

Annual Meeting Report from Activities Office: Tuesday, February 16

It's been another busy season in the Activities Office and obviously we're not done yet. The following is a summary of major purchases for 2009-2010 in the Activities Office:

1. Kitchen cabinet refacing, countertops, back splash, vent hood, security door, plumbing repairs, new freezer, new refrigerator, rolling cooler
2. Sound booth, upgrades to sound system & some lighting upgrades
3. 8- 8 foot tables & 8- card tables
4. Exercise bench & elliptical machine-exercise room

Total equipment expense: \$32,866.79

We had a large number of clubs and groups who donated to these purchases and their contributions totaled \$9,344.47.

Some of our more popular programs besides the evening shows have been the light rail outings and bus trips to Sedona & Prescott. Judging by the response to these trips, plans are underway to do more day outings & perhaps an overnight also. By planning these trips ourselves, it becomes much more affordable for our residents.

Attendance has been up over last year for outside entertainment we've contracted. Due to the large turnouts, we will probably do more reserved seating to limit the time people feel they need to come before a show to get a good seat. This will apply to special resident productions, also.

Our Wednesday BBQs continue to be very popular and the three clubs: Silversmith, Lapidary & Woodshop are to be commended for all their hard work and willingness to offer new & different menu items. We really need a 4th group to volunteer to take on the task on the 4th Wednesday each month. It is a lot of work but the income to the clubs is pretty good.

Room reservations for private groups were up this year also, probably due to the bad weather and concerns about whether their party/event could be held outdoors.

Speaking of rooms, a change was made to accommodate an ever growing card group by switching them from the Card Room to the Navajo Room. This brings up the issue that will probably occur after room reservations are submitted in early March. It may be necessary to change some groups and their requested rooms if the size of the group can be accommodated in another room. The old story of "we've always had this room" may not be the case this coming season.

I'm particularly proud of the volunteer efforts of our residents supporting the city by doing trash pick-up along Baseline Rd, the Boys & Girls Club with our Halloween Party, Project Help with our annual Angel Tree, providing Christmas gifts to area needy children; AJ Food Bank with food drives, American Red Cross with Haiti Relief funds,

Packages from Home with proceeds from a resident show, Sunshine Acres Childrens' Home benefitting from Tour of Homes admission plus all the work the Christian Women & Masons Groups do to raise funds & help in the local community.

Again this summer, in between planning & contracting for upcoming programs, I will be working on the phone directory. The past two years we've been able to cover most of our printing expenses with advertising. However, I anticipate a more difficult time this season. Speaking of advertising, we have been able to cover our costs for the newsletter this season.

We will have a surplus in our activities funds and some will be used to replace the griddle in the kitchen since it's been there for years and has caused wiring problems the last few years. In addition, we'll proceed with some more lighting options for the stage and keep money in reserve for our exercise equipment which has really taken a beating this year. We've had several incidents of misuse & damage of equipment. Computer upgrades in the Activities Office may be necessary & also with the Channel 7 computer.