

Stop the Presses... Sound the Alarms... Alert the Grandchildren... Senior Village at SaddleBrooke is now on Facebook and Instagram!

By Linda Hampton, Executive Director

Yes, it's true — after years of phone calls, newsletters, bulletin boards, and word-of-mouth over coffee, we have officially entered this century of communication. You can now find us online, keeping up with the times one post at a time.

Follow us to:

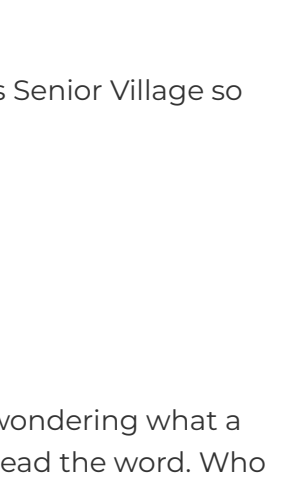
- See upcoming events and activities
- Learn about volunteer opportunities
- View photos from around SaddleBrooke
- Share in the fun and community spirit that makes Senior Village so special

Find us here:

- Facebook: [Senior Village at SaddleBrooke](#)
- Instagram: [@seniorvillagesb](#)

Whether you're a social media expert or someone still wondering what a "hashtag" is, we invite you to join us online and help spread the word. Who knows? TikTok may be next. (No promises.)

Thank you for being part of our wonderful community. We look forward to connecting with you — now both in person *and* online!



Celebrating the Patience and Kindness of Our Volunteers

By Mary Toth, Volunteer Coordinator

Every day, our volunteers show extraordinary patience, compassion, and grace as they support neighbors who are now in their nineties and beyond. It isn't always easy. Aging can bring challenges that slow the body, cloud the memory, or make once-simple tasks feel overwhelming.

When you find yourself needing just a little more patience, pause and imagine what it must feel like to no longer do the things that once came effortlessly. That moment of empathy is a gift — one that our volunteers give repeatedly. Your kindness helps our oldest neighbors feel seen, respected, and valued. It reminds them that they are still part of a community that cares deeply for them. And that is no small thing. It is the heart of what makes SaddleBrooke special.

Thank you for showing up with understanding, humor, and humanity. You make a difference every single day.

SENIOR VILLAGE PRESENTS A MUSIC MATINEE

SONORAN SISTERS



A Celebration of America Through the Songs of World War I

JUNE 12, 2026, 2 pm
DESERTVIEW PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

www.seniorvillage.org

CALLING ALL MUSICIANS!

If you know a talented musician (or are one yourself) who would be interested in volunteering their time and talents, please let us know!

We are scheduling monthly music matinees for the 2026 season.

Please contact JoAnn Wilbourn at music.matinnee@seniorvillage.org.

Events and Benefits June 2026

Senior Village provides activities for members and the general SaddleBrooke Community throughout the year. Confirming the date, location, and time of an event is easy; just click [this link](#) and scroll down to the Activities & Events section for details.

Music Matinee: The Sonoran Sisters

Friday, June 12 at 2 p.m., DesertView Performing Arts Center, FREE.

We will celebrate flag day and the 250th anniversary of America with a special program celebrating the songs of WWI. Sylvia Munsen will share a PowerPoint presentation including about 200 songs in her collection following the history of "the Great War." The program will feature The Sonoran Sisters, a trio styled after the Andrews Sisters.

Page Turner's Book Club at Senior Village Center in Catalina

Meeting on the third Thursday of each month. Open for new members. Interested? Contact Lynne Thompson at thomplynne@gmail.com. **Date:** June 18 from 1 to 3 p.m.

Friday Fun Day at Senior Village Center in Catalina

Meeting on the fourth Friday of each month from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. in the business office at 16460 N. Oracle Road in Catalina. Members who enjoy games, arts, crafts, and social connection are welcome. RSVP to events@seniorvillage.org. **Date:** June 26 from 1 to 3 p.m.

Calling All Creators: Your Art Can Make a Difference in 2027

By Mary Toth, Volunteer Coordinator, and Rose Craft, Creator

If you love painting things, woodworking, quilting, jewelry, pottery, photography, or any other creative craft—Senior Village would love to showcase your talent in our Spring 2027 Annual Fundraiser. It may feel far away, but our online auction will be here before we know it, and early 2027 is when we begin accepting donated items.

One of the most heartwarming trends we've seen over the years is that handmade, personal art consistently becomes one of the most popular — and most bid-on — categories in the entire auction. People love owning something that carries the heart, time, and imagination of a local creator. Your creativity doesn't just brighten someone's home; it directly supports the programs and services that help seniors in SaddleBrooke stay connected, supported, and independent.

Why Start Thinking Now?

