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The Story of

THE FUN PLACE TO PLAY



at Silveridge



Rick Winter (left) and Armand Gagnier

When bingo at Silveridge started back in the 1980s, it was the only place to play in the East Valley. Now, there are over a dozen others within a 20-minute drive, with four others on Wednesdays alone; yet Silveridge bingo still flourishes, occasionally getting as many as 200 players. I sat down with the two men who run the program to ask them how they keep it thriving after all these years.

Armand Gagnier took over as manager five years ago. He proposed a motto:

"The fun place to play bingo."

It stuck, and everyone involved works to make it so.

The spirit of Silveridge bingo starts with the fact that all the callers and other staff are volunteers, and all profits go to support clubs and activities at Silveridge. (There are expenses, of course, and the State of Arizona, gets 1.5% off the top, but everything else goes straight to the Renters' Association.) It falls to Rick Winter, who's been Finance Manager for over six years, to make sure that every dollar is accounted for, including reporting quarterly to the state's Bingo Unit. The total provided to the park's clubs/activities now exceeds \$200,000.





Volunteers *make the difference*

Dear Friends,

**Helping
Caring**

It is hard to believe that the end of the season is fast approaching. Many of you have shared that you cannot believe how fast it has gone. Thank you for another fabulous year! It is only right and proper that I give thanks to all the volunteers in my last letter of the year. Our volunteer party is on Thursday, March 16th at 4:30pm. I have a catered dinner planned with entertainment by Bernie and Red and some special door prizes.

Talent

Whether you have been the leader of a large club or have washed dishes after a food event, you are all equally important! I remember that my husbands Grandma had a sign above her sink that said *"Thank God for dishes because we had food to eat!"* Everyone of you is important!

Courageous

Equally important are those of you are new volunteers who are replacing those who are taking on new goals or moving on to other opportunities. Thank you to those who have served for years and thank you for our new courageous leaders. The way you learn is by doing and we have so many mentors to guide the way.

**Working
Wonders**

A special thank you to Jerry Colling and Tracy Gagnier and all the kitchen volunteers who bring a new meaning to our food , fellowship and fun for us. I so appreciate my efficient assistant, Jill Belcher and William Shelton my set up person. Our GM Rhonda and our entire staff have put in countless hours to make our park run smoothly. Thank you to my Mom, my "Balcony Friends" (you know who you are) and to my best friend and husband Jeff who has been my "gopher", running for food and supplies. When asked at the Anniversary Party what 3 things I most appreciated about my husband, I said " he helps my parents and he is my #1 volunteer!"

Sacrifice

Thank you for making this the best year ever with your encouragement and support. I am busy planning for next years activities and entertainment that you will love! Watch for my summer newsletter online with a listing of entertainment and outfits to bring. My Ticket Order List will be online by mid summer. Once again you will be able to order by October 1st. May you all have a safe and healthy summer. Rest up and before you know it we will all be back to celebrate with our Silveridge family. You know that we are the Friendliest Park in the West!

*With Appreciation
Sue*



Taking the time to make

Silveridge a better place

**Giving
Sharing**

**Warmth
& Heart**

Hero

**Positive
Attitude**

Caring

Energy

March Celebrations

Abba Concert , Thursday, March 2nd 7:00



Having played to sold-out crowds across the U.S. and abroad, **ABBAFAB** is a stunning tribute to the music of ABBA featuring the sensational talents of some of TAD's most talented and loved artists and musicians!

This multimedia production is a tribute to some of the greatest music produced in the 70s and 80s including monster hits such as "Waterloo," "Fernando," "Honey Honey," "Dancing Queen" and countless others. From ABBA's earliest hits to "Mamma Mia," **ABBAFAB** will take you on a technicolor journey that is unmatched. Our vocalists and musicians have toured the world as solo artists and band members and have come together to create the most entertaining ABBA tribute on the market today! ABBA's record breaking string of hits has stood the test of time and continues to thrill audiences of all ages. With vocals and musicianship the are second to none, the **ABBAFAB** vibe is infectious! ABBA fans love it and new ABBA fans are created at every show. There's no generation gap here, so let's ALL party like it's 1979!



Strolling Strings

Thursday, March 9th, 4:30pm

Every year we cannot wait for these talented kids to stroll between our tables. Come for dinner and then enjoy the music under the direction of Bill Bitters. Come out and support this special group.

