

Las Palmas Grand Residents' Association

LPGRA Observer

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Residents' Association Meetings

CLUBHOUSE BALL ROOM

SEPTEMBER 5, 2024, 9:30 CARD RM

OCTOBER 3, 2024, 9:30

NOVEMBER 7, 2024, 9:30

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Recycling News

The Las Palmas Grand recycling program has been up and running for over 3 years now. There has been substantial cash made from this recycling program which has paid for LPGRA Board expenses (webmaster, donuts and coffee for the General meetings in the summer months, miscellaneous office expenses, and door prizes) and the annual donation in December to a non-profit organization chosen by the residents. The great part is that it has kept over 4,000 pounds of aluminum and over 8,000 pounds of plastic out of the landfill. Kudos to all of you that choose to participate in this beneficial program. Many, many kudos and thanks go to Bob Williams and his team for all they do which is work, and for driving it to the recycling place on a weekly basis, depending on how much is collected. Funny thing is, Bob finds glass containers in the recycling bin at the pool. Besides LPGRA not recycling glass, any type of glass container is prohibited in and around the pool area. Common sense should dictate that, but there continues to be violators on both fronts.



Patriotism on Display

We've heard mentions that American patriotism is falling by the wayside and is on a rapid decline. "Really" is that fact or opinion? If factual, what measurement is used to come to that conclusion? If the statements are opinion, what or who influenced the opinion?

There is no doubt that America is going through a period of evident change. But every generation has had an impact on America's evolvement. The Greatest Generation (1901-1927), the Silent Generation (1928-1945), Baby Boomers (1946-1964), Generation X (1965-1980), Millennials (1981-1996), Generation Z (1997-2012), and now Generation Alpha (2013-present), have all

contributed and will continue to contribute to an ever-changing American landscape. And by far, each generation's contributions have had a quite positive impact on American society. But a decline in patriotism? I think not Subdued? Maybe. Declining? No!

If you wish to observe patriotism on full display, plan a visit to your Thesman Communities **RED** Friday Patriots breakfast meetings on any Friday morning. We believe you'll be convinced that patriotism is alive and well in America!

Assemblies are held at the American Legion Post 27, 1018 S Meridian Road, Apache Junction. Buffet breakfast is served at 7:30am. Program starts promptly at 8:30 am. Wear **RED**. Join us in our passion to **Remember Everyone Deployed (R.E.D.)**. Contacts: Dick Nations (512) 809-8899, or Richard Bartlow (480) 665-1038.

Submitted by Dick Nations

August – Our Eighth Month of the Year

August is upon us, starting with an old harvest holiday, Llamas Day. Do you know who August is named after, what August babies are called, and the holidays this

month? Are you a fan of this harvest month which brings the bounty of the season, or do you dislike the hottest month of the year?

August was named after a major figure of the ancient Roman World, Augustus Caesar (63 B.C.–A.D. 14). He was the first Roman emperor (though he never claimed the title) and the grandnephew of the previous ruler, Julius Caesar (who named July after himself). August is the 8th month of the year in today’s Gregorian calendar, but it was the sixth month (Sextilus) of the year in Roman times. Augustus had the month of Sextilius renamed after himself in 8 B.C. This was the month of some of his greatest military victories.

When to See the Full Moon in August 2024
August’s full Moon will appear on the afternoon of **Monday, August 19**, reaching peak illumination at 2:26 P.M. Eastern Time. That evening, look toward the southeast after sunset to catch a glimpse of the Sturgeon Moon rising. And ... it’s the first Supermoon of the year, which means that it will appear bigger and brighter than the full Moons we have seen thus far!

The full Moon of August is traditionally called the “Sturgeon Moon. The name **Sturgeon Moon** comes from the giant lake sturgeon of the Great Lakes and Lake Champlain; this native freshwater fish was readily caught during this part of summer and an important



food staple for Native Americans who lived in the region. At one time the lake sturgeon was quite abundant in late summer, though they are rarer today.

