MASSAGE THERAPY STUDIO IN MOONRISE HALL

Sue Peterson is giving life-changing massages
Monday–Saturday. Please call Sue at
1-951-265-3457 to schedule an appointment.
Sue is a Licensed Massage Therapist and has
been practicing for 18 years. Sue accepts
cash, checks, Zelle and Venmo.
No Credit Cards.

REMINDERS FROM THE ACTIVITIES OFFICE

At this time in our season, we start planning for the 2024/25 Season. If you want to schedule a I class, activity, or event for 2024/25 season, please come to the Discovery Center and fill out a Scheduling Form. Do not assume that you will have the same schedule as this season. I Everyone has to fill out a form. Also, we want to remind those who have keys turn your keys I into the Activities Office before you leave the park. Thank you. We want to thank all our I volunteers who have helped us this season with so many jobs relating to the Discovery Center I and Activities Office. We couldn't have done it with out your help. We will be closing our office I I for the season on Friday, March 29. Please have a wonderful and safe summer. Sue, Dorothy, Pete, Stephanie and Katie

RESPONSIBILITIES WHILE YOU ARE AT FOY

- 1. No wood burning or charcoal fires permitted at any time. Only propane stoves and fires.
- 2. Pets are to be leashed at all times outside of your home or RV. Leash not to exceed 6ft. No pets within 25 feet of FOY Buildings.
- 3. QUIET hours 10pm-7am. No unnecessary or excessive noise at any time.
- 4. No Off-Road Vehicles (ORV) are to be used as transportation within the park.
- 5. All vehicles are to be driven by legally licensed drivers. As per California Vehicle Code Section 38601 all ORV occupants must wear DOT approved safety helmets.

SERVICES PROVIDED AT FOY- Steve the Barber, open Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, 10am-4pm.

Men & Women haircuts available.

Hair Salon with Mary Dekker, Monday and Friday, 8:30am-2pm+. Call 442-226-6567 or 760-354-1473

FREDDY'S STORE

STORE HOURS FOR MARCH

7 DAYS A WEEK, 8 AM-4PM.

760-354-1340

THANK YOU FOR SHOPPING AT FREDDY'S STORE

VEGGIE MAN

EVERY TUESDAY AND FRIDAY, 11AM-2PM UNDER THE PAVILION BY THE FRESH WATER POOL.

FOUNTAIN OF YOUTH GENERAL INFORMATION:

***** In a life threatening emergency*****

Call 911 for an Ambulance, Fire Department, or Sheriff's Department. 1-800-452-2051

Please report any crime or suspicious activity to Sheriff/Law Enforcement 1-800-452-2051

Border Patrol - 760-324-4001 or 760-324-3658

Mailing Address: FOUNTAIN OF YOUTH SPA RV RESORT
1500 SPA ROAD, NILAND, CA 92257

Office: 760-354-1340 / Open Monday-Friday 8:30am-4:30pm, Saturday & Sunday, 9:00am-2:00pm

Discovery Center / Monday - Friday, 9am-4pm, Closed for lunch, 12-1pm. Closed on Saturday & Sunday

760-502-6450. Office will close Friday, March 29th.

Mail Room Window Hours: Monday-Friday, 10-11am & 1-4:30pm. Closed Saturday & Sunday

Gate: 760-354-1555 / Sunday-Saturday 7am-10pm THE
GATE IS LOCKED AT 10PM EACH NIGHT & OPENED AT 7AM.
YOU MAY ENTER THE BACK GATE WITH A KEY CARD.
GO TO THE OFFICE TO PURCHASE A KEY CARD.