Volunteer Party Thursday, March 16th, 4:30pm

To All Volunteers who have served 15 hours or more throughout the year please stop by the Activity Office and fill out the volunteer sheet and pick up your complimentary ticket. A delicious dinner will be served with entertainment by Bernie and Red. If your spouse or partner was unable to volunteer they may purchase a ticket at the Activity Desk for \$10.00 Soda and water plus table settings will be furnished. The success of our 2016-20167 season has been because of you, our gracious volunteers. Thank you– Thank you– Thank you!





March Boogies

The Southwest Surfers Tuesday, March 7th, 4:30pm



The Surfers will delight us once again with Beach Boys music. Wear your beach clothes and sandals and come ready to party hardy!

Johnny K and Kompany Tuesday, March 14th, 4:30pm



Johnny K is back !! We were entertained by Johnny for our Valentines dance and now he is back with the Sunshine dance. Wear yellow for sunshine and "Be Happy" to celebrate our health and happiness while lovin Johnny K!

Come Back Buddy Tuesday, March 21st, 4:30pm



You cannot miss our last boogie of the year. Our very favorite band will be back to bid us farewell as we think about heading home. "See Ya Soon"!

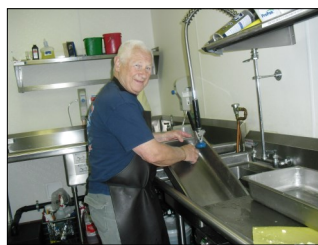


Pictured above are residents dressed up for prom at our Valentines Dance. The ladies were all given a rose by Alex Maclellan. Below left is Yvonne and Dave Rowley' with friends and their "table of red."



Music on the Green
Back of Theater
March 4th and 10th

Elvis will be "on the Green" on Saturday March 4th from 3:30-5:00.
Our own Jammers will entertain us on Friday March 10th from 2:30-4:00pm.
Bring your lawn chairs and BYOB for these 2 special events both are free!!



Faithful dish-washers; Linda Schell and Leo Jean. Jerry and Tracy going over their paperwork in the kitchen.



March Sunshine Breakfasts

Come to the Social Hall on Saturday, **March 4th** and on **March 18th** for our last Breakfast of the season from 7:00-9:00 am. Breakfast is only \$5.00! You can enjoy sausage or ham, eggs, toast or pancakes, (plain or blueberry) coffee and juice. Enjoy good food and friends and then thank the kitchen volunteers for serving us all season.

Residents Market Day



Sat. March 11th, 9-12:30
Come and see the beautiful handiwork of all our talented residents. Most of our Clubs will be represented. Woodworkers will have their 50-50 raffle, Pickleball will have their Basket Raffle and the Silveridge Quilters will be drawing for their quilt. Some of the clubs will have items for sale. So bring your purses and come hungry to our last craft fair of the year! Pictured is Betty Novotny displaying the Piece-makers quilt won by her sister Marlene Dufloth.



Patio Sale Saturday, March 4th 8:00-12:00pm

Did you know that Room 9 is having their own patio fund raising sale? Save your self some work by bringing your gently used items to Room 9 (across from the backside of the post office or drop your items off at Rick and Judy Winters # 673. Watch channel 6 to the location of the Rm 9 sale. Pick up a sign for your own sale and register at the Activity Office. Maps will be printed and can be picked up on Friday, March 3rd.

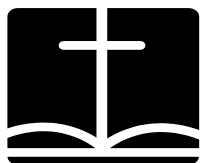
B I N G O

Every Wednesday 6:30pm.



Food Served from 6:00pm.
Dinner is \$7.00 / \$6.00 with Bingo Ticket
Sandwiches are \$3.50. Soda, water, popcorn, pies, and cookies sold.
Check with the Activity Desk or on Channel Games include:
Double Action, Odd/Even, Money Ball,
King and Queen Bingo Payouts– Door Prizes!!!
Exciting New Games!!! Reduced Costs!!!





Silveridge Christian Fellowship

Our service is every Sunday at 9:00am in the Ballroom. We invite you to join us for our non-denominational service.

Pastor Bob continues to teach Wednesday night Bible study at 7pm in Room 5. You are invited to join us for this time of study, questions and discussion. Everyone is welcome to join the fellowship and fun of the **Silveridge Choir** while practicing the songs and hymns of the faith. The choir sings during Silveridge Fellowship Sunday services. Practice is Wednesday at 9:00am in Room 1.

The Ladies Bible Study meets in Room 4 on Thursdays at 9:30. This is an independent ladies study led by Marilyn Osborne Stewart.

