

# FOREST LAKES

## FLOA Community Newsletter



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### President's Message

*by Karen Foncannon, FLOA President*

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Where did the last year go and how did it get by us so quickly? Time just seems to go by so much faster as I get older. I'm sure most of you feel the same way.

So far, winter in Forest Lakes has been fairly mild compared to last year when we received 17' of snow. January was almost spring-like but February reminded us that Mother Nature was not done with winter in Forest Lakes as she delivered several days of very cold temperatures with sub-zero lows and some much needed snow.

Now on to the business at hand. FLOA's first board meeting will be held on Saturday, April 16 at 3:00pm. Just a reminder to all of you who have off-road vehicles – make sure they are up-to-date with MVD registration and OHV decals. Arizona Game and Fish is cracking down on violators with hefty fines. You will want to get this done before returning to Forest Lakes in the spring or summer.

By now you should have received your FLOA membership renewal, together with a form for emergency contact information. Please complete the contact information form and return it as soon as possible. Also, let us know if your phone number has changed so the correct one will be reflected in the 2011 phone book.

As reported in the fall newsletter, the FLOA Board voted not to continue with the July Fourth weekend picnic due to the lack of volunteers. We will, however, plan another event on a smaller scale in its place. If you have any suggestions, please give us a call or come to the April meeting with your ideas. Our phone numbers are on our web site at [www.floa.org](http://www.floa.org).

Once again, I would like to thank those who have given up so much of their time to help with all the events and community boards in Forest Lakes. I hope to see all of you soon.

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will be held on  
Saturday, April 16"**

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## Forest Lakes Trophy Hunt – Bob Foncannon

By Chief Dave Rodriguez

**B**ob was born in St. Francis, Kansas and moved to Prairie Village, a suburb of Kansas City at the age of five. Bob graduated from high school in 1971, and attended Kansas State University. He graduated in 1975 with a B.S., and then again in 1977 with a Masters Degree in Electrical Engineering. He was Editor of the University's Electrical Engineering Newspaper.

Bob moved to Tempe, Arizona in 1977 to work for Motorola and retired from there after 31 years.

When Bob would be outside doing one of his favorite hobbies, tinkering and fixing things, a dog from the condo complex behind him would come hang out; he got to know the dog and became good friends with its owner. This was in 1980.

One day, Bob noticed some tools were missing. He soon realized that something would disappear whenever the neighbor's dog was around. He started to watch the dog carefully and discovered that the dog was taking the tools and burying them in his neighbor's yard. Bob and the neighbor's friendship grew as they would spend time together searching the yard for buried tools. It was later discovered that Bob would sometimes bury some tools himself, just to spend time with his neighbor, Karen.

I guess this kleptomaniac dog knew what he was doing when he helped to introduce these two. Bob and Karen started to date about six months later and were married in 1981. They are planning a trip to Scotland and England in September to celebrate their 30<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.



Bob's work history is impressive. He was an instrumental member of a project design team that developed a number of Iridium Satellites for the U.S. Government/Military [over 70 that are currently in space]. One of the satellites he helped design is hanging in the Smithsonian Institute with his signature on it. Another satellite with his signature on it did not fare so well. Remember a few years ago when we received word that a Russian satellite had collided with an American satellite? Well, that was one of Bob's; I can only imagine the discussions and stories surrounding the circumstances. Ooops!

Bob currently works for General Dynamics and is Director and Program Manager for the MUOS program which is a world-wide communications network for the military. Bob's responsibilities involve meeting with Admirals and Generals in the Pentagon and managing large, complex projects that relate to our military's ability to effectively communicate regardless of their location. If I tell you anymore, well, you know the consequences...

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Bob's hobbies are messing around with anything electronic, riding his dirt bike, playing computer games, and watching science fiction movies. He also enjoys hiking and skiing. Bob is also quite the prankster. I have been told that he once found a large dead carp at the ASU Research Park in south Tempe and placed it in the back of a friend's truck. Poor guy... I wonder if he ever found out it was Bob who did that? If he does not know, I will make sure I tell him due to the fact he is my neighbor today. Small world Bob!

