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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 elected officers for the 2013-2014 year.

President – Jay Swart Vice President – George King Secretary – Marcia Finberg Treasurer – Judith Shafkind

The Board formed committees for the year:

Landscape Jay Swart Marcia Finberg Camille Ercolano

**Security** Camille Ercolano Jay Swart George King

Newsletter Marcia Finberg Judy Shafkind Legal Mark Monserez Jim Bell Harvey Shrednick

Hotel Liaison Mark Monserez Jay Swart Harvey Shrednick Judy Shafkind Camille Ercolano

#### **Employee Review**

Judy Shafkind John Chilcott Jay Swart Marcia Finberg

#### Finance

Judy Shafkind Mark Monserez Marcia Finberg

Homeowners are always welcome on ABEVA committees. Interested homeowners should call the ABEVA office to volunteer.

# Passing of Dr. Arnold Serbin

The Board notes with sadness the death of Dr. Arnold Serbin. Dr. Serbin was a long-time Biltmore resident and served on the ABEVA Board for many years.

Dr. Serbin was an expert on Valley Fever and was one of the first to perform flexible endoscopic bronchoscopies in Phoenix. He was on Life Member of the American College of Physicians, American College of Chest Physicians, the AMA, and multiple other societies and associations. People breathed easier if they had Dr. Serbin for a doctor. He was involved in training numerous current staff members at both St. Joseph and Good Sam Hospitals.

Dr. Serbin was also a professional saxophonist. When he attended the University of Arizona, he joined he Musicians' Union and started the Arnold Serbin Band to help pay for his education. He played throughout college and Pharmacy School up to his first year in Chicago Medical School.

Dr. Serbin is survived by his wife of 58 years, Barbara, his son Gary, his daughters Ellen and Deborah, his daughter-in-law, Lisa, and his son-in-law, Eric Swanson, his grandchildren; Daniel, Rebecca, Michael, Jacob, Joshua, Matthew, and Noah; and his great grandchildren; Yaakov and Nosson Tzvi.

# **ABEVA Board of Directors Meeting**

The next meeting of the Board of Directors is scheduled for March 18th, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. in the ABEVA office.



MESSAGE FROM JAY SWART, ABEVA PRESIDENT



I am proud to be elected president of our association. I want to take this moment to comment on the year ahead for ABEVA.

As we discussed at the Annual Meeting, Security has been a major focus for ABEVA in the past year. Our attention to this issue has paid off. There have break ins for almost a year

been no home break-ins for almost a year.

We celebrated our success by giving an award to Police Commander Glen Gardner for the police department's great effort in our success. Their diligence has kept us safe. They have also trained our residents. The result is the lowest crime rate in 30 years.

We pledge to continue our diligence and anticipate continued success in keeping homeowners safe.

I have personally met with many of the sub-associations. I hope to continue partnerships established with all of these homeowners so that I can lead the Board in responsiveness to homeowner needs.

I would like to take this moment to commend Board members for their work. Camille Ercolano, Marcia Finberg, Judith Shafkind, and I have spent a great deal of time managing the business of the association. We also thank George King and Mark Monserez for the extra time



and energy they have given us. In particular, George, a retired insurance executive, reviewed our liability insurance policy. Mark, our former president, presided over the change in administration. We are grateful to Harvey Shrednick for his thoughtfulness. We welcome back Jim Bell. Finally, we welcome John Chilcott to our Board.

I look forward to meeting as many of you as I can. Please contact me through the ABEVA office if you have any questions, comments, or concerns.

> Jay Swart ABEVA President

# SECURITY

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



IF YOU HAVE A SECURITY SYS-TEM AND DO NOT TURN IT ON,

THEN YOU DO NOT HAVE A SECURITY SYSTEM.

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

#### From Detective Aaron Stevens, 73 CAO

It's the time of year when we all think about new beginnings and fresh starts to our lifestyles, habits, and practices. We gather with family and friends to celebrate the holiday and exchange gifts to show our appreciation and admiration for each other.

What a perfect opportunity to start an inventory list of your newly acquired gifts and add your existing valuables while you're at it. The recovery of stolen property is next to impossible without some type of individual identification mark from the item in our system. The police property bureau is virtually overrun with items that have been impounded, but have no record of being stolen. As a department, we impound hundreds of articles every year, which we know may be stolen, but have no possible way to prove it. These articles come from stolen vehicles, arrests, found property calls, search warrants, etc.

For example; an individual, with a backpack, riding a bicy-

cle, is stopped for riding without a light after dark. A record check indicates this individual has an existing warrant for shoplifting (a misdemeanor) and they are arrested on that warrant. We now inventory the property found on the individual, including the bicycle and the contents of the backpack. Prior to impound, we will run the serial numbers found on these articles to ensure that they are not stolen. If they are indeed found as stolen property, we now have additional charges for possession of stolen property (a felony) or we at least now have an individual to interview concerning the stolen property in their possession. If an owner can be located, the property is returned. If no record is found of the items, the individual retains possession and it is returned to them upon their release.

There are several ways to capture identification on articles. Photographs of the articles, including serial numbers, are one of the best ways, as the images can be downloaded on several types of media and stored. However you decide to record your valuables, make sure to store the information in a safe place and make copies to keep at your place of employment or with trusted friends or family. Once you have developed your inventory list, make sure you have a system to update this list. Remember, this information is great for police follow up, and it gives you an inventory for insurance and other purposes.

None of us like to think of ourselves as possible victims, but preparation for disaster lessens the depth and shock of the aftermath. I hope this note finds you all happy and healthy!





# **MEETINGS AND LUNCHEONS**

# Biltmore Networking Group

Would you like to network among Biltmore area professionals and businesspeople? Do you enjoy socializing with others living or working in the Biltmore area? The Biltmore Networking Group has been going strong since the summer of 2003. Check out this unique group of professionals, businesspeople and residents and get a feel for what makes the Biltmore area such a great community.