Moon Phases for August 2024

These are all Eastern time zones

	New Moon, Aug 4, 7:13am
	First quarter, Aug 12, 11:19am
	Full Moon, Aug 19, 2:26pm
	Last quarter, Aug 26, 5:26am

Moon Folklore

- *Clothes washed for the first time in the full Moon will not last long.*
- *If you glimpse the new Moon over your right shoulder, you will have good luck.*
- *To have a project prosper, start it during the new Moon.*
- *Babies born a day after the full Moon enjoy success and endurance.*

Newsletter Theme for this Quarter

The theme of this quarter's newsletter is what people do in their spare time. There are all sorts of things to fill in time, such as napping or sitting and doing exactly nothing. This is because most of us can as we are retired. Why do today if we don't feel like it as there is always tomorrow. We're retired!!

Still a Working Woman

Donna Provost, our LPGRA interim First Vice President is not only still working full time but walks 3 miles a day. She likes walking the circumference of our lovely community. She also plays pickleball at least 4 times a week. She has energy!

Submitted by Donna Provost

Book Making



About 6 years ago I started paper crafting at the clubhouse with Brenda Laliberte as our leader and we made many different paper crafts including a mini album. This type of crafting didn't take a lot of money, or a large amount of space. I really fell in love with making mini albums, books or journals which they are called. They are good for quotes, pictures, Bible verses or just as a "look" book as the paper is sometimes too pretty to cover with anything. It does take hours to make one, but it is enjoyable time spent doing it. It's all fun to me.



I have a "She Shed" where I accomplish all my crafting in what used to be the shed or the storage room. I've sold my mini albums, given them away and when I think I don't have anyone left to make a book for, I find another reason to make one. It is an art form. Bev loves collecting paper. *Editor's note: Bev's books are truly beautiful inside and out.*

Submitted by Bev Huls

Tatting

Our LPGRA President, Peggy Marcone is a tatter. Tatting is the art of making lace with thread and a shuttle. I have been tatting since 1990 but really started getting “serious” about it in 2002. I make jewelry, Christmas ornaments, collars, and doilies. I find it very relaxing and really love the look of lace. Back about 2000 years ago, fishermen used cords to “tat” fishing nets. It is the same stitch we use today to make lace. It gradually became much more widely made using thread. The result was beautiful lace.



Back in the 1700's, the ladies in the courts of Europe and Eastern Europe would sit and tat making the lace for their beautiful gowns. The Industrial Revolution nearly removed tatting from usage. It was faster to make lace with machines than to take the time to make it by hand. In the USA, it was nearly “extinct”, but it has always been well known in Eastern Europe and even in South America. There

are tatting clubs and conventions all over the USA now and lots to be seen on the Internet.



I also enjoy putting puzzles together. It is a bit of a struggle at times since I like the 1000 piece puzzles the best, but I don't really have a place to do them, so I have to be creative based on the size of the puzzle. I use 2 tables near each other right now, but I am looking into getting a table just for puzzles. Sometimes I just go up to the clubhouse and work on the puzzle that is in the last craft room.

Submitted by Peggy Marcone

Lots of Sewing Going on Here

I love knitting, crocheting, counted cross stitch, embroidery, reading and going to the movies. See her work below.



Submitted by Terry Toser

Legoland



Six years ago, my five-year-old grandson and his father were putting together the Millennium Falcon Lego set with 11,000 pieces. The kit stated it was for 18 years or

older, but my 5-year-old understood the instructions. After a knee surgery I was visiting them and helped with the kit. I became very interested in putting Lego kits together. They are between 8,000 and 11,000 pieces. Fat fingers don't always help, but I was successful. I have put together Hogwarts Castle, Dragon Alley, Coliseum, the Titanic, a typewriter, and currently I'm putting together the Eiffel Tower. They aren't toys as the pieces will fall apart if handled too much. I am starting to run out of room on where to display my large projects.



Submitted by Lee Huls

Spare Time ??

