

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA



**9.21**

During the oral communication section of the agenda for Tuesday, March 15, 2011, Rebecca Ludwig spoke regarding problems at the Eddie D. Smith Senior Center.

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**ATTACHMENTS FILED WITH  
CLERK OF THE BOARD**

**AGENDA NO.  
9.21**

**Riverside County Board of Supervisors** ✓  
**Request to Speak**

Submit request to Clerk of Board (right of podium),  
Speakers are entitled to three (3) minutes, subject  
Board Rules listed on the reverse side of this form.

**SPEAKER'S NAME:** REBECCA LUDWIG

**Address:** 5875 MISSION BLVD K-156  
(only if follow-up mail response requested)

**City:** RIVERSIDE **Zip:** 92509

**Phone #:** 951-784-0112

**Date:** 3-15-11 **Agenda #** ORAL

**PLEASE STATE YOUR POSITION BELOW:**

**Position on "Regular" (non-appealed) Agenda Item:**

**Support**       **Oppose**       **Neutral**

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for "Appeal", please state separately your position on  
the appeal below:

**Support**       **Oppose**       **Neutral**

**I give my 3 minutes to:** \_\_\_\_\_

Subj: **Good Morning**  
 Date: 3/9/2011 10:45:08 P.M. Pacific Standard Time

From:  
 To: *D. Marshall, P. Buckley, D. Johnston*

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Hugs  
 Becky

Submitted by Rebecca Ludw  
3/15/11 (date) Item oral

Thursday, March 10, 2011 America Online: RebecLudw

3/15/2011 9.21

Subj: **RE: Good Morning**  
 Date: 3/10/2011 3:11:30 P.M. Pacific Standard Time  
 From:  
 To: *Heldi Marshall*  
 CC:  
 Dear Ms. Ludwig,

Thank you for taking the time to communicate to us why our services at the Eddie Dee Smith Senior Center did not meet your expectations. To address your concerns I have copied the Center's Directors. Mr. and Mrs. Craig will respond to your email directly.

From: RebecLudw@aol.com [mailto:RebecLudw@aol.com]  
 Sent: Wednesday, March 09, 2011 10:45 PM  
 To: Marshall, Heldi; Buckey, Patricia; Johnston, Donna  
 Subject: Good Morning

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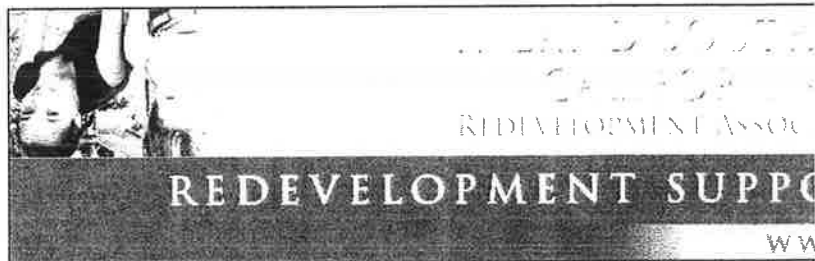
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*Save the Date:*

Bridal Show

March 27, 2011 12-4pm

*Edward-Dean Museum & Gardens*



Subj: RE: Good Morning  
Date: 3/10/2011 4:40:43 P.M. Pacific Standard Time  
From: Heidi Marshall  
To:  
CC:



Good afternoon Ms Ludwig,

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From: RebecLudw@aol.com [mailto:RebecLudw@aol.com]  
Sent: Thursday, March 10, 2011 3:30 PM  
To: Marshall, Heidi  
Subject: Re: Good Morning

Ms. Marshall,

Does this mean that you no longer want to know what is happening at the Senior Center? The last I heard was to let you know! Please advise!

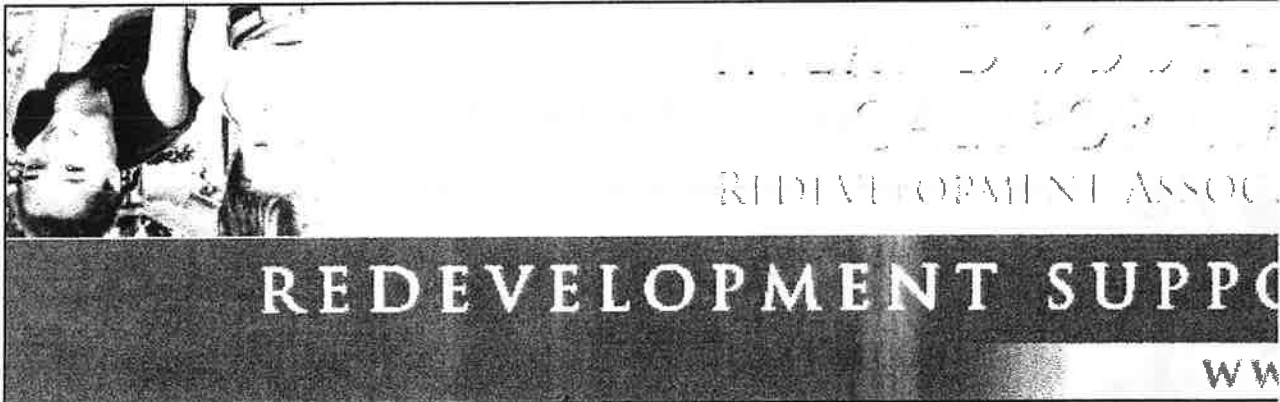
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Date: 3/10/2011 4:44:16 P.M. Pacific Standard Time  
From: Heidi Marshall  
To:  
CC:

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Sent: Thursday, March 10, 2011 4:06 PM  
To: Marshall, Heidi  
Subject: Opps! Forgot Something

Dear Mrs. Marshall,

It has "never" been a question of expectations, but holding individuals in authority accountable for inhumane treatment, injustices and favoritism!