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MARCH PANCAKE BREAKFAST SATURDAY, MARCH 2, 7-10AM IN HAYS HALL-\$7

Don't miss our last Pancake Breakfast of the season! We serve a fresh made meal of "any way you want your eggs," ham, pancakes, orange juice and coffee for \$7. Bring your own service or buy one for \$.50. Real cream for coffee and butter for pancakes. The monies raised, help support our Clubs and Volunteers at FOY. There's a free raffle ticket with each breakfast. The Activities Office wishes to thank all the volunteers that have helped with the Breakfast each month. You all are a great example of dedication and support. A special thanks to Gene & Sylvia for their many years of service to the breakfast.

BLOOD DRIVE RESULTS

Thank you for hosting and coordinating the Blood Drive on February 9th at the Flea Market. It was a really good turnout! 30 people registered to donate blood and 33 pints were collected.

9 were first-time donors at Fountain of Youth! We appreciate everyone who participated. The blood donated will benefit up to 99 people. See you next season. Martin A. Arredondo

MARCH FLEA MARKET

FRIDAY, MARCH 8, 8AM-12PM

CAN YOU BELIEVE THAT THIS IS THE LAST FLEA MARKET OF THE SEASON?!! THE FLEA MARKET IS LOCATED INSIDE HAYS HALL AND ON THE PATIO. .

HOT DOGS AND BOTTLED WATER WILL BE FOR SALE ON THE PATIO. HOT DOGS FOR \$3.50 AND WATER FOR \$1. CINNAMON ROLLS FOR \$1 AND FREE COFFEE ARE IN HAYS HALL.

TABLES ARE AVAILABLE IN HAYS HALL FOR \$10 AND ON THE PATIO FOR \$5. DON'T FORGET, THE QUILT RAFFLE WINNER'S NAME WILL BE DRAWN AT THIS FLEA MARKET.

CONTACT DOROTHY IN THE DISCOVERY CENTER TO RESERVE A TABLE OR IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS. 760-502-6450. WE APPRECIATE EVERYONE WHO HAS ATTENDED, VENDORED, AND HELPED THIS SEASON WITH THE FLEA MARKET. WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION AND SUPPORT. SEE YOU NEXT SEASON.

LAST OF THE SEASON HOT DOGS!!!

Come to the outdoor patio at Hays Hall for your last chance this season to enjoy a Rameys, All Angus Beef Hot Dog and/or a Veggie Dog. On March 8th, the Hot Dog Gang will be cooking and serving the hot dogs that have been waiting all season for their turn on the grill. They are anxious to meet you:) On February 9th we cooked and served a total of 496 dog in the busy, but short, four hour period. So on March 8th, the Gang will do it again at Hays Hall in conjunction with the Flea Market. They will be serving breakfast (Yes, we do begin at 8am!), brunch, and lunch hot dogs from 8am to 12pm (or until we run out) on the patio outside of Hays Hall. Please be kind to, and thank the volunteers that make this possible every month as you go through the line—a little smile doesn't hurt either! I hope to see your there!!

Lee & Linda Abrahamzon—and the HOT DOG GANG!!

TUESDAY NIGHT TALENT IN HAYS HALL AT 7PM

I want to thank everyone for helping to keep TNT (Tuesday Night Talent) alive and well! Our attendance has grown larger each week. We really appreciate those of you who help by supporting our weekly 50/50 Raffle and the donations from the Breakfast fund, which has been used to buy a badly needed piano, and new mics!! We only have 3 more shows, the last one on March 12th. It is our yearly tribute to St. Patrick's Day and if you have any blarney and/or leprechaun mischief in you, and would like to share it to a very appreciative audience, please give me a call. 442-208-5603. This will be my last year hosting TNT. It's time to turn it over to someone who is willing to keep the great show alive and well by breathing new life, energy and retain the spirit of TNT! And last, but not least, a big THANKS to my fabulous and dependable CREW, Wendell and Claudia Bobst, Leo Dutily, Tony and Theresa Bettencourt and Barb! Rita Fowler

PARADE DAY WINNERS

What a great Parade Day with all the creative and scary Heroes and Villains.

Everyone was a winner, but here are the results from each area.

