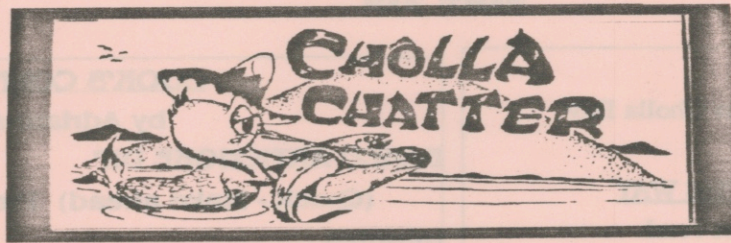
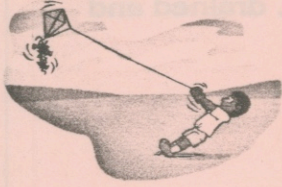


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UPCOMING EVENTS:

March 9th - Tuesday - Cholla Chapter Meeting. Paraiso del Desierto - See Cholla Chapter News for details.

March 13th - Saturday - Tucson Chapter Meeting in Cholla Bay at the casa of Clarence & Tere Wilson. See Tucson Chapter article for details.

March 13th - OBSC St. Patrick's Day party

March 23 - Tuesday - Red Hat Luncheon - Flavio's

April 10th, Saturday - CBSC Luau

Each Monday - Bridge at the Cholla Cafe. Notify Nancy Schmidli (382-5036) or Jo Barnes (382-5086) if you plan to play. 12:30 - Go early if you plan to eat before bridge.

HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY

This was sent in by the president of Cholla Chapter:

I read somewhere that:

- Love is grand. Divorce is a hundred grand!
- Even if you are on the right track, you'll get run over if you just sit there.
- I am in shape. Round is a shape.
- Time may be a great healer, but it's a lousy beautician.
- There will always be death and taxes, however, death doesn't get worse every year.
- Age doesn't always bring wisdom. Sometimes age comes alone.

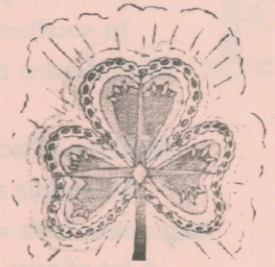
Have a Good Day! Harold Runner

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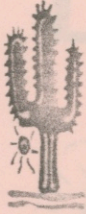
By Pat Goodin

Our February meeting was held in Cholla Bay at the Club House and was a free party for all of our paid-up members. We "cooks" made up 3 different soups and had a salad bar with it. For dessert we had cake and ice-cream. Thanks to all the members who helped cook, chop veggies, tend bar, shop for necessary items and all the other things which needed to be done. Thanks also to some visitors who came in and helped set up tables, serve ice-cream and cake, etc. What a great group of people we have here in Cholla Bay!! Some Tucson chapter members attended the party and we're always happy for them to join us at our meetings. It seems that we have a couple of people in our chapter who are very lucky, and they walked away with several raffle prizes. I can't complain though, as I won something, and so did my brother who was visiting here from Florida.

In March we'll go to the Paraiso del Desierto - Tuesday March 9th. Board Meeting is 4:00, Happy Hour 5:00, Meeting about 5:30 and dinner around 6:00. Hope you can join us. They always have good food. If you haven't paid your dues, hurry and pay them so you'll get the next issue of the "Chatter" It's for a good cause, and we need and want YOU.



Submitted by Tere Wilson --
Reflections of a friend's visit to Cholla Bay



MEXICO DOWN THE WAY

A lonely two lane road
On a sunny winter day
In southern Arizona
With Mexico down the way.

Millions of acres of desert,
A familiar sight to us,
Saguaros, hills and desert trees,
A lot of sun, a little dust

But every mile or so,
We see a statue or a cross
To mark a family's pain
And remind us of their loss.

Colorful wreaths of flowers,
Candles here and there,
Bright bits of paper,
All placed with loving care.

These monuments to memory,
While lovely, make us wary.
They remind us that the dangers of this road
Are somewhat scary.

A small two day vacation
With friends in Cholla Bay
A few reflective glances,
As we go on our way.

