

# MARCH

# 2025

# COUNTRY ROADS COURIER



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General Manager Vanessa Harris

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Country Roads. We've had some terrific weather this year, and hopefully you've had time to have some fun. The 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary activities have been great. Thank you to Carrie and the many volunteers that have made these events so successful. There's several meetings in March. Please join us in person at a meeting or join us online.

### Upcoming Meeting Dates

Board Meeting on March 4, 2025  
Annual General on Meeting March 11, 2025

Board Meeting on March 18, 2025

For our friends that will be traveling to their homes, I wish you safe travels and look forward to seeing you again when you return.



*A good friend  
IS LIKE A  
four-leaf clover  
HARD TO FIND,  
& lucky to have.*



## COMMUNITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Dear Country Roads Residents, This season has been a memorable one not only have we been celebrating Country Roads 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with a variety of events, but once again for the 18<sup>th</sup> year in a row we have won Yuma's Best RV Park and for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year in a row we have won Yuma's Best Place to Play Pickleball. Thank you to all who voted and made that possible! Here are important dates to add to your calendar: 3/11 Annual Homeowner's Meeting, 3/13 Board Planning Meeting, and 3/18 Board Regular Meeting. Next, it is vitally important that you officially check out before leaving to your summer homes. You may do so by calling or visiting the Homeowners' Office. Be prepared to confirm your email and mailing address and provide an emergency contact. Also, if you have not submitted your 2025 Tree Trimming Form, do so asap at the Homeowners' Office. Finally, make arrangements for your property to be maintained in your absence and be sure to forward your mail to your summer home through USPS. Thank you for making our 40<sup>th</sup> year the best yet and here's to more delightful years to come!

Warm regards, Vanessa Harris  
Community Manager

## LINE Dancing

Mark your calendars for March 6th, our final Line Dance Jamboree of the Season, in the Country Roads Ballroom! Tickets available at the Activities Office and in line dance classes, \$7.00 per person, and all proceeds go to the Building Fund. Don't miss this very fun evening when the town of Yuma comes out to line dance with us! Classes continue on Wednesday mornings at 9:30 for Baby Steps, for those new to line dancing. It's followed by Beginners, at 10:15 on Wednesdays for those with a little experience, at a slower pace. Saturdays we pick up the tempo with Line Dance 1 at 9:30 AM, followed by Line Dance 2 (at the Improver level) at 10:15. Suggested donation is \$3 for one class, \$5 for the day. Come out and see how much you can improve your body, balance, and brain with Line Dancing! It's an all-around winning activity, with a wonderful group of people, and done to great music!

To Ann Opp  
503-312-1226

*Life's A Dance*



*You Learn As You Go*



**OUR CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS**

- Beads and Baubles
- Billiards
- B.I.N.G.O**
- Book Club
- Bridge
- Bunco
- Can/Am Friendship
- Catholic Fellowship
- Ceramics
- Choral/Drama
- Church Choir
- Clogging
- Computers
- Cornhole
- Craft Fair
- Creative Writers
- Dance
- Desert Diamonds
- Diabetes Support
- Fitness Club
- Four Wheelers
- Guns and Gals Golf
- Hand Applique Sew & Stitch
- Health
- Horse Shoe
- Knit n' Stitch
- Lapidary/Rock Hunting
- Line Dancing
- Mahjongg
- Material Girls
- Men's Fellowship
- Painting
- Pickleball
- Pinochle
- Pinochle (2 Deck/7 Card)
- Poker: Dealers Choice/Hold'em
- Pottery
- Quilting
- Relay for Life
- Scrap Book
- Sewing
- Singles Social
- Shuffleboard
- Swimming Aerobics
- Tennis
- T.O.P.S.
- Water Aerobics
- Veteran's Club
- Volleyball: Water/Sand
- Whole Food Plant-Based Group
- Women's Fellowship
- Woodcarving
- Woodshop
- Zumba Gold

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Please send your articles to:  
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The articles must be submitted by the 10th of each month for publication the following month.  
**Please forward in Microsoft Word if possible.** Give me a call if you have any questions.  
Thanks, Myrna Mattson #679  
360.298.2567

The purpose of the Country Roads RV Village Newsletter is to connect and inform our Residents of current events and announcements. We appreciate your submissions and are looking for articles and content that align with this mission.

**Structure:**

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**Include Name, Lot number and contact information in case of questions**

Article will not repeat monthly.  
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News and Announcements must be current with month of publication (Example: Articles submitted in January are for February's publication.

