

# Senior Village at SaddleBrooke

*Neighbors Helping Neighbors*



Winter 2019 Newsletter

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## Senior Village Member Enrollment Reaches 500 and Continues to Grow!

This success story begins with the hard working volunteers of the Membership Team. They are the first in-person contact who lets new members know about the services the Village has to offer. In addition to their intake interviews, they work beforehand, stapling, sorting, and preparing folders of information to give to the new member. They let the new members know how much Village volunteers care about them and will continue to look after them. Because of their work, Senior Village has provided over 7,000 services which have improved the quality of life for its members. Truly, without our Team Leaders Karen Jahn and Mardie Toney and their wonderful Team, Senior Village would not exist as it does today.



An Appreciation Brunch was held for the Membership Leaders and their Team to thank them for all their hard work and service to Senior Village and its members. Standing left to right top row: Ann Patterson-Barton, Mary Owen, Ed Drager, Laurie Foster, Barbara Oldfield, Karen Jahn. Sitting left to right bottom row: Esta Goldstein, Mardie Toney, Barb Fleming, Judy Cummings. Not shown: Judy Williams, Pat Broers, Diana Giljohann and Larry Byrd.

## Senior Village Stats for End of Year 2018

<b>Members</b>	<b>564</b>	<b>Home Projects</b>	<b>437</b>	<b>Driving Requests</b>	<b>573</b>
<b>Volunteers</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>Lock Boxes</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>Miles Driven</b>	<b>24,400</b>
<b>Patrons</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>Social Activities</b>	<b>345</b>	<b>Volunteer Hours</b>	<b>6,285</b>

## Notes from the Board

The Senior Village Board of Directors is pleased to announce the addition of two new directors: Ed Drager and Ed Kula. Both applicants have broad experience working with non-profit organizations combined with professional backgrounds in finance and law.

In addition to his career as an attorney, Ed Drager served as president of various boards and councils in Colorado and for the SaddleBrooke Rotary Club. As a Village member and volunteer, Ed has been involved in the growth of membership and services. He understands the need to develop a sustained stream of income to maintain the Village's financial stability. Ed's focus will be on fundraising, grant writing and donor programs, the top priorities for the coming year.



Ed Drager



Ed Kula

Stepping into the Village's treasurer position, Ed Kula shifts gears after having been the treasurer for the SaddleBrooke Health Fair for eight years. Before moving to SaddleBrooke, Ed worked in Illinois school districts supervising fiscal affairs and acting as their treasurer and business manager. Ed will play a key role in managing diverse investments for the Village to provide the necessary ongoing income and will also help create a legacy program for donors who choose to include Senior Village in their estate plans.

### Part Time Technological Support Hired

Now that Village membership has passed the 500 mark and is roaring towards 600, the Board of Directors has begun to move ahead with the hiring of part time support. The first position to be filled is that of IT Support. Robin Burns, our independent contractor, will function as the Village's website administrator. He will monitor the email provider for spam, add/delete internal email accounts, answer volunteers' technical questions and troubleshoot the automated voicemail system. His years as a professional computer consultant make Robin especially qualified for this specialized technological position.

**Ask the Village:** At the Health Fair, I saw volunteers wearing a Senior Village collared shirt. I'd like to buy one to wear when I play golf to show my support for the Village. Is it possible for members to buy one?

**Answer:** Yes, the short-sleeved, collared white shirts with the Village logo on the left chest are available for \$15. They come in S, M, L, XL, XXL sizes, are colorfast and do not shrink. To order one, call the Village at 520-314-1042 and leave your name. A volunteer will contact you to take your order.



## “The Times They Are A-Changing”

Bob Dylan’s song from the 60s can be applied to Senior Village today. Since our founding late in 2015, the Village has certainly seen amazing changes. Take a look at these figures:

Total service requests in 2017	1152	
Total service requests in 2018	1443	+20%
Membership in January, 2017	338	
Membership in January, 2018	442	+24%
Membership in January, 2019	564	+21%

With dedication, persistence, solid leadership, eager volunteer teams and a supportive community, Senior Village has been blessed with astounding success. We began with a commitment to care for each other and help each other age in place independently. Whether you are a member, patron, friend or volunteer, you are part of our “family” because you believe in the mission of “neighbors helping neighbors”.

