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Mark Koruga Photo

DONATION—GROUNDS CREW with new donated bench. Left to right: Lee Blahnik (sitting). Dr. Bob Muldoon and Larry Smith are flanking one of the new saguaros. This hardy volunteer crew has been working through all the summer heat, clearing brush along the Nature Trail, planting and tending new plant and decorative arrivals.

September Events

Potluck	9/16
Walkaround	9/10-12
CHAT deadline for October\	9/15
September HOA Board meeting	9/25

Computer Club Offers Opportunities to Learn, Volunteer, Enjoy Both with Friends



Portrait, above, by Steve Rowley, of Hal Mansfield, Mac Room regular, ranch owner, and author of several books.

[This is the fourth article in our CHAT summer series about the groups that inhabit our Santa Rita Springs Rec Center, located on your right after you enter the main gate, just before the pool, fitness rooms, and dance studio. The Computer Club, detailed below, plays an essential role in The Springs.]

What's the meaning of the term, "to give back"?

Chances are, you know the answer. If so, call, write, or email the Computer Club. It has its own Website: www.ccgaz.org. Phone 520-625-4508. They will be happy to have you join their volunteer corps, some of the finest company anywhere. And you will be exposed to some of the best learning around, a clear case of "when you give, you get."

It takes about 50 volunteers per week, including monitors, teachers, tech support, and demonstrators to keep the Computer Club functioning.

This lively band started around 1980 at East Center, and opened on the lower level of the Rec Center in 2000. The current president, Mike Kearns, has been head monitor for about 12 years. The monitors, who must be present for the club to open its doors each day, occupy desks to the left and right of the main entrance, answering questions and directing traffic. They also answer questions in the rooms dedicated to Mac and PC users.

Membership, now about 1,400, costs \$25 for an individual, \$35 for a family, and may hit 1,500 by year's end, thanks partly to the explosion of interest in hand-held devices, for which classes and one-on-one sessions are available. Members must also be members of Green Valley Recreation.

The Computer Club gives back a lot to its members, offering classes on Macs and PCs, and Apple devices, sharing information on how to reduce or eliminate cable and satellite services, demonstrations of methods to enhance viewing with Apple TV, Roku, Chromebook and others. Equipment includes classrooms with projectors and screens. Devices also are available to convert slides and photos to CDs or DVDs, and to help members convert VHS tapes, records, or audio tapes to DVDs. Class sizes are small.

Focusing on the new user of Androids and Tablets, the club offers an immense number of applications available to install on handhelds or larger computers, including Libre Office. Special interest groups include Power Point, stock investing, batch scanning, Paint.net and more. Volunteers also maintain a lending library of computer manuals for PCs and Macs. Amazon Echo and Google Assistant are on display.

General meetings, open to all GVR members, are held monthly on the third Tuesday from November through April in the Anza Room located on the second level, directly above the Computer Club.

All these benefits are available because the members are such a caring crew. For instance, the club couldn't even open without the monitors, mentioned above. It takes six of them daily in the winter.

Club hours, November through April, are: Monday-Friday, 8 AM-4 PM, Saturday, 8 AM-noon. From May through October, Monday-Friday, 8 AM-noon.

Meet Your Neighbors By Sally Bryan

Smiths Use Varied Talents to Enjoy The Springs

While visiting friends in The Springs in 2012, Larry & Joanna Smith fell in love with our community and bought a house within days of their visit. Along with their two children, Larry & Joanna visited Joanna's parents in Phoenix every summer. Grandma & Grandpa had a swimming pool, so they all enjoyed their visits to Arizona.

Larry says they've always loved the southwestern U.S. and moved here from Kansas City, Kansas. Prior to retirement Larry worked in the pipeline business for 40 years, which led to 10



moves for their family. Larry worked in both construction and operations throughout his pipeline career.

Their children and four grandchildren live in Kansas & Missouri. In the latter state, Branson is a favorite destination for Larry & Joanna, where they spend time boating & fishing with their children & grandchildren.