**Easter**

April 20, 2025





**LIST OF ALL THE COUNTRY**

**ROADS RV VILLAGE**

**FACEBOOK GROUPS**

- COUNTRY ROADS RV VILLAGE
- BUY/SELL/TRADE/ISO
- COUNTRY ROADS RV VILLAGE
- REAL ESTATE (SELL AND RENT)
- COUNTRY ROADS YUMA
- HOME OWNERS
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- GOLF CLUB
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- COUNTRY ROADS POTTERY PALS
- COUNTRY ROADS QUILT CLUB
- CR LAPIDARY
- COUNTRY ROADS PRAYER WARRIORS
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- COUNTRY ROADS
- SHUFFLEBOARD CLUB
- BUY NOTHING COUNTRY ROADS RV
- VILLAGE
- COUNTRY ROADS SATURDAY
- MORNING BREAKFAST
- CR CRUISING CLUB
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- COUNTRY ROADS UTV
- CARRIE COUNTRY ROADS (PRIVATE
- FACEBOOK PAGE)
- COUNTRY ROADS RV VILLAGE
- (NOT A GROUP PAGE)



**LADIES**

**BIBLE STUDY**

Bible Study is in the chapel and begins at 10am on Mondays All are invited to join us for our small group bible study. Wonderful way to meet other ladies in the park and pray for one another.

We are studying the book of James. The study book is, "Growing in Wisdom and Faith" by Elizabeth George. Book available for purchase online or your favorite bookstore.

Come for hope, spiritual growth, fellowship, and encouragement. We would love to have your presence as we gather to study the Word each Monday morning for an hour.

There are Godly topics to encourage us for what we face in today's world.

For more information contact Jan 360 710 1552



**WOMEN'S**

**FELLOWSHIP**

Women's Fellowship is Wednesday morning at 7:30am in the Mother and those we know. We sing and fellowship, and we enjoy early morning treats such as muffins, fruit, coffee, or tea. We have weekly guest speakers or a testimony within the community. Our guest speakers for March will be Ed Hinkle with Gideons, and Terri Bortz. We will be joining the Men's Fellowship for a joint Potluck Breakfast on March 19<sup>th</sup> in the Ballroom. Our fellowship meetings usually last an hour and are a great way to start your day and lift your midweek.

Michelle Van Horn-Stewart Lot #28 phone 916 835 5551



**COMPUTER CLUB**

Computer / Personal Electronic Devices Disappointed with your Personal Electronic Device? Are you able to teach others? Drop in to the Coronado Room Wednesday's from 9-11:30 am. To see if your issue can be solved by one of our members. Contact Anthony @ 928-975-9563 or anthonyh630@gmail.com Lot #550



Nearing the end of the Winter Season, Material Girls is keeping busy. We have our BUMfab Reveal, The Art Expo, our 2025 Community Service Projects 2025 -2026 Material Girls elections and we still SEW !! We love our team. Join us on Tuesdays at 9 AM in the Coronado room. We would love to see you at our next meeting.



**Poker -Coronado Room**

Check out the sign-up sheets right inside the door next to the main road to find out when the games will be. You must live at Country Roads to be able to play. This year's dues will be \$20 a season. Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays are dealers choice evenings with some Texas Hold'em, all low key and fun. Thursday, Saturday and Sunday afternoons are Texas Hold'em Tournament games. All games need to be signed up ahead of time on the above mentioned sign-up wall. Happy New Year. Scribe, Myrna Mattson Lot 679

**FROM THE  
POOL  
ROOM**



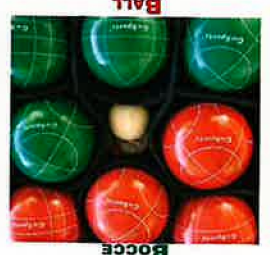
I want to start by saying thank you to all that volunteered and/or participated in all the events that we hosted in February, you are all truly amazing people and we couldn't have done it without you.

Let me say first that February is the busiest month for the Billiards Club. 1st, we had our Showcase which was a success, as many residents displayed interest in joining our Club. 2nd, we hosted the Senior Games for the City of Yuma, with many of our members winning medals (congratulations). Last but not least, we hosted the Terry Mosier Memorial Tournament with Country Roads All Stars facing off against Yuma's Best, with all proceeds going to this year's charity, Amberly's Place in Yuma Az.

