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President's Report

By Tammy Davis #21

Hello GA members,
The summer months provide an opportunity to complete on-going maintenance and upkeep with the common assets in our park and there are several projects we are addressing this season. We are replacing two sections of fencing due to tree roots damaging the existing fence, A-court walkway has been closed off, the front office side entrance to the bank has been extended to accommodate golf carts, the cement pad at the workshop was replaced, the streets have been milled and paved, sidewalk repairs have been identified and repaired. Our replacement street lighting project has been paused until the board members return in the fall.

As a reminder to members that rent their units, repeat renters must complete the paperwork each time they visit and be approved prior to their return.

As of this writing, we have 3 units for sale.

Have a great month!
Tammy Davis

From the Editor's Desk

By Chris Rainsforth

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Not much to report for the June printed copy. I am including pictures and articles that were received past the printed deadline. Hope all is well and our full timers were not too inconvenienced by all of the park road reconstruction in May.





Rec Committee Report May 2026

By Gina Douthit Unit 55 and Debbie Douthit Unit 60

Gina Douthit Unit 55 and Debbie Douthit Unit 60 form the Summer Rec Committee again this summer. We know throughout the summer many “year rounders” travel to visit family. The luncheons and craft events were enjoyed by those who were still in the park. Sometimes the luncheons were well attended and sometimes only just a couple of us. Regardless, it was good to get together. We welcome any ideas you may have and look forward to serving again this summer. Please share your email and phone number with the Summer Rec Ladies to ensure you don't miss out on summer Golden Acres Summer Events.

Recreation Committee 2026-2027 November 2026-April 2027

- Chairperson..... Maureen Shannon
- Vice-Chairperson Richard Barnes
- Treasurer Anne Knott
- Secretary Tina Sinclair
- Newsletter..... Chris Rainsforth
- Bingo (Sub Committee) Glenda Spafford
- Kitchen..... Deb Pollard

Recreation Committee 2026 May -October 2026

- Co-Chair..... Debbie Douthit
- Co-Chair..... Gina Douthit

Event Contacts 2026-2027 Winter Season

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- Bingo Committee Paula Bunevith, Kevin Rainsforth, Glenda Spafford
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Shuffleboard

By Rose West Unit

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Rookie of the Year award goes to Tina Sinclair as the most improved shuffler this season.

Rose is presenting Tina with her award.

Rose West presenting the trophy to Dave and Jim



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CanAm A Little History Lesson from a former Resident

By Nancy Baker

Originally, the CanAm celebration was begun by Canadians to thank Americans for their hospitality. At the beginning, all the skits were created by Canadians but the American residents, seeing how much fun we were having, asked to join in.

Unfortunately, CanAm was begun so long ago that the founders are now gone and present residents are unaware of their identity.

While Randy and I were in the park, we saw many changes in the ceremony. Bob Mickle (#29) did the photography- even DVDs as a record of events - and a calendar of the Golden Girls which we still keep.

Mary Ellen Hearn (#18) did everybody's make-up so it looked more professional. For a while, a dance instructor, Lynn Perron, planned and choreographed all the acts.

All in all, the Irvings, Marlene Scott, and I agree it was great fun and a real time commitment but, everyone loved it. We had great fun and it brings back wonderful memories on snowy nights now that we are unable to come south to the sunshine. Thanks for the memories!!

Paint and Sip

Photos submitted By Gina Douthit Unit 55





Tuesday Night Fun Euchre Group



*Event Coordinators Tammy and Jim Davis
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- Mark Johnson.....June 3
- Curtis ReevesJune 3
- Jeffrey Scharf.....June 3
- Mary Ellen HearnJune 4
- Marie Nieszewski.....June 4
- Gary CollinsJune 6
- Gary Masters.....June 6
- Theresa Quinn.....June 6
- Regina Perry.....June 7
- Cindy Hubbard.....June 8
- Lucy Nabb.....June 8
- Bonnie ColbyJune 12
- Robert Larson.....June 12
- Kathy Merriam.....June 12

