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President's Message - Bill Bachand

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!! May your 2018 find you healthy, wealthy, and wise.

Membership renewal time is coming up, so beat the rush and send in your annual check for \$12 to treasurer Margie Brandon right now while you're thinking about it. Go to <http://www.funlakers.org> to get a membership form, mark renewal, and send it in to the address indicated on the form.

From the dozens of comments and thank you letters that I received, the December Holiday Dinner and Dance was an outstanding success. The food, the decorations, the music, the door prizes all were fabulous and the feedback was overwhelmingly positive. It was really fun to see a lot of the longtime members in attendance and having a great time. Thanks to everyone who helped put this wonderful event together. Let's do it again!!!

It's not too early to think about joining next year's Fun Lakers Board of Directors. We will be accepting nominations beginning in January with the election in April. If you have any questions, call me at 602.481.9100 or email me at azmusicman@yahoo.com. Personally, being a member of this board has been a lot of fun for me and has enabled me to make a lot of very good friends. You should try it. Get involved.

Our annual meeting with free pizza is January 6th at Ironwood Clubhouse. If you have any questions, a suggestion for an event, or just want to mingle with your Fun Laker friends or meet some new Fun Lakers, this is a great time to do it and *pizza and salad are on the house*. This will be an event for paid up members only, so make sure to send in that renewal now. Get your form at funlakers.org and send to our illustrious treasurer.

Our Board has been working to bring you more events in 2018 than ever before. Check some new announcements below.

FREE Events for 2018

Euchrefest

Announcing our new free **EUCHRE NIGHT EVERY TUESDAY** beginning January 9th. If you are a pro or you just want to meet some new friends and learn, our new FREE Tuesday Night Euchrefest is for you. Every Tuesday night those interested in some Euchre challenges will meet in Cottonwood's Ladies Card Room (men are invited, too) at 6 pm to enjoy a few hours of Euchre. Euchre is similar to, but much easier than, Pinochle. These games are free with no money required to play. We ask that everyone bring an appetizer to pass. We will supply plates and utensils. Let's have some more fun with the Fun Lakers Club.

Mexican Train

Mexican Train continues every Monday night beginning at 6 pm in Cottonwood's Ladies Card Room. Men are invited and it's free.

Free Pizza at our Annual Meeting

Mark down Saturday night, January 6th for our annual meeting and free pizza and salad at 5 pm in the Ironwood Clubhouse. Enter the Ironwood gatehouse and then turn left at the first street and proceed a few blocks to the clubhouse on the left. This is a members only event, so you must be a paid up member to attend. You can pay your membership at the door if you haven't paid. Please respond before Jan 3rd to let us know you're coming and we order enough pizza. Registration forms can be found on our website at www.funlakers.org.

TUBAC FESTIVAL of the Arts Caravan

Join our Fun Lakers Caravan at Cottonwood's Grille at 7 am on Wednesday, Feb 7th, for breakfast, then a leisurely drive down to Tubac Arizona...about a 2.25 hour drive. There, you will find the world-renowned **Tubac Festival of the Arts, February 7th, 2018, 10am to 5pm**. Tubac Chamber of Commerce is proud to sponsor the **59th Annual Festival of the Arts**. The festival showcases the work of hundreds of visiting artists from around the country. The food court features a variety of international fare. There will also be a beer garden with music. Free admission; parking is \$8 per car with proceeds benefiting local nonprofits. People come from literally all over the world to visit Tubac for this festival.

We will be driving our own cars or you can carpool with another Fun Laker to enjoy the trip down. (There is also a bus going down that leaves from Oakwood at 8 am. Call the concierge at Oakwood a.s.a.p. as there are only 9 seats left on the bus as of this writing. Tickets for the bus are \$38 per person.)

Your Fun Lakers Club is planning a record number of events for 2018. You wanted variety? You got it. Most events require registration forms and payment in advance. Those registration forms will be sent out to you individually before each event and will also be posted on the website. www.funlakers.org.

During the winter months, we are adding a monthly dance at the San Tan Ballroom with Thaddeus Rose. This event is in conjunction with the Sun Lakes Dance Club.

Mark your Calendars to Save These Other Event Dates

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| Jan 6 th | Annual Meeting at Ironwood Clubhouse. Free Pizza. Cash bar. Paid up Members only. No guests. Lots of fun at this one with some new games. NO COST TO PAID UP MEMBERS!!! |
| Jan 18 th | Fun Lakers/Sun Lakes Dance Party with Thaddeus Rose at San Tan Ballroom \$10 at the door. |
| Jan 27 th | Dinner and Trivia Night with host, Mike Banta. Saguaro Room at Cottonwood \$50 cash prize for first place. Registration at www.funlakers.org |
| Feb 17 th | Gangster Night – Dinner and Show with the “Corrupt Chicagoans”. Saguaro Room at Cottonwood. Watch for our flyer in January. |
| Feb 22 nd | Fun Lakers/Sun Lakes Dance Party with Thaddeus Rose at San Tan Ballroom \$10 |
| Mar 22 nd | Fun Lakers/Sun Lakes Dance Party with Thaddeus Rose at San Tan Ballroom |
| Mar 24 th | Progressive Dinner – Our other signature event. Members only. Have appetizers and dinner at different member homes, followed by dessert and dancing/mingling with Lynn Jackson Duo at Ironwood Clubhouse. |

April 17th

Fun Lakers/Sun Lakes Dance Party with Thadeus Rose

Apr 18th

Jimmy Buffet Tribute Concert at Oakwood with the Fun Lakers. A Parrothead Pre-Party featuring Margaritas and Cheeseburgers from Paradise. We have 50 prime reserved seats for the show. More info later this month. (More tickets will be available from Oakwood). These 50 tickets will be reserved for members only.

Please remember that we always can use some more brain cells AND volunteers to help out. It's fun!!!! Contact Activities Director Frank Mills at 214.893.106