THE MARINE CORP LEAGUE

Is the only Congressionally chartered U.S. Marine Corp related veterans organization in the U.S. It's charter was approved by the 75th Congress and signed by President Franklin D. Roosevelt on Aug. 4, 1937



The Corp representatives will be at Coffee and Donuts on Thursday March 2nd. They buy and then send items to those serving over seas.

PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY

Celebration Of Life



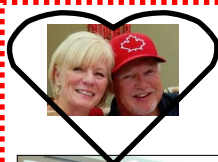
Greg Anderson	January 6th
Jovanna Mueller	February 6th
Ernie Steinback	February 7,

A memorial will be held for Jovanna on Saturday, March 17th at 11:00am

March Socials

Silvercom Computer	March 11th
Woodworkers	March 12th
Yoga and Step Aerobics	March 15th
Water Volleyball	March 17th
Lawn Bowling	March 18th
Tennis	March 19th

Canada Days Social and Softball Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser



February Memories



Computer Chili Dinner held on February 10th



Enjoying Valentine Cookies



Anniversary Party held on January 29th



Pictured above are Harold and Lois Loof, married 69 years. Having fun with the guys top right , good entertainment from Rita Catalano and John Colling.



Dinner Shows with Cahal Dunne (holding his Charlie Brown poster) and Rockin through the Decades on the right.



Pops Orchestra with Chris Perry (left) and Joann and Dewey Kloos, Julie Mahoney, Conductor on the right.

It also helps the energy of bingo nights helps that Armand and Rick greet the players, that there are door prizes and free games for those with birthdays, and that the callers work to keep the games lively. Armand polled players last year, seeking to determine what could be made better. One thing he learned that there were too many games on any given night. By cutting the number per evening, they could shorten the night and cut the price. The cost fell from \$19 to \$15, and Rick adds, "Our goal is to have people out by 9 o'clock."

While the bingo evenings have been shortened, Armand's and Rick's bingo days are still long. Armand arrives about 2PM to begin preparations. Rick comes in about 10AM to start his work, then leaves and returns about 4. The volunteers arrive around 5 for a buffet dinner, then start selling cards at 5:30.

I asked one of the callers, Linda Williams (more on her soon) why people choose Silverridge bingo. She said, ***"We have the best callers in the Valley. And whether it's your first time or you've played for years, you're always welcome. Absolutely."***

Armand adds, ***"We always thank our players for joining in. We appreciate them, and I think they can feel that."***

If you've never played, or haven't played in years, Armand and Rick urge you to stop by and say hello. The volunteers who will get you started and answer all questions. Bingo goes through March 22nd, which is also the last night for one of the group's favorite callers.



FAREWELL TO LINDA WILLIAMS AS CALLER

MARCH 22 -- FAREWELL TO LINDA WILLIAMS AS CALLER

Like so many good things, Linda Williams' time as bingo caller started with a fluke. It was back in 2005 that Linda and her husband, Vail, moved to Silveridge. Given that she was an avid bingo player, she was approached to be the manager of the bingo program.

Her response, "That would mean I couldn't play, right?" Right. So she volunteered Vail for the job. Then came that fluke. It was a bingo night in 2008 when all of the callers had to beg off. Vail scrambled around, even considered canceling that night's program, before turning to Linda to fill in. Linda enjoyed herself, and thus joined the rotation of callers.

I asked if there were tough nights as a caller, and she laughed, then said, "Bingo players can get a bit antsy. When that happens, I just say, 'Remember, we're doing this for charity'; or, 'There's one rule: No throwing dabbers at the caller!'"

Linda was known for her jokes where there was time to kill between games. I asked her for one but she drew a blank. So I had to settle for this one I found on a bingo website... What do you say to your husband if he says, "You're going to have to choose between me and your bingo game"? **Answer:** "I'm going to miss you."

Although Linda came to enjoy being a caller, she's stepping down for two reasons. Last year she developed a serious lung condition and at one point realized, "I couldn't both call and breathe." And while she had a lung transplant and has bounced back to full health, she's ready to move off the stage and just play. Her farewell night as a caller will be the last bingo of the season, March 22nd.



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The Silverridge Bingo Team: (left to right) Laverne Hinzman, Russ Blanchard, Lil Blanchard, Roger Quast, Linda Hinzman, Rick Winter, Carol Tyra, Laverne Johnson, Wayne Freeman, Armand Gagnier, Sue Fouche, Roger LeBlanc, Bill Rainville, **Not pictured:** Mike LeBlanc, Deb LeBlanc, Jim Neill, Betty Neill, Maureen Stinson, Ken Stinson, Joanne Smith, Connie Kinport, Nancy Gording, Rita Catalano, Brona Freeman, Keith Martin

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