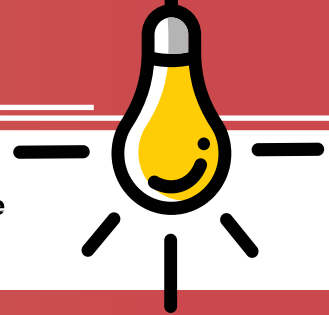
- Janet Rodman.....June 12
- Doug Templeton.....June 13
- Christine TreadwayJune 17
- Cynthia Garlick.....June 18
- Norm Sandford.....June 19
- Barbara EckertJune 21
- Tod Blanchard.....June 24
- Kathy CobbJune 25
- Chris Rainsforth.....June 25
- Marleen Baker.....June 26
- Angela Frantz.....June 26
- Marilyn McKay.....June 26
- Ray Lamoureux.....June 27
- Penelope Meka.....June 27
- Bea ReadJune 28

Golden Acres June Anniversaries

- Jim List & Robin JewellJune 1
- George & Norma Moore.....June 10
- Dan & Cynthis GuggiJune 16
- John & Phyllis CullenJune 17
- David & Kathy Merriam.....June 17
- Mark & Linda JohnsonJune 18
- Mike & Stephany Frederick.....June 20
- Terry & Krys WoodsJune 20
- Bob & Lynne MickleJune 21
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Flying in the face of disaster

In the 1980s and early '90s, Continental Airlines was a disaster. The organization had gone bankrupt twice and was on its way to a third (and final) catastrophe. It had gone through 10 presidents in 10 years, and employees mistrusted management.

Then in 1994 Gordon Bethune stepped in. Instead of running around willy-nilly trying to stamp out the various raging fires, Bethune took a step back to return to the basics. He identified Continental's key goals so that employees' efforts would be concentrated on them rather than diffused by the disaster of the moment. One of his areas of focus was creating a corporate culture. Without the commitment of the employees, the other goals would be impossible.

Drawing on the organization's history of excellence in service, he rallied the workforce. Bethune discovered that the employees weren't bad—they just worked in a dysfunctional organization. So they were quick to get behind his new leadership.

Senior management was a different story. Bethune knew he had to make wholesale changes, and that meant getting rid of the bureaucracy. In a couple of months, Bethune and his top executives replaced 50 of the company's 61 officers with 20 top-notch people.

The changes were dramatic. In one year's time, Continental went from being ranked the worst in customer satisfaction among major airlines to first.

The birth of 'excellence'

Tom Peters didn't exactly give birth to excellence, but he did establish the idea that companies can achieve excellence under the inspiration of a management guru—like himself.

It all began in the spring of 1978. John Larson of McKinsey's San Francisco office was set to give a presentation to a client. But his computer crashed and took with it his notes. He turned to another consultant, Tom Peters, to throw together a presentation that would satisfy the client.

Peters had just returned from traveling the world to compile research on best practices in business. Up until then, his research had been collecting dust after he had presented it to the McKinsey powers that be. With an opportunity to present his findings again, Peters gathered his data. In search of a sexy title to give his presentation, Peters came up with "Excellence." It was a hit.

Eventually, Peters edited the material into a manuscript. Continuing with the idea of excellence, he titled the book *The Secrets of Excellence*. But the title didn't fly with the McKinsey folks, who feared that clients would think the company was selling the secrets of client operations. In 1982, Peters and co-author Robert Waterman renamed it the more politically astute *In Search of Excellence*. And thus was excellence born.



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ACROSS

1. Bother
5. Start
10. Not us
14. Decorative case
15. Sporting venue
16. Part portrayed
17. Passing from place to place
19. Celtic language
20. Mesh
21. Metric unit of length
22. Beginning
23. Vibrating effect
25. Avoid
27. Hog's home
28. Cow milkers
31. Master of ceremonies
34. Not solids nor liquids
35. Anger
36. Nonclerical
37. Reveals
38. Make a sweater
39. 54 in Roman numerals
40. Satisfies
41. Chomps
42. Slandered
44. Encountered
45. Reluctant
46. In a constricted manner
50. Decree
52. Drama set to classical music
54. Hasten
55. Fluid escape
56. Warranties
58. Ruination
59. Utilizing
60. Desire
61. Formerly (archaic)
62. On edge
63. Stinging insects

