

# ABEVA BRIEF

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## ABEVA Mission Statement

*ABEVA pledges aggressive leadership to nourish and enhance our Biltmore Lifestyle by preserving and protecting the ambience and environment, and by maintaining standards which benefit all members of ABEVA.*

## Highlights from the ABEVA Board Meeting November 15th

- The annual meeting date was set for February 7th at 6:30 p.m. in the Grand Canyon Room at the Arizona Biltmore Resort. Three of the five members with expiring terms agreed to run again.
- The board voted to move year-end cash of \$45,000 to the reserve account. The annual dues remain at \$275.
- The Camelback East Village Planning Committee turned down a multi-function auto related business on the corner of 36th Street and Oak Street. They may also be reviewing locations in connection with the passing of Proposition 203 which legalizes medical marijuana.
- The board approved the expenditure to create a four page laminated emergency guide to distribute to all homeowners. This will be completed over the next several months.
- There was an architectural submittal from a sub-association to place artificial turf on an area outside the community visible from 32nd Street. This request was denied.
- The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 20th in the ABEVA office. ■

## From the ABEVA Office

### Annual Meeting & Election

Mark your calendars! The annual meeting of ABEVA members will be held February 7, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. in the Grand Canyon Room at the Arizona Biltmore Resort & Spa. Although that may sound far away, it really is not.

The function of ABEVA is to govern common areas and address issues that affect the community as a whole. This year, there are five seats up for a vote. Three current Directors are running to serve again. Each Director must meet the following criteria: 1.) He or she must be a member in good standing of ABEVA. 2.) Must live in his or her home.

Board meetings are held on the third Monday of each month at 5:30 p.m. in the ABEVA office. Meetings require a commitment of at least two hours (sometimes longer) at each meeting plus possible additional time to serve on committees.

If you are considering running for the board, we ask that you take a few moments to ask yourself the following three questions:

**Do I have the time?** As a board member, you will need to devote several hours of your time each month to association business. In addition to regular monthly board meetings, you will need to be active in email discussions and occasional special meetings. During special projects, you may need to spend a little extra time on association business. Some board members may also spend a little more time than others if they work with a committee.

**Can I make tough decisions when it's required?** The primary role of the board is to conduct the business of the association. This doesn't just mean approving the budget, but also developing and enforcing policies. Board members are required to step outside their immediate circles of family and neighbors and make decisions based on the greater good of the community.

**Can I represent ABEVA in and to the larger community?** Our community is only as good as we make it. It is important for Board members to attend social functions such as picnics and open houses in order to foster ABEVA's connection with our homeowners and with our neighbors.

If you are interested in running for a seat on the ABEVA board, please submit a biography of 200 words or less that will be sent out with the ballots. You may mail it to the office or email it to [rpeter@abeva.com](mailto:rpeter@abeva.com). Be sure to include your full name, address, phone number and email with any correspondence. Biographies must be received in the ABEVA office no later than Wednesday, December 15th at 12:00 noon. Should you have any further questions, you may contact Roberta Peterson at 602-955-1003. ■

### Annual Assessment for ABEVA

ABEVA is the master association and has an ANNUAL assessment this fiscal year of \$275. Any payment received after November 30th is considered late and will be charged a late fee of \$27.50. Late fees will not be waived. It is the homeowner's responsibility to pay his or her assessment in a timely manner. If you have not received your invoice and would like another copy, please contact the ABEVA office at 602-955-1003. ■





## Did You Know? ~ City of Phoenix Facts

Phoenix was incorporated in 1881 and as of January 1, 2009 had a population of 1,602,704. With 519.6 square miles, the city is larger than Los Angeles. It is the fifth largest city in the country and the largest capital city in terms of population. The average temperature is 74.2 degrees and the average annual rainfall is 7.66 inches with 334 days of sunshine, so ENJOY!

### Mistletoe History

Since Victorian times, mistletoe has been a cherished Christmas decoration if only to provide for the excuse for a kiss when hung in a prominent doorway.

The tradition of mistletoe finds its origin in pagan rituals. After the winter solstice, druid priests cut mistletoe down from oak trees in a special ceremony. The priests separated the branches and distributed sprigs of mistletoe among the villagers to protect them from evil. The ancient Celts believed the plant held miraculous healing powers. In fact, the word "mistletoe" in Celtic means "all-heal."

