

# SpringPointe Quarterly

News and Views Of Your Community

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## EVENTS

### SPHOA Board Meeting

January 15 at 2:00 PM

### Annual Meeting

February 19 at 2:00 PM



### *New Homeowner*

#### **Allyson Ertel**

1624 Rio Mayo

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## President's Message

*By Mitch Koentopf*

SpringPointe HOA President

Happy New Year to all SpringPointe residents! I believe 2024 will be a challenging year for our HOA. We are facing multiple openings on our Board of Directors with little to no interest from potential candidates.

An incomplete Board can have an extremely negative impact upon the community, the least of which are decisions being made that do not benefit the majority of the HOA.

Our common areas seem to be falling behind in upkeep. This should improve as our Landscape Chairman, Bob Waldorf, has recruited volunteers to assist in transplanting and planting of native vegetation. A plan is also being implemented to better utilize the services of our monthly landscaper.

Volunteers are needed in many areas, and again, little or no interest. Committees in need are Communications, Elections/Nominating, Governing Documents, Insurance, Social, Welcome and more! On a positive note, the Cul-de-Sac Committee has been exploring options for much needed update. Look for more information soon.

## Raise Your Hand

*By Kae Vinson*

SpringPointe Quarterly Editor

Aladdin's lamp was rubbed but today a Genie did not appear. Volunteers are SpringPointe Genies . Have they disappeared? Where is the enthusiasm to make SpringPointe the best little ole development in Green Valley?

Does apathy exist at SpringPointe? Or do some homeowners selfishly sit back and let other people do an additional share (your share ?) of the work needed to have a successfully and functioning HOA. Each year the same people raise their hands to volunteer.

Ask yourself...Have I done my part? Then, think about your participation as a SPHOA volunteer. Have you served on a committee, run for the Board, or helped with special jobs and projects? Following the CC&R's is not enough. Your involvement is needed.

Volunteers are not paid and often not thanked for giving their time so YOU can live in a HOA development. Their free time is as valuable to them as your free time is to you.

**Raise your hand and volunteer!**

## Chinese New Year

February 10



2024 Year of the Wood Dragon

## The Quarterly thanks newsletter contributors

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

\* Sylvie Robertshaw writes the Quarterly POTPOURRI plus contributes other articles and many photos for all of the newsletter issues.

## POTPOURRI

*By Sylvie Robertshaw*

## Gone to Hawaii!



# A Special Christmas Tree

*By Kae Vinson*  
Quarterly Editor

What does one do when Christmas trees are not available? In 1969, my first year with the Department of Defense Overseas Schools was an assignment in Iceland. The Vikings in the Land of Ice and Fire had not used good conservation methods. High winds and low temperatures made it difficult for seedlings to grow without the protection of mother trees. Nary a tree dotted the tundra.

As Christmas approached, a fog of homesickness penetrated the Bachelor Officers Quarters (military housing for single officers and civilian teachers). The Christmas trees had not arrived on the last supply ship and we knew there was the possibility of not having a decorated tree for the holiday.

Many of the teachers were going skiing in Germany for the holiday. What better place to find decorated Christmas trees than Germany? After all, Martin Luther had decorated the first tree in 1605 and the custom had spread from Germany to the rest of the Christian world. But what about those who would not be able to leave the island for Christmas?

Something had to be done about this depressing situation. Climbing into a cold station wagon, I drove over the icy road to a black sand beach by the Atlantic. Arriving at my favorite spot, a cup of hot tea was poured from the thermos as thoughts reoccurred about the situation that would put a damper on many a Christmas spirit.

Feeling cozy and gazing over the seascape, an object was seen. WHAT is that on the black sand? It looked like a tree trunk! Racing toward the beach it became clear that the trunk was a banister from an old ship. Excitement filled my heart. The tea had thawed the creative process. A design for a tree was developed. The tree would have driftwood branches and a banister trunk.

Working in the woodshop each day after school, the tree took shape. The five foot tree had five layers with six driftwood branches on each layer. The word was out! "What are you doing at the woodshop?" "A surprise," I would answer.

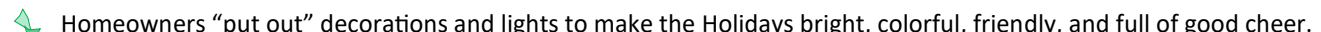
Next, an open invitation was sent to bring a handmade decoration for a Christmas tree and to share some holiday cheer. "Where did Kae get a tree?" asked the sailors. "We think it has something to do with the woodshop," answered the teachers.


The day arrived when each person placed their decoration on the tree. Decorations were made from wine corks, nuts, fruit, straws, volcanic rock, construction paper, Icelandic coins, popcorn, pieces of material, candles, and knotted rope. Our eyes filled with tears when the candles were lit.

Looking at each other we saw a reflection of the knowledge that this was a special tree, for it was a part of all of us. It had united a group of homesick Americans. We raised our glasses and toasted a very special Christmas tree.

## **BLOCK 9 News**

 Jim and Kay Novak hosted a New Year's Block Party.

 Homeowners "put out" decorations and lights to make the Holidays bright, colorful, friendly, and full of good cheer.



Two longtime SpringPointe homeowners have recently passed away.

*Condolences from SpringPointe to Mary Ann's and Loyd's families and friends.*



**Critter  
Corner**

*Ron Stein's Cardinal*

Many people believe a Cardinal brings a message of love from a departed loved one.

**Contributions  
for the  
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