

A Message from Steve:

Over the Memorial Day Holiday weekend there were several opportunities around town to honor those who have fought to defend our freedoms. I had the good fortune to participate in two of those. The "Sand Jam" event hosted by Hotel Congress was a wonderful afternoon and evening of music and fellowship in recognition of our veterans of the desert wars. Kudos to David Slutes, Mike Brewer and Robert Levin for having invested of themselves in making this a successful event.

Around the corner at the Beowulf Alley Theater is an absolutely engaging play called "A piece of my heart." It's the story of the women who served in numerous capacities during Viet Nam. For me the play brought back the conflicted emotions of having lived through that era; a time when we were simultaneously walking the streets in protest and losing friends on the battlefield. You will be moved. The show continues through June 13th. Make a point to stop by and greet the theater's Managing Director Beth Dell and thank her for her hard work in making the theater a success. By the way - all of the actresses and actors who perform at Beowulf do so on a volunteer basis. They represent the best of our local talent and deserve our support. The theater is located at 11 S. 6th Ave. - show times are at 7:30, Thursday's through Saturday, and Sunday the 13th @ 1:30pm.

On another note, as the summer heat arrives I would like to remind everyone that our pets are particularly vulnerable to the temperatures. The Animal Cruelty Task Force is asking us to be mindful of our animals' safety in the coming months. In particular, State, County and City ordinances all prohibit the confinement of animals in vehicles when conditions exist that may threaten the animal's life or well-being. Don't lock your animals in your car while shopping. Also, tie-outs are illegal in Pima County, the City of Tucson and most surrounding communities. Animals left under these conditions are at extreme risk for illness or death. Roadside sales of animals