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Community News + Information

FEBRUARY 2023

*Our next Community Meeting will be **March 11 @ 2pm!**
We hope to see you all there!



KEARNEY LODGE

A MOBILE HOME COMMUNITY



Neighbor Spotlight

Joleen Joy was born to Rushford and Irmira Kittle in Billings, Montana in 1941, the eldest of two girls and four boys. Joleen is the only one of her six siblings not born in California and she is the only one living here now.

The Kittle family moved to California when Joleen was about 20 months old. She lived in over a dozen places before graduation from Bishop Union High School; whisked away to San Diego the very next day. Joleen participated in many spelling bees, sang in church, and was an artist throughout her school years. In her four-year high school, she joined the geology and science clubs, participated in school government and wrote various pieces for the weekly high school newsletter. Joleen won ribbons for her artwork and sold some pieces during high school and in her early adult years.

At age 15, Joleen joined Civil Air Patrol (CAP), the volunteer Auxiliary of the U. S. Air Force, as a Cadet. She learned much about aviation: aerodynamics, aircraft propulsion and mechanics, survivor training, radio communications, first aid and many other skills. During her 16th summer, she learned to fly a plane — a Piper J3 Cub — a little yellow "puddle-jumper." She was declined admission to the Air Force at age 18, due to a heretofore unknown congenital foot defect. As an adult (Senior Member), Joleen was the Public Information Officer (PIO) for the San Diego/Imperial County Group 3 and learned a lot during her time there, reporting to the local TV and radio stations, plus the two major newspapers at the time, the San Diego Union and the Evening Tribune.

Joleen transferred to a San Diego CAP squadron soon after arriving in San Diego. There she met William Wayne Gonser, a San Diego native who had joined CAP also as a Cadet. In 1961, they married. They had no children of their own, but they had many preschoolers in Sunday School classes, elementary-school children in VBS classes and since they stayed with Civil Air Patrol as Senior Members and worked with Cadets, they had teenagers too. Joleen accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as her Savior in May 1962.

Joleen and Bill attended San Diego Evening College (Mesa and City campuses) for several years. They each were in CAP for over 30 years, which they left to help start a church in Serra Mesa (the first few church meetings were in their large backyard). Bill was employed in the electronics industry and Joleen worked at many different companies, usually in a position that was categorized as "Administration." She worked as secretary at three different churches for over 20 years. She taught Preschool Sunday School classes and sang in the choirs from 1975 through 2010. She also lead one of the church women's' groups and was the director/teacher in their English as a Second Language (ESL) classes. Bill passed in 1993, after 32 years of marriage.

Joleen moved into Kearney Lodge in April 1994. Soon after, she was helping the editor of the newsletter and a couple years later, their roles were reversed. Joleen was the editor of The Connector for over 25 years. When she moved here, Joleen brought with her two cats. In a few years, after she attained steady work, she opted to have a cat or two, rather than a dog or two, because she worked most of the years she has lived here. During her participation in the KLCC, Joleen has been secretary and president, each for a few years. Joleen's hobbies include crocheting, reading, potted-plant gardening, flower photography, online research, Bible study and walking—depending on the weather.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my friendship with Joleen Gonser for over 10 years now. She is a strong, independent and thoughtful woman. I am grateful for her advice, directness and encouragement when I've needed it most. I am proud to say she is one of my closest friends. Thank you, Joleen, for your friendliness, community connectedness and willingness to always help others!