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1. False move
2. Absolute
3. Hotel apartment
4. Transgression
5. Scarcely
6. Muse of poetry
7. Heredity unit
8. Becomes larger
9. No
10. Voguish
11. Wild bergamot
12. Otherwise
13. Encounter
18. Overact
22. Paddles
24. Milliseconds
26. Contends
28. Took a chance
29. One of the Great Lakes
30. Trawling equipment
31. L L L L
32. Cripple
33. Non-military people
34. Castle entrance
37. Thai currency
38. Friends and acquaintances
40. "Go away!"
41. Started
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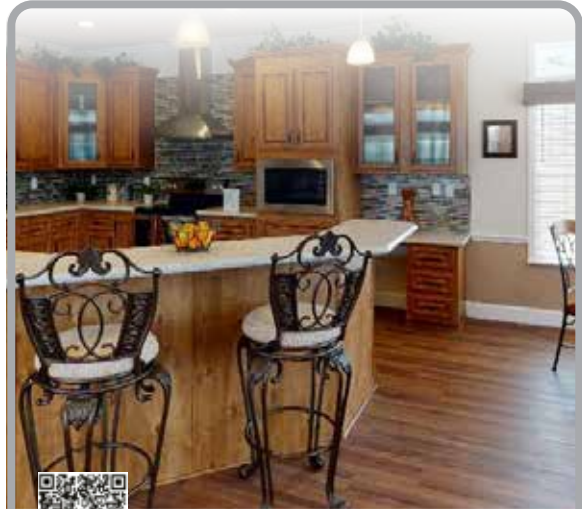
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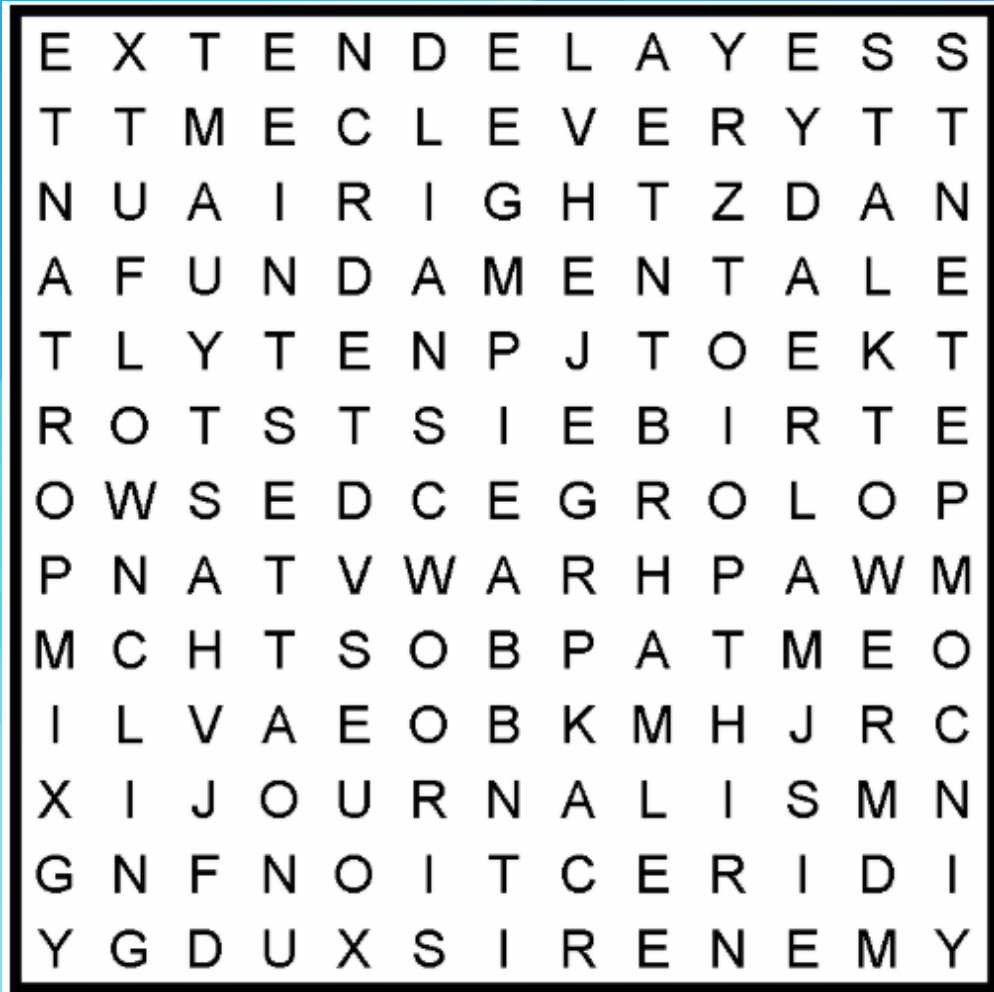