This month, we will have our End of the Season Dinner on Sundays March 16th at 3:00 pm in the Ball-room with our End of Season Tournament following at 6:00 in the Billiard Room. In the meantime, we still have our scheduled member's weekly tournaments and residents open pool. Our pool room is open 24/7, we just ask that you respect our tables and equipment as well as the other players, and obey all of our posted rules.



Respectfully yours,  
John Bowman  
Billiard Club President



We play Bocce Ball on Tuesdays and Saturdays starting at 9:00 AM. Everyone welcome, first come first served. We play 2 games and will trade off so everyone who shows up gets to play.

**Tai Chi Chuan  
(Classical Yang Style) and  
Qigong**



Please join us for Tai Chi and Qigong every Monday from 10:00 – 11:00 in the Mojave Room. On the 1<sup>st</sup> of each month, we will be on the East (Covered) Patio. Tai Chi is an internal Martial Art. It helps to improve strength, flexibility and balance. It improves cardiovascular fitness, lowers blood pressure and helps with the pain of arthritis. The deliberate movements help us feel more relaxed, grounded and present in our bodies. Tai Chi lowers anxiety, depression and stress while improving memory, focus and sleep. Qigong uses exercises to optimize energy within the body, mind, and spirit.

Madelyn Read, is nationally certified in Tai Chi Chuan – Yang Style, is the instructor. All you need to bring to class is curiosity.





2nd—Tom Lilleholm and Bob McKeating, 3rd—Fred and Judy Kummer, 4th—Bill and Amy Clark. There was lots of laughter and everyone enjoyed several pieces of pizza afterward. We had 4 teams entered in Dist. III league play (each in a different league). The team captained by Linda Stoneburner won their league and will now compete against 4 other league teams in a three day tournament starting Feb. 17. The winning team will represent Dist. III at a state meet later this season. We wish Linda's team well.

Along with many other sport clubs in CR, we will be hosting the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary Shuffleboard competition on February 17. It should be fun to see how everyone does in their respective events. We look forward to our role. We also have an allstar team who will be competing in the various events with hopes of bringing home the championship. Gary Bartlett---lot # 1207 Courier Reporter.



Breakfast 7-10:30.  
Lunch 11-1:30.

A lot of popular items from last season. And new menu items that we tested during our soft opening. We will have daily specials...and liver and onions on Tuesday.

Valeri



# COUNTRY ROADS SHUFFLEBOARD



January and the first part of February has been tournament time for CR Club Shufflers. We hosted two tournaments and then had a very successful "in house" tournament with lots of laughter and pizza.

On January 10 and 11, several participated in the Fortuna de Oro Singles tournament. Bill Stoneburner placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Championship Division, and beat Greg Carter who finished 4<sup>th</sup> in the same division. On January 13-15, we hosted the Dist. III Mixed Doubles Tournament.

While we had many participants entered from CR, only Steve and Bev Gamis secured any trophies. They placed 4<sup>th</sup> in the Consolation Division. On January 31 and February 1, we hosted the Dist. III Mixed Doubles Qualifier Tournament. Winners in the Championship and Consolation divisions would move on to State Competition later in the season. Our CR shufflers got more serious this time around and got close to or qualified for the "trophy round". Bill and Linda Stoneburner will be going to Tucson as they won the Consolation Division while Deb and Lee Tuott did well and placed 4<sup>th</sup> in the Championship Division.

Our "in house" tournament called Pins and Pizza found 64 CR shufflers shuffling for the highest score. The object was to score as many points as possible without knocking down a bowling pin placed on the line dividing the 10 and 8 points. This was an any doubles event. The winners were---1st--Jim and Marilyn Whitford, (continued...)



The next Country Roads Veterans Club coffee meeting will be held on Thursday, March 6, 2025 at 0800 hours (8 am) in the Ballroom. Please bring your own first cup of coffee or beverage and a second cup of coffee will be provided. Light pastries will be served. All Canadian and US veterans are invited to attend. Subsequent meetings will be held on the first Thursday of the month through April 2025.

We are working with the Country Roads staff to prepare and conduct a dedication ceremony. The tentative plan is to dedicate the wall which has been set aside to recognize and honor "All Who Served in the Military." The referenced wall is on the right side as you enter the ballroom.

For further information please either email Bert Rice at bert07@comcast.net OR call (410) 507-3366. We look forward to seeing and sharing with you on Thursday, March 6, 2025.

**Getting old sucks big time. I just threw my back out because the toaster**

After just a few days of downtime, we jumped right into rehearsals for the Diamond in the Desert play. Jo Nightingale outdid herself writing this wonderful glimpse in time. Our Director, Peggy Scott, had her hands, feet, and head so full wrangling this herd of cats, but she pulled it off like the pro she is! She also rehearsed the Desert Voices for their parts she added to the play. I don't know how she did it all, but she DID and is still smiling.

