



The latest in our series...

## THE PEOPLE OF THE PARK: Kelly Haragan

### "WE NEED YOU TO WORK FOR US"

By Dale Dauten

When Rhonda Ciacco became General Manager of Silveridge and The Resort, one of the first things she did was promote Kelly Haragan to take her old job as Maintenance Manager. "He was my lead person," Rhonda says, "and I knew he was the right one for the job. He's the kind of guy who, if he sees something that needs fixing, he just does it. And it doesn't matter if it's during regular work hours or not. I sometimes see him working so late that I tell him, 'If you don't go home, I'm going to have to fire you!' That's became our standard joke. Sometimes he objects and I'll say, 'Okay, you're fired! Then I add, 'And I'll see you in the morning.'"



As for Kelly, he still remembers the day back in '05 when he first became an employee: Working for an electrical contractor, he'd been on a crew doing jobs around both Silveridge and The Resort. What he didn't know was that Rhonda, still Maintenance Manager at the time, had been noticing the quality of his work. "One day I was digging a trench for a new electrical cable," Kelly recalls. "It was a deep one where I was down to where just the top of my head was above ground, and I see someone up above me and it was Rhonda. She said, 'We need you to work for us.'" Kelly took the job. (Who can say no to Rhonda?) And eventually moved into The Resort.

At the time he started at the parks, he'd recently moved to Mesa from Southern California. Although he'd grown up in Eastern New Mexico, mostly around Clovis, he'd spent the past 30 years in Los Angeles. He had grown tired of fighting the crowds and the traffic in the San Fernando Valley and was ready for a change.



I asked Kelly how he choose to move to Mesa and he said, "My ex-brother-in-law let me move into one of his rooms. And he offered me a job."

And EX-brother-in-law?

"Yeah, I'd gotten divorced but I stayed in touch with him. Still do. I don't know what happened to my ex-wife – I never talk to her."

(Something about that story makes me think of the country song, "My wife ran off with my best friend... and I sure do miss him.")

It was that same ex-bro that offered Kelly a job helping out with his electrical contracting accounts, including some work at the RV parks.

Kelly now has two year-round employees reporting to him at each park, as well as two "work campers" who are seasonal residents of each park. Every morning the teams go over their checklists and their work orders. (Any resident who spots something amiss can report it to the office, and they generate the work orders.)

When asked what's the most common task, Kelly replied that it's the irrigation system with all the sprinklers and drip emitters. "There must be four or five hundred emitters at each park, and with the hard water out here, there's plenty to replace."

In addition to his full-time job, Kelly takes on plenty of additional work for residents. "Mostly it's plumbing," he explained. "Usually there's some kind of leak. I've gone out at all hours, sometimes the middle of the night. The people are grateful and I'm happy to help."

He smiled and added, "Just about everybody knows me."

And just about everybody would understand what Rhonda means when she said, "I remember when I first saw his work and I started thinking, 'We gotta have him.'"

You can find other articles in the PEOPLE OF THE PARK series at  
<http://theresortrvpark.com/people-of-the-park/>

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Submitted by Larry Tally*

Attention Resort residents - Here's your chance to show your support for our Veterans. Join the "Greenlight a Vet Campaign" by installing one visible green light to shine day and night to honor our brave men and women. "Greenlight A Vet" is a campaign to establish visible national support for our veterans by changing one outside light to green. Green lights are available at Walmart, most hardware and grocery stores at a minimal cost. For more information go to [www.greenlightavet.com](http://www.greenlightavet.com), or contact Larry Tally space #472 or Charlene Culver space #82. Let's join together to make The Resort the greenest park in the valley.



# December 2017

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
					1	2 Christmas Brkfst w/Kitchen Band 8:30 a.m.
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
LaMesita Concert 7 PM			Christmas Parade 5:30 pm			\$5 Breakfast from the Menu
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Christmas Chorale 6 pm						\$5 Breakfast from the Menu
\$6.00	18	19	20	21	22	23
	In The Christmas Mood – Dinner Show 5:30 pm					
\$6.00	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	A graphic featuring the words "MERRY CHRISTMAS" in a stylized, colorful font. Below the text are four red and green Christmas stockings hanging from a green garland.					

## **Clubs, Groups, Classes and Organization**

### **News...**

**Lapidary/Silversmith** – Beginner is Monday & Tuesday 1 pm to 3 pm. Regular hours are Monday thru Thursday 8:30 am to 11:30 am and 1 pm to 3 pm.

