

CANOA VISTAS NEWSLETTER

WINTER 2025



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CV Board of Directors

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Cathy Karras, Board Rep 612-720-3968

A full list of committee members can be found on the CV HOA website www.canoavistas.org.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

Opportunities are available to host a Topsy Tuesday starting in June. Please contact Donna at 802-272-9574 or donnah4425@gmail.com. It's not fancy! BYOB and the host puts out a couple of munchies and may have extra drinks on hand if you wish. Attendees bring the rest for what's always a tasty array of food choices. *Is it your turn to host a Topsy Tuesday? Call Donna to reserve your favorite month: June, July, August, September or even later.*

MARCH 2025 TIPSY TUESDAY

To be held at the home of HOA secretary Cher and Frank Babbkiewich

**MARCH 11, 2025
4:30 PM - 6:30 PM**

IMPORTANT NOTICES FROM THE HOA!!! **NEW IMPORTANT INFO!**

The CV web site is www.canoavistas.org.
Website to be updated early March 2025
Go to the web site to find the following and more:
HOA board members and contact information.
Committee members and contact information.
Community Documents like Meeting Minutes, Financial Information, Covenants, etc.
Forms for Maintenance Requests, Lease Notification, Parking Exception Request and the Volunteer Preference Form and Newsletters.

Check it out and ask questions!

All communications will go to the monitored email site Board@canoavistas.org and will be forwarded to the appropriate individual(s).

January's Topsy Tuesday at the Mosers'



1587 Via de la Gloria

BYOB and an appetizer to share;
Bring your stories and humor!

Future hosts: April - Pam & Gil Guard;
May - David Usher & Donna Higgons

Our community at work!



Wildfire Risk Reduction

Members at the annual meeting approved our HOA joining a consortium of 10 HOAs that border the old golf course. The group's purpose is to work with and encourage PIMA County to remove dead trees and vegetation from the areas bordering our HOA property to reduce the risk of wildfire that might threaten our homes. Removing fuel from the area will mitigate fire risk should a fire ignite. County workers are cutting dead wood from trees and brush and HOA volunteers are pulling it into the open areas for the county to haul away.

This work is scheduled for the mornings of the last Wednesday of each month during the cooler months. Several Canoa Vistas volunteers joined the work crew on February 26. The next work day will be March 26 at 9:00am. Dress appropriately and bring gloves. Tools are supplied by the county. As this activity is ongoing, we encourage those willing and able to help to join the effort. Val Lighthart (952-905-9545) who leads our Maintenance Committee is the contact if you'd like additional information.

HAVE YOU HEARD OF HOPE RISING ARIZONA?

If not, you're not alone. Neither had members of the Canoa Vistas Women's Bible Study group. But one meeting day our leader, Brenda Carlson, introduced Shannon Stone, Program Director for a facility under the umbrella of Hope Rising Arizona. The mission of this 501(c)3 organization is "...*helping women 18-30 years of age with a sanctuary where they can find hope and heal from the trauma associated with exploitation.*" (italics mine) Beauty From Ashes Ranch is one of several sanctuaries in Arizona but the only one in Southern Arizona.

The sanctuary offers four phases of recovery spanning from 18 to 36 months: Phase one-Grace Phase -includes faith-based opportunities for stabilization, safety and trust; Phase two-Freedom Phase- classes and experiential healing and growth; Phase three-Hope Phase- focuses on reimagining a new life by Building Your Dream; and Phase four-Thrive Phase-introduces a new life for independent living. These phases harness the power of loving one's self with a variety of classes: trauma-informed classes; self-care; life skills and coping mechanisms as well as schooling options, legal or financial aid, and contracted therapeutic services such as equine, art, K9, yoga and music therapies.

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Hope Rising Arizona continued...

Shannon's presentation led the women's CV Bible Study Group to support the organization and the women who will benefit from this multi-year opportunity. Taking our cue and suggestions from Shannon and Brenda we launched a project to help the women make the difficult transition to another life a bit more welcoming. We decided to fill individual tote bags for the incoming women with a variety of articles. Now, these aren't just any ol' tote bags you find in stores. These bags are handmade of colorful "Happy Cloth" with pockets inside lovingly designed and made by Connie Estes and Gerry Moser. Teams of two study-group members sought out items to fill a bag ranging from toiletries to journals, pens, drawing/painting supplies and more. Two special items went into every bag: a \$50 gift certificate graciously donated by Pat Ahonen and a big, cheerful squishy animal to hug, cry or laugh with (photos below). In addition, monetary donations and a box of gently used clothing were presented to Shannon at our next meeting.

The CV Women's Bible Study group thanks everyone who donated time, effort and monetary support to this endeavour.

For more information or to donate to Hope Rising Arizona: www.hoperisingaz.com .

For more information about CV Women's Bible Study group contact Brenda Carlson at 612-720-3968.



Touring the ranch. Spacious, clean, beautifully decorated homes and amenities await the first woman who arrived shortly after this visit. We're told that the squishy animals brought hugs and big smiles. Did you know that to house, food and care for 6-8 women costs over one MILLION dollars a year?



CHRISTMAS AT CANOA VISTAS '25

Beautifully decorated entrance. Thank you all who chipped in hard labor to make this the prettiest yet...and funniest with the snowman in need of a walker after something bent his back!



A ROLICKING GOOD TIME WITH SOUTHWESTERN FARE!

Many thanks to Margaret Detlie for managing the whole yummy affair.







MORE TIPSY TUESDAY PHOTOS

I know I have more photos from other TTs but this is probably enough for now! Enjoy! Here are some from February at Jan and Bob Newlin's. Muchos Gracias to all who contribute. It's so much fun seeing and talking with our neighbors, many whom we don't see very often.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO CONTRIBUTE TO THIS NEWSLETTER? IS YOUR COMMITTEE INVOLVED IN A PROJECT? ARE YOU AN ARTIST IN ANY MEDIUM? WHERE ARE YOUR FAVORITE HIKES? YOUR FAVORITE MUSEUM, GALLERY, TOUR? GOT A NEW GRANDKID? OR WHAT DID YOUR GRANDS (OR OTHER VISITORS) ENJOY WHILE VISITING?

If you would like to share with the community please drop Donna Higgons a note with specifics and a picture if possible at donnah4425@gmail.com. We want to hear from you!