The club is looking for a director for next year's performance. In the past we have done a play one year and a variety/talent show the next, but that isn't written in stone. If you might be that person that has an idea and would love to direct a show, contact Peggy Scott ([peggychasbear@gmail.com](mailto:peggychasbear@gmail.com))

As club members, we will all miss our rehearsal time spent in the choir and play. The work was challenging but the friendships were forged and lots of fun was had. We can't wait till next year! If you can sing, dance, or act, join in on the fun.

Diane Dorigan  
President  
Choral and Drama Club  
541-944-3074



\$5.00 monthly membership available. (Excluding the end of year banquet.)

March Highlights:

March 3<sup>rd</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> is the Wind-Up Tournament Week (winners announced at the Banquet) March 8<sup>th</sup> Wind-Up Banquet in the Main Ballroom at 4pm (set-up at 12pm)

March 15<sup>th</sup> Guys and Gals Fun Golf at the Foothills Executive Course

March 22<sup>nd</sup> Saturday Golf at the Butterfield Golf Course in Welton

March 24<sup>th</sup> Closing Meeting of the Season Come and Play with the Guys and Gals Golf Club

Lou Wintermyer Guys and Gals Golf Club

Our play, Diamond in the Desert, was a rousing success! Thank you for joining us. Our club's season is winding down except for our year end general meeting and elections of officers, March 7.

What a year it has been! We started bi-weekly rehearsals for our Christmas Cantata on the first of November, with our performance on December 22. In the meantime, we decorated our float for caroling in the Christmas Parade. There is never any trouble filling our trailer with carolers because it is so much fun! (continued..)



**COUNTRY ROADS GUYS AND GALS**

Congratulations USA for winning the annual Golf CAN/AM Net Challenge Tournament With a Net difference of 1.74, Our club friendly event was well attended and competition was tight. Everyone had a great time showing their flag colors and country pride. We are proud to announce that in February, our club membership has exceeded 200 Golfers! Everyone at CR is welcome to attend the weekly happy hour at the putting greens. Located between the main pool and Shuttleboard courts. 3:00 to 4:30 on Fridays. This is a great opportunity to learn more about the game, and see how great Golfing is. You do not need to be a member of the club to enjoy this happy hour event. BYOB and a chair, and enjoy an evening with the Guys and Gals Golf Club. We continue to meet every Monday morning in the ballroom. 7:30am to 8:00am - Sign up for golf that week and the next. There will be a course coordinator available for each course to help you get signed in and signed up! 8:00am to 8:30am General Meeting with weekly announcements and course information. You can sign up for a \$25.00 season membership, which will include the end of year banquet! There is also a (continued..)





**PAPER**  
**CRAFTING**



Our final 'Make and Take' card classes will be held on Friday March 08 and Friday March 22 at 1:30 pm in the NavaJo Room. These classes are great for the "Beginner" and anyone who wants to try their hand at card making. No experience is needed. The cost is \$8 for non-members. Pre-registration is required as space is limited. A sign-up sheet will be posted a week before each event on the wall by the ballroom bulletin board.

The two cards that will be made in each of these classes will also be on display prior to the events in the glass showcase outside the NavaJo Room.  
Our club sessions will be ending March 30. Until then our times are:  
Tuesday afternoon 1:00 – 4:00 pm  
(Recommend for beginners)  
Wednesday evenings from 6:00 – 9:00 pm  
Friday afternoons from 1:00 – 4:00 pm  
Saturday mornings from 9:00 – 12:00 pm

Although our time at the club will end soon we are grateful and excited about all we accomplished this season. Our club membership, drop in visits and card class attendance all increased from last season. Over the summer we encourage you to dig out your pending paper projects and think about joining us next season to get them completed or join us to try a new craft.

France Pelletier – Pres  
Lot# 1094

403-477-4351



We are SO blessed to live in an amazing resort with SO many wonderful amenities and yet we pay some of the lowest HOA fees of any other park in our area. I think this is possible in part because of the ever present spirit of volunteerism of our homeowners and renters. Volunteers are our lifeblood but equally important are all of you who attend the FUND raising events (and we hope it has been FUN). The Building Fund committee was created to sponsor and oversee fund raising events (also run by volunteers) and then to disperse those funds to clubs, organizations and groups within the park to help them purchase items they need to enhance their activity. The Building Fund has also been fortunate to receive donations from clubs and individuals as well. Since 2007, the Building Fund has dispersed \$635,054.82 to Country Roads clubs and organizations including \$58,376.53 allocated so far in the 2024-2025 season. This is an impressive amount of money that provided many upgrades to the park that may not have happened without raising our HOA's.