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Mix these ingredients for cultural creativity

Do you want to nurture a culture of creativity in your organization? Try to build in these essential ingredients:

- **Curiosity.** Ask people questions that challenge the conventional wisdom. Encourage them to stretch boundaries and take chances on new opportunities.
- **Emotion.** People who love what they do are better at generating new ideas about their work. Hire and support people who show a real enthusiasm for your organization and its mission.
- **Tolerance.** People won't suggest ideas if they're afraid of being punished for failure. Encourage risk taking by showing forgiveness when things don't work out, as long as people are giving their best efforts.
- **Direction.** A clear sense of what you want to achieve will help people focus their ideas. Have a concrete mission statement that tells everyone what you're trying to do, why it's important, and how it will benefit everyone.



What do the instructions say? Creativity expert

Yoram Solomon often conducts workshops that teach people to approach problems with an open mind. In one exercise (recounted on the Inc. magazine website), he asks participants to build a structure out of a sheet of paper. Some cut the paper into smaller pieces, although his instructions don't specifically say they can.

Once everyone is finished, Solomon asks, "Did the instructions allow you to cut the paper?" Most believe they've done something wrong. But one person usually pipes up with, "You didn't say we couldn't, either."

"To be creative," Solomon points out, "don't assume restrictions that don't really exist."

Quote

Imagination is the beginning of creation. You imagine what you desire, you will what you imagine, and at last, you create what you will.

—George Bernard Shaw

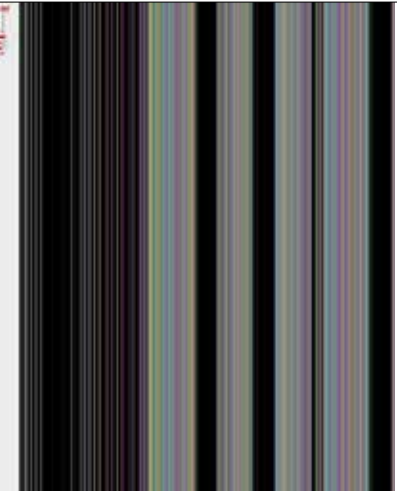
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Career advice for recent college grads

If you or someone you know is just starting out after college, you're probably aware that the road ahead can be challenging and difficult. These tips can help anyone segue into a long and successful career:

- **Decide on your own path.** You don't have to live up to other people's expectations, just your own. Choose a job and a career that can enjoy and where you can contribute something positive.

- **Do some informational interviewing.** Before settling down to a specific job (or while you're getting your footing in your first job), start exploring organizations and industries that interest you. Meet with managers there to find out about opportunities and expectations.

- **Seek greater responsibility.** Whatever job you start out in, show your commitment by asking for responsibility. Don't push too hard, especially before you've proven yourself, but show that you're ready and eager to go beyond your starting job description.

- **Keep learning.** You're not in college anymore, but your real education is just beginning. Focus on mastering new skills and learning as much as you can about your organization and industry so you're positioned to advance when the opportunity comes.

Quotes

Do not sit still; start moving now. In the beginning, you may not go in the direction you want, but as long as you are moving, you are creating alternatives and possibilities.
—Rodolfo Costa

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