Joyce A. Niprikas -- March, 2000

TUCSON CHAPTER NEWS

Shirley Reid

The Tucson Chapter meeting will be a brunch on Saturday, March 13th at 10:30 A.M. in Cholla Bay. Tere and Clarence Wilson will host the brunch at their casa in Cholla. Everything will be furnished, so no one has to bring anything. We hope that some of you will try to make it for this meeting, as we're trying to hold this chapter together. So, come on Tucson - Get out to join us at this meeting.

COOK'S CORNER

by Adrianna

BAKED ARTICHOKE DIP

(Quick - Make ahead) Prep. time: 9 minutes

- 1 (14 oz) can artichoke hearts, drained and chopped
- 1 cup grated Parmesan Cheese
- 3/4 cup mayonnaise
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1/4 tsp. Worcestershire sauce
- 1/8 tsp. hot sauce or 1 TBS. chopped green chill

Combine all ingredients, stirring well.
Spoon into lightly greased 1 quart casserole dish
Bake, uncovered at 350 degrees for 20 minutes or until bubbly.

HEALTH HELP

-- by Pat



MAKE FRIENDS WITH THESE FRUITS

Certain fruits and spices have been found to contain salicylates, one of the main ingredients in aspirin, whose ability to prevent heart attacks is well-known. To keep your diet high in natural salicylates, add fruits such as oranges, raspberries, cherries, and apricots to your meals. You can also season your foods with cinnamon, curry, cayenne, and thyme, just a few spices and herbs known to contain natural salicylates.

IMPORTANT - LUAU COMING UP

The annual luau will be held in Cholla Bay at the Club House on Saturday, April 10th. Since this is a holiday week-end (Easter), there should be a lot of people in town, and so we're asking for reservations for this event. Although the club house is a lot bigger now, we need to know approximately how many people will be attending so that we have enough food. Please email your reservations to Nancy at stuffie@prodigy.net.mx or Pat at nolehace@prodigy.net.mx --or you can call either one of us. Nancy 382-5036, Pat 382-5056. Gracias

KEN'S TRIVIA

What was the date that St. Patrick's Day was first celebrated in the U.S.?

Always read stuff that will make you look good if you die in the middle of it.

COFFEE TALK

- --- by Sally Dalton

Several of us met again this week regarding the dog problem here in Cholla Bay. We are trying to expedite a solution (population control and diminishing the growing packs of wild dogs) with action. Dan Berkovich and I are meeting with a local veterinarian this weekend to see what kind of local support we can get, and depending on the outcome of that meeting, we hope to set some dates for immunization and spay/neuter clinics here in Cholla Bay. The main problem continues to be how to catch the strays in order to treat them, and we hope to have some answers after the meeting...but we definitely know that we'll need the assistance of many local residents for the project. Anyone interested in helping, please let either myself or Kathy Barnard know.

Another concern of many residents is the sick dogs being treated here in Cholla. As I understand it, the dogs are no longer contagious once treatment has begun..though they continue to look frightening for quite a while. Anyone is of course at liberty to attend to these problems in any humane way that suits them. We are not in charge, nor claim to know the best or right way to deal with the problem. Currently, a few of us are treating a couple of mangy dogs with injections (one every two weeks, a series of 3 treatments) and the dogs are responding well.

I have a serious conflict with having these animals at the restaurant... Most people have been supportive and the rest have been kind enough not to say anything, but, believe me, I know the restaurant and an animal shelter (of sorts) are not compatible. I appreciate (or I should say, the hungry strays appreciate) the food people bring for them and leave by the restaurant, but I think it is essential that we find another feeding area for the strays away from the restaurant. You are welcome to drop food at the restaurant, and I will begin feeding them away from the restaurant... just where, I don't know. I could use some suggestions.

In a few weeks the restaurant will be open 7 days/week and Friday and Saturday nights once again, so, before going to your house to unpack, stop in for dinner when you pull into town for the week-end. I'm hiring a new chef for these days, and am excited about the potential variation of a new dinner menu, and the new energy we will have in the kitchen. Come see what is new!!

AND, DON'T FORGET TO MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE CELEBRATION OF THE RESTAURANT'S 10 YEAR ANNIVERSARY PARTY (10 YEARS UNDER MY MANAGEMENT) ON MAY 15TH.