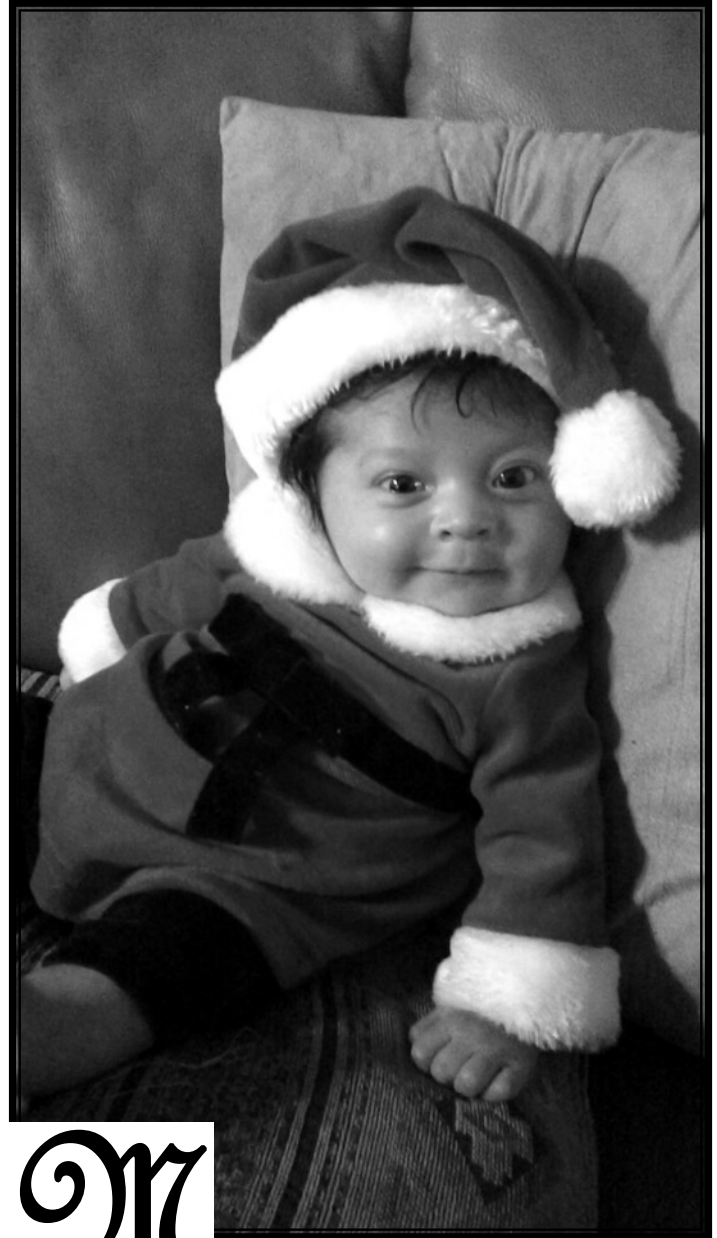
Bob and Karen have two children: Christopher 27, a recent newlywed [congrats] who works in construction management and Shea, 24. Shea recently joined the Army will be deployed to South Korea in May. Thank you Shea for committing to protect our country and the freedoms we experience today!

Bob served on the Forest Lakes Fire District Board for four years and held the positions of Clerk and Chairman. During his time on the Board and under his leadership, the Fire District adopted a new service strategy. A professional workforce was hired to work along side the paid-on-call responders. Bob understood that the change may not be popular with some community members, but worked to try to help everyone gain an understanding that decisions were based on what is best for the Fire District that he served.

Thank you, Bob!



## Welcome, Maddison



**M**addison Nicole Allen, our newest Forest Lakes resident, was born November 16, 2010 to Jenn Allen, weighing in at 7 lbs, 6 oz, 19-1/2" long. Proud Grandparents are Roxie and Jay Allen of Forest Lakes



## Betty Jean Schroder,

79, was born October 16, 1931 to James Leon and Ester (Dille) Gilbert.

Betty was an Arizona native, she attended Glendale High School and met Willard. They married October 20, 1950. They celebrated sixty years together this past fall with several close friends and family.

Betty worked for Calpco, Beam Corporation, and retired from Arizona Machinery. Betty and Willard became Forest Lakes residents in 1978 and spent their springs and summers at their home in Forest Lakes, AZ tending their garden of

Tall Bearded Iris. Betty always had time to talk with anyone who stopped by to admire her wonderful flowers. She also loved getting together with the Forest Lakes gals to play Bunco. They spent their falls and winters on their cotton farm in Palo Verde, AZ.

Betty passed away peacefully, surrounded by her loving family, on February 2, 2011. She is survived by her loving husband Willard of 60 years; four Sons Chad, Michael, Scott (Barbie) and Kevin; one Daughter Lyn DeHaven (Bill); Twelve Grandchildren; and twenty Great Grandchildren. two sisters Mary Sorensen and Leah Fugit (Carter). She will also be terribly missed by her furry friend Lily.

Visitation was held at the Buckeye Funeral Home, 104 East Baseline Rd, Buckeye, AZ 85326 on Monday, February 7, 2011. Services were held Tuesday, February 8, 2011 at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, 10 N Apache Rd., Buckeye, AZ. Burial was held at the National Memorial Cemetery of AZ, 23029 N Cave Creek Rd. In lieu of flowers please make donations to Our Saviour's Lutheran Church P.O. Box 781 Buckeye, AZ 85326.