The use of mistletoe as a romantic lure stems from England as early as the 1500s. In 1520, William Irving wrote that a young man should pluck a berry each time he kisses a young girl beneath the mistletoe. When all the berries are plucked off the mistletoe, it no longer has any romantic power.

Mistletoe is an evergreen plant that grows throughout the southern United States, from the Atlantic coast to California and on every continent except Antarctica. It is actually a parasitic plant found high in trees. It does not take root in the ground, but in the branches of the tree itself. Although it gets all its nutrients by taking them from the tree, its presence keeps the tree green throughout the winter.

Even if the pagan significance has long been forgotten, the custom of exchanging a kiss under the mistletoe can still be found in many European countries, the United States and Canada.

### Holiday Baking Precautions

With holiday baking season upon us, it's time to review some kitchen poison safety tips.

**Vanilla Extract** contains ethanol, the same type of alcohol found in beer, wine and hard liquor (and other types of flavoring extract, perfume, cologne, aftershave and mouth-wash too). The amount of extract called for in recipes would not be dangerous. But a child that swallowed the contents of a bottle might be at risk of alcohol poisoning. Keep flavored extracts, along with other alcohol-containing liquids, out of reach.

The **poppy seeds** we bake with or eat on bagels could, in fact, cause a positive drug screen for opiates. But this generally only happens if people eat a lot of poppy seeds – more than one poppy seed bagel, for example, a short time before a test. Drinking poppy seed tea has actually caused poisoning and is NOT recommended.



**Nutmeg** tastes great in cookies and eggnog, but too much can cause hallucinations. Children who get into the container and those who deliberately swallow a lot of nutmeg trying to get high, can become miserably sick. Watch for symptoms of nausea, vomiting, agitation and prolonged drowsiness.

## SAFETY & SECURITY

**THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR SECURITY BEGINS WITH EACH RESIDENT. MOST CRIMES ARE CRIMES OF OPPORTUNITY.**

Should you see anything suspicious, call Roving Patrol at 602-369-4776 or Phoenix Crime Stop at 602-262-6151. Please program both of these numbers in your home and cell phones.

### Patrol Vehicle

The ABEVA fiscal year ended on October 31st. The patrol vehicle traveled 67,439 miles over the year. This amounts to an average of 184.76 miles a day.



### Fiscal Year End Recap

From November 1, 2009 through October 31, 2010 the Roving Patrol responded to 6,232 incidents. The categories of these were alarms 361; burglary/robbery 27; suspicious persons 370; vehicle/trespass 254; disturbances 371; miscellaneous 607; neighbor disturbance 278; fire trucks on site 338; medical emergency/ambulance 223; property damage 47; police involved incidents 371; process servers 2; theft of property 43; theft of vehicle 1; traffic violations 921; water/gas leaks 532; window/gate open 311; garage doors open 1,036; and pool gates open 139.



### Online Shopping Safety: Credit Card, Debit Card or Check?

*From the Community Association Institute Website for Managers*

Merchants are making online shopping increasingly convenient by accepting not just credit cards, but debit cards and checks. However, according to the Privacy Rights Clearinghouse (PRC), the safest way to shop online is with a credit card. If something goes wrong, you're protected under the federal Fair Credit Billing Act. Here are other online shopping tips from PRC:

- Use one credit card exclusively for all your online shopping. This makes it easier to spot unauthorized charges.
- Don't pay for online purchases with a check, since checks are vulnerable to bank fraud. Even mailing a check or money order won't give you any protection if you have problems with the purchase.
- Use a true credit card—not a debit card, check card or an ATM card. A debit card exposes your bank account to thieves. Your checking account could be wiped out in minutes. Also, federal law does not protect debit and ATM cards as extensively as it does credit cards.
- Use a "virtual credit card" if possible. Some banks are



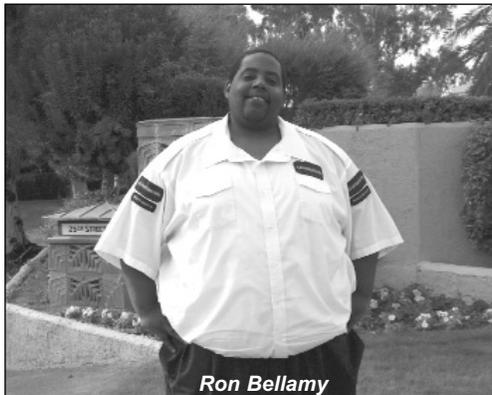
now offering their credit card customers a free service called single-use card numbers. Virtual credit cards use a randomly generated, substitute account number so you never need to give out your real credit card number online, over the phone or through the mail.

