

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.

From the ABEVA Office

The Board of Directors did not have a December meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for January 17th at 5:30 p.m. in the ABEVA office. ■

Annual Meeting & Election

The annual meeting of ABEVA members will be held February 7th, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. in the Grand Canyon room at the Arizona Biltmore Resort & Spa. The scheduled speakers are Jerry Colangelo, Partner in JDM, owners of the Adobe Golf Course, and Andrew Stegen, General Manager of the Arizona Biltmore Resort and Spa.

Seven homeowners submitted biographies for the five seats available on the board. Biographies and ballots will be mailed with the notice of the annual meeting to all homeowners of record prior to the end of the year.

The winning candidates running for the ABEVA Board of Directors will be announced at the annual meeting. The resort graciously provides us with delicious cookies and soft drinks each year. Please join us. We look forward to reporting achievements in our year of conducting the business of your HOA, to answering your questions, and to hearing your comments. ■

It's Another New Year....but for what reason?

Happy New Year! That greeting will be said and heard for at least the first couple of weeks as a new year gets underway. But the day celebrated as New Year's Day in modern America was not always January 1st.

The celebration of the New Year is the oldest of all holidays. It was first observed in ancient Babylon about 4,000 years ago. In the years around 2000 BC, the Babylonian New Year began with the first New Moon (actually the first visible crescent) after the Vernal Equinox (first day of spring).

The beginning of spring is a logical time to start a new year. After all, it is the season of rebirth, of planting new crops, and of blossoming. January 1st on the other hand has no astronomical or agricultural significance. It is purely arbitrary.

The Babylonian New Year celebration lasted for eleven days. Each day had its own particular mode of celebration, but it is safe to say that modern New Year's Eve festivities pale in comparison.

The Romans continued to observe the New Year in late March, but their calendar was continually tampered with by various emperors so that the calendar soon became out of sync with the sun. In order to set the calendar right, the Roman Senate, in 153 BC, declared January 1st to be the beginning of the new year. But tampering continued until Julius Cesar, in 46 BC, established what has come to be known as the Julian calendar. It again established January 1 as the New Year. However, in order to synchronize the calendar with the sun, Caesar had to let the previous year drag on for 445 days. ■

Did You Know

City of Phoenix Facts

- The average age in Phoenix is 34.
- The Valley of the Sun is the fifth youngest metro region in the country.
- The City of Phoenix is second only to Jacksonville, FL in land mass.
- According to the 2009 census estimate, Phoenix has 1,601,587 residents.
- The Phoenix metropolitan area is estimated to have 4,281,899 residents, making it the 12th largest MSA (metropolitan service area) in the country. ■

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. ■



Things Your Burglar Won't Tell You:

- Of course I look familiar. I was here just last week cleaning your carpets, painting your shutters or delivering your new refrigerator.
- Sometimes, I carry a clipboard. Sometimes, I dress like a lawn guy and carry a rake. I do my best to never, ever look like a crook. If you don't know me, don't let me in.
- Hey, thanks for letting me use the bathroom when I was working in your yard last week. While I was in there, I unlatched the back window to make my return a little easier.
- Love those flowers. That tells me you have taste... and taste means there are nice things inside. Those yard toys your kids leave out always make me wonder what type of gaming system they have.
- Yes, I really do look for newspapers piled up on the driveway, and I might leave a pizza flyer on your front door to see how long it takes you to remove it.
- If decorative glass is part of your front entrance, don't let your alarm company install the control pad where I can see if it's set. That makes it too easy.
- A good security company alarms the window over the sink and the windows on the second floor, which often access the master bedroom - and your jewelry. It's not a bad idea to put motion detectors up there too.
- I'm not complaining, but why would you pay all that money for a fancy alarm system and leave your house without setting it?
- It's raining. You're fumbling with your umbrella, and you forget to lock your door - understandable; but understand this, I don't take a day off because of bad weather.
- I always knock first. If you answer, I'll ask for directions somewhere or offer to clean your gutters. (Don't take me up on it.) Again, if you don't know me, don't let me in.
- Do you really think I won't look in your sock drawer? I always check dresser drawers, the bedside table, and the medicine cabinet.
- Here's a helpful hint: I almost never go into kids' rooms.
- You're right: I won't have enough time to break into that safe where you keep your valuables, but if it's not bolted down, I'll take it with me.
- A loud TV or radio can be a better deterrent than the best alarm system. If you're reluctant to leave your TV on while you're out of town, you can buy a device that works on a timer and simulates the flickering glow of a real television.
- The two things I hate most: loud dogs and nosy

neighbors.