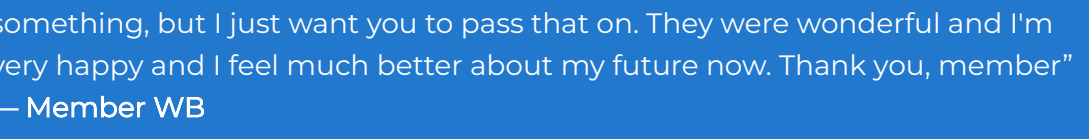
- Creative work takes time — and starting early means you can enjoy the process without pressure.
- Seasonal inspiration — spring themes, desert landscapes, nature motifs, and bright colors are always favorites.
- Bigger projects — If you've been dreaming of trying something new, this is the perfect reason to begin.
- Your art has impact — every donated piece becomes a meaningful contribution to Senior Village's mission.

What You Might Consider Creating

- Paintings, drawings, or mixed media pieces
- Handmade cards or stationery sets
- Quilts, fiber art, or textile crafts
- Pottery, ceramics, or sculpture
- Woodworking pieces or home décor
- Jewelry or wearable art
- Photography prints or photo sets
- Garden art or outdoor crafts

Let Your Creativity Bloom

As you plan your projects for the coming year, we hope you'll keep the 2027 fundraiser in mind. Together let's make the 2027 online auction our most vibrant and creative one yet. Questions? Contact Mary Toth, Volunteer Coordinator at marytoth@seniorvillage.org.



Welcome May 2026 New Volunteers

Welcome to our wonderful new May volunteers! Thank you for stepping up and making a difference. We are delighted to welcome you to our outstanding teams as you begin providing valuable services to members.

Left to right: **Hoang Nguyen**, Home Tech; **Leora Wagner**, Going My Way; **Peggy White** (returning volunteer), Fun With Friends; **Gloria Austin-Putman**, Membership; **Chris Wells**, Going My Way.

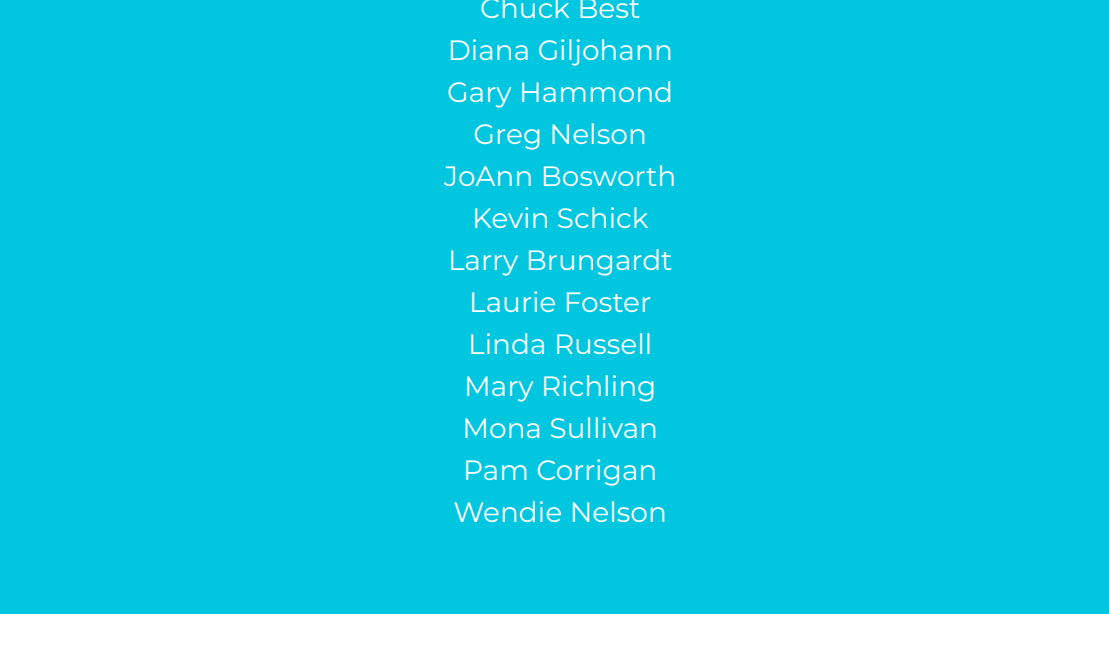


Photo by Mary Toth.

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"I originally became a member of Senior Village when my macular degeneration became more severe, and I was unable to safely drive myself to my eye doctor appointments at Retinal Associates for my eye injections. During the first few years, I mainly used Senior Village for rides to and from my eye doctor. That changed last year. Last March I was diagnosed with an aggressive form of prostate cancer. Luckily the cancer was contained in my prostate and was treatable with radiation and medication. I was scheduled for 39 sessions of radiation, five days a week, which ran from mid-August through early October. The Senior Village ride program was an incredible blessing, as they gave me rides to most of my radiation treatment sessions. The SV drivers were wonderful. They were always on time and waited for me while my radiation treatments took place.

