The Chatter





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February Luncheon, Thursday, February 13th

Luncheon Information

Our February luncheon is being held in the Ballroom of the Anthem Center on Thursday, February 13th. Doors open at 10:30 AM. The cost for this luncheon is \$30 for members and \$40 for guests. **Checks must be made** payable to "Sun City Anthem Community Association, Inc."

All reservations **MUST** be in by **Tuesday, February 4th at 5 PM**. No refunds available after the cut-off date. **Lunches** are by **reservation** only. For questions regarding <u>reservations</u>, contact Sherry Eischen at (702) 802-3115. To order <u>vegetarian option</u>, contact Karen Mandley at (702) 433-4607 before 5 PM, February 4th.

Groups desiring to be seated together should submit payments together in one envelope. We make every effort to accommodate all seating requests. Please do not leave your envelope on the table at the luncheon.

Program:

The Three of Us



Members Only Drawing From the M Resort

2 Winners - \$50 Free slot Play

Three remarkable women with extraordinary talent come together as Sun City Anthem's own **The Three of Us!**Gail Beckman, Margaret Carbaugh and Carol Joyce each have long lists of credits, including each of them bringing home the prizes from the 2013 Inaugural America's Got Talent!

Gail performed in Lyric Opera of Chicago, the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, and the International Music Festival in Tenerife. Since moving to Sun City Anthem, Gail has been very active in the Performing Arts Club, Kaleidoscope Productions and the Spotlight Club. **Margaret** is a veteran of more than 30 SCA Community productions and has been very active in the Performing Arts Club, Kaleidoscope Productions, and the Spotlight Club. **Carol** wrote her first song at the age of three. Her versatile voice has taken her all over the East Coast, Cabo San Lucas, and now Las Vegas.

The Three of Us, our Sun City Anthem local stars, will entertain us with a variety of uplifting, exciting and foot stomping music. From classics, contemporary, folk and Broadway, these three dynamic entertainers love what they do and do what they love!

February Charity:

Nevada Blind Children's Foundation



At our January luncheon, we raised \$2,676 for *Communities in Schools*

Thank you for your generosity!!!

In 2004, lifelong Nevadan's Kevin and Toni Spilsbury welcomed their son Conner. Conner was born with multiple impairments, including blindness. They turned to their family pediatrician for help and were told the best thing they could do for their son was to uproot their family and move. Even to this day, Nevada is one of seven states that does not have a dedicated school for children who are blind.

Kevin & Toni began a mission, they visited neighboring states, gained important insights and best practices, and they came home to Nevada with one goal: to create the first Learning Center for children who are blind and visually impaired. The effort started out grassroots, parent meetings in the Spilsbury's living room which evolved into afterschool tutoring at a small office. In June of 2018, NBCF moved into its current facility in Henderson.

NBCF serves visually impaired children, birth to 22 years of age, and their families. To qualify for services, children must have a medically verified visual impairment that effects their education, life skills, and/or independence. Most children are referred to NBCF through the CCSD Vision Services, Early Intervention Services, doctors and community partners.

The NBCF mission is to provide the essential building blocks including expanded core curriculum, extracurricular activities, social opportunities and transitional skills to children who are visually impaired. NBCF offers a variety of programs including life skills, music, robotics, adaptive sports and recreation. NBCF also hosts family events including the Beeping Egg Hunt, Beep Baseball and Family Movie Days.

Message from the President,

I'm excited to boast that we finished 2019 with 538 members! 71 new members and 36 returning members were introduced to our club with an exciting new initiative to truly be warm and welcoming. Every new member receives a letter or a call and are invited to a New Member coffee. New members are introduced to our club in an intimate and welcoming way. Committees are explained, friendships are seeded and people attend their first luncheon already knowing some faces. Our new members are also invited to be assigned a mentor; someone to join them at one or two luncheons, introducing them to other members and helping them to navigate a large room of new people.

Our luncheons average well over 200 attendees. The raffles create excitement and raised over \$47,000 in 2019 to be donated to local charities. The tables are adorned with fabulous and creative decorations and an array of entertainment is offered. As you can imagine, it takes many volunteers to accomplish all of this and we have over 100 women contributing to these efforts. Volunteering has been proved to keep us young and our minds fruitful. The committees are a wonderful way to make lasting friendships. Please join us by contacting me, Margy613@gmail.com or any of our Board of Directors to find out how you can get more involved!

Future Events

Keep an eye out for a flyer coming soon with all of the details of the February mini-event! We will be visiting the Las Vegas Showgirl Museum on Tuesday, February 25th. This is an event you will not want to miss!

Raffles Reminders

Our Raffles Committee reminds you to use gift cards as soon as possible. Also, the committee could use large baskets if you have any to donate. Contact Kathy Matson at

kdmatson2@mac.com.

Remembering Friends and Family

For the passing of a member or someone needing cheer due to illness or loss of family member, please contact Dorothy Glazer at dorothyglazer@centurylink.net so a card can be sent.

Reminder

Please remember that all checks for club luncheons and dues must be made payable to:

Sun City Anthem Community Association, Inc.

Dues Renewal

Renew your membership by February 28th to continue to receive the monthly Chatter.

Please Give a Big Welcome to Our Newest Members

Kelly Bond Cheryl Edelman
Susie Lewis Randy Rutkin
Nina Pearlman Pat Roberts

February Plated Luncheon Menu

Hearts Desire Salad: Arugula, honey crisp apples, sliced pears, caramelized walnuts and feta cheese, served with champagne vinaigrette dressing

Entree: "Stuffed with Love" chicken breast with pomegranate coulis, creamy goat cheese & balsamic. Served with rice pilaf and steamed tri-color cauliflower

Vegetarian Option: Butternut squash ravioli topped with goat cheese, crispy spinach and a light nutmeg crème sauce drizzle

Dessert: New York cheesecake drizzled with a strawberry glaze

Beverages: Coffee, Tea, Iced Tea; Cash Bar – Soft Drinks \$2, Domestic Beer \$4, White and Red Wine \$5, Premium Mixed Drinks \$8

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"The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched.

They must be felt with the heart."

Helen Keller

WOMEN'S CLUB ANNUAL GALA AT THE M RESORT APRIL 17, 2020

Entertainment: "Something old, something new, one for me, one for you, songs you know and originals too", from the songbook of award-winning Dennis Blair and special surprise guests.

Designated Charity: Nevada Partnership for Homeless Youth, ending youth homelessness in Southern Nevada

Reservations open on February 13th. Groups desiring to sit together should submit their checks together in one envelope. Table size is 10. Cost is \$40 members, \$50 guests.

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