I am paying their salary and have every right to question it!

Still Hugs,

Becky

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Subj: **Reply to your comments**  
 Date: 3/14/2011 8:51:16 A.M. Pacific Daylight Time  
 From: Bob Craig - BERA & C RIVED EDA, ORG  
 To: REBECCA LUDWIG  
 CC: BUKEY - MARSHALL & D JOHNSTON  
 Dear Ms. Ludwig,

I am writing with reference to your email of March 9, 2011. We have every desire to address your needs and provide the best solution available to resolve your issue as soon as possible.

Regarding the issues that you bring up in your email:

1. *I don't know if Bob Craig told you but, Jim Baca told a volunteer at the Center that he was going to Kill Her yesterday! In all fairness, he told Bob that it was just a joke and later came and told the volunteer the same thing. This man is bi-polar and you never know what he is capable of doing. This is the same senior who was writing nasty slogans about minorities on his T-shirts and signs on the back of his truck.*

Response: Your email indicates that this matter has already been resolved. However, should any further threatening comments come forward the parties will be advised that such behavior is not tolerated. You should know that when this came to my attention, I immediately addressed the concerned parties.

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Response: The comment in the newsletter about the reputation that our Center has is one that has been expressed to us by several community representatives, including: Ed Walsh, Director of the Office on Aging; various representatives from the Mead Valley Senior Center; numerous dignitaries and visitors that express their satisfaction with our services; as well as the Chair of the Foundation on Aging. Ann Ward's comment is that she was proud to work at our Center and that she resents that her comments are being misconstrued.

*There use to be 1000 seniors in one week and now your lucky to see 50 people for lunch. The food box is down to 600 and that is with new applicants. The place is a ghost town by 1:00 p.m. on a daily basis, if it is so envied why are people leaving and not coming back.*

Response: The Senior Nutrition lunch program was reduced to a maximum of 54 participants. When we have had an open lunch session, sponsored by the senior center, such as the Thanksgiving and Christmas events, we served approximately 80 people. It has been our experience that in the past several years, activities in the afternoon have never been well attended as many seniors nap at that time.

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Response: In an effort to address and resolve your concerns, I invite the opportunity to speak with you directly. I take great pride in the Center and I am committed to addressing any issues since I have the responsibility for managing the Center.

The feedback that I receive from the other seniors is that they appreciate that they have someone who can tackle a problem in an immediate fashion. Other feedback that I have received is that the seniors appreciate that I take care of the issue to the benefit of the seniors participating in our various programs. When Lynne and I make statements to the seniors, when there is a "general

assembly", we are ALWAYS thanked and given positive feedback. These experiences lead me to question your statement of the times that I am "going off". I would like to extend an invitation to meet with you to address this concern. A representative from the Housing Authority is also available to join us if you feel a third party should be present.

At times, most recently, we have had pleasant conversations during which you express good will towards me and the Center, but I then discover that my statements are then misquoted and misconstrued when you share with others. As always, I am ready to hear your constructive feedback so that we can finally move forward for the benefit of the Center.

Again, I appreciate your feedback as it will assist us in better serving you and our seniors. As with any agency like ours, the greatest satisfaction we can have is a happy senior. I appreciate the opportunity to respond to your concerns.

**Bob Craig**



*Dist #2*

Eddie Dee Smith Senior Center

# March Newsletter

Volume 5, Issue 3

March 1, 2011

*Vision of the Eddie Dee Smith Senior Center*

*To advocate and stimulate older adults to improve life through relationships and celebrate aging.*

## Sweetheart Social

We had a fantastic party celebrating Valentine's Day with Supervisor Tavaglione's Youth Action Team. The students took care of all our needs, serving us a delicious meal, entertaining us, taking pictures, handing out valentines and ending with door prizes and Bingo! Wow, what an evening. We look forward to this event every year. Thank you to all those that worked so hard and care so much.



### Exciting News Inside.....

We have some great trips planned and our Photography class is starting up again. Turn the pages.....



### Mission Statement

*The primary mission of the Eddie Dee Smith Senior Center is to serve older adults of the community and provide services, information, meals and activities geared to the needs of an older adult. Our goal is to create a safe and healthy environment that will enhance the quality of life of these older adults through the collaborative efforts of the Senior Center leadership.*

Dear Friends,

This month has been one for the record books. A few things have broke down on us and we have had to make adjustments. But in all that, we are very blessed with a beautiful senior center, one that, we have been told, is envied by other senior centers throughout the county. We have great volunteers and great people that participate here. This month will be a fun one, with activities and dinners. The last Showcase Supper was stated as "being the best one we have ever had." The ones planned for this month will be really good and you don't know what you are missing if you haven't been to one.

Let's pray for sunshine and no mishaps this month. We welcome Spring and Daylight Savings.