Thank you all for the good life our cooperative, caring community offers. We are all very fortunate to have this experience in Mexico.

BUNCO

The second Bunco session was held on February 17th at the home of Shirley McDonald. Players are still wanted, so if you are interested, call Shirley at 382-5119 or Pat at 382-5056 to give us your name. Plans are to play once a month.

SHIP'S STORE

Watch for it to be open on Saturdays again as soon as the weather warms up.

RED HAT LUNCHEON

by Pat Goodin

Our 2nd red hat luncheon was on February 24th at Aladino's Restaurant at the Paraiso del Desierto. I think we had 20 women, and most of them had on their red hats and purple dress, shirt or blouse. I think one or two of them didn't wear the red and purple. But, it's much more fun to wear them. so come on ladies - get a red hat and something purple and come and join us.

Our next luncheon will be on Tuesday, March 23rd at 1:00 at Flavio's Restaurant on the Malecon. If you plan to go, call Sandy at RP Times, or call me in Cholla at 382-5056.

SICK BAY

Chuck Demberger is at his home in Tucson but is quite ill and on oxygen. We hope you have a speedy recovery, Chuck.

BEWARE!!!

Last month I wrote about someone who was stopping people and asking for money. Since then I have heard of a group of about three men who have knocked on doors of RV's in an RV park in RP and with a gun they have gotten keys and stolen vehicles and money. I hate to say it, but I guess it's time we all started to keep our doors locked, especially at night. Hopefully they will not come to Cholla Bay. But, better safe than sorry.

Answer to Ken's Trivia

March 17, 1737

ST. PATRICK'S DAY LORE

The tradition of the Shamrock is believed to have come about because St. Patrick used this three leaf clover to explain the nature of the Holy Trinity to the Irish.

OUR FIRST TRIP TO ROCKY POINT
(and how we came to buy a cabin in Cholla Bay)

by Pat and Ken Goodin

It was February 1974 when we and two other couples (Darrell and Maysie Cross and Bill and Patsy Rice) from Las Cruces, New Mexico decided we wanted to come to Rocky Point, which was virtually unknown to most people in the Las Cruces area. But, Ken played cowboy polo with John Lee Hoskins, whose parents were John and Gladys Hoskins, and they had one of the first cabins in Cholla Bay. So, in a motor home borrowed by Darrell and Maysie from some friends, we took off after work one Friday. Being about a 9 hour trip, we drove as far as a rest area near Sells, Az. and spent the night, then drove on in to Rocky Point the next day. We ended up parked along the beach about where Marimar RV Park is now located. At that time, as we recall, the only thing along that beach was Playa de Oro, which was then a very small park.

After a while, we set out to find Cholla Bay. We did get on the road to Cholla, however, we didn't bring a car, only the motor home and were afraid we'd get stuck. I don't think we made it quite to the arch, which is where the Cholla Road was at that time, and we managed to get turned around without getting stuck, and went back to 'our beach'. We ate shrimp, went shelling, and just hung out there until it was time to go back home.

A few weeks later, the Cross's went to visit friends in Phoenix, and the four of them drove down to Rocky Point (in a car) and found Cholla Bay. They came back to Las Cruces and told us, and we planned another trip. This time it was just us and the Cross's. We came to Cholla, and then while Darrell and Ken went fishing, Maysie and I came back to Cholla and looked at houses. We found the one that we are currently in, although at that time it was a one room cabin, with a smaller room (the bathroom) with a breezeway in between.

By April of that year, we two couples owned it. We took possession of it on Easter weekend. For many years we owned the house (or cabin) in partnership with the Cross's.

TRIP TO ROCKY POINT, continued

Then, in 1982 Ken and I were going to Yemen for two years to work, so while there we paid off the Cross's for their half of the house, and upon our return we owned the house by ourselves. They wanted to buy a motor home, so it worked out for all of us. The first person we met was Betty (Munro) Moore, and then of course, our good neighbor for so many years, Big Mama. We have such good memories of all of our many trips to Cholla when we came for long week-ends, when we'd take off early from work on a Friday, drive all the way here, then go back on Sunday or Monday. Looking back, I'm not sure how we did it, but we were a lot younger, and we just did it. Great Adventures!!!!

