We hope 2016 treated you well and 2017 treats you even better. New Year resolutions abound as we begin yet another year. Winter has decided to stay in Logan, but below-freezing temperatures aren't slowing any one down. Bundled up, citizens are embarking into the winter wonderland to celebrate the new year with ice skating, snowman creating, and hot chocolate sipping. Students and teachers alike are starting to file back, ready to start yet another semester of learning.

As everyone recovers from holiday celebrations, we are busily preparing for our trips to Arizona and Texas. With only one week before our trips, we are beyond excited. If you live in Texas or Arizona, make sure to visit us during one of our presentations. We LOVE to see former Summer Citizens and future Summer Citizens. Tell everyone you know. We look forward to these trips every year.

As is per usual, thousands make new years resolution in the hopes of improving this upcoming year. As a hallmark great, Brad Paisley once said, “Tomorrow is the first blank page of a 365 page book. Write a good one.” We wish you luck in all your endeavors and look forward to seeing those in Arizona and Texas soon!

JANUARY EVENTS

1: New Years Day
3: Basketball USU vs. New Mexico
7: Basketball USU vs. UNLV
9: Registration for Summer Citizens Program 2017 Opens
9—13: Arizona Presentation Trip
12: National Doughnut Day
14: Princess Party @ Castle Manor
16: Martin Luther King Jr Day
19: National Popcorn Day
23—24: Texas Recruiting Trip
28: Bear Lake Monster Winterfest

* Hardware Ranch WMA Sleigh Rides throughout the month

Happy New Year
2017
WE'RE COMING TO VISIT YOU!

JANUARY 2017 PRESENTATION DATES

ARIZONA

Monday, January 9, 2017
9:00– Sun Lakes United Methodist (Lindsay Hall)
9248 East Riggs Road, Sun Lakes, AZ 85248
3:00– Sun City Festival (Sage Center, Celebration Hall East)
26501 West Desert Vista Blvd., Buckeye, AZ 85396

Tuesday, January 10, 2017
9:00– Pebble Creek (Eagle’s Nest Clubhouse– Palm Room)
3645 Clubhouse Dr, Goodyear, AZ 85395
1:00– *Trilogy at Vista (Kiva Clubhouse– Ballroom)
27980 North Trilogy Blvd., Peoria, AZ 85383
*Trilogy community members only

Wednesday, January 11, 2017
11:00– Fountain of the Sun (Fireside and Lakeside Rooms)
540 South 80th Street, Mesa, AZ 85208
2:00– Sunland Springs Village (San Tan Room)
2820 South Springwood Blvd., Mesa, AZ 85121

Thursday, January 12, 2017
9:00– Green Valley East Center (Auditorium)
7 South Abrego Dr., Green Valley, AZ 85614
1:00– Sun City Oro Valley (Activity Center– Navajo Room)
1495 East Rancho Vistoso Blvd., Oro Valley, AZ 85755
3:30– SaddleBrooke (Desert View Performing Arts Center)
39900 South Clubhouse Dr., SaddleBrooke, AZ 85739

Friday, January 13, 2017
9:00– Sun City American Lutheran (Fellowship Hall)
17200 North Del Webb Blvd., Sun City, AZ 85373
1:00– Sun City West Desert Palm Presbyterian (Fellowship Hall)
13459 West Stardust Blvd., Sun City West, AZ 85375
4:00– Sun City Grand (Cimarron Center– Agua Fria Room)
17100 West Clearview Blvd., Surprise, AZ 85734

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Monday, January 23, 2017
9:30– Sun City Georgetown (The Atrium)
1 Texas Drive, Georgetown, TX 78633
3:00– Sun City Hill Country Retreat (Christus Santa Rosa Room)
4550 Del Webb Blvd., San Antonio, TX 78253

Tuesday, January 24, 2017
9:00– Robson Ranch (Patriot Room)
9428 Ed Robson Circle, Denton, TX 76207
2:00– Heritage Ranch (Stage Side of the Ballroom)
This event, hosted by USU’s Summer Citizens Program, is searching for unique and accomplished performers from the Summer Citizens community.

The evening will celebrate the creativity and talents of our amazing Summer Citizens. Performers may include singers, choral groups, dancers, comedians, impressionists, jugglers, magicians, musicians, photographers, artisans, and actors. **

Auditions and judging will be held in the Eccles Conference Center auditorium at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, June 26, 2017.

The event is open to family and friends of contestants as well as Summer Citizens Program participants.

The Summer Citizens Got Talent show will conclude with performances by the top five awarded contestants who will showcase their amazing talent during the End of Summer Closing Social on Thursday, August 3, 2017 at 12 p.m. in the Taggart Student Center Ballroom.

** Contestant sign-up for the competition is through the Summer Citizens Program office located in the basement of the Eccles Conference Center Room 103.
On January 15, 1929 Martin Luther King Jr was welcomed into the world of Atlanta, Georgia. Little did we know that this small baby would one day be one of the greatest leaders and catalyst for social change. Though his life was cut short, he led the nation to the beginning of equality and freedom. Martin attended college and eventually stood out as a public speaker. After the trial of Rosa Parks, he gave a speech showcasing his rhetoric skill and eloquence.

In 1963, Martin Luther King Jr gave his famous “I have a dream” speech. In the town of Birmingham, Alabama a demonstration was held resulting in police dogs, fire hoses, and even jail time for some members. The big demonstration brought national attention and King was criticized by many. He responded to the criticism by stating, “nonviolent direct action seeks to create such a crisis and foster such a tension that community, which has constantly refused to negotiate, is forced to confront the issue.” On August 28, 1963 thousands of people gathered in the Lincoln Memorial. There Martin Luther King Jr eloquently depicted the idea of a world where all could be united. This was a world that seemed almost impossible. Only a few years later in 1968 while staying at the Lorraine Motel, Martine Luther King Jr was struck by a bullet, ending his life. The shooter was a man by the name of James Earl Ray who, after a two month manhunt, was caught and pleaded guilty resulting in a 99 year prison sentence.

Martin Luther King Jr helped the nation immensely as can be seen through his contribution to the creation of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Voting Rights Act of 1965, and as a recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964. However, while these contributions are impactful, his tenacity for fighting for a better future regardless of how daunting the task may seem has drawn people from all nationalities to honor him as one of the greatest leaders of his time. His legacy continues to live today as we try to fulfill his vision of equality and love for one another. As best stated by Martin Luther King Jr, “I have decided to stick with love. Hate is too great a burden.”

“I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character.”

- Martin Luther King
CHRISTMAS MORNING BROUGHT 12 INCHES OF POWDER TO LOGAN