Respectfully submitted by Amber Jolene Bennett



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15 Fun Facts About Valentine's Day

1. In the 1300s, Valentine's Day officially became a holiday associated with love.
2. The first valentine was sent in the 15th century.
3. The tradition of giving Valentine's Day flowers dates back to the 17th century.
4. Nearly 250 million roses are grown in preparation for Valentine's Day each year.
5. The color of flower given on Valentine's Day holds meaning: While a red rose has traditionally symbolized love, other colors like deep pink, purple or white — symbolize happiness, royalty and sympathy, respectively - are given on the holiday too.
6. Today, Americans spend a lot on love: Americans spent over \$20 billion on Valentine's Day gifts in 2019 and were expected to spend a record-breaking \$27.4 billion for 2020 — including \$2.4 billion on candy alone! People also expected to spend an average of \$196 on Valentine's Day.
7. Americans send 145 million Valentine's Day cards each year.
8. Americans also spend millions of dollars on gifts for their **pets!** Around 27.6 million American households gave Valentine's Day presents to their dogs in 2020 and more than 17.1 million picked up gifts for their cats. All in all, American households spent an estimated \$751.3 million on their pets on Valentine's Day.
9. The Valentine's Day gift that people spend the most on is jewelry: A whopping \$5.8 billion was spend on jewelry in 2020.
10. The first heart-shaped box of chocolates was introduced in 1861.
11. Conversation hearts got their start as medical lozenges.
12. More than 8 billion conversation hearts are manufactured each year.
13. Nearly 6 million couples get engaged on Valentine's Day.
14. Galentine's Day has risen in popularity: The holiday, which is celebrated on February 13th, was introduced by Amy Poehler's *Parks and Recreation* character Leslie Knope in 2010. According to Knope, Galentine's Day is all about "Ladies celebrating ladies. It's like Lilith Fair, minus the angst. Plus, frittatas."
15. Four states have a city named Valentine: Arizona, Nebraska, Texas and Virginia.



What do YOU want to see in The Connector?
Let us know! Drop your ideas in the suggestion box by the office.

SAN DIEGO EVENTS IN FEBRUARY



Galleries & Museums | Neighborhood: Citywide
MUSEUM MONTH: 28 DAYS OF MUSEUM MOMENTS
Feb 1 - Feb 28, 2023 | Museum Admission Prices Vary

Events | Neighborhood: Gaslamp Quarter | 619.944.8900
2023 GASLAMP MARDI GRAS & SAN DIEGO FAT TUESDAY!
Feb 17, 2023 | Pre-Sale Tickets Start at \$30
Additional events February 18 & 21

History & Heritage | Neighborhood: La Jolla | 888.362.1348
33RD SAN DIEGO INTERNATIONAL JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL
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History & Heritage | Neighborhood: La Jolla
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Geisel Library | 9500 Gilman Drive San Diego, CA 92093
Feb 19, 2023, Noon - 4pm | FREE

Events | Neighborhood: Ocean Beach
OCEAN BEACH KIDS DAY OUT
Ocean Beach Recreation Center
Feb 18, 2023, 10am - 3pm | Starting at \$15

Events | Neighborhood: La Jolla | 858.534.3474
OCEANS AT NIGHT
Birch Aquarium at Scripps
Feb 23, 2023 | \$25 (MEMBER), \$30 (NON-MEMBER)

Events | Neighborhood: Rolando
SAN DIEGO FAMILY FUN FEST
The Salvation Army Kroc Center
Feb 26, 2023, 10am - 1pm | Tickets FREE from eventbrite

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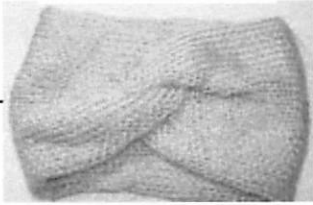
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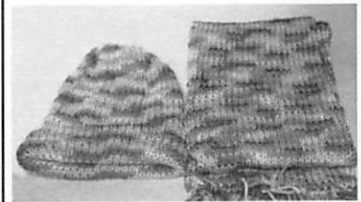
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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Once a Month: Newsletter Delivery

We have some awesome volunteers here at Kearney Lodge that monthly, collect their bags and deliver newsletters to every home in our community. Most of them have taken on additional routes as people have moved or become unable to help. If you would be interested in adding some drops to your daily walks, we would so appreciate it!