Sincerely, Bob & Lynne Craig

- Line Dancing..... Tuesdays
- Friendship Sewing..... Tuesdays
- Friendship Sewing #2..... Wednesdays
- Art..... Wednesdays
- Wellness Classes..... Postponed
- Genealogy/Beg. Comp..... Thursdays
- Photography..... Thursdays
- Ceramics..... Thursdays
- Spanish Class..... Postponed
- Watercolor..... Fridays
- Blood Pressure Check..... Thursdays
- "Eddie's Closet"..... Thursdays
- Spa Experience..... Tuesdays
- Bible Study..... Fridays
- TOPS..... Fridays

### Shopping Trips 9:00 a.m.

- Cancelled..... March 4
- Stater Bro./Albertsons..... March 11
- Stater Bros./Kmart..... March 18
- Stater Bro/Walmart..... March 25

Note: Please check the day before Shopping Trips. Transportation may be a problem. Sorry for the inconvenience.

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Visit our Website  
[www.edssc.org](http://www.edssc.org)

### March Events

- Food Share ..... March 2
- Bread Class ..... March 7
- Election Day..... March 8
- Health Presentation..... March 8
- Bunco ..... March 9
- Potluck..... March 11
- Closet Sale..... March 14
- Showcase Supper ..... March 21
- Bread Class ..... March 21
- Bunco ..... March 23
- Lawrence Weik Trip..... March 23
- Lunch with Lynne ..... March 24
- Food Boxes..... March 28
- Birthday Celebrate ..... March 31
- Bingo Trip..... April 1
- Food Share..... April 6
- Advisory Board Mtg ..... April 7

### Regular Programs

- Gym Open..... Everyday
- Dominos..... Everyday
- Beginning Sewing..... Monday
- Stretch & Flex..... Mon, Wed, Fri
- Computers..... Mon, Wed, Thurs
- Ping Pong ..... Mon, Wed, Thurs
- Pinochle..... Mon.-Thurs
- Fit After 50 ..... Tues & Thurs
- Bingo..... Tues & Thurs
- Tai Chi..... Tues & Thurs

## Election Day

Tuesday, March 8th is election day and, for Jurupa and Mira Loma residents, it will be a very important voting day. Please remember to vote—it is your right!

Those that participate at the Senior Center on Tuesdays, please be aware that we are an election site and therefore some classes may be cancelled. There will also be a little more traffic. Thank you for being patient.



## Lunch With Lynne

This month we will be going to an old favorite—Country Village's Carol's Restaurant.

We will leave at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 24th (right after Bingo). Carol's has hearty, home cooking for a very reasonable price. You will really enjoy it. They also have a lunch special from 11:30-3:00. It is a burger, fries and drink for \$5. You will love the food.

Please sign up on the list at the front desk so we know you will be joining us. You may ride the bus, or meet us there but we need to contact you if there are any changes.

## March Potluck

Potlucks are back this month. Our next potluck will be Friday, March 11th. This is a little earlier in the month, but we didn't want to cancel it again. Bring anything you like but make sure you have enough to feed 8-10 people. Salads, Main Dishes, Desserts, appetizers, anything is good. If you don't want to cook, you can donate \$3 and still enjoy. This is a great time to visit and taste the dishes of some of our terrific cooks (men and women). We have been averaging 30-40 people each month. You don't want to miss this.



## Bread Making Class

The Bread Class will be in the kitchen baking Monday, March 7th. You will be making *Homemade Egg Bread* and you will need to bring 3 eggs, 1/4 cup butter or margarine and 1 egg yolk. This recipe will make 2 loaves.

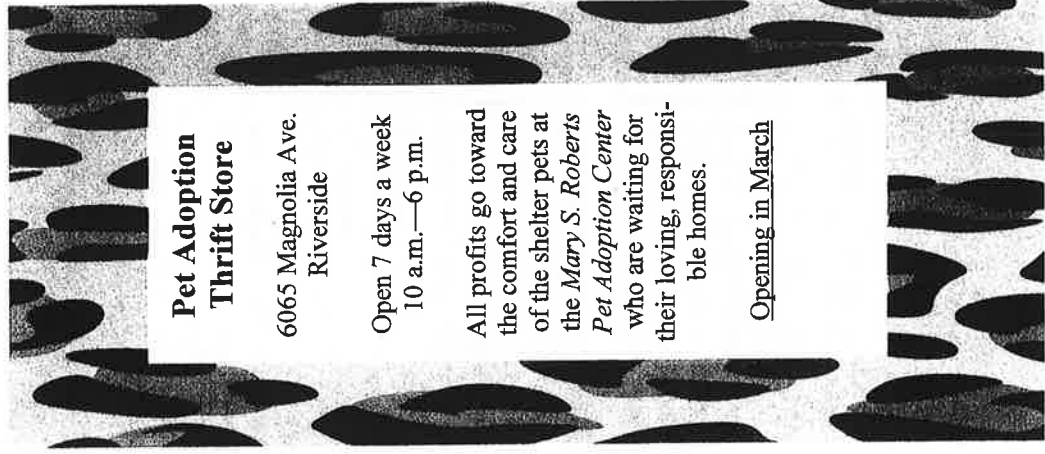
Monday, March 21st the bread class will be making *Hungarian White Bread*. This recipe will make 2 round loaves.

We ask the bakers to donate one loaf to sell and help pay for Bread Class supplies. We can't wait to smell the delicious aroma coming from the kitchen during the Bread Class taught by Hazel and Evelyn.