Village members cover a wide range, from those who are active and independent to those who have advanced dependence and need help in making the transition to a safer and better-suited living arrangement. Most of our members are still active but with limited independence due to issues of mobility, agility or sight.

As with most things in life, success brings added responsibilities. We have grown beyond the “mom and pop” early stages of development. Our core volunteer leaders now find themselves in the role of Executive Directors putting in twenty or more hours a week:

- Responding to email inquiries, corresponding with team leaders
- Handling finances
- Answering resident, member, community phone calls
- Drafting and overseeing publicity (newspaper, newsletter, flyers, HOA1 weekly Community Update)
- Developing and tweaking our computer programs
- Overseeing team leaders and the dispatch calendar
- Organizing for SaddleBrooke fairs and community presentations

What is the next step in these a-changing times? To better serve you and allow our volunteers to do what they most enjoy, the Board of Directors will begin a job search for a paid, half-time (20 hrs/wk) Executive Director to administer the above responsibilities. This will allow our core leaders to focus on taking care of our family on a more personal level. They can interact with members, follow up on those who require special attention to remain independent, help members transition from SaddleBrooke when the Village can no longer provide the services they need, spread the word about the Village in the community (believe it or not, many SB residents do not know about SV) and plan for a future that includes the long-term financial stability of the Village.

Yes, the times they are a-changing, but Senior Village volunteers will always put our members first, will always be about neighbors helping neighbors and will always be committed to taking a personal interest in every member.

## Checkers Anyone?

Do you like games? Would you like to meet others with similar interests? The games that are pictured are only a few of the options for Game Day. Don't know how to play? We will teach you. Do you have a favorite not shown? Bring it. You can help others learn how to play.

Game Day is held the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 1 to 3:30 ... we even meet during the summer!



## I Like to Hold a Book

### Why Should I Use an Audio Book Player?

Reading is a wonderful, relaxing way to enjoy part of your day. But you might also consider listening to a book, another enjoyable way to spend time. In the words of Senior Village member Jeanette, "I use it every day. I listen while I'm sewing and even when doing my hair in the morning." Jeanette obtained an audio book player when they were first available from Senior Village, about 6 months ago. She says it is extremely easy to use and the SaddleBrooke libraries have a large selection of books available. She can't imagine why anyone would not want to listen to a good story while doing simple tasks that do not require a lot of thinking.

Audio Book Players are available through a grant from the Friends of SaddleBrooke Libraries. Senior Village is distributing them free to its members who may keep the devices as long as they want. The only stipulation is to check out three audio books a year from the SaddleBrooke and DesertView libraries. The libraries have over 1,000 audio books featuring best sellers and many literary genres. Senior Village volunteers will instruct members on how to use the device, help them choose books, drive them to the library or pick up/return the audio books. For information on how to obtain a player, call 314-1042.



*The Audio Book Player "boom box" includes a AM/FM radio which can be plugged into a wall, includes batteries and weighs about three pounds.*

## 2019 Annual Dues Remain Unchanged

Dues for 2019 were payable January 1st. If you have neglected to pay, please consider writing your check today so you can continue to receive all the services available to you as a member of Senior Village.

Dues for a single member is \$48 or \$60 for a household. This entitles you to 72 services per year.