Having said all that, it is important to note that the Building Fund Executive Committee is comprised of 6 positions, 4 of which are open for the coming season (3 positions will be 2 year terms and 1 position will be a 1 year term due to a resignation). Home-owners in good standing are eligible to run for a position on the executive committee.  
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We need enthusiasm, energy, fresh ideas and the willingness to work together for the common good. The elections will be held on March 3 at 9:00 am in the Mojave Room during the BF General Membership meeting.  
Candidates will give a short verbal presentation and will have resumes available to review. We urge you to take the time to come to this meeting and vote for our new committee members.  
Please remember that all homeowners as well as renters are eligible to vote.  
To those of you who may be heading to your summer homes the end of March ----- Farewell, it has been a wonderful season and we look forward to your return in the fall.  
Doris Vandam, Lot 1036

**It's all fun and games until your oversized shirts start fitting.**





# ELECTION NEWS

We have now finished handing out ballot packets to 623 home owners. Seventy two percent of the registered owners. Congratulations to all of us! We saved us all almost \$2,000 by picking up our ballot

Our final monthly meeting for this season is on Tuesday March 4, at 1:30 PM in the Inca/Aztec Rooms. It's not too late to come

check out this amazing group of very normal people who are working towards improving our health in our senior years! So much of our enjoyment of our family, friends, and activities depends on our health, and it's never too late to make improvements. We meet once a month, at 1:30 PM on the first Tuesday, and every meeting is informative and fun. This year we've talked about why it's important to put a priority on our health, we've learned about Fats in our diet (the good, the bad, and the ugly), about Fiber (what it is and what it does), and Fasting safely and effectively for health, along with an inspiring talk at every meeting by various exercise and sports groups here in Country Roads. In March we'll cover a couple more F-sounding words: Fish and Phytochemicals. We have regular lunches in the Sunrise Cafe together, and the absolutely best Salad Bar Potlucks you've ever had in the Inca/Aztec Rooms! You are welcome to join us on March 4th to see what this group is all about.

Be healthy, be kind, be grateful, Jerry and JoAnn Opp 503-312-1226

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May the road rise up to meet you.  
May the wind be always at your back.  
May the sun shine warm upon your face;  
and rains fall soft upon your fields.  
and until we meet again,  
may God hold you in the palm of His hand.

**Wellness Clinic**  
FRIDAYS 9am - NOON  
INCA ROOM  
Blood Pressure \* Blood Sugar  
Eye Glass Adjustments & Repairs

We also have some medical equipment that we loan out to residents





What a busy February for our TOPS Chapter! We attended our annual fun area TOPS rally (La Paz and Yuma Counties) and won the award for the group with the most in attendance (19). At the event our most deserving Chapter Angel, Lorraine Baker, was announced. She was surprised as this honor is a secret vote and kept secret until the rally. Lorraine is a long time KOPS (Keeping Off Pounds Sensibly) who quietly extends herself throughout the year by supporting others who need encouragement in their weight loss. At our February awards meeting, special awards were given to those TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) who had an after-holiday loss. They were Sherrie Brown, Mark Johnson, Sharon McNab, Nancy Muller, Mary Mueller, and Sally Patrick. Congratulations! The meetings are every Friday morning, at 9 in the Mojave room. Weight-ins are from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. Consider joining our TOPS group for several reasons: for fun, for weight loss, for your health, to make friends, and to hear interesting programs to inspire you to keep healthy and lose weight. Come for a meeting to decide if you would like to join as your first meeting is FREE! If you have any questions, contact Mary Mueller, TOPS Leader at 209-559-4559.



OPEN MIC NIGHT SUNDAY

MARCH 30, 2025

LOT 488/489

GETTING AWAY

6:00-8:00 p.m.