## Eddie Dee Smith Senior Center Code of Conduct

- \* Treat others with courtesy, kindness and respect. Volunteers and staff should also be treated this way.
- \* Please refrain from using abusive, threatening, insulting or suggestive language. Notify the directors if you are feeling uncomfortable with language addressed to you.
- \* Food or drink is not permitted in carpeted areas.
- \* No petitions, surveys, photographs, political campaigning, or the sale of tickets from an outside group needs the approval of the directors.
- \*The Eddie Dee Smith Senior Center is a recreational facility offering programming for individuals 60 or older. Seniors must be able to care for themselves or have a care attendant accompany them. The care attendant is required to remain on the premises for the duration of the senior's visit.
- \* Drinking of alcoholic beverages, under the influences of alcohol or any illegal substance is prohibited.
- \* Theft of any item of the senior center of person will result in disciplinary action. All participants are reminded to watch their own personal items. The senior center cannot be responsible for items taken without permission.
- \* Participants should dress appropriately when attending the senior center. Clothing that is determined too revealing, extremely soiled, or not covering under-clothing or private body parts will be privately asked to address these issues before coming back to the senior center.
- \*Participants should maintain good hygiene while attending the senior center. Any hygiene that is offensive to other seniors will be privately asked to address these issues before coming back to the senior center.
- Behaviors described above will be addressed by the following procedures:
  - 1st incident—meeting with directors and letter to Riv. County Housing Authority
  - 2nd incident—meeting with directors, letter to Riv. County Housing Authority and warning of suspension and/or permanent expulsion with next offense.
  - 3rd incident—suspension and/or permanent expulsion from senior center documented by letter to participant.
- At all times, the safety of staff and seniors is a priority.



### Pet Adoption Thrift Store

6065 Magnolia Ave.  
Riverside

Open 7 days a week  
10 a.m.—6 p.m.

All profits go toward the comfort and care of the shelter pets at the *Mary S. Roberts Pet Adoption Center* who are waiting for their loving, responsible homes.

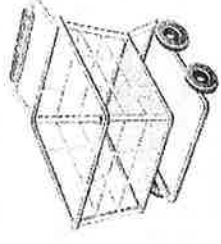
### Opening in March

### Advisory Board Members

- Walt Kumpula, Chair
- Hattie King, Vice Chair
- Yvonne Harley, Programs Chair
- William Arriola
- Marlene Del Vecchio
- Angie Cutrona
- Doris Williams
- Anita Millhollin

### Bring Your Carts!

In order to make the line at Food Share move faster, (1st Wed. of the month), please bring a cart. If you don't have a cart, you can purchase them at any of the local grocery stores.



### AARP Meetings

The next Chapter meeting for AARP will be March 5<sup>th</sup> at the Janet Goeske Senior Center. Eva Yakutis from the City of Riverside will share details of local resources that are available for caring for people who are down and out, maybe temporarily, maybe not. The economy is down and hardest on the poor.

There will also be a presentation from the Happy Hour Singers who are new. Do join in for table, door and raffle prizes too.

Be at the meeting at 9:30 if you would like refreshments. The meeting begins at 10:00.



Please be cautious during flu season. If you don't feel good—stay home.

### Golfers Needed

The Jurupa Rotary Club will be having their annual Golf Tournament on Thursday, April 7, 2011 at the Jurupa Hills Country Club. The cost is \$65 and will include green fees, cart, hot dog lunch, refreshments on the course, door and tee prizes, raffle and reverse raffle, plus lots of fun. There will be a 7:30 a.m. putting contest, shotgun start at 9 a.m. You can sign up as a four-some or come as a single and the Rotary will team you up. Proceeds from this event will go to benefit the Polio Plus Program and scholarships for local area students. You will have a great time.



### Special Thank You

We would like to thank Pam Hogan of the Riverside Fox Theater Foundation for thinking of us when there were tickets available for the Mikado Opera.

Those that were able to attend this opera thought it was fantastic. We sincerely hope there will be other opportunities for these type of events.



### Showcase Supper(s)

Our next Showcase Supper will be on Monday, March 21 at 4:00 p.m. You really don't want to miss this one.

This next 10 months we will be traveling around the world with healthy and delicious meals. This month the theme will be Ireland. The dinner will include *Beef and Guinness Stew, Fresh—homemade Whole Wheat Irish Soda Bread, Salad, and Yummy Chocolate Cake.*

All of this for around 800 calories. Because we are no longer working under a grant, the dinner will cost \$3 per person. You must pay the \$3 to sign up for the meal—and you must sign up in advance to attend.

Hazel and Evelyn will be working with Lynne to prepare the meals. Lynne will also demonstrate how to prepare the food and get the best shopping deals.



### Closet Brown Bag Sale

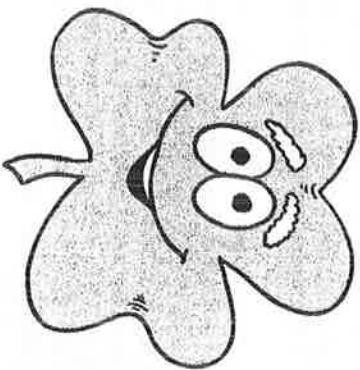
It's time for another fabulous Eddie's Closet Brown Bag Sale. Lots of new items have arrived and we need to move them. We will provide you a brown bag and you fill as much as you can into the bag for a total cost of \$5 per bag.