# In Appreciation of Our Patrons

Robert & Barbara Allen

Judith Anick

Bonnie & Jim Barker

Linda & Ron Bechky

Jim & Georgeann Becker

Gary & Tammy Beeler

Kathy Benson

& Mike Carran

Louise Bidwell

Bob & Felicia Bloom

Jane Brancaccio

Bud Brandau

Virgil Brandon

Patricia Broeren

Patricia Broers

Bernie & Gloria Brown

Barbara & Tom Brown

Barbara Brunswig

Hal & Diane Campbell

Alice & Bob Carbeck

Olga Carnahan

Barbara Carter

Roy Christiansen

Gary Clapp

Philip Cohen

John Colozzi

Beverly Cristello

Phil & Judy Cummings

Janet Dawson

Rose DeLaney

Carole Delie

Leslie Hawkins

Arrah Jane Hill

Samuel I Horowitz

& Lorna F Michelson

Bill Jansen

Donald & Sonia Jensen

David & Kristy Johnson

Karen Kelly

Suzanne & Dale Kirby

Karl Klingelhofer

Emerson T Knowles

Peggy Knowles

Gerald Kos

Judith & Dick Kroese

Beverly Kudla

Mae LaPane

Jeff and Lisa Lefebvre

Ronald A & Patricia Lenz

Pete & Linda Lewis

David Loendorf

Barbara Marriott

Dick & Deanna McCann

Regina Pang

Ann & Bob Parker

Gary & Karen Pearce

Cdr. and Mrs. Robert L.

Pelton, USN (Ret)

Steve Penner

Art Pennetta

Lisa A. Perry

Richard Phelps

Vauna Pipal

Carol Poole

Donald Prasek

Susie Prescott

Jeanne Ragan

Eileen Rakita

Christine Reding

Agnes Reimer

Joseph Rink

Roma Robson

Greg Bonus & Linda Russell

Sally Ann Sample

Kay Schlittenhart

Janet Schmidt

John Schmidt

Leon & Jackie Schochet

Connie & Tom Sherman

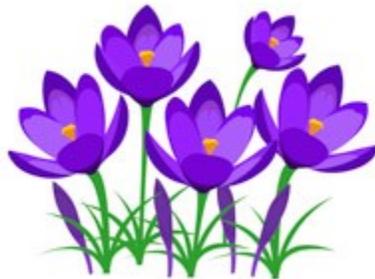
Barbara & Alvin Silvan

E.J. Sinda

Carole Smania

Karen Spalter

Stoney & Ann Stonecipher



## In Memory Donations

Sandra Best in memory of Jim McMullen	Howard Good in memory of Tina Good	Betty Michelsen in memory of Jim Michelsen	Nancy Pacioni in memory of Dante Pacioni
Ed Drager in memory of Stewart Smith	Rita Harder in loving memory of her husband Fred Harder	Dinny Miller in memory of Peter Chase	Jane Udowitz in memory of Stanley Udowitz
Esta Goldstein in loving memory of Stanley Goldstein	LM Jake Jacobson in memory of Sherry Jacobson	Ardis F. Ostrom in memory of Lloyd H. Ostrom	Joyce Weissman in memory of Mark Weissman

## Senior Village Approved for Arizona Tax Credit

In recognition of services the Village provides, the state of Arizona has acknowledged Senior Village at SaddleBrooke as an Arizona Qualified Charitable Organization. By making a donation to our non-profit Senior Village, Arizona residents can now receive tax credit. Your donation amount is deducted from your Arizona tax bill up to \$400 for a single or \$800 for a joint return. Attach Forms 321 and 301 when you file, and, of course, it's always prudent to consult your tax advisor for guidance.

### Board of Directors

Chairman	David Loendorf
Director	Sandy Morse
Director	Stephanie Thomas
Director	Mardie Toney
Director	Ed Drager
Director	Ed Kula

### Team Leaders

Administration	Mona Sullivan
Community Relations	Mardie Toney
Dispatch	Shawne Cryderman
Friendly Contact	Peggy Ogier
Fun with Friends	Lois Violanti
Going-My-Way	Alice Cruse
	Cheryl Smith
Helping Hands	Randy Zimmerman
Lockbox	JoAnne Sanden
Membership	Karen Jahn

### Coordinators

Technology	David Loendorf
Volunteers	Silke Bender
Training	Joan Stewart

For information about Senior Village, go online to:  
[www.seniorvillageatsaddlebrooke.org](http://www.seniorvillageatsaddlebrooke.org) or phone 520-314-1042.

To become a Member, Patron or Volunteer, visit our administrative site at:  
[www.svatsb.org](http://www.svatsb.org).

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