Best Parade Entries: Cruella and Crew, Cindy, Lee, Linda, Wendy, and Marilia. Veteran's Themed Cart: Bob and Cheryl Gilkey, Robin Hood & His Merry Men & Women, The Cue Club

Costume Contest: 1st, Cruella & Crew; 2nd, Bob & Susan Schuman and 3rd. Katie Diaz

Pet Parade Winners: 1st, "Tucker" and Patti 2nd, "Ellie May" and Gilbert 3rd, "PJ" and Gary and Carolyn 50/50-Jay Blake

Charcuterie Board-Rob Roy Chili Cook-off: Pat & Cathy CAN/AM Games: Canada

Congratulations to all winners and thank you to Sara, Julie and their crew. Big thanks to all who contributed in making the FOY 58th Parade Day an awesome success.

We have had several suggestions for next year's theme. If you want to suggest more themes, please bring them to the Discovery Center by Tuesday, March 5th. We will compile the theme choices on a ballot and you can come into the Discovery Center and vote for your favorite starting Thursday, March 7th through Thursday March, 14th. Thank you.

NEWS FROM THE SUNSET GRILL

HOURS: WEDNESDAY-SATURDAY- 9AM-7PM, SUNDAY-9AM-2PM, CLOSED MONDAY & TUESDAY

Monday- Fireside Acoustic Music, 5pm, no food.

Wednesday-Trivia, 5pm

Thursday- KARAOKE NIGHT, 5pm

Friday-Dancing in the Streets, 6pm

Watch the grill bulletin board for updates to Music Events happening at the Sunset Grill this month.

THE SUNSET GRILL IS CLOSING ON SUNDAY, MARCH 24TH AT 2PM. THE SUNSET GRILL STAFF WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATRONAGE THROUGHOUT THIS SEASON. JULIE, CAMERON, SONNY, SUSAN, DEBBIE, MARC AND JIM

AL-ANON

Does someone's drinking bother you? Al-Anon is a 12-step fellowship for Family & Friends of Alcoholics. We meet MONDAYS, 10 a.m. in the Card Room (between gym & back laundry room)

Thank you. Holly M.

FRIENDS OF BILL W

Friends of Bill W. (12-step A.A. Fellowship) meet

Thursdays at 7 pm in Moonrise Hall and Sundays at 6 pm in the Picnic/Fire Pit area. corner of Mineral and Primrose.

Classic Music Concerts

This is our last classic concert of the season. We have had wonderful crowds and lots of great new talent this season. What an amazing talented group of people we have at FOY. Come enjoy an evening of Oldies, Broadway, and an occasional classical piano piece.

WHEN: Saturday, March 2nd, 7pm
WHERE: Sunrise Hall

Our concerts are always free and everyone is welcome. See you there. Call Paula Jackson @760-354-1632

ROCK PAINTING

Join Sue Linboom with her rocks and paint at the picnic area by the Corn hole Game. Come every Wednesday at 1pm. We have lot of fun and creativity every time.

READER'S CLUB

The Reader's Club meets every Friday at 2 pm at Space #5. We don't all read the same book, we just report on books each of us have read and loved. We also have good conversations. Please join us. Joan Weidemann, Space #5

CANADA DAY

Canada Day is renamed Canadian Snowbirds Social. It is a day for Canadian Snowbirds to get together and celebrate their good fortune in being able to escape the cold winter in Canada. It is great to meet like minded folks who have driven at least 21 hours, and some in excess of 48 hours, in order to enjoy a few warm months at FOY. This season we celebrated the 35th annual Canada Day at Foy and it was a great success with over 150 snowbirds in attendance.

Mark your calendar to attend our first planning meeting next season on Tuesday, December 10, 2024. The 36th Annual Canadian Snowbirds Social (Canada Day) will be held Thursday, January 30, 2025. Cathy Ashbee

FOY Volunteers— We have had an amazing group of Volunteers this season. We appreciate and thank each one of you for all that you do to make FOY the best place to have "Fun in the Sun". Please get your hours turned in to the Discovery Center and collect your rewards. There will be no Volunteer Meeting in March.