Monday, March 14, 9-1:00 p.m.

### Curtains – The Play

You have the opportunity to attend the play *Curtains* on Friday, April 1<sup>st</sup>. The cost of the ticket is \$10 and must be paid by March 29th. The senior center will provide the transportation. The bus will leave the senior center at approximately 9:30 a.m. and will return at approximately 12:00 p.m.

Set in 1959's Boston, *Curtains* is a show within a show. It is a murder mystery and musical comedy about a Broadway-bound musical where the talent-free leading lady is murdered on opening night during her curtain call. The entire cast and crew of *Robin' Hood*, a Western version of the classic story, are possible suspects. A local detective sequesters everyone during the investigation and finds that each person has a motive. During the investigation the detective becomes stage struck and at times becomes more focused on making the show a hit than on solving the murder.



### Long Beach Aquarium of the Pacific



We have made reservations for a trip to the Long Beach, Aquarium of the Pacific. We will be taking the trip on Wednesday, March 30th. We will leave the Senior Center at 9 a.m. and plan on returning about 3:00 p.m. The cost of the trip for seniors over 60 will be \$20 per person. Lunch is on your own.

Once at the Aquarium you can visit 3 main galleries, a special exhibits gallery, the outdoor Explorers Cove, Shark Lagoon, Watershed Exhibit and even view the Molina Animal Care Center, a veterinary hospital, animal holding tanks and a public exhibit. You can even watch animal examinations and surgeries.

In the Southern California/Baja Gallery, you will see animals such as sea lions and rays. On the 2nd floor in the Northern Pacific Gallery, you will find the sea otters and puffins. The Tropical Pacific Gallery is home to coral reef fishes, sea dragons and more. It will prove to be an exciting day. For those with disabilities, there are wheelchairs available. All exhibits are wheelchair accessible. Audio tours for guests with hearing disabilities are available for free.

The Aquarium also includes a gift shop and 3 restaurants inside. You may bring your own lunch and eat outside, plus there are other restaurants within walking distance.

### Advertising Disclaimer

Although we only sell advertising space to organizations that we believe are reputable, the Eddie Dee Smith Senior Center does not recommend or endorse any product or service mentioned in this newsletter that is a paid advertisement. We encourage you to obtain additional information on any item that you may be interested in from a reliable source such as the Better Business Bureau or the Riverside County District Attorney's office.

### Advertising Space Available

The Eddie Dee Smith Senior Center does offer advertising space for a very reasonable price. Advertising on our Marquee is also available. Our newsletter is distributed to over 700 people and our Marquee is on a very busy thoroughfare to and from the city of Riverside. If you are interested, contact Lynne at (951) 275-9975

### Free Tax Preparation

Community Action Partnership is offering Free Tax Preparation to those that have worked all or part of 2010 and make less than \$48,000. Free locations will be open January 22 to April 16, 2011. For locations, times, and information call 955-4900.

### AARP Free Tax Preparation

The Senior Center is also offering free Tax Preparation again this year. We will be taking appointments for Fridays only, up till April 15th. Call Rae at 275-9975 to set up an appointment.



### Snappedragons

I just wanted you to know. I have entered the snappedragon part of my life.

Parts of me has snapped.....

And the rest of me is dragging!





## Easy to Learn Spanish

The Riverside Library system is offering a great opportunity—**FREE**, for anyone, at any age to learn Spanish. You will need to know how to use a computer. You can go to the library and use their computer, or you can learn right from your own home computer. All you need to do is make sure you have a library card (they are so easy to get at the library if you don't have one). Most libraries have a *Mango* button. On the login screen, you can create a login and password which will allow *Mango* to remember where you left off or you can go directly to "start learning." Select a course and level of instruction you want to start at. Basic courses are a fast and easy way to learn polite conversation Spanish. You will start at lesson one and then proceed at your own speed. You will be speaking and understanding Spanish in no time. Check with our office, we may be able to connect you here also. All you need is a library card.



## Dominoes

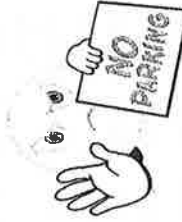
### Calling All Dominoes Players

There is a group of Domino players that are here every day, mornings and afternoons. If you like to play dominoes, come join them. If a group is not playing, go in the office, ask for the Dominoes and start your own game.



### Red Curb News!!

Many of you (including Bob and Lynne) have had difficulty coming out of the senior center when cars are parked in front of the building. We were concerned that soon there would be an accident, so we contacted the County and they have decided to paint the curb outside our building RED. This will give more visibility when exiting the senior center driveway. Your safety is our concern. Look for the red curb soon, and please don't park there. Thank you.



## Lawrence Welk Theatre

We have planned and are offering you something special...A trip to Escondido to the beautiful Lawrence Welk Resort/Theatre to see the play—the "Fantasies." The trip will take place on March 23rd. We will leave the senior center at 8:30 a.m. The cost will be \$60 and includes a buffet lunch beginning at 10:30, tax, tip, transportation and the play.

We have reserved excellent seats close to the stage so you can really enjoy the production. "The *Fantasticks*" is the longest running musical production in the world. It is a timeless fable of love that manages to be nostalgic and universal at the same time. It is a musical that includes "Try to Remember," and much more.