My spare time? WHAT spare time? Admittedly I am a "Television Addict", and I spend way too much time in

front of the TV. But I spend that time very efficiently as I record EVERYTHING on the DVR that I want to see, and then I can race over all the ads so I can watch a one-hour show in 40 minutes! The programs I like are the NBC Nightly News, Jeopardy, Blue Bloods, the various FBI series, America's Got Talent, and too many others to list! I spend the early mornings socializing with the



"boys" for coffee at 7:00 a.m. in the LPG lobby and playing tennis on Tu-Th-Sat (Sept. through June, it's TOO HOT now!). And when I'm not busy, I squeeze in a significant amount of time VOLUNTEERING. In fact, I am sort of a "presence" in the Clubhouse, to the point where there's many more people who know ME and, unfortunately, I don't always know THEIR names! Over our twenty-one years living in LPG, I have been a caller for Bingo & Show Me the Money, a Tennis Coordinator, and an Event M.C. I have several times prepared numerous Community meals (i.e. Bingo Burgers, Harrison Dinners, Holiday Luncheons, Steak Frys, Ice Cream Socials, and any other food preparation that starts with an "E" and ends with a "Z" — (Get it? EASY!!). Possibly, my biggest "job" is being Activities Nancy's "Go-to-Guy" whenever she needs help with an

activity. I am usually Johnny-on-the-Spot as long as it is as I said: it's gotta be "EZ"! With all this said, I want to make one other point, not about ME but about YOU!! If any of you LPGers out there are ever bored at home, there is always some type of volunteer activity that might tweak your interest. If YOU would volunteer, it would lessen the burden on the great number of volunteers who have already stepped-up at the Clubhouse. AND I'm sure that your volunteerism would be very much appreciated by your LPG neighbors who are less able to volunteer than you. If you were to join the "Volunteer Crew", then YOU would be helping to sustain the wonderful lifestyle and opportunities that we all enjoy at LPG!



Submitted by Les Jones

Eggshells Become Gems



In my spare time I like to decorate eggshells. The first step is to cut a hole in the front of an egg using a sharp cuticle scissors, and then release the egg. Omelet anyone? After that I dye the eggshells using food coloring or egg dye. Then I decorate the shells using all sorts of ribbons, gems, rhinestones, flowers, flat-back craft stones or animals, and anything crafty I can find on sale at Hobby Lobby or Amazon. The finishing touch is to fill



the eggshell with Easter grass and place a chenille bunny or rabbit or tiny plastic eggs in the front. Now they are ready to sell at a garage sale or give away as gifts.



Submitted by Cheryl Jorban

Ha, Ha, Ha, What Free Time!

Ha, ha, ha, free time. I feel like I had more when I was working.

Submitted by Pat Wittman

Card Making

I love making cards. I've been card making for many years.

