



COMMUNITY NEWS

MONTEREY PARK ASSOCIATION / VILLA MONTEREY 5/5A

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- Craig Sjodin, *president*
- Randy Brenckman, *vice-president*
- Don Couture, *secretary*
- Sandy Mucci, *treasurer*
- Sandra Barnes, *board member*
- Bob Grandestaff, *board member*
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- Coffees* - Madeline Krska
- Compliance* - Bob Grandestaff
- Landscape Planning* - Randy Brenckman
- Library* - Ann Lane
- Newsletter* - Patti Frinzi and Mike Sikes
- Park & Ramada Maintenance* - Randy Brenckman.
- Pool & Spa* - Bill Mucci
- Potluck/Happy Hour* - Sandra Barnes
- Ramada* - Gayle Sjodin
- Real Estate* - Joan Hunsinger
- Social* - Sandra Barnes
- Street Lighting* - Craig Sjodin
- Web Page & Directory* - Sue Carey

Directory Update

As of the Board meeting, eight copies of the Villa Monterey 5/5A directory still need to be distributed because the persons did not have inside mail slots and were not home when Sue came by. She will call them and leave a message that they can pick up from her at their convenience.

There has been one reported error in the printing: Maddie Krska's phone number is correct under the alphabet listing; however, it is *not* correct under the street listing (78th Place). Please, everyone, adjust your book. Call Sue Carey if you have any more corrections.



Real Estate . . .

No VM5/5A homes sold in April 2018.



Two-story homes that have been remolded are now selling in the \$425,000 range.

Any questions, call Joan Hunsinger

Ramada Renovations

Thanks to San Barnes for the new plantings at the front of the Ramada. More plantings, rocks, and lighting to come. San keeps the pots around the pool filled with flowers; if you are at the pool and the flowers feel dry, please give them a drink.



HOA Monthly Board Meeting
see you in September

Brush and Bulk Collection: June 11, July 9, August 13

<http://www.scottsdaleaz.gov/solid-waste/brush-bulk-collection>

Reminder

Please remove fruit from your citrus trees. Roof rats love them as much as we do.



Palm Tree Trimming

The HOA discounted charge for the HOA-required palm tree trimming this year is \$45. Please get a check to Bev Pettit by **June 1**. Make checks payable to "The Tree Trimming Specialists." The trees will be trimmed the 3rd or 4th week of June. If you do not get a check to Bev by June 1, it will be your responsibility to find, schedule, and pay a trimmer in order to meet the HOA deadline of July 15. Click [here](#) for "Rules attached to by-laws" on the HOA website."

Shareholders' Contact Sheets

Please complete a new Shareholders' Contact Sheet and submit to Bev Tyson by June 18 via email or drop in her mail slot. Please print clearly and complete the form whether information has changed or not to save Bev Tyson and her committee from having to call you to verify if there are any changes.

The Shareholders' Contact Sheets are necessary in case a board member or neighbor needs to contact you in an emergency, either with the property or with the resident. Some of the information that may have changed are cell phone numbers, email addresses (all residents), emergency contact phone numbers or emails, and out-of-area address for those who have second homes.

Click this link (paper copy is also attached): [Shareholder Emergency Contact Sheet](#)

Scottsdale EZ

Broken streetlight? Fresh pothole? Problem with traffic signals? Missing trash can? A new online service makes it easier for residents to report problems with city facilities or services.

Visit ScottsdaleAZ.gov/EZ on your desktop or mobile device.



New Telephone Scam

The Scottsdale Police Department has received reports of phone calls from what appear to be SPD phone numbers on your caller-ID. The caller claims to be a Scottsdale Police Officer or Detective, uses the name of

an active SPD officer, and demands payment for a warrant or outstanding fine through a variety of online gift cards.

- The Scottsdale Police Department **will never ask for payment** for warrants or fines over the phone.
- If you are suspicious, get the caller's name, title and callback number. Then hang up and call **SPD at 480-312-5000**.

<https://m.facebook.com/villamontereycommunity/>

Mark your calendar



Community Coffee
see you in September

Happy Hour PotLuck

see you in September



Water Aerobics
Monday, Wednesday & Saturday
10 am at the pool
Bev Tyson or Sue Carey



BRIDGE
Wednesdays
1 pm, call for location
bring a lunch snack
Bev Tyson



Tuesdays & Fridays
Unit 4 Ramada (air conditioned)
1:30 pm
Sandy Mucci

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On Saturday, May 5, at the Ramada, we celebrated Cinco de Mayo. But do we really know what Cinco de Mayo commemorates? Most people think it celebrates Mexican independence from Spain. However, Mexican Independence Day, a Mexican national holiday, is celebrated on September 16. That is the day in 1810 when a priest named [Miguel Hidalgo](#) encouraged Mexico to revolt against Spain, leading to the [War for Independence](#), which ended in 1821.