LINE DANCING-2024 LAST CLASS WILL BE THURSDAY, MARCH 14TH

Beginner Level 1-Absolute Beginner - Saturday, Hays Hall, 1 – 2 p.m.

A drop-in beginner class where you will learn the basic line dance steps. This class is perfect for those new to line dancing. The same dances are taught each week.

Beginner Level 2-Beginner Plus - Saturday, Hays Hall, 2-3p.m.

A beginner class where you will learn line dance steps beyond those taught at Level 1 class. This class will progress throughout the season with new steps being introduced each class.

Fun Class - Wednesday, Hays Hall, 1 – 3 p.m.

Dance Steps are NOT taught in this class. It is necessary to be familiar with line dance steps in order to participate. We will dance all the old favorites plus learn some new dances as well.

Challenge Class - Thursday, Hays Hall, 1:15-3:15pm

Dance Steps are NOT taught in this class. A knowledge of the dance steps is necessary in order to participate. The steps in this class are more complicated, the choreography more involved and the rhythms more challenging than the other three classes. New dances will be introduced throughout the season. Come join us for one or more or all of the classes. It is a great way to exercise both the body and the mind while enjoying some great music and friendship.

JAM BAND

JOIN US EVERY TUESDAY AND FRIDAY IN HAYS HALL FROM 2-4PM.

Come play with the Band –bring an instrument or your voice. An audience is always welcome. For more information:

Tim at 541-218-8539.

EXERCISES AT FOY

Stretch & Strengthen Class 9:15—10:45AM / Hays Hall Chair Stretch & Strengthen 11:00—Noon / Hays Hall

Join me Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays for a combination of stretching, weight lifting and a little cardio. Bring a mat and some light weights. Charlotte Shave

Women's DanceFIT & Toning With Peggy DeGroot

Monday & Friday, Hays Hall, 12:30pm

"Weightier Matters"

Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday, Hays Hall,
10:30 am "Light Hand Weights Optional"

Both formats include Cardio, Toning,
Stretching, Mobility, Balance

No Class on Days Hays Hall has Special Events.

SALTON "C" STRUMMERS

(aka Ukulele Band)

FOY'S Ukulele Group will be practicing every Tuesday in Moonrise Hall, 2-3:30pm. For more information contact Marian Walker, 760-587-3981 or Caryn Mears, 509-430-7515.

GRAND RE-OPENING BOMBAY BEACH-POST 801- March 23, 2024, 10am

Welcome all Veterans and those who support us. Join us for Hamburgers, Hotdogs, Opportunity Drawings and MORE!

YOGA THERAPY CLASS-Sacha Paquet

Sacha will be continuing her Yoga Therapy Classes on Mondays— 3pm in Hays Hall, Tuesdays and Thursdays— 12pm in Hays Hall, Fridays— 3pm in Sunrise Hall, and Sundays-12pm Yoga Flow, Vinyasa in Hays Hall.

2024 EL CENTRO AIR SHOW

Saturday, March 9th

Tickets on Sale Now!

Call 760-339-2559 to purchase your tickets.

REMINDER- Daylight Savings Time, Sunday, March 10. Spring forward. Turn your clocks ahead 1 hour.