The family has faced an irreplaceable loss with the absence of their loving Wife, Mother, and Grandmother; yet the memories she created with us will be with us until the day we can join her in Heaven. Please leave your condolences at [legacy.com](http://legacy.com)



## Fire Department

by Chief David Rodriguez

I hope all of you had a wonderful holiday season. Snowstorm 2010 was quite the event and its hard to believe it was one year ago! Is it me or is time flying by faster as I age?

We have been busy preparing the budget for next fiscal year. The Fire Board has implemented a three-step process that begins with the Chief and Office staff compiling data and future needs related to department activities centered on our Strategic Plan. We will work with our Budget and Finance Team to determine areas that are viable for increases and affordability. We will also make sure that we are in compliance with County and State regulations related to Fire Districts and confirm that we as a team use good, sound budgeting practices. Once we complete this portion of the budget process, the Budget and Finance Team will present the 2011-12 budget to the Fire Board for approval. Our goal is to maintain current service levels, reinforce training and standards for resident department member's and put away money for future needs.

The Building Committee is researching the design and layout of a station that will complement our current facility. We lack adequate training and office space, triage room for walk-in patients, a decontamination area to clean equipment after medical calls, a breathing apparatus work area that is separate from general work space so that tools and the work environment remain clean of any contaminants [diesel exhaust], crew quarters for on-duty staff, and bay space for three emergency response vehicles. Leaving emergency vehicles exposed to the elements reduces their service life, extends response times and leaves them vulnerable to the curious.

Last year, Coconino County deeded the station and property it sits on to the District. If you were not aware, the building and grounds were not owned by the Fire District limiting us from expanding to the south. With this acquisition, it is now possible to consider various options.

The team is getting estimates for a 10,000 square foot, four-bay building. Project and construction management fees will be determined by offsite costs associated with grading, drainage, parking, septic, three-phase power and anything that will impact the total cost of construction, including complete design. This square footage was selected so that all departmental needs are met utilizing the current 3300 square feet and the 800 square-foot apartment we rent.

Looking forward to the spring and as always, if you have any question or concerns, feel free to contact me anytime.

Regards, Chief Rodriguez



**A**fter Chief Rodriguez presents Tama Wilson with the Chili Cook-off First Place Award, she fesses up and reveals the "secret" recipe for her prize winning chili.

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# Forest Lakes Community Church

*By Chuck Warner*

The 2011 Forest Lakes Community Church season will begin on May 15th and will conclude with the September 20th service. We are looking forward to seeing our friends again and also to meeting and making many new ones this year!

Vacation Bible School will be held again at the library July 4-8. Once again Joyce Jennings has graciously accepted the task of coordinating this huge project. Please consider volunteering to help Joyce and make this the best VBS ever! Remember, many hands make light work.



**Tasha and Kyra Durrenberger**, granddaughters of JoAnn and Rex Earl, enjoy a winter day in Forest Lakes.

# Forest Lakes Events Planner



## MARCH 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

- 15 (Postponed to March 15th)  
School Board Regular Meeting  
Tuesday 5:00 pm at the Library
- 17 Water Board Regular Meeting  
Thursday 11:00 am
- 19 Fire Board Regular Meeting  
Saturday 10:00 am

## APRIL 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

- 12 School Board Regular Meeting  
Tuesday 5:00 pm at the Library
- 14 Water Board Regular Meeting  
Thursday 11:00 am
- 16 Auxiliary Board Regular Meeting  
Saturday 9:00 am
- 16 Fire Board Regular Meeting  
Saturday 10:00 am
- 16 FLOA Board Regular Meeting  
Saturday 3:00 pm at the Library

## MAY 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

- 10 School Board Regular Meeting  
Tuesday 5:00 pm at the Library
- 19 Water Board Regular Meeting  
Thursday 11:00 am
- 21 Auxiliary Board Regular Meeting  
Saturday 9:00 am
- 21 Fire Board Regular Meeting  
Saturday 10:00 am
- 21 FLOA Board Regular Meeting  
Saturday 3:00 pm at the Library
- 28 **Pancake Breakfast @ Fire Station**  
**Saturday 7:00 am – 10:30 am**
- 30 **Memorial Day**


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## Piecemakers Quilting Club

*By Jan Walls, President*

It was “Quilt Raffle” time again last November and we had a very surprised and pleased winner from right here in Forest Lakes—Beverly Williams. Congratulations, Bev...it’s always fun to award the quilt to one of our hometown residents! The winner of the pretty shawl was Klissa Rueschhoff who often visits Forest Lakes on business. Our 2011 raffle quilt is almost finished and will be on display at the Memorial Day Pancake Breakfast.

Winter events for the Piecemakers will include a valley shop hop on February 15 followed by a four-day retreat at Bear Cabin Inn March 10-13.

We are still meeting through the winter and are looking forward to full-time meetings as soon as the snow melts and everyone returns for the summer. Remember, everyone is welcome to join us. If you are a beginning quilter, we will help you... if you are an accomplished quilter, we hope to learn from you.

“If winter comes, can spring be far behind?” See you soon.



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