This month's happy hour is planned for March 7th, 2013 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Omaha SteakHouse Garden Lounge inside the Embassy Suites Phoenix Biltmore, located at 2630 East Camelback Road in Phoenix. You can reach them by calling (602) 955-3992. There is no need to RSVP, and there is never a charge to attend these events, so please feel free to stop by.

If you have any questions or would like to be added to the email list for monthly announcements, please contact Shahpar Shahpar at biltmorenetwork@gmail.com.

### **Biltmore Area Partnership Luncheon**

The next Biltmore Area Partnership Networking luncheon will be on Tuesday, March 26th, 2013 at Phoenix City Grille. The guest speaker will be from the Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport, who will be talking about the new Phoenix Sky Train Station, and an update regarding what is new at the airport.

Phoenix City Grille is located at 5816 North 16th Street (southwest corner of 16th St. and Bethany Home Road). Reservations are required by Friday, March 22nd, 2013. Networking will be from 11:30 a.m. to 12 noon, when lunch will be served. The guests will address the attendees from 12:30 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. The cost is \$30. 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 Ladies Lunch Club

The Biltmore Ladies Lunch Club (BLLC) will meet at Frank and Albert's at 11:45 a.m. with La Rita Mason serving as the Coordinating Hostess. BYOM (Bring Your Own Money), order off the menu and come and enjoy lunch with ladies who live or work in the Biltmore area. You will receive notice of the actual day to meet for lunch via an e-mail from La Rita Mason.

If you want to be placed on the e-mail luncheon notification list, contact La Rita Mason at (602) 667-0002 or Irmason@arn.net.

# SPECIAL OFFERS AND EVENTS

## Adobe

There's a Lot to Love at Arizona Biltmore Golf Club this February. Don't miss out on all that March has to offer at Arizona Biltmore Golf Club and the Adobe. You'll love the carefully-crafted memberships and packages available in 2013.

- Welcome, Enterprise Junior Members. Arizona Biltmore Golf Club's Enterprise Junior Golf Membership is available to prospective members under the age of 40. Enterprise Junior Members have the same privileges and obligations as golf members, yet pay a reduced monthly membership fee of \$250. Interested in becoming an Enterprise Junior Member? Contact Erik at the Arizona Biltmore Golf Club at 602-955-9794.
- Golf Rates. The ABEVA golf rate is \$148 in March.
- Catering to You. The Adobe is proud to offer catering services for your enjoyment at home, the office or your next event. A traditional menu with a contemporary twist offers an array of choices that is sure to please your entire party.

For details, memberships or to book a golf tee time, visit www.azbiltmoregc.com.

## Wrigley Mansion Wine Dinner

There will be a special wine dinner on March 5th at 6:30 p.m. The price is \$55 per person plus tax and gratuity. For information, call 602-955-4079.





# ABEVA **Board of Directors**

Jay Swart, President George King, Vice President Judith Shafkind, Treasurer Marcia Finberg, Secretary Mark Monserez Camille Ercolano George King Harvey Shrednick John Chilcott James Bell

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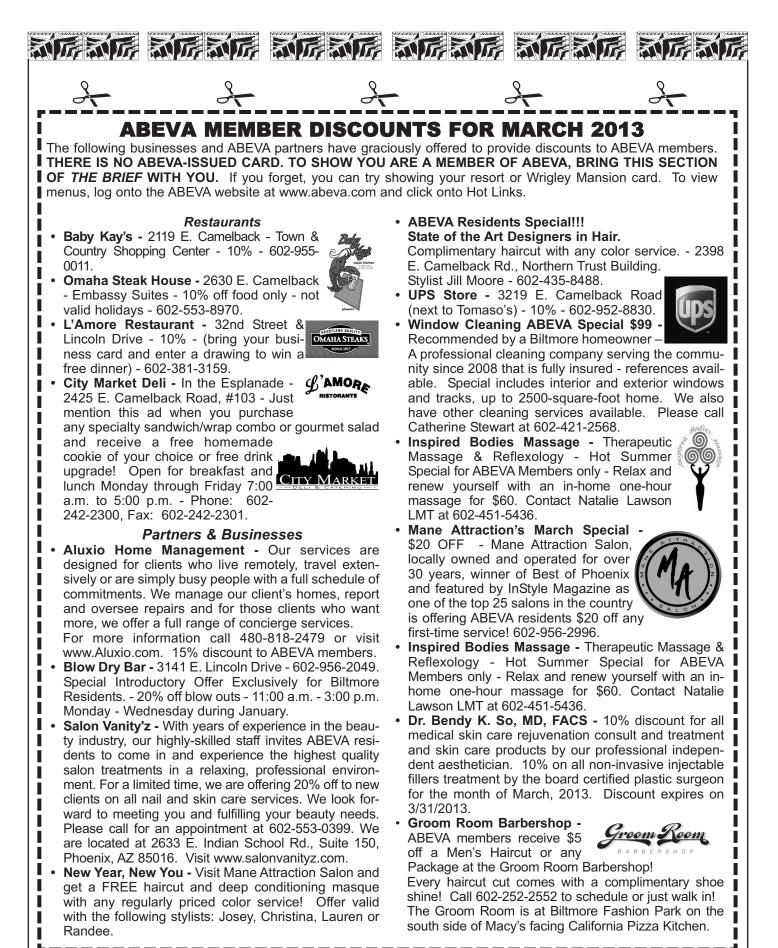
Roving Patrol: 602-369-4776

Police Dept. Non-Emergency: 602-262-6151

## **Resort Truck Parking on ABC** Hotline 602-954-2573

## 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.



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