Craft Room News

It is hard to see the season end, it has been such a good one! The new machines donated to us have been humming along, sewing quilts and other items for donation as well as items for sale at the flea market to obtain funding for purchase of supplies for the quilts. Response has been great this season, and we thank all of you. This month's highlight was the Craft Fair on Friday, February 23. There were so many beautiful and interesting crafts – FOY definitely draws a talented crowd. Over 300 people filed through, choosing their favorites from among the offerings – such a hard choice! A lot of people enjoying naming the teddy bears (and other crocheted animals) that go along with the quilts given to young patients in the hospital. We would like to thank all the volunteers and contributors that made it a success. Show & Tell continues to start the week off well, with crafters coming to show off their creations and admire creations by others. Come one, come all at 1:30pm in Sunrise Hall on Monday whether you craft or not! We have an increasing variety of items for sale at the flea market so please stop by to take a look as you buy a raffle ticket for the gorgeous quilt! We will finally know the person who wins the Gorgeous Quilt at the March 8th Flea Market! Items for sale include: hot bowl holders (for the microwave), bottle openers, bags for bingo players (or for toiletries) – and a number of other things. The funds raised from the raffle and the sale of items are used to buy supplies for the handmade items we donate to the local hospital, nursing home and daycare center. Monday evenings are a no-host general sew or craft night in the craft room, and a lot of fun is had by all. Please join as we craft and chat. We don't limit ourselves to yarn-y projects - bring your embroidery or cross stitch project and join us! Bring your sewing project to work on or to get expert advice as well. Tuesday from 9am-4pm and Thursdays from 9am-12pm Luise is the point person for our children's comfort quilts, and we are thrilled wi

FOY ARTISTS GROUP

Everyone is welcome to join us in Sunrise Hall Monday, 9am-12pm, Wednesday, 9am-230pm, and Thursday, 1-4pm in Moonrise Hall. We paint together and have beginners kits to get you started. Sometimes we offer art classes. Please come and check out what's happening in our Art Group. Del Lucca

CREATIVE WRITING CLASS

Any one want to join the Creative Writing Class? Let's get together and learn a little on the way. Join us every Wednesday at 2:00 pm in Moonrise Hall. If you have any questions, please call Caryn at 509-430-7515 or email her at cmears4@aol.com.

Here's a little example of "creative writing".

I live in the land of Slow...Embraced by the Landscape of Rest...

Where I Cultivate the Art of Stillness. Brigitte Rathje-Papadakis

CHURCH NEWS

CATHOLIC SERVICE, The Mass at FOY has been cancelled for the remainder of the season. Mass is celebrated every Sunday at St. Patrick's Church in Calipatria. 8am, English and 10am, Spanish. Also, in Niland at Immaculate Heart of Mary at 12pm (Bi-lingual)

LUTHERAN SERVICE- SUNDAY, 9 AM, SUNRISE HALL.
All are welcome.

<u>LDS SERVICE</u>— Every Sunday in Brawley Ward, 490 West D St., Brawley, CA 92227. All are welcome! For more information, call Randy Adams, 801-913-5868

INTERFAITH SERVICE, Sunday, 10 AM, HAYS HALL.
HYMN SING, 5 PM, SUNRISE HALL

7TH DAY ADVENTISTS-WEDNESDAY, 6:30-8PM, FRIDAY, 5:30-8PM, SATURDAY 10AM-2:30PM, 2nd & 4th SATURDAYs, 6-10PM; ALL IN SUNRISE HALL

BIBLE STUDIES

BIBLE STUDY, TUESDAY, 9-9:45AM, SUNRISE HALL Pastor, Loren Calkins will be teaching from the book of Romans.

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE
Sunday, March 31, 6am by the Tennis Courts.
All are Welcome

OUTDOOR FUN AT FOY

MONDAY HIKING CLUB

Meet Monday mornings at 8am at the Horseshoe Pits below Hays Hall. Please be prepared to be out for several hours and bring/wear good hiking shoes, hat, sunglasses, plenty of water and hiking poles. (poles are optional.)

WEDNESDAY HIKING CLUB

Do you like to hike with a group that does intermediate hikes? (Approximately 2-6 miles) Meet at Dry Camp Back Gate every Wednesday at 8am. Allan-541-805-5123

FOY'S BIRD WATCHING GROUP

Last FOY Bird Excursions: Thursdays, March 7, 14, 21, meet in the Check-in Parking Lot.