## St. Patrick's Day Breakfast

Do we have a treat for you....In honor of St. Patrick's Day we will be serving green eggs, ham, pancakes and tater tots. But that is not all...The *Leprechauns* will be delivering special door prize goodies. Take your chance at the Pot-o-Gold. Richard, Lynne, Hazel and Evelyn will be in the kitchen cooking breakfast for you. The breakfast will be on Thursday, March 17th. The cost is \$3 per person. Please sign up in advance so we know how many to cook for. It all starts at 8:30 a.m.

## New Class/Activity

We have had a request to offer another opportunity for our seamstresses. We have made space for a Friendship Sewing #2 group on Wednesdays, from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. The class will not meet on the first Wednesday of the month because of Food Share. Bring a sewing machine and a project you would like to sew, or help a friend sew. You can bring your friend or meet new friends. Anyone can join in.



## Note to Painters... Welcome Back

Young at Heart painting classes will begin again at the senior center on February 23 through April 6 and then start again on April 20 through June 8th. We do enjoy having the painters here. The class will be from 9-12:00 each Wednesday.

To attend the class, you must register with the Young At Heart Program through RCC. If you don't have that information, Rae in the front office can help you. \*Note to painters: The first Wed. of each month is Food Share and parking will be difficult.



According to the instructor, there will also be painting in the afternoons. Please check with her.

### Photography Class

The Photography Class has started. If you are interested in the next session, Rae is taking sign-ups for the classes. Bob Up-ton is a great teacher! The class will be \$5 for the 4-6 week course. Students will be getting ready to participate in the Annual Art Show. Contact Rae to sign up.



### Haircuts



Tina, our hairdresser will be here March 7th at 10:00 a.m. We may lose her if more people don't use her services. She charges \$10. She will cut both men and women's hair. You don't need to have an appointment but you can make one with Rae.

Call Rae for the next available ap-pointment time.



### Bunco

Bunco will be played this month on Wed., March. 9th and 23rd at 12:30. The cost will be \$3 per person. Prizes are Stater Bros. gift cards. This group is getting larger, therefore there will be more prizes to win. Join us. You don't have to know how to play to come- we will teach you. New players are always welcome.



### New Class

Sewing - Job Training

We are excited to offer a sewing class that will not only teach you to sew, but can train you to make clothes professionally in factories. In Mexico, the teacher owned a shirt factory and produced shirts for retail sales. He has volunteered to teach participants how to begin to sew, and more.

We will provide the sewing machines, you need to bring fabric and thread. He will teach the basics and you can go from there. There is limited space, so you must sign up if you are interested. The class will be held Mondays at 10:00 in the conference room beginning on March 14.

Note: The instructor only speaks Spanish. We will try to provide an English translator for those that don't speak Spanish.



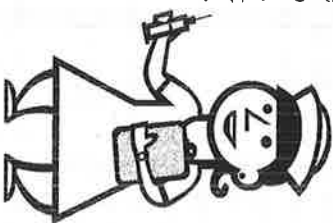
### Bible Study



Bible Study meets on Fridays. Join *Hattie King*, instructor, as she leads the group in a non-denominational study at 10:00 a.m. Bring your own Bibles or a Bible will be available for you. Anyone is welcome to join in.

### Health Check

We have partnered with Cal Baptist College of Nursing. These freshmen nursing students want to gather information on senior health issues. They will be here every Tuesday afternoon at 1:30. If you can come by the senior center, they would like to meet with you and ask you questions on your health care and how you feel physically. This is a big help to these students and we would really like to help them out. Please try to visit us on Tuesday afternoons.



## HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY

### Upcoming Events

Save the date for the following events:

- Bingo Trip—April 1
- "Curtains" the Play—April 1
- April Advisory Board Meeting—April 7
- Viejas Casino Trip—April 15
- Joshua Tree Wildflower Trip—April 20
- Mother's Day—May 8
- Cinco de Mayo Dinner—May 5
- Senior Expo—May 11



### Open Advisory Board Meeting

The Eddie Dee Smith Advisory Board is made up of seniors that participate and volunteer at the senior center. Their job is to advise Bob and Lynne on events, activities and protocols here at the senior center. Although anyone can attend our monthly meeting, you are invited to attend a special meeting to be held on Thurs., April 7th at 1:30 in the Dining Room.

The main topic of the meeting will be the, soon to be established, Policies and Procedures for the Eddie Dee Smith Senior Center. After this meeting and upon approval of the Advisory Board, these policies and procedures will be voted on at the May Advisory Board meeting. Copies of the Policies and Procedures will be available for review later this month. Unfortunately, these copies can not leave the senior center.



## Grandparents Raising Grandchildren *Child Care Openings*

Thanks to funding from First 5 Riverside, there are openings available for grandchildren ages 0 to 5 years old. The childcare/respite program allows help to working grandparents who need assistance with childcare, or respite time for non-working grandparents. The Grandparents Raising Grandchildren childcare program serves all of Riverside County. Space is limited and program eligibility is based on income and family size. If you are a grandparent raising a grandchild and are in need of assistance to help pay your childcare expenses, please call: (951)791-3578.

