## Social Directors Report General meeting, April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Good evening, everyone. My name is Denise Harper and I am your Social Director. The role requires I liaise with DC Admin on outside hall rentals, bookings, manage Rec Centre bookings for all events, in consultation with program coordinators set up and maintain the social calendar and just look for ways to help make this a fun and active community.

Since we last met at AGM we have enjoyed a lot of activities. In October there was the fall dance, a singalong evening with the DC Harmonies, a Cribbage Tournament and a wicked evening of Wine and Cheese and the Wicked Waffle food truck. We ended October with the Halloween Costume Dance. On November 11<sup>th</sup> we gathered at the Recreation Centre to honour our veterans and those who have served in conflicts around the world. The balance of 2022 was devoted to the fabulous Holiday Craft Market and Bake Sale in November followed with two nights of catered Christmas Dinners, Christmas caroling and a very exciting and classy New Years Eve Celebration where we danced to the music of Hat Trick.

After the busy season it was pleasant to start 2023 with Facebook Seminars, a Karaoke night and two presentations to help people overcome the challenges of an Alzheimer's diagnosis and with navigating the health system.

February events included the Valentines Dance with the Desert Cove Garage Band and the Cribbage Tournament.

Birdhouse Painting brought out many talented artists in the community. We gathered for fun and fellowship on March 17<sup>th</sup> to honour St. Patrick. A week later the entire community was treated to a very entertaining and lively play called Those Were the Days. We discovered Desert Cove is home to a number of talented performers. March wrapped up with a presentation by Kurtis Riese of his travels in South East Asia.

Finally, April. This month has been very full with Card Bingo, a second Birdhouse painting class, a Rope Bowl making class, a delicious Spaghetti Dinner and a Men's Wellness event. The Volunteer Recognition event gave your DCHA Board the opportunity to acknowledge and thank all the people in Desert Cove who help out with all the organized activities and are always ready to volunteer when help is needed. It was wonderful to be able to thank so many in person. Our final April event will be the spring dance on April 29<sup>th</sup>.

I look forward to a busy summer which will include the Pup Strut on June 24<sup>th</sup>, a Bocce Tournament on July 1<sup>st</sup>, the summer dance on July 22<sup>nd</sup> and the Show and Shine/Hot dog and corn roast on August 26<sup>th</sup>. The Desert Cove bus has new tires and a tune up so we are working on some wine tours, shopping trips or other outings. Watch for more information.

Thank you,

**Denise Harper** 

## **DCHA Social Director**