"I want to especially thank all the drivers who drove me last year to my radiation treatments, including **Greg Nelson**, **Kathy Jensen**, **Sally Williams**, **Mary Richling**, **Dennis Lea**, **Ronald Lenz**, **Sue Jones**, **Kevin Schick**, **Silke Bender**, and **Sven Normmensen**. I also want to thank Sven, the ride program coordinator, for sending me a weekly list of my drivers for the upcoming week. It was a great way to coordinate with my drivers, and it gave me peace of mind to know that I had a ride for each radiation session that was coming up. I'm also very grateful to all the other drivers who took me to my eye doctor's appointments over the years, as well as other appointments. The Senior Village ride program is a truly fabulous service for SaddleBrooke residents. I am eternally grateful for the help that Senior Village has given me. Thank you all very much!" — **Member AE**

"Lovely visit from the Moving On Team with **Lori Polichnowski** and **Judy Cummings**. The book they left me regarding moving on was very informative, and it was nice that I had a chance to talk with them because they gave me a better outlook on my future. I'm always nervous about when I go to a hospital and that they might put me in a horrible nursing home. I had a bad experience with my husband once, and I never want to go through that myself. Their booklet was very nice, I mean very professional. Everything I needed. I can always call them, and they are just really, really nice, and they left me their numbers too. Mind you, I won't use it unless I really need to ask them something, but I just want you to pass that on. They were wonderful and I'm very happy and I feel much better about my future now. Thank you, member!" — **Member WB**

"Your man **Seth Rosenblum** came over to my house and fixed my TV problem. Thank you very much. And I want you to know that man is a genius. It's a very complicated problem, and I spent weeks working on it, and he fixed it in about 45 minutes. Genius, thank you." — **Member RG**

"**Bob Alvarez** was great in installing an outside patio shade. It was really a two-person job, and Bob working alone, went out of his way to help. He did a great job, and we are so happy with the shade. We really appreciated Bob." — **Members P & B**

Anniversary Milestones

Congratulations to these outstanding volunteers celebrating their 5-year and 10-year service anniversaries. Your dedication and generosity continue to make a meaningful difference for our members. Please watch for a notice from True Hire and respond promptly to complete your re-vetting process. Thank you for your highly valued service and the care you bring to our community.

Five Years:

Andrew Marino
Marcia Kovac

Ten Years (Pathfinders, our original volunteers):

Bonnie Barazani
Carol Levine
Chuck Best
Diana Giljohann
Gary Hammond
Greg Nelson
JoAnn Bosworth
Kevin Schick
Larry Brungardt
Laurie Foster
Linda Russell
Mary Richling
Mona Sullivan
Pam Corrigan
Wendie Nelson

Senior Village Mission, Vision, and Values

Mission — The mission of Senior Village at SaddleBrooke is to provide simple, non-medical services for members and to serve as a resource to the greater SaddleBrooke community.

Vision — The vision of Senior Village at SaddleBrooke is to be a volunteer-driven organization aspiring to create a better everyday life for the people of SaddleBrooke.

Values — The leadership of Senior Village at SaddleBrooke is guided by a steadfast commitment to **integrity, empathy, and confidentiality**. These core values form the foundation upon which all decisions are made.



Summer Volunteers Make All the Difference

As summer settles into SaddleBrooke, many of our wonderful volunteers head off to travel, visit family, or return to their summer homes. We wish them joy and safe journeys.

Even as our volunteer numbers dip, the needs of our members remain steady. Many residents stay in SaddleBrooke through the summer and continue to rely on the support, rides, check-ins, and kindness our volunteers provide.

That's why we extend a special and heartfelt thank-you to those who remain active during these warmer months. Your willingness to take extra calls, cover additional assignments, and step in wherever needed keeps our community strong. Your dedication truly shines.

To all who give their time — whether here or returning later — your service is deeply appreciated. Our community thrives because of you.

New Volunteer Orientations

If you would like to be on the Membership, Going My Way, or Home Tech teams, or you have a friend that is interested, please have them contact marytoth@seniorvillage.org for details.

New volunteer orientations are scheduled for the following Wednesdays:

June 10
July 8
August 12
September 16

New Summer Hours

Beginning on **Tuesday, May 26**, through **Tuesday, September 7**:

Our office will be open: Monday, Wednesday, Friday

Our office will be closed: Tuesday, Thursday

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"June reminds us that every season of life can bloom again—and you are proof of that."