## New Safety Addition

Due to a concern for the safety of those that drive to the senior center, we are proud to announce the addition of a **NEW RED CURB**. Very soon, you will notice that the curb in front of the senior center will be painted RED. We have noticed that many times, when cars or trucks are parked in that location, it is difficult for those coming out of the senior center to see on-coming traffic. Therefore, we expressed our concerns to the county and they will be making the change soon. We understand that it eliminates about 4 parking spaces, but we felt safety was more important.

So, watch for that **NEW RED CURB!**



## Senior Fashion Show

La Sierra Senior Center is inviting you to their annual Senior Fashion Show to be held on Sat., April 9, from 10:30-2:00. The cost is \$16 per person and seating is limited-first come, first served. Tickets are available for purchase at Dales Senior Center and La Sierra Senior Center. The event will include a gourmet lunch, silent auction, raffles and door prizes. Shopping is available at the show!

## Sad Transportation News

For those of you that may have been on our Date Festival trip, you can understand that our faith in the senior center bus has ended. Therefore, we are looking for other means of transportation to senior activities. Please be patient and understanding if we have minimum seating available on these activities or need to charge a higher registration fee in order to rent other vehicles.

We are looking for a solution to our transportation needs, but please understand, your safety is our biggest concern.

## Ceramics Class

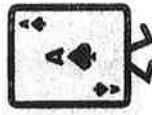
Ceramics Class meets here every Thursday from 9-12:00, taught by *Angie Cutrona*. We have our own kiln and many molds to choose from. Come visit this class. Samples of what this class has done are in our trophy case in the lobby. Some of these samples are for sale. Check with Rae or Angie.

## Genealogy & Beginning Computers

Bonnie teaches a great class. She is teaching on Thursday mornings from 9:00-1:30. The class is a combined Beginning Computers and Genealogy Class. If you are interested in this class, please sign up with Rae. Bonnie is back this month.



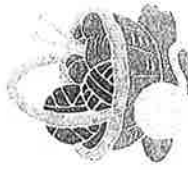
The Pinochle Group plays Monday through Thursday from 12:15-3:00. Players are needed. There is no cost to play. New players are always welcome.



## Knitting and Crochet

We have many people here that like to knit and/or crochet. If you like to work on this craft, bring your supplies any day of the week. Find a comfortable area and create. Someone new may join you and you will make a new friend.

You can also bring a friend and create in a warm and welcome atmosphere.



## Spa Experiences (Massages)

Becky is here every Tuesday for massages. She is the BEST and once you go to her, you will continue each week. You do not have to undress and you have a choice of a table massage or a chair massage. Becky does this for a donation (we recommend at least \$5). Contact Becky directly for an appointment. If you make an appointment, please keep it.



## Ping Pong Anyone?

As a result of a generous donation by Jan Smith, we are now the proud owners of a Ping Pong Table. We will have the table set up on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings in the "Big Room." Lynne has been seen playing a little and may give you a challenge. You can also challenge someone to a game and become the title holder for the Senior Center in Ping Pong.



## Friendship Sewing

Do you like to sew? Every Tuesday morning a group of fun ladies get together to share sewing ideas and have fun visiting together. Bring your own sewing machine and fabric. It is more fun to sew with friends than to sew by yourself. Anyone is welcome to join this sewing group Tues. mornings at 9:00. Many of the ladies make quilts during this time. New people are always welcome.

## Calling All Crocheters

Do you like to knit or crochet? We have been donating baby caps and little blankets for the premature babies at some of our local hospitals. If you would like to crochet for these precious little ones, we have yarn for you. You can crochet at home or here at the senior center. Your rewards will be in heaven.



## Sick, In the Hospital? We Care Program

If you attend the Senior Center on a regular basis and are not here for awhile, we worry about you. If you are having surgery or are admitted to the hospital, we want to know what we can do to help you. Please let us know or have someone call us to let us know. You can call Rae at 275-9975 if you are housebound or hospitalized for a time. We really do care.

## Exercise & A Gym

We have exercise classes here every morning from 8-9:30. We also host a Tai Chi class on Tues. and Thurs. afternoons. You can also visit our gym. Work out the "kinks" in the exercise classes and then do some cardio exercise on the machines in our gym. Many people have already set up a regular schedule and love it. The gym has a wall of windows so you can view our beautiful rose garden while working out.



## Openings in the Watercolor Class!

Join Peggy Ballard's Watercolor Class on Fridays here at the senior center. The cost is \$5 per class to offset the costs for the teacher. Even if you have never painted, Peggy can make an artist in just a few lessons. Come and check the class out. Peggy will let you know what materials you will need.



## Wellness Class Update

We have a Wellness Class every Wednesday at 9:30 a.m., taught by John Rowe, retired nurse and Vietnam Vet. Unfortunately John has had some knee problems and is awaiting surgery. Therefore he will not be teaching the class until sometime soon (we hope). We are looking for some guest presenters so watch for more information.

## Friends of The Eddie Dee Smith Senior Center

We continue to thank the following friends and businesses for continued support of the Eddie Dee Smith Senior Center.