WE WANT YOUR STORIES OF WHEN AND HOW YOU CAME TO ROCKY POINT AND/OR CHOLLA BAY. PLEASE SEND THEM TO PAT OR NANCY. THIS WILL BE AN INTERESTING COLUMN.

LET'S GO FISHIN'

by Don Schmidl

Rosario Villa reports that fishing is not too good as the water temperature is only 59 degrees. However, there have been some pretty good catches of cochl and rock bass, but little else, unless you want to go out 51 miles. Roger Allen said he had a nice dinner of rock bass he caught from the shore.

Due to inflation, the boat launching fees have gone up as follows:

Prior \$12 launches are now \$13.00

Prior \$14 launches are now \$15.00

25 foot or larger boats are now \$25.00

Although, I understood we had a derby chairman, as of this writing, we have not received dates for this year's fishing derby.



Habitat for Humanity

Habitat for Humanity is a non-denominational Christian organization with its national headquarters in Mexico City. This organization provides low cost homes for needy families. The first Habitat for Humanity home in Puerto Peñasco was completed and turned over to its new owners on January 31, 2004.

Families are selected by need to qualify for a home, with single parent families receiving priority. Children of the families must be under the age of 13. They are required to have papers to show ownership of a lot. All applicants must have birth certificates, marriage certificates and proper identification. Each applicant family will be visited and investigated.

Once a family is accepted, they must provide 300 hours of labor on another family's home. Up to three family members at one time can contribute to the required 300 hours. They are then put on a waiting list for their own home. Just prior to construction of their home, they must send 1500 pesos to the district office in Nogales, Mexico. After completion of their home, they will pay 550 pesos per month for the first year. Payments decrease slightly each following year until material costs are repaid.

The local chapter here in Peñasco meets every Saturday at 7:00 p.m. at the Guadalupe Church at an outside classroom with local president Pedro Martinez officiating.

(This article is just for your information about how this works here. If you want to know more, you may attend a meeting.)

Pronghorn Antelope Relocation Quite an Operation

The Sonoran Pronghorn Antelope is perhaps the most endangered species in the United States. Less than 25 animals now inhabit the deserts around Ajo. A monumental effort, involving both Mexico and the United States to re-populate the herd north of the border is underway. A team of biologists, curators and veterinarians diligently planned a capture of five animals from Mexico to be placed into a captive breeding program in the Cabeza Prieta National Wildlife Refuge, in the desert between Ajo and the border.

During the foggy days of last January, the team based itself out of the Cholla home of veterinary Ole Alcumbrac, the team's leader. Utilizing a helicopter and net guns the recovery team was successful in placing two does from south of the border into the breeding facility west of Ajo. "We hope to place a Buck from the United States with the Does soon," said Dr. Ole. "We hope his Spanish is at par," he said, "to ensure successful breeding population back in the States."

The young produced from this cooperative effort will then be used to repopulate historic areas in both the United States and Mexico.

Dr. Ole has videos of the amazing and interesting method of chasing the antelope with the helicopter and using the net gun to capture them by shooting the net over the animal. It is necessary to use this method because anesthetizing would be deadly to this wild animal. Hopefully, Dr Ole will be able to show a video and give a talk on a week end in Cholla at the Club House.

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Membership News

We do not send out membership cards, but receiving the Chatter shows you are a member in good standing. (This saves a lot of time). This is the last month that you will receive the Chatter News letter if you have not paid your 2004 dues. Questions?? My (Nancy Schmidli) address is below, and my email is: stuffie@prodigy.net.mx .

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The Moon, The Sun, The Wind and The Rain

March 2004

SUNRISE – From 7:03 to 6:25

SUNSET – From 6:32 to 6:52

FULL MOON – March 6th – 4:14 pm

NEW MOON – March 20th – 3:41 pm

AVERAGE AIR TEMPERATURE 58 degrees

AVERAGE SEA TEMPERATURE 62 degrees

AVERAGE RAINFALL 0.21 inches

AVERAGE WIND SPEED 7.4 mph

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