Among the card companies offering this service are Citibank, who calls its program Virtual Account Number; Bank of America's service is called ShopSafe and Discover calls its service Secure Online Account Number. You specify the expiration date and credit limit, which adds a layer of protection. Once used, the card is tied to the merchant where it was used, and cannot be used elsewhere. ■

### Sub-Association Guard Profile

Several of the sub-associations have guards who have served for many years. This continuity provides all of us with a bonus of extra security. The ABEVA board is pleased to acknowledge these long-time employees for the work they do and the length of time they have served. We want all homeowners to learn a bit about them personally. Each month will feature a different guard beginning with the first shift guards. We hope you enjoy getting to know them. All guards at sub-association posts communicate many times daily with the ABEVA Roving Patrol.

Ron Bellamy has been a guard at the Taliverde Guard House for eight years. He likes his job because it does not feel like a job. He loves interacting with people who live in the community as well as the ones that do not. He also likes knowing his residents can depend on him and his staff for going beyond their normal duties to make sure their minds are at ease. Outside of work Ron enjoys spending quality time with family and friends. He volunteers to help people less fortunate. ■



## MEETINGS & LUNCHEONS

### Camelback East Village Planning Committee

The next meeting for Tuesday, December 7th at 6:00 p.m. at the Devonshire Senior Center, 2802 E. Devonshire (one block north of Indian School Road) has been CANCELLED. The meetings are open to the general public. For additional information please call Marc Thornton, Camelback East Village Planner at 602-261-8701 or visit the website at <http://www.phoenix.gov/PUB-MEETC/indxhtml.html>. ■

### Biltmore Area Partnership Networking Luncheon



The January Biltmore Area Partnership luncheon will be on Tuesday, January 25th and will be held at a new partnership member, Seasons 52, located at Biltmore Fashion Park. The guest speaker will be Clare Abel, an attorney for AMC Entertainment.

Clare represents AMC Entertainment, the owner of the AMC Theatre at the Esplanade in Arizona and worldwide. AMC is a leader in theatrical exhibition and out-of-home entertainment. They will be bringing their newest entertainment concept to the AMC Esplanade.

The theatre will be transformed into an enhanced entertainment and dining experience called Fork & Screen. Cinema Suites, a premium upscale in-theatre and dining option includes Macguffins, a bar and lounge area. Clare will discuss, "AMC Esplanade Changes to a New Entertainment Experience."

Seasons 52 is located at 2502 East Camelback Road at Biltmore Fashion Park in Phoenix. Reservations are required by Friday, January 21st, 2011. Networking will be from 11:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. when lunch will be served. The guest will address the attendees from 12:30 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. The cost is

## ABEVA Board of Directors

**James Bell, President**  
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### ABEVA Office Information

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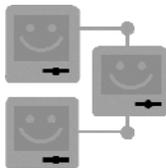
Sign on to visit the website by going to [www.abeva.com](http://www.abeva.com). If you do not yet have a login name and password, from the menu on the left choose e-forms, then choose login request, fill out the required information and click submit. We will send your pre-assigned login name and password back by email. You may read board minutes and the ABEVA Brief online. ■



\$25.00 for members and \$35 for non-members. Checks must be submitted with reservation prior to the luncheon. For additional information, please call Ed Rossi at (602) 957-6483. Reservations and checks should be sent to Biltmore Area Partnership, 3104 East Camelback Road, #174, Phoenix, AZ 85016. ■

### Biltmore Networking Group

The Biltmore Networking Group monthly happy hour provides an excellent opportunity to meet and network with others in the Biltmore community. There is usually a group of about 60-80 professionals from many industries, including finance, fine arts, government, hospitality, law, marketing, medicine, real estate, technology and many more.