Cleta Mathews  
Inga Brannon (daughter of Edwina Kopp)  
Walt & Nancy Kumpula  
Mary L. Robles  
Chriss Jones  
Jean Kelley  
Margo W. Anderson  
Dolores Lambert  
Jan Smith  
Adlerhorst International, Inc.  
Clozelle Brown

DeAnza Contractors, Inc.  
Adlerhorst International, Inc.  
Jurupa Rotary Club  
Riverside Sunrise Rotary Club  
Anita Millhollin  
IDS Church  
Pastor Sylvester & Vivian Bland (Home Churches International)  
Esther Rowcliffe  
Joyce & Clyde Bell  
Friendship Aide  
Dorothy Shearer  
Phyllis Bailey  
The Flex & Stretch Class—Est. 1988  
Fred Patrick  
Linda Gutierrez  
Mr. Rubidoux Convalescent Hospital  
Supervisor John Tavaglione  
Edwina Kopp  
The Sieberg Family  
William Arriola & Don Bush in honor of the "Magnificent Seven"

The following are new and continuing "Friends of the Eddie Dee Smith Senior Center":  
Thank you for your donations.  
Smith's Storage  
Stretch & Flex Class—In Memory of Norman Reil  
In Memory of Dorothy Shearer  
Her friend Billy DeVol

Would you like to become a "Friend of the Eddie Dee Smith Senior Center?" Those that donate a minimum of \$25 will be acknowledged in this newsletter for a year and will receive a newsletter mailed to their home. For donations of \$100 or more, we will put your name on a plaque in our lobby for all to see.

Contact Lynne at (951)275-9975 for information. We thank you in advance for your generosity.

Wil & Dorothy Donaldson  
The Children of Marlene Del Vecchio  
Riverside Physicians Network  
Lisette Schrier  
Phyllis Cavallucci  
Wayne Crosser  
Lenor Mendoza  
Carmen Johnston  
Dorothy Lee Grant  
Donald Bush  
Dixie Lee Voyles





## Happy Birthday To You

If you would like to be included in our birthday tribute **YOU** need to put your name on the sheet located next to the kitchen the month **BEFORE** your birthday month. Please write your name and the date of your birthday. We will print it in the newsletter. If you don't submit your name—we can't print it.

### Happy birthday to....

- Jackie Binkley March 3
- Cristina Juarez March 5
- Jerry Garza March 5
- Julia Hera March 6
- Virginia Garcia March 6
- Carmen Haros March 6
- Tomas Serna March 7
- Jonathan Elder March 7
- Bud Bell March 7
- Phyllis Cavallucci March 12
- Reaves Wolfe March 12
- Leandro Nunez March 13
- Henry Auregu March 14
- Pat Happekotte March 16
- Alice Cardenas March 16
- James A. Speed, Sr. March 17
- Vera Ortega March 18
- Grebelle Aila (Angel) March 19
- Marjean Styles March 23
- Mary Boon March 23
- Wayne Crosser March 12
- Mary Young March 25

## Friends in Loving Memory

People have made donations in memory of a loved one. These are those donations.

- Don Bush, in memory of Charles & Winona Bush
- Joyce Bell, in memory of Marguerite Brown
- Dolores Lambert, in memory of Marguerite Brown
- In memory of Donna Tilander
- The Flex & Stretch Class, in memory of Eddie Dee Smith
- The Flex & Stretch Class, in memory of Judy Slater (Lynne Craig's mother)
- Anonymous Donor, in memory of Judy Slater (Lynne's Mother) and Eddie Dee Smith
- Kathy Burnett, in memory of Corporal Dustin K. Burnett
- Stretch & Flex Class, in memory of Mildred Jones
- Friends in loving memory for Pat Stotelmyre from Pinochle Buddies
- In memory of Patty Spicer, our dear friend, from the Stretch & Flex Class
- The Stretch & Flex Class, In memory of Martha Metroka

**Birthdays will be celebrated during lunch**

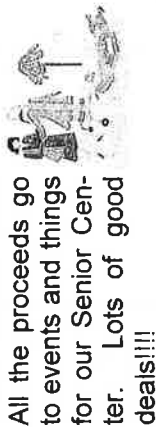


## Line Dancing

The line dancers have been "kickin' it up" on Tuesday mornings at 10:00. The class seems to grow each week and there is a lot of laughter. New people are always welcome. Dancers share new steps each week. You don't have to know how to Line Dance to join in. Come and have some **FUN!**

## Eddie's Closet (Thrift Store)

Come shop at Eddie's Closet. **"The Closet" will be open Thurs. at 9:00.** We receive new items all the time.



## Learn Spanish Here

Unfortunately Dina has not been able to teach our Spanish Class and we are not sure when she will be able to return. If you are interested, please sign up with Rae or Ann in the front office and we will make sure to let you know when Dina will return.



Refer to page 16, "Easy to Learn Spanish," for another option to learn Spanish through the library—FREE.

## Carol's Family Restaurant

### Go Green!

Carol's Restaurant at Country Village is celebrating St. Patrick's Day on Thursday, March 17<sup>th</sup>. They will be serving a traditional Irish meal consisting of Corned Beef and Cabbage with boiled potatoes and carrots with horseradish sauce on the side. The dinner will also include a choice of soup or salad, dinner roll and leprechaun dessert. All this for the cost of \$7.95 or \$6.95 for seniors.

## Computer

We have three **Beginner Computer** Classes. Walt Kumpula teaches a class on Monday at 12:00 and Wednesday at 12:30. Walt also teaches **Advanced Computers**. Bonnie England is also teaching a **Beginning Computer/ Genealogy** class on Thursdays.

If you would like to join any of these classes, go to the scheduled class in the computer lab to see if there are spaces open.

Marlene Del Vecchio has a Monday morning computer class. This class is held in 6 week sessions. All classes have space available.



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