

Senior The Village Voice

Spring Newsletter, 2018

SaddleBrooke, AZ

Sandy Morse, Editor

With Thanks to Our Retiring Board Directors

Two and a half years have passed since Gary Hammond and Dick Fleming first began plotting the creation of Senior Village at SaddleBrooke. After Dick's passing early in 2016, Gary forged ahead with determination to help our Senior Village become a reality. His commitment has provided strong leadership and inspiring vision, guiding us as we grew to 400 members and 150 volunteers.

Gary is now retiring from his position as President. He will stay on the Board informally in the honorary position of "President Emeritus" to help facilitate the leadership transition. At this same time, our Vice President and Treasurer Ron Bechky is likewise retiring from the Board. Ron was the organizing team leader of "Going My Way" and instrumental in the early success of Senior Village. Both Gary and Ron have served with dedication to the mission of Senior Village. We are profoundly appreciative of their service.

Director David Loendorf will succeed Gary as incoming President. David has been an integral part of Senior Village since early in its inception as both a Board member and Director of Technology. The position of Treasurer will be filled by Board Director Jet George who also serves as Training Coordinator and Volunteer Coordinator. Sandy Morse (Support Team Leader) and Stephanie Thomas (Volunteer Coordinator) will remain as Board Directors and will be joined by new Director Mardie Toney.

As we transition into the future, Senior Village at SaddleBrooke will continue to play a vital role in the SaddleBrooke community, thanks to the solid foundation laid for us by Gary and Ron.



Retiring Senior Village at SaddleBrooke Board Members: founding President Gary Hammond (r) with Ron Bechky (l), Board Treasurer and original Going My Way Team Leader.



Gary welcomes Incoming President of Senior Village David Loendorf (r)

Mardie Toney Appointed to Village Board

Bringing fresh ideas and new perspectives are crucial to the growth of any organization. The Senior Village Board of Directors welcomes Mardie Toney as our most recently appointed Director. Mardie brings with her a broad understanding of how our Village functions after being on the Membership Team for two years and acting as its team leader for the past year. She is the first person to interact with prospective new members before assigning one of her volunteers to conduct an intake interview. We look forward to Mardie's participation as a contributing member of the Board.

A Tisket, A Tasket, a Spring Fling Goodie Basket

Recruited into action by Village volunteer BJ Murray, a cadre of kind souls donated time and talent to baking, wrapping, filling and delivering thirty-six baskets with homemade cookies, candies, jams and breads which were distributed on March 24th to randomly chosen Senior Village members.

The following Village and non-Village participants took part in one or more of the phases of this outreach activity: BJ Murray, Jane Limoges, Deb Klaetch, Carol Nickals, Deb Fenton, Sue Gehlbach, Linda Morsani, Brenda Harried, Cheryl Smith, Jo Ann Durrani, Bruce Jordan and Betty Stein.

A note from a member who received a goodie basket spoke for all the recipients when she wrote: "It was so nice to open my door and see you with a gift of goodies for me. You ladies give of yourselves and all that you do is give smiles. Thank you so much".



Does Your Book Print Look Smaller and Smaller?

...and are you reading less and less? Senior Village would like to make it easier for you to enjoy the latest books without straining your eyes. Here are a couple suggestions: Our three SaddleBrooke libraries offer many popular books in **LARGE PRINT**. Also, if you want to sit back in your easy chair and listen to a book, they have a selection of 1,390 **AUDIO BOOKS** that can be easily accessed on CD players. Both the **LARGE PRINT** and **AUDIO BOOKS** are checked out for 28 days.

SaddleBrooke library catalogues for HOA1 and Desert View are available online at <http://sblibraries.com> or stop by and browse. Reserve a book online or by calling the libraries. **If you can't pick up your book, a Senior Village volunteer will pick it up and bring it to you.** Just call our Dispatch team at 520-314-1042 to request this service.