Traveling in their fifth wheel is a popular pastime. This past year they have visited the Grand Canyon; Colorado Springs; Angel Fire, New Mexico; Branson; Winslow, Arizona; and San Diego. Living with the Smiths is their beloved 14 year-old Yorkie, Molly.

Both Smiths enjoy the pool at the Springs Recreation Center and are members of the Green Valley Hiking Club. Larry also plays pickleball and belongs to the GVR Woodworking Studio.

Creativity is Joanna's middle name and she enjoys creating at the GVR Ceramic Club in Desert Hills. She also does home decorative painting, bringing new life to picture frames, clocks, glassware and anything else that strikes her



fancy.

You may see Larry riding through The Springs on his Harley Davidson motorcycle. He rides with the



“Wrinkled Riders” for their weekly breakfast outings. Future plans include a

motorcycle ride to Show Low later this Fall.

Larry volunteers with the Springs Ground Crew, helping with irrigation maintenance, tree trimming, removing cactus and maintaining our beautiful Nature Trail. You will find the Grounds Crew hard at work on Tuesday and Friday mornings. Contact Jim Owen or Mark Koruga if you'd like to join the team.

If you haven't already, be sure to introduce yourself to this interesting and talented couple.

November Plans, Already!

November's potluck will focus on a facet of genealogy that is often overlooked: family stories. We all have them, but when we're gone they are lost, too, unless they're written down and shared.

Hopefully this potluck will inspire us all to begin writing down some of these stories.

Please begin now to write a 1-3-minute family story. Either send it to Laurie Boyett at lkah240ri@gmail.com before November 1, or bring it to the potluck in November.

After dinner all the stories will be put in a hat, from which ten will be drawn and shared with the audience.

The range of topics is endless. Write any story related to yourself or a long-gone family member. Stories can be happy, sad, uplifting, thought-provoking, or incredible. We will set a timer for three minutes, so please stick with that time limit.—LAURIE BOYETT

Walkaround Set for Sept. 10-12

Stephanie Walters and HOA board members will be canvassing the neighborhood to look for code violations on two mornings in September. They'll check for overgrown lots, painting requirements, and the variety of housekeeping needs that go with home ownership. Errant homeowners will receive notices from the HOA.

2018 HOME SALES

<u>Address</u>	<u>Sold To</u>	<u>Home Town</u>
3809 S. Camino del Golfista	Mary Ann Painter & Charles Smith	Portland, OR
3788 S. Camino Comica	Thomas Woolard	Sahuarita, AZ
3969 S. Camino del Golfista	Vincent Alberta	Henderson, NV
3990 S. Camino del Heroe (via FL)	Jay Adams	Green Valley, AZ
810 W. Calle de la Pelotita	Charlie & Judy Arteaga	Ketchikan, AK
890 W. Calle de la Pelotita	Christopher & Vivian Murphy	Tucson, AZ

1017 W. Blue Fox Road	Raymond & Cindy Tarvin	Topeka, KS
979 W. Via de la Fonda	Philip & Linda Nuechterlein	Eagle River, AK
3765 S. Calle Rambles	Jack & Shirley Stoddard	Green Valley, AZ
3616 S. Paseo de los Nardos	James Padgett	Singapore
3797 S. Camino del Golfista	Daniel & Patricia Boone	Homer, AK
3788 Camino Comica	Sylvia Mansfield	Oakdale, MN
3933 S. Calle Viva	Gary & Patricia Moe	Chisago City, MN
3801 S. Avenida de los Solmos	Susan Hunter	Grand Forks, ND
3880 S. Calle Viva	Jaye Thorinson	Camano Isl, WA
4071 S. Wolf Run Road	Robert & Ginny Muller	Hackensack, MN
800 W. Calle de la Pelotita	Annette Williams	Peoria Heights, IL
3781 S. Camino Comica	Michelle Fair	Tucson, AZ
3695 S. Camino del Cefiro	Harry & JoAnn Cook	Green Valley, AZ
3689 S. Calle Rambles	Robert Blake	Bozeman, MT

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