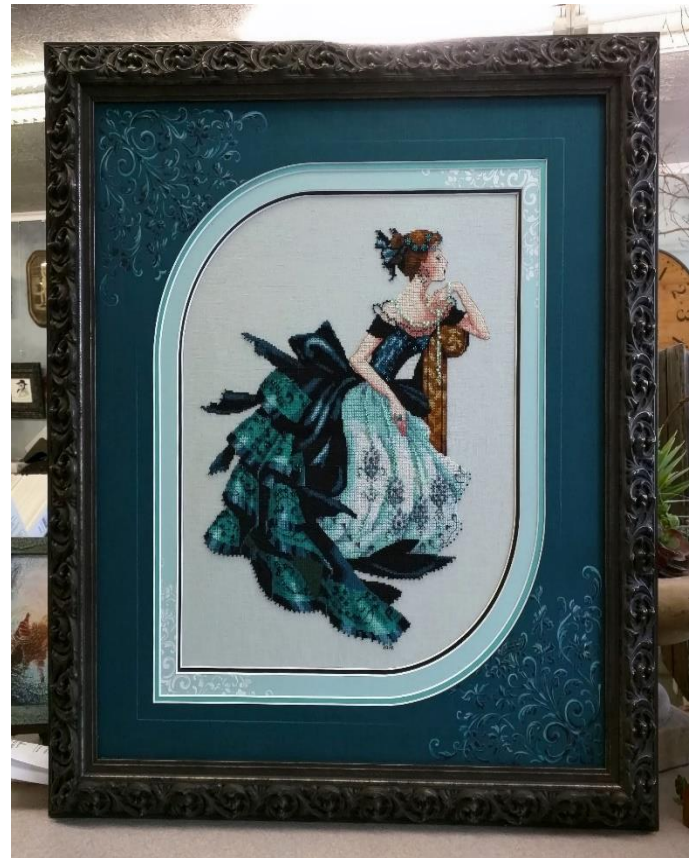


Submitted by Terry Nasca

Cross Stitching

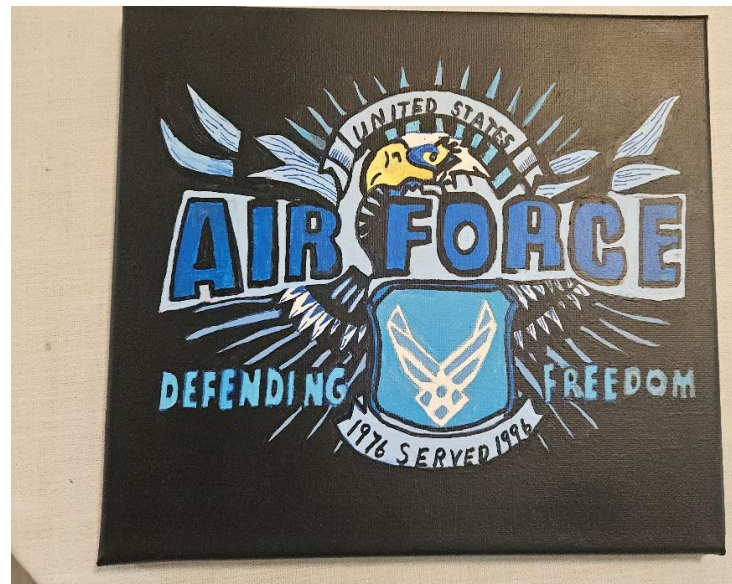
I spend a good deal of time cross stitching. I take a piece of linen, get a pattern and stitch the picture onto the fabric in x's. I have to count where every stitch is to go. The lady in the emerald dress took me one year to stitch. I started stitching the winter scene 20 years ago and I just finished it 2 years ago. I needed to finish some outlining which I didn't do and simply put the picture away. I also didn't have the bare tree branches stitched and I free handed those. I tend to make rather large pictures and all my framed stitching

have displaced all the paintings that we bought on various cruises. The Amish picture I started 29 years ago and gave up as I thought it was too hard. Just finished it.



Submitted by Sue Smith

Nothing He Can't Make



There is not much that Bill can't make. Above is an Air Force logo that he painted onto a canvas for a resident in our community. He first used a stencil to add it to the canvas and then painted it. At Christmas time he likes to decorate the inside of his house. His theory is, everyone else can see the lights if they're on the outside of the house except for he and his wife Carmella. Bill puts up lights inside the house. They also have a theme each year and he makes plaques, ornaments, and anything to decorate their house in the theme. He likes to give away his handiwork and doesn't sell it.

Submitted by Bill Crowly

I like to bake, read, play cards and RELAX.

Submitted by Dar Miller

Cards Anyone?

We like to play 5-Crowns, Wizard and a lot of other card games. Bob also spends his time recycling for the community.

Submitted by Pam and Bob Williams

Logo Contest Winner! !



We have a winner for the mug logo contest. There were 5 logos submitted and the residents at the June meeting voted on the logo they liked best. The winner is Cheryl Jorban. She will get a free mug for being the winning submission. The mugs were voted on to be cobalt blue with white lettering. They will sell for \$10 for one or \$15 for two.



AAMHO is the statewide organization that has been fighting for the rights of homeowners on leased land for nearly 50 years. With the passage of the Arizona Mobile Home Parks Residential Landlord and Tenant Act in 1975 through the revisions up to the present day, AAMHO has been at the forefront of the legislative process with support from dues paying members and the help of a team of volunteers made up of homeowners themselves.

AAMHO is here for anyone when they have concerns about manufactured home ownership. We answer all calls both from members and non-members. But it is from your memberships that we cannot only answer your questions, but we can impact changes in the current laws as well.

Go to AAMHO.ORG to apply for or renew membership. \$35 for a year, \$60 for two years, and \$150 for 5 years. Join Today!