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December 2018

Happy Holidays

Happy Holidays to all our Summer Citizens! December has officially blown into Cache Valley. The roads are slippery with ice and hot chocolate is flying off the shelves in Logan as we try to brave the cold months. Winter is beautiful, though, and we've become a lovely snow globe with breathtaking snow-covered mountains.

Our recruiting trip is coming up in February! See [page 3](#) to find an Arizona location near you. Bring your friends and help spread the word about our program! Online RSVP is requested.

We hope each of you are staying warm and happy during this festive time of year. However you celebrate, we hope you are able to find some quiet moments to spend with family and friends this holiday season!

“Second Summer in the program, even more magical than the first.”
~Dorrit Briere

“Fabulous program, fabulous town, fabulous people!!!”
~Jan Coad



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WE'RE COMING TO VISIT YOU!

The Summer Citizens Program is coming to Arizona the first week of February! We are so excited to visit with our longtime Summer Citizens and meet some new friends, too. We're also very excited for the lovely Arizona winter weather.

Each year, the Summer Citizens Program comes to different locations in Arizona with a program presentation, delivers 2019 program books, and we get to meet our wonderful Summer Citizens. Each presentation lasts an hour. Come and bring your friends!

For those of you who haven't been to a presentation before, you can expect:

- USU program presenters
- Prize drawings for those who RSVP
- Housing and community representatives
- Program books and renter's guides
- Representatives from the Utah Festival Opera and Lyric Repertory

See you soon!

We are requesting an online RSVP this year. There will be a link in the January newsletter.



SAVE THE DATE

Monday, February 4, 2019

9:00 - Saddlebrooke (HOA 2 - Ballroom East)
38759 S Mountain View Blvd - Tucson, AZ 85739

1:00 - Sun City Oro Valley (Activity Center - Navajo Room)
1495 E Rancho Vistoso Blvd - Oro Valley, AZ 85755

4:30 - Green Valley (Desert Hills Auditorium)
2980 S Camino del Sol - Green Valley, AZ 85614

Tuesday, February 5, 2019

9:00 - Sun City Anthem & Merrill Ranch (Ballroom)
3925 N Sun City Blvd - Florence, AZ 85132

1:00 - Fountain of the Sun (Fireside and Poolside Rooms)
540 S 80th St - Mesa, AZ 85208

4:30 - Sun Lakes Country Club (Arizona Room)
25601 S Sun Lakes Blvd - Sun Lakes, AZ 85248

Wednesday, February 6, 2019

9:00 - Pebble Creek (Eagle's Nest Clubhouse - Ballroom)
3645 Clubhouse Drive - Goodyear, AZ 85395

1:00 - Trilogy at Vistancia (Kiva Clubhouse Tewa Ballroom) *
27980 N Trilogy Blvd - Peoria, AZ 85383

***Trilogy members only**

Thursday, February 7, 2019

9:00 - Sun City Grand - The Colonnade
19116 N Colonnade Way - Surprise, AZ 85374

1:00 - Sun City Festival (Celebration Hall West)
25601 W Desert Vista Blvd - Buckeye, AZ 85396

Friday, February 8, 2019

9:00 - Sun City American Lutheran Church (Fellowship Hall)
17200 N Del Webb Blvd - Sun City, AZ 85373

1:00 - Sun City West - Desert Palms Presbyterian (Fellowship Hall)
13459 W Stardust Blvd - Sun City West, AZ 85375



Just like last year, we are requesting RSVPs from those who attend the presentations. There will be a link in the January newsletter. The RSVP is password sensitive so our team cannot register for you over the phone.

Everyone who RSVPs will be entered into a prize drawing!



HOLIDAY TRADITIONS

In last year's December newsletter, we talked about some holiday traditions from around the world. This year, we'll be talking about some of America's holiday traditions.

Hanging Stockings supposedly comes from when children used to leave out shoes for St. Nicholas on December 5th. They would leave hay in their shoes for St. Nicholas' donkey and in the morning, they would find coins and treats in exchange.

Evergreen trees were used originally as a reminder that green plants and spring would be returning soon, so evergreens were an appropriate winter decoration.

Fruitcakes are more of a joke than an actual gift now, but they used to be very popular in the 1800s. This is likely because of their long shelf life. Some have even speculated that the tradition of fruit cake dates back to the ancient Egyptians, who may have put fruitcakes in ancestor's tombs.

Eggnog is a popular holiday drink. Eggs are a main ingredient in the drink. Experts believe "nog" comes from the word "noggin", which is a wooden cup used in pubs.

Holiday Cards were sent first in the early nineteenth century. They were black-and-white and hand-delivered until the first postage stamp was issued in 1840.

Yule Logs were originally a Nordic tradition and used an entire tree rather than just a large log.

Mistletoe supposedly brings good luck and heals wounds, according to Celtic legend. The tradition of kissing under the mistletoe began in the Victorian era in England.

DECEMBER DOINGS

Sep 16 - Dec 9 - The Art and Science of Arachnids exhibit -Swaner Eco Center 10 am - 4 pm

Dec 2 - Hanukkah begins

Dec 4 - USU Symphony Orchestra, Morgan Theatre - 7:30 pm

Dec 6-8 - American Festival Chorus and Orchestra Christmas Concert with Lexi Walker, Daines Concert Hall - 7:30 pm

Dec 10 - Hanukkah ends

Dec 24 - Christmas Eve

Dec 25 - Christmas Day

Dec 31 - New Year's Eve

Jan 1 - New Year's Day



DID YOU KNOW?

- 1) "Jingle Bells" was originally written for Thanksgiving, not Christmas. It was also the first song played in outer space.
- 2) In order to deliver all his presents in one night, Santa would have to travel at approximately 650 miles/second.
- 3) The word Hanukkah means dedication.
- 4) Many Japanese families eat at KFC for Christmas dinner, thanks to a "Kentucky Fried Christmas" campaign in 1947 that sparked a yearly tradition.
- 5) Santa has worn many colors throughout the years. His red suit, according to legend, came from a 1930's ad by Coca-Cola.
- 6) Around 17.5 million doughnuts (called sufganiyot) are eaten in Israel during Hanukkah, commemorating the miracles of oil.
- 7) Rudolph was almost named Rollo or Reginald, and his nose was almost blue instead of red!
- 8) The date of Hanukkah changes every year.
- 9) Santa has his own zip code: HOHOHO
- 10) The letters on a dreidel Nun, Gimel, Hay, and Shin are said to stand for the phrase: "Nes Gadol Hayah Sham" meaning "A great miracle happened here."



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