



Newsletter for Friends & Families of **LURA TURNER HOMES** For Adults with Developmental Disabilities

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As I write, all our office doors are wide open, for at long last we are basking in under 85 degrees weather. Hallelujah! It was so plain hot between Memorial Day and Labor Day, we had to cancel one outdoor event after another, including workdays at our facilities.

However, August was busy elsewhere. August 4th -8th we were in Albuquerque at the Civitan International convention. Civitan clubs are BIG back East, so rarely do we get a confab out West. Phoenix Bird Civitan officers Barry, Esther and Rose attended, enjoying the spotlight as attendees congratulated them on the "Birds" 45th anniversary. Yes, it's been 45 years since former and visionary LTH director Joyce Ridge chartered the ground-breaking club.

Next up was camp, Aug. 19-23. In January, Whispering Hope Ranch was bought by Child Crisis Arizona. The transition went smoothly. With the Olympics in France, it was easy for campers and counselors to tie that global theme to camp, with all-things Olympics, including everyone making their own Olympic torch. In a first, we had a foodie truck, Kona Ice, to serve up tropical snow cones.

As always, it takes scores of donors and volunteers to "pull off" a successful camp. Indeed, admin. assistant Dixie and camp dean Lori start planning a year ahead. On a sad note, long-time camp and all-around volunteer Paula Sallas passed in August. On a brighter note, we are always grateful to Payson UMC for being a welcoming stop on our way to camp and on our way home.

September saw our 29th annual golf tournament at Stonecreek Golf Course (see photos on back). Thanks to all who played, sponsored the event, sponsored holes, donated auction and raffle items, volunteered, etc. With a 1-day break in the heat, one and all had a truly cool time.

October 13 saw past, present and future High Tea hostesses at Glendale's The Spicery. This is our annual kick-off for the spring High Tea. The "Big Reveal" was that LTH's most popular event will move to First United Methodist, Glendale, with its larger facilities. Save the date: March 1.

On Oct. 15th, we were honored to have Michael Morgan, Civitan International President, visit DTA and JRCH. That was followed by the Oct. 16th dinner feting the 45th anniversary of Phoenix Bird Civitans. New officers Barry, Rose, Esther and Jackie were installed by Don Poppe, his 45th year doing so. Cheering them on were the Metro, Sun City and the Village Civitan Clubs.

Every third Saturday, Hands on Greater Phoenix volunteers conduct indoor and outdoor games for the ladies of Lynwood and the JRCH men and women. October 19th was their fun day. We have lots of performers at LTH. On October 24th, they all sang up a storm at the State Fair, thanks to their musical training at Arizona Recreation Center for the Handicapped (ARCH).

As you can see, there's never a dull moment at LTH. In fact, the above events are just highlights of the programming that LTH provides for the men and women who live at Joyce Ridge Civitan House, Lynwood House and Marlette House. Next up is Halloween, the Bazaar and Craft Fair (Nov. 8 and 9th – see flier) and Thanksgiving.

After four years of CoVid restrictions, it feels good that most of our long-established traditions are back up and running. Be they daily, weekly, monthly or annual events, they're all created to enhance the lives of those who live at LTH. They would NOT happen without your generous gifts and loving support. Thank you! Got to stop writing so I can trick or treat with the men and women who call Lura Turner Homes, "home."

Blessings, Max McQueen, Executive Director, Lura Turner Homes

(See photos on backside)



Lura Turner Homes Activities for August– October 2024

August



Max and Larry flank "Birds" officers Esther, Rose and Barry at Civitans' International confab in Albuquerque.

August



Camp dean Lori and cabin "mom" Donna flank the Hummingbirds' "Olympic" champs at Whispering Hope.

August



Horse rides are THE favorite activity at camp. Here, camper Liz "horses around" in Whispering Hope's equestrian arena.

August



Kona Ice foodie was a big hit at camp. Here, campers Kayla, Jenn and Esther line up for a "tropical" snow cone.

August



The happy campers of Hawks cabin light up Olympic flames for counselors Larry, Mike and John (hidden).

September



Jeff P.(l) and son Jeff (r) teamed up with Richard and Wolf to win first place at our 29th golf tourney.

September



Vera (center) is the center of attention with three fellow golfers from Arizona Recreation Center for the Handicapped.

September



Bobby, Eric and Greg came all the way from Las Vegas just to golf with our attorney Lorraine. Thanks, guys!

October



At The Spicery, hostesses raise their cups in a "Tea Toast" at the preview for our 27th High Tea set for March 1st.

October



Volunteers young and old enjoy tea and scones while hearing all about next year's High Tea, our 27th.

October



Residents of Lynwood and Marlette gave Civan president Mike Morgan a LTH welcome at our DTA.

October



Ladies from Apt. 3 at Joyce Ridge Civitan House welcome Civan prez Mike Morgan and region 8 director Andy Wheeler.

October



When Phoenix Bird Civitans first met in 1979, then Civitan governor Don Poppe installed the officers. He's done so for 45 years straight!

October



For 35 years, Shannon has been active in the "Phoenix Birds." President Mike Morgan honors Shannon at the club's 45th anniversary gala.

October



Helen hugs Max as she is honored as a charter Bird Club member by president Mike and Metro Civitan president Caitlin. That's 45 years and counting!

October



The ladies in LTH's Day Program for Adults had a field day painting pumpkins for Halloween. Their artwork was creative as it was scary!