- I'll break a window to get in, even if it makes a little noise. If your neighbor hears one loud sound, he'll stop what he's doing and wait to hear it again. If he doesn't hear it again, he'll just go back to what he was doing. It's human nature.
- I love looking in your windows. I'm looking for signs that you're home, and for flat screen TVs or gaming systems I'd like. I'll drive or walk through your neighborhood at night, before you close the blinds, just to pick my targets.
- Avoid announcing your vacation on your Facebook page. It's easier than you think to look up your address.
- To you, leaving that window open just a crack during the day is a way to let in a little fresh air. To me, it's an invitation.
- If you don't answer when I knock, I try the door. Occasionally, I hit the jackpot and walk right in.

Sources: Convicted burglars in North Carolina, Oregon, California, and Kentucky; security consultant Chris McGoey, who runs <http://www.crimedoctor.com/> and Richard T. Wright, a criminology professor at the University of Missouri-St. Louis, who interviewed 105 burglars ■

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 or guards 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.

Wanda Hutchins has been the first shift guard at Biltmore Shores since October of 2008. Prior to joining the Shores, she was a desk clerk and night auditor with Motel 6. Wanda's favorite part about her job is talking to the residents and meeting their dogs. Outside of work, Wanda enjoys reading mysteries, playing computer games, being with family and friends and spending time with her 17 month old grandson.



Penny Dunne has been the first shift guard at Biltmore Gates for two years. Prior to joining the Gates, she was with Federal Express in Corporate Security and has 29 years in security and law enforcement experience. Penny said she feels like she won the lottery by being assigned to the Gates, as residents often let her know how appreciated she is, which makes her smile. She grew up in San Diego, loves the water, and now enjoys going to the many great lakes in the Phoenix area. ■



Penny Dunne

MEETINGS & LUNCHEONS

Camelback East Village Planning Committee

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 4th at 6:00 p.m. at the Devonshire Senior Center, 2802 E. Devonshire (one block north of Indian School Road.) The December meeting was canceled. 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/PUBMEETC/indxhtml.html>. ■

Biltmore Area Partnership Luncheon



The January Biltmore Area Partnership luncheon will be on Tuesday, January 25th and will be held at a new partnership member, Seasons52, 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.

Seasons52 is located at 2502 East Camelback Road at Biltmore Fashion Park in Phoenix. Reservations are required by Friday, January 21st. Networking will be from 11:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. when lunch will be served. The speaker will address the attendees from 12:30 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. The cost is \$25 for members and \$35 for non-members. Checks must be submitted with reservations 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 January 6th 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, ■

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Website Information

Sign on to visit the website by going to 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. ■



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. ■

NEWS FROM NEIGHBORS

Arizona Biltmore Golf Club

As a neighboring partner to ABEVA, the golf rate through January 15th will be \$103.20 and from January 16th through April 15th the rate is \$148. For further information about the golf club or to reserve your tee times, call 602-955-9655 or visit www.azbiltmoregc.com or www.theadoberestaurant.com. ■

Ritz-Carlton

Special discount rate for ABEVA! The 40-50% discounted rate for January 1st through April 21st is \$219! The rate will include the \$27 daily valet parking fee. For reservations, you may call either central reservations at 800-542-8680 (24/7) or call Randy Ichiuji at the hotel at 602-468-0110. ABEVA guests will have the option of upgrading to a Mountain View Room for an additional \$20, if available. ■

Danny's Family Auto Wash

*** NEW PROGRAM ***

As Danny's is celebrating 25 years in business, they are offering a special group program of 50% off basic washes and you will not need a card. To sign up for this very special program good through all of 2011.

1. Visit the website at www.Dannys25th.com
2. Complete the registration (click on Registration in the upper right corner) in full, input the ABEVA group number of 151062. (You must register each vehicle separately.)
3. Begin visiting Danny's seven days after your registration.

You do not need to show anything, as your group discount is linked to your license plate. Your discount will automatically be given at the checkout once your license plate is entered.

	Regular Price	ABEVA Price
Basic Wash	\$11.99	\$5.99
Works Wash	\$14.99	\$8.99
VIP Wash	\$17.99	\$11.99

*Large trucks and SUVs may still incur the additional \$1.00 or \$2.00 surcharge

Good at ANY Danny's Family Care Wash



ABEVA MEMBER DISCOUNTS FOR JANUARY 2011

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 and click onto Hot Links.

Restaurants

- NEW: Picazzo's Organic Italian Kitchen - (in the Esplanade shopping center) 2501 E. Camelback Rd, Ste 24. 602-955-5067. Blending pizza with art, Picazzo's utilizes a crust canvas to create award-winning, innovative, pizza masterpieces as well as pastas, sandwiches, salads, appetizers and a full bar. Mention this ad and receive 10% off any food purchase.
- 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 - In the Esplanade 2425 E. Camelback Road #103. 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.

- Baby Kay's - 2119 E. Camelback, Town & Country Shopping Center - 10% - 602-955-0011.

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 or call Perry Dodd at 602-956-6464.
- UPS Store - 3219 E. Camelback Road (next to Tomaso's) - 10% - 602-952-8830.