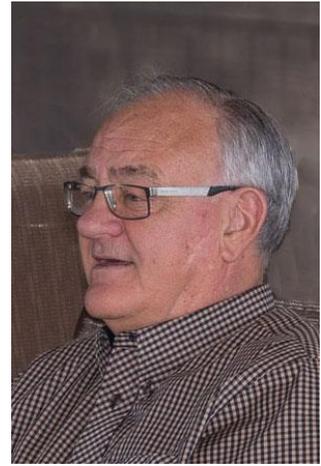
HOA1 Library: 9 am. to 4 pm. M-F; 9 am to noon on Sat. Phone: 917-3753

Desert View Library: 9 am. to 4 pm. M-F; 9 am to noon on Sat. Phone:818-1964

Cholla Library at Mt.View: Open during clubhouse hours; honor system check-out

In Memory of Gary Swalve

Gary Swalve, an original member of our Dispatch Team, passed away unexpectedly on March 8, 2018. Gary considered each Village member to be like family and showed concern for them all when they called Dispatch. His wife Diann confirmed Gary's commitment to the Village in these words: "Gary absolutely loved his role on the Dispatch Team and the interactions with all those who requested services. His cell phone was an almost permanent attachment to his body, so he wouldn't miss a call that needed attention." Gary will be remembered for his compassion, gentle spirit and dedication to the Village. We will miss him greatly.



These Volunteer Statistics for 2017 May Surprise You!

Number of volunteers: **151**
Number of volunteer hours: **5,412**
Volunteer miles driven: **26,965**
Going My Way driving requests: **687**
Helping Hands team home and yard tasks: **221**
Lock boxes installed: **117**
Friendly Contact social activity participants: **111**

**A Mega
Thank You to
All Our Volunteers,
You're the BEST**

Ask The Village...



QUESTION: I have heard of a group called **Music Mends Minds**. What is its purpose? Has SaddleBrooke started a group?

ANSWER: **Music Mends Minds** is a three-and-a-half-year-old non-profit 501c(3) organization dedicated to creating musical support groups for seniors living with dementia, Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, traumatic brain injury, PTSD and stroke. **Music acts as medicine for the mind**, changing brain chemistry and uplifting the spirits of our seniors as well as caregivers and family members. In spite of the disease process, the ability to play music and recollect lyrics is maintained, helping band members feel whole and healthy again in the midst of music making. There is now a total of eleven active bands worldwide including the flagship band, "The 5th Dementia."

Plan to attend the first SaddleBrooke Music Mends Minds gathering:

DATE/TIME: May 23rd from 1:00-3:30 pm.

PLACE: Mt. View Ballroom West

CONTACT: Earlene Lewis 520-954-5859

Generous Support from Community Groups

Senior Village at SaddleBrooke has captured the hearts of our community. Not only do we have over 400 dues-paying members, but we also recently received substantial donations from local organizations.

With sincere thanks, we acknowledge Rotary Club of SaddleBrooke, Friday Quilters, SaddleBrooke Lady Niners and Trico Electric Cooperative for their generous support.

These funds help us offset the cost of background checks for each volunteer, liability insurance premiums, printing and mailing, public relations materials and more. We do not have paid staff or office space as we are an all-volunteer network.



Barbara Turner and Kelly Rospond from the Friday Quilters group present a donation check to Senior Village President David Loendorf from their auction proceeds.

In Appreciation of Our Patrons

Thanks to all our generous and supportive patrons including those this year who donated to Senior Village through the Arizona tax credit option which offers up to \$400 credit for a single or \$800 tax credit for a couple filing jointly. We acknowledge with gratitude our recent donors:

Linda and Ron Bechky	Garrett Clapp	G. Anne Cleghorn
Mona and Richard Divine	Ed Drager	Carole Dutcher
Sally Elser-Kane	Richard Friend	Paul Gurnier
Winnie Gressman	Danny Howells	Annette Kladd
Tim Mahanna	Ronald McNutt	Sandy Morse
Mary Owen	Eileen Rakita	Robert & Carol Sommer
Ann & Joel Stonecipher	Dr. Audrey I. E. Tarchine	Beverly and Arthur Tennetta
Stephanie Thomas	Cdr & Mrs Robert L Pelton USN (Ret)	

Board of Directors, Coordinators, Team Leaders

Officers

President	David Loendorf
Vice-President	Jet George
Vice-President	Sandy Morse
Vice President	Stephanie Thomas
Vice-President	Mardie Toney

Coordinators

Technology	David Loendorf
Training	Jet George
Volunteers	Stephanie Thomas
	Jet George

Team Leaders

Administration	Mona Sullivan
Community Relations	Sandy Morse
Dispatch	Shawne Cryderman
Friendly Contact	Peggy Ogier, Lois Violanti
Going-My-Way	Karen Jahn
Helping Hands	Randy Zimmerman
Lockbox	JoAnne Sanden
Membership	Mardie Toney
Support Team	Sandy Morse