meal. I top my bowl with crumbled saltine crackers or, for a special taste treat, croutons (regular or flavored). I suppose shredded cheese also would work as a topping, and my son-in-law likely would add a dollop of sour cream.

After enjoying a big bowl for dinner, I'll distribute the rest of the meat-and-bean dish into plastic containers (I like Ziploc's snap-top 3 1/8 cup size. I find each is large enough for two more servings). I'll put a couple of those containers in the refrigerator to eat within the next few days, and I'll put others in the freezer to enjoy later in the month.

Here's to you, Mom! ✨



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