Call/text Larry-442-230-1352

WATER EXERCISE CLASSES IN THE FRESH WATER POOL

7—8 am—Claudia Bobst, Monday-Friday.

8 –9 AM —Theresa Bettencourt/Ann Marie Labre, Monday-Sunday. <u>New day added</u>.

9-10 AM—Linda Abrahamzon, Monday-Friday.

10—11 AM, Ivan and Roe Ann Wallin, Monday-Friday.

Aqua Challenge-Gary & Jim-Salt Water Pool, Thursdays, 9-10am

WATER VOLLEY BALL Women's Volley Ball, 3pm; Coed Volley Ball, 4pm, Monday-Friday in the Fresh Water Pool.

Club Volley Ball, Salt Water Pool, 10am-12:30pm Monday-Friday.

NO VOLLEY BALL ON SATURDAY AND SUNDAY IN EITHER POOL.

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Bocce Ball

We have been having a wonderful season at Bocce Ball. We have finished our tournaments and will continue with our regular games. We had a huge turn out for our International Tournament and it was a lot of fun.

Thanks go out to everyone who helped out and supported our ice cream sales on Parade Day. There is still time to come out and learn the game. New people are always welcome. We play Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 6:15pm and Tuesday and Thursday at 8:15am at the Bocce Courts.

Horseshoe Club

Come one, come all!!-to the Upper Horseshoe
Pits and see how much fun pitching horseshoes
can be. We meet every Monday, Wednesday and
Friday at 9am. There are plenty of extra
horseshoes to use and lots of advice. No
membership or qualifying required—just fun.

PICKLE BALL-CLUB COURT HOURS

Club play: 9-11:30am every day for Club Members only. Open play after 11:30am.

Tournaments: 9am-lpm-some Saturdays - Club Members Only.

Lessons: 1-2pm- every Tuesday.

TENNIS

Tennis is played every morning at 7:30am at the Tennis Courts. Please join us for an early activity to start your day.

FLINTSTONE GOLF

Join us Friday mornings at 9:15am for a friendly, fun round of 9 hole Desert Golf at the 9 Palms Golf Course located off Spa Road. The last league play will be March 15th.

Petra Mandock

PICNIC AREA AND PROPANE FIRE RING

If you wish to reserve the Picnic Area and the new propane fire ring by the Corn Hole Game, please sign up in the Discovery Center. Please sign up for the date and time you wish to use either or both areas. Someone from the Discovery Office will light the fire ring for you at the appropriate time and date.

GARDEN BOX NEWS

If you are interested in obtaining a Garden Box for next season: 2024-25, please come into the Discovery Center and see Dorothy to sign up. The Boxes are assigned for two seasons and there is a fee of \$20. Sign up and dream of fresh greens and tomatoes.

CARDS AND OTHER INDOOR GAMES AT FOY

POKER ROOM—The morning poker group will meet in the poker room on Tuesday and Thursday at 9am. There is a \$4 buy-in which can be repurchased. It is a dealer choice game. On Saturday from 9am-12noon, there is a tournament. The single buy -in is \$12. Please come by 8:45am as we start promptly at 9am. The tournament games rotate each week between Holden, Omaha, and "44". President, Nancy Larsen, Site 225

TEXAS HOLD'EM—Sunday nights, 6-9:45pm in the Poker Room. There is a \$5 buy in with no re-buys. Signup sheet outside the Poker Room with maximum of 24 players. We start at 6pm sharp.

CARD BINGO

Every Sunday 1:45-4:00pm, we will be playing Card Bingo in Hays Hall. Card Bingo is a easy to learn, fun game, involving a regular deck of cards. All you need to bring is "4" Nickels, "4" Dimes, "4" Quarters, and "1" one dollar bill. Come join us. Joe Sonduck-509-994-7134

PING PONG NEWS!!