**Computer Club** – Starting Dec. 1st. All residents and guests interested in computers are invited to our informal gatherings. \$1 donation/family gives you access to the computer room & hi-speed internet. Fridays 1:30-2:30pm-in the Theater.

For more information: Dan Tuchenhagen #451

### **Bible Study – The Resort Church**

Tuesdays, 1:30-2:30pm in the Ceramics Room.

Study Guide will be provided.

For more information: Ken Bell #738 717-304-0686

**Quilt Club** – Will meet in Studio 55 on Monday nights at 7:00 pm.

### **Blood Pressure Schedule for December:**

Wednesdays, December 6<sup>th</sup> & December 20<sup>st</sup>.

Blood pressure clinics are held in the

Movie Theater. 8:00am – 10:00am

### **WEDNESDAY JAMS**

Come join us from 12:30-3:00pm every Wednesday in the Ballroom for a variety of music. Sodas, candy and coffee will be sold at the snack window.

**Stained Glass Shop** – Is now open with part-time hours. Mon. & Wed. 1:00-3:30pm. It will be open on Fridays 9 am to 12 noon and 1 pm to 3:30 pm in the Ceramics room. Beginners class begins in January.

**ORGANSTOP PIZZA** – DEC 14<sup>TH</sup> Sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board by the Ballroom. Meet there at 11:00am. \$8.25.

**Help with Christmas Decorating!** – Please sign up to help us decorate the park. We need a leader and helpers. We have maps and diagrams. We have the Rotheckers only a phone call away! Please HELP!

**Christmas Parade** – December 6, 2017 - 6 pm in front of the clubhouse.

## **Channel 6 & 10** – The difference between the two:

10 is for changing announcements and 6 is for information that remains the same throughout the season...sports, clubs, etc.

### **FRIDAY BASH DATES**

**11:00am – 1:00pm \$6**

**Dec 1st** – Chicken Burger, Pam & Dave Music

**Dec 8<sup>th</sup>** – Burger, Montana Guys Music

**Dec 15<sup>th</sup>** – Hot Dogs & Brats, Surefire Duo

### **Breakfast's**

Saturday Dec. 2nd at 8:00am is our Christmas Breakfast with the Kitchen Band. Tickets are \$6.00 Get your tickets in the Activity Office

**\$5 Menu Breakfast** – December 9 & 16

**Friday Night Dance** – December 1 – Junction 87 – Tickets are \$9 advance

**Tuesday Dinners** – \$6 5:00 PM

Dec 5 – Chili/cornbread/coleslaw/ fruited jello  
Dec 12 – Sweet & Sour Chicken/rice/mixed veg/dessert

Dec 19 – Tacos/Spanish rice/choco taco

**HALLOWEEN** We'd like to thank everyone who attended our Halloween Dance, we believe it was a BIG success with 360 people in attendance. Jerry & Sharon Maryniuk #20 was out winning couples costume with the Great White Canadian Goose & the Great White Hunter. We had a lot of very unique great costumes, some of you went to a lot of effort, very impressive.

### **Herberger Theater – Calamari Sisters**

Thursday January 11, 2018 \$56.00 – includes bus ride & show. Bus leaves at 12:45 pm in front of office. Contact Charlie Peiffer #175 – 480 720 0660 to sign up before Saturday, December 23.

## Sports News...

### Learn to play Pickleball!

Tuesdays 8:30 – 9:00am.

Come be part of the fastest growing sport in North America.

Open play – All Welcome! Daily 9:00-11:00am. Under the lights – 6:30pm most evenings. Join our fun Pickleball Group for \$10/yr.

More info:

**Winter Softball League** – Looking for players. Beginning in January.

If interested contact:

Bob Peace #354, Mel Mueller #51.

### Sunland Springs Village Golf-

**Women's League** – Winter season. If you want to play, sign up on board by pool hall by Monday afternoon of each week.

### Pool Tournaments –

9 Ball: Dec 4, Jan 8, Feb 5, March 5

US vs. Canada: 7 pm Jan. 19

Sweethearts: 7pm Feb 12

Men's North vs. South: 7pm Feb 26th

Wed vs. Thurs Team: 7pm March 14<sup>th</sup>

Ladies North vs South: TBD

Year End Party: Studio 55 Mar. 12th

Valley Shout Out At Resort: Jan TBA & Feb TBA

### Shuffle Board – Welcome back

Shufflers. Open Shuffling is M-Sat.