Cinco de Mayo, which isn't widely celebrated in Mexico, commemorates an underdog victory over France in the [Battle of Puebla](#) on May 5, 1862. The victory however, was short-lived, as France later re-occupied Mexico. Still, Cinco de Mayo continued to be celebrated in Puebla and, perhaps more significantly, by Mexican-Americans north of the border.

According to the [The New York Times](#), in the early 1960s, many Mexican-American activists saw the day as a source of pride. In 1989, an [ad campaign](#) by an importer of beers like Modelo and Corona was introduced around the day. The [research firm Nielsen](#) reported that in 2013 Americans bought more than \$600 million worth of beer for Cinco de Mayo, more than for the Super Bowl or St. Patrick's Day.

Here at the Ramada, we celebrated with festive decorations (thanks to all the decorators), a plethora of yummy food (what great cooks!), a piñata (thanks, Maddie, for breaking it on the first swing), and lots of laughter. Thanks, San Barnes, for spearheading the celebration.



festive decor!



Even the cactus got in the spirit.



Bob Grandestaff enjoying the delicious food!



Joan Jones & San Barnes celebrating.

Newsletter Survey

As we come to the end of a season of the Community Newsletter (this is the last issue until September), we wanted to ask you for your comments and suggestions. The survey will take only a few minutes. Please click this link: [newsletter survey](#)

For those who don't have access to a computer, we are enclosing a paper copy. Feel free to complete by hand and drop in our mail slot. Thanks, Patti and Mike

Meet your neighbor . . . Gwen Carlson

We all know that life is a series of lessons. We keep learning new things and just when we think we have it figured out some new issue arises. But some of us remarkably choose to put ourselves in environments that challenge what we know and not know. Gwen is such a person. At 84, she is a perennial student, a life-long learner. On May 11, 2018 she is graduating from Scottsdale Community College with an AA degree in Anthropology. Despite years of taking courses, up until now she has never pursued a degree. But this is not the end of her formal education. She is already enrolled in Spanish classes for September. We talked with Gwen about what motivates her, challenges she has faced, and rewards she gains in her academic pursuits.

Gwen explained that “learning has always been my goal and taking classes that would be of benefit to me in my business and personal life. I have never audited a class. I always go for the credit and my goal has always been to give it my best and the results have been rewarding. My advisors felt I should have the acknowledgment [of a degree] as I do carry a 4.0 GPA, so I agreed to take classes that were required in order to accomplish this goal. I always have goals—short term and long term—and I move forward towards those ends. I chose anthropology and archaeology because of my interest in other civilizations and their origins.

“My advice to anyone looking into a course is, try it and stay the course even if you do not feel it is what you want. You always come away with a nugget of information that may be of use in the future. Learning is my goal and sometimes learning a particular course may not be my forte but I will have had the exposure to a different point of view and that’s what keeps me going: learning and coloring outside of the box.” For example, “I just finished a course that took me completely out of my comfort zone (Art required to go on to a sculpting class). I stay motivated because once I commit to a goal, I put my mind into it and attend every class, complete to the best of my ability every assignment/presentation, and take up the passion of the instructor. I always come through with something I didn’t have going in and yes, made new classmate friends with interesting and different points of view. Win. Win.”



Being in classes with younger students is not an issue for Gwen. “I feel strongly that if you have an ‘age number’ then you have a problem. I am a student, I have no age and I expect to be treated like all my classmates. We’re there to pass the course; we’re there to learn; we’re there to respect each other and learn from different points of view that do come from life’s experiences in all age groups. Age has never been a factor for me—I’m a student and willing to ask for help from my fellow students and that helps me color outside of the box.”

We asked Gwen if she felt colleges accommodate older students. She replied that “The main step is to have an advisor and through them your needs will be met to the best of the college’s ability. This again depends on the size [of the college] and the individual being forthcoming—colleges and universities cannot help a student if their needs have not been made known to them...Size is the big difference between community colleges and universities.” Community colleges offer “small classes and opportunity to know your professor. . . Community colleges, because of size alone, can give more attention to the student from personal counseling to free tutoring to advisors that meet your needs.”

Since technology is increasingly used in classrooms, we wondered if Gwen found that challenging. She said that it depends on “how committed are you—if you want to do this path, you will get the necessary information needed to do the job ahead and accomplish your goal. It is a personal commitment and no one can give you a ‘self start’ button, no one! Of course, some courses are a challenge, i.e., I have no science background but it was required for this AA degree, I spend over and above my actual class time at the minimum 10 plus hours in lab every week for 15 weeks and yes, even my professor was pleased and told me to look at what I had accomplished.”

Your neighbors also admire you, Gwen, and are inspired by your example. We can all keep learning throughout our lives and keep our brains healthy.

Opportunities for learning, click these links:

[*Scottsdale Community College*](#)

[*Scottsdale Parks and Rec*](#)

[*Shemer Art Center*](#)