Congratulations to the Canadian Men's Team and the USA Women's Team for their wins during the Can-Am week of Games!! Ping Pong players are still enjoying the game, greeting new comers, and continuing to work on their skills. We will continue to play through March on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12:30-3:00pm in Sunrise Hall. There will be the regular Singles and Doubles Tournaments—as well as the Social Hour which will be on March 21st. Come on out and hit a ball with us, Linda Abrahamzon

CRIBBAGE-2 DAYS PER WEEK

MONDAY & FRIDAY

No sign-up sheet

Arrive at 12:45pm Play begins at 1pm Please take a seat at the tables and bring \$.50.

Monday Host, Cherryl Murphy, Friday Hosts, Pat & Bev

SHUFFLEBOARD - Sylvia & Gene Premer

We have had a great season with lots of fun-loving people playing shuffleboard. We will continue playing every Monday and Wednesday mornings at 8:15am as long as we have people who want to play. New players are always welcome. Please have a safe trip home and see you next season.

MAHJONG-SYLVIA PREMER

We gather to play on Sunday & Wednesday evenings at 6pm in the Card Room. Everyone is welcome, but you will need nickels, dimes & quarters. If you would like to learn to play, come and watch to learn the tile markings. It's a very addicting game, and once you get comfortable, it's so fun with lots of conversation and laughs.

PINOCHLE GAMES-Barb Burleson Tuesday/Thursday- 12:30-3:30 pm Pinochle is played in the Card Room! We play double-deck pinochle. Please bring 50 cents, and we will see you soon.

BINGO, BINGO, BINGO!!!

Bingo is in Hays Hall every Monday evening! The doors open at 5:30pm, and play starts at 6:30. We have a great time, and we hope to see you every Monday through the end of March.

BRIDGE- Bridge group meets at 6:30pm Monday and Thursday evenings in the card room. All skill levels welcome!

CUE CLUB

Come on over to the Moonrise pool hall to enjoy some 8 ball. Cue Club round robin plays every Tuesday and Thursday morning, with scheduling at 8:15. The annual membership fee is \$5.00 per person. All level of players are welcome.

Gals and Pal play @ 8:15 each Wednesday morning. We are a fun loving group who are looking to improve our 8 ball game. Gals come on out with your guy in tow and enjoy a morning of pool. Cathy Ashbee

It is with great sadness that I am announcing the RETIREMENT of Dorothy Fernandez. Besides retiring, she is selling her home and leaving FOY. It is hard to imagine the Discovery Center without her smiling face, warm welcome, and calm manner no matter what's going on. She will certainly be missed by everyone at FOY. I asked Dorothy to share about her life and her life during her time at FOY and some photos. She has graciously done so in the following article and pictures. Please join us for a Farewell Party for Dorothy on Sunday, March 10th at the Sunset Grill at 4pm. Snacks and drinks will be served.

DOROTHY'S JOURNEY

My journey at the Fountain of Youth started in 2002, but I grew up in this area and spent many happy summers camping on the shores of the Salton Sea when it was touted as California's Riviera in the 1950's and 60's. As an adult and traveling around the Southwest in a small motorhome with my handicapped husband in 2002, we decided to stop at the Salton Sea on our way to Borrego Springs. Well.... the old story: we came to FOY for 1 night, stayed a week, then the next season it was a month and we bought a permanent trailer on Sunrise. After my husband's death in 2009, I decided to remain at FOY, but moved to my current location on the desert on Mineral. So many memories, so many good friends, happy potlucks and parties. FOY people are wonderful in supporting friends who have lost their spouses.

I was a volunteer for several seasons in the Welcome Center and when Sam and Sue Birky became the Activities Directors, I took on the job of running the outer office. This is our 5th season together, but I have decided this is my last season in the office and last season residing at FOY. I appreciate all the people who have made my FOY time over all these years so special.