9am. Please try to be there a little early so positions can be drawn.

Beginners orientation & lessons every Tuesday @8:45 am., watch bulletin board by courts for more fun & games to come! FREE Lessons

### Tennis League Matches –

9am-Noon Please join us to cheer our teams on!

## Massage Therapy

IS AVAILABLE AT THE RESORT!

Licensed Massage Therapists are onsite to help you relieve muscle aches and pain, recover from injury, or simply relax.

90 minute massage \$80  
60 minute massage \$60  
30 minute massage \$35

Call 602-309-2482 or visit [www.resorttherapy.com](http://www.resorttherapy.com)

## New Year's Eve Dance Party

Saturday, December 31<sup>st</sup>

Doors at 6:30pm

Music at 8:30pm

Come dance to the sounds of...

### "The Southwest Surfers"

Hot appetizers, Shrimp cocktail, sliders, vegetable trays, and desserts with a chocolate fountain will be served.

BYOB

Sodas and water will be available for purchase.

### TICKET SALES FOR EVENTS WITH FOOD-CUT-OFF TIMES

For events that involve food.

- WILL BE IN THE WEEKLY LETTER – SO PLEASE READ



## \$5 – Saturday Breakfast

We will have two Saturday Breakfasts from Menu in December

No advanced tickets needed

December 9 and December 16

Menu: Eggs any style, sausage or ham, pancakes, with or without blueberries or toast OR Biscuits & Sausage Gravy



## MOVIE THEATER TIMES FOR THE SEASON

Wed, Fri - 3pm & 7 pm & Sat - 7pm The movie schedules on the bulletin boards around the park. Movies may be subject to change.

### Remember:

Use screw top bottles for your beverages & bring your own prepared popcorn. Thanks! If the movie is rated R, please keep in mind that it may contain, sex, violence, bad language.



## La Mesita Benefit

Sponsored by the Crafty Ladies



Sunday, December 3rd at 7:00pm  
Please bring a canned good or cash donation for admission!

Entertainment Provided by The Swinging Resorters.  
Baked Goods, Crafts and Raffle Tickets will be for sale.

Refreshments will be served. Anyone wishing to bring cookies for refreshments will be welcomed. Leftover cookies will go to La Mesita.

Raffle Tickets will be \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00...See a Crafty Lady  
(we meet in the Party Room 1-3pm Monday and Friday)

## BLOOD DRIVE!

Look for posters and sign-up sheets around the park for the **American Red Cross Blood Drive**

In Studio 55

Be sure to bring a photo ID  
8:00am - 4:00pm Thurs. Dec. 14th

More info: Hal Engelen #169

## DINNER SHOW

Monday Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> \$20

In the Christmas Mood

- Doors open at 5:30pm
- Dinner at 6:00pm
- Show at 7:00pm

Coffee Provided BYOB



## The Resort Golf Cart Light Parade

Attention Golf Cart Owners!  
Wednesday Dec. 6th at 6:00pm is our annual Light Parade. Be sure to have your golf carts charged up and decorated, throw on a boom box and a Christmas CD or Tape and meet at the Clubhouse at 5:50pm. We will parade through the whole park throwing candy!

Hot chocolate, apple cider and coffee will be served at Studio 55 following the Parade. Bring some goodies to share!!!



Merry Christmas to all of our beloved residents from all of us in the Business Office and Activities Office!

Rhonda, Lynn, Kathy, Anita, Mickey, Helen & Doug



## Christmas Breakfast! With the Kitchen Band \$6

Saturday, Dec. 12nd

8:30am Music

Breakfast following. French toast, scrambled eggs and bacon, fruit cup, coffee & juice  
Tickets on sale in Activity Office



## Chicken Bash

Friday Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>

11:00 – 1:00 pm

w/ Pam & Dave \$6

(If the weather is bad, it will be held in the Ballroom)

## WINTER CHORALE CONCERT

Sunday, Dec 10<sup>th</sup>

Come listen to our own Resort Chorale with all their wonderful singers.

Enjoy an evening of music in the Ballroom.

Tickets are \$3

Starts at 7:00pm.

Bring goodies to share and coffee will be supplied.

They will have craft items & baked goods for sale prior to concert.

**COFFEE & DONUTS** - Monday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at 8:30am. Monday December 18<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 am

**BINGO** - Bingo is in full swing! You can play Bingo at The Resort on Tuesday Nights at 7pm.. Tickets on sale at 6pm.