From ancient public forums to the coffeehouses of the Beat Generation, from the folk revival of the 1960s to the stand-up comedy boom of the 1970s, open mic nights have a rich and varied history. What makes open mic nights so enduring is their accessibility—anyone, regardless of experience or background, can step up to the microphone and share their voice. Country Roads Open Mic Night had humble beginnings, conceived as a conversation in a hot tub and launched in December 2023. With each year and each night, listeners and performers grow. Making it happen is a collaborative effort between CR musicians Charlie Wickenheiser and Din Golden, generously supplying sound equipment, space, and endless encouragement, and Gary and Jean Lasater, relatively new park residents with no claim to fame and a desire to see people find and share their talent. Our Open Mic's are celebrations of our neighbors and friends, who find a little courage to step up to the mic and show us a little more of who they are. It's a wonderful, heartfelt time we know you'll enjoy. Bring your poetry, your kazoo, your voice, and your song, or a chair to listen in. Please join us.



The club of writers is turning into a most entertaining group of eclectic minds. The topics for general writing topics have run from writing about kitchens and walls to pain, both in poetry and prose. We give a topic each week to the class that each person can write on or each has liberty of choosing something they would like to share off-topic. If you were lucky enough to have stopped by the Creative Writing table at the Arts show you were able to meet some of the members. If you can make a pencil work, you are a writer and we can help you get your words flowing. Please join us on Thursday mornings in the Aztec Room from 9:15 am until 11:30. Myrna Mattson, Scribe demmyrn41@gmail.com

**LIMERICK ABOUT THE PELICAN**

A wonderful bird is the Pelican  
His beak can hold more  
than his bellican  
He takes in his beak  
Food enough for a week  
But I'm darned if I see  
how the hellican



# PINOCHLE GAMES

Single Deck Games

Sundays and Tuesdays

Double Deck Games

Thursdays

All Games in The Mojave Room  
PHILLIP MILLER 907.394.3040



Carving classes are going great in this Spring with our Woodcarving Pro Gary Stuart patiently helping his group get started with gnomes, ornaments and relief carving. They were getting ready to start on wine stoppers at the end of February. If you are interested, check the Woodcarving window for time and dates of the upcoming classes. Our end of the season party is a bit early this year. It's hard to get booked into rooms with so many active clubs. So it will be Saturday, March 8th in the Mohave Room from 5:00 PM to 7:00. If you are a member be sure to stop by the room and sign up. Chicken will be furnished, the side dishes will be supplied by all of us. Just because the banquet is early doesn't mean we are through carving for the year. We will be throwing chips around until April Fools Day.

Momma Beaver  
Myrna Mattson  
Lot 679



# MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

've been reminded numerous times of late of my own mortality. In our community the passing of friends and acquaintances is all too frequent. The national news has been full of many people who thought they were enjoying a plane trip but ended up in the tragic loss of life. I have several friends who are dealing with likely terminal illness-es. It's a sobering reminder that in fact we are all terminal. However, if you are reading this you are alive at the moment. So, rather than dwelling on death I choose to dwell on life. I honestly believe if I'm still breathing, it's for a purpose. It's incumbent on me to find that purpose and do my best in accomplishing it. Part of that purpose may be to contemplate my own readiness to pass from this world and enter eternity. But, much of that purpose may entail the use of our likes and dislikes, training, interests, aptitudes, etc. to do good and impact others around us in positive ways. It's pretty easy to wake up in the morning and coast through the day either being active or not, but no real thought about what you really are accomplishing. It takes thought and intentionality to make a difference in the lives around you and to bring growth and changes for the betterment of your own life. This is not a difficult concept and it's actually easy to do. It's simply a desire to make a difference and thinking

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about the best ways to do that. It can be as simple as an encouraging phone call or visit to a friend or family member or offering to lend a helping hand to someone, or volunteering with others that are making a difference for those less fortunate. If your heart is still pumping life through your veins, you are blessed. Enjoy life and use your blessing to be a blessing to others.

## COUNTRY ROADS SING ALONG WITH JOYCE

Do you like to sing "oldies" but not with a choir?  
Do you like to have fun with a group?

Being a good singer is NOT NECESSARY

Come Sing Along with Joyce @ 10:00 in the Chapel on these

Tuesdays -

March 4

March 11

March 18

March 25

Men & Women both welcome.



## TRIBUTE TO CANADA & USA

I see fields of green, red roses too  
I see them bloom, for me and you  
and I think to myself,  
What a wonderful world.

What a wonderful world.

I see skies of blue and clouds of white

The bright blessed day, the dark sacred night

and I think to myself,

What a wonderful world.

The colors of the rainbow, so pretty in the sky

Are also on the faces of the people going by

I see friends shaking hands

Saying, "How do you do?"

They're really saying, "I love you"

I hear babies cry, I watch them grow

They'll learn much more than I'll ever know

And I think to myself,

What a wonderful world