This month's happy hour is planned for December 2nd from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Omaha SteakHouse Garden Lounge inside the Embassy Suites Phoenix Biltmore located at 2630 East Camelback Road. You may reach them by calling 602-955-3992. There is no need to RSVP, and there is never a charge to attend these events. If you have any questions or would like to be added to the email list for monthly announcements, please contact Shahpar Shahpar at Tiffany & Bosco, P.A. at ss@tblaw.com or 602-255-6020. Shahpar is an attorney with the law firm of Tiffany & Bosco, and she founded the Biltmore Networking Group in 2003. ■

## NEWS FROM ABEVA NEIGHBORS

### Arizona Biltmore Golf Club

The Adobe invites ABEVA and Biltmore Golf Club members to their first Ugly Sweater and Tree Lighting event on Sunday, December 12th at 5:00 p.m. Bring a toy for a child in need or donate old clothing while wearing your ugliest holiday sweater to this festive happy hour. Donations made on behalf of ABEVA and Arizona Biltmore Golf Club. There will be a happy hour menu and cash bar. For additional information, please call 602-468-9160.

As a neighboring partner to ABEVA, the golf rate through December 25th is \$76 plus tax (includes cart). From December 26th through January 15th the rate will be \$103.20.

For further information about the Golf Club or to reserve your tee times, call 602-955-9655 or visit [www.azbiltmoregolf.com](http://www.azbiltmoregolf.com) or [www.theadoberestaurant.com](http://www.theadoberestaurant.com). ■

### Ritz-Carlton

Special discount rate for ABEVA members! The Ritz will take an additional 20% off their \$199 rate, making the rate \$159! The rate will apply from December 16th through the 31st and will include the \$27 daily valet parking fee. To make reservations, contact Randy Ichiuji at the hotel by calling 602-468-0110 or central reservations at 1-800-542-8680. Central reservations may be reached 24 hours a day, seven days a week. ■



## ABEVA MEMBER DISCOUNTS FOR DECEMBER 2010

The following businesses and ABEVA partners have graciously offered to provide discounts to ABEVA members. **THERE IS NO ABEVA ISSUED CARD. TO SHOW YOU ARE A MEMBER OF ABEVA, BRING THIS SECTION OF THE BRIEF WITH YOU.** If you forget, you can try showing your resort or Wrigley Mansion card. To view menus, log onto the ABEVA website at [www.abeva.com](http://www.abeva.com) and click onto Hot Links.

### Restaurants

- **Baby Kay's** - 2119 E. Camelback, Town & Country Shopping Center - 10% - 602-955-0011.
- **Omaha Steak House** - 2630 E. Camelback (Embassy Suites) - 10% food only - not valid holidays - 602-553-8970. 
- **L'Amore Restaurant** - 32nd & Lincoln - 10% - (bring your business card and enter drawing to win free dinner) - 602-381-3159. 
- **City Market Deli** - Just mention this ad when you purchase any specialty sandwich/wrap combo or gourmet salad and receive a free homemade cookie of your choice or free drink upgrade!! - (602) 242-2300 • Fax (602) 242-2301 • Open for breakfast and lunch Monday through Friday 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. 
- **The Adobe Restaurant at the Golf Club** - Enjoy an all

new menu created by Chef Wade Moises as the membership welcomes ABEVA members with 10% off your bill in December - Just show your ABEVA Brief to receive the discount - Excludes alcohol beverages - [www.theadoberestaurant.com](http://www.theadoberestaurant.com).

### Partners & Businesses

- **European Detail** - Indian School Road & 20th Street - Save 10% on your car detailing just for being an ABEVA member. We pick up and deliver in the central corridor at no extra charge. Visit their website at [www.europeandetail.com](http://www.europeandetail.com) or call Perry Dodd at 602-956-6464.
- **UPS Store** - 3219 E. Camelback Road (next to Tomaso's) - 10% - 602-952-8830. 
- **Danny's Family Auto Wash** - The new 2010 - 2012 \$2.00 Discount Cards are in the office, however to make it easier for you they have also been distributed to the guard houses at your community. Stop by and pick one up. 