Email: arin.KLCC@gmail.com and we will get you set up with one of our fancy new bags and a short delivery route! Thanks so much to all of our current and future volunteers, we couldn't do it without **you!**

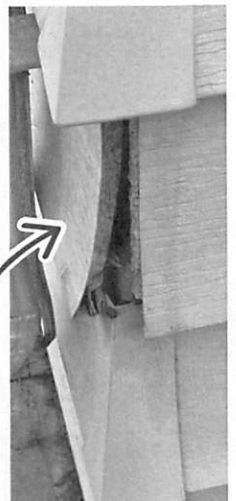
Hi Neighbors!

One of our fellow residents is in need of assistance with a repair. They are trying to find a corner piece to cover this exposed corner on the side of their home. They have reached out to Manufactured Home suppliers and haven't had much luck due to the age of the home. The hope is a neighbor may have an extra piece or a different solution.

If anyone has something like this they could spare or sell, the family is happy to pay for the part.

Thank you all for reading, we would like to do what we can as a community to help each other. Any suggestions, ideas or info is appreciated!

To assist, please call Farah:
858.518.1818





Kearney Lodge Neighborhood Watch meets the first Thursday of the month at 6pm in the front clubhouse.

As residents we need to take responsibility for keeping our community safe. That means we should all attend these meetings. We discuss what is happening in our community, events and how we can improve our program.

At this time, we have openings for Block Captains. Please come to the meeting and talk to our chairman, Bob Muse to find out where the openings are and the duties of Block Captains. The meetings last between 30 minutes and an hour. They are fun and a great way to meet other residents and continue to keep our community safe.

KLCC TRANSPORTATION HELP The KLCC also needs volunteer drivers to provide occasional transportation to appointments and shopping for residents who don't drive. Please call 858.27.6088 if you would like to volunteer.

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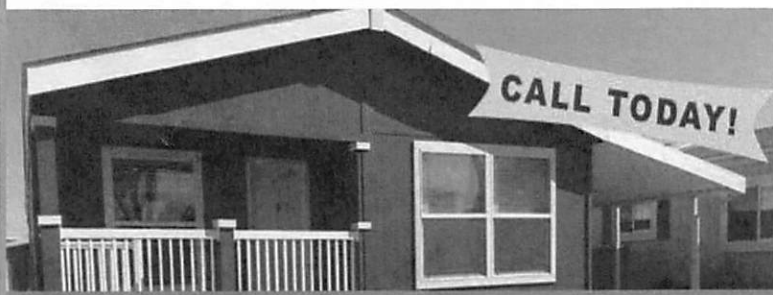
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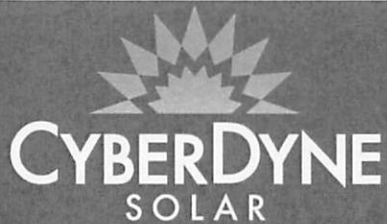
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			1	2 GROUNDHOG DAY NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MTG 6PM	3	4 WORLD CANCER DAY
5	6 PAINTERS 6PM	7	8	9	10 International Day of Women and Girls in Science	
12 Abraham Lincoln's Birthday	13 Valentine's DAY PAINTERS 6PM	14 Happy Valentine's Day	15 Susan B. Anthony's Birthday	16	17 Random Acts of Kindness Day	18
19	20 PRESIDENT'S DAY PAINTERS 6PM	21 MARDI GRAS FAT TUESDAY	22	23	24	25
26	27 PAINTERS 6PM	28	SAN DIEGO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT: NO SCHOOL Friday, February 17th + Monday, February 20th in observance of President's Day Weekend			

Next Leap Day is 2024 – February will have 29 days! ⚡

COMMUNITY UPDATES

KLCC worked with Management and we will be getting a **NEW MAP** out front!
Keep an eye out for this and other updates/improvements to our community :)

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EDITS + REDACTIONS FROM THE JANUARY NEWSLETTER

- 25 year veteran Newsletter Editor's last name was misspelled: Correction, Joleen **Gonser**
- Incorrect information was shared regarding the re-opening of the **Clairemont Friendship Senior Center**, it remains closed and we apologize for the misdirection.
- NEIGHBORS (3 DOWN) was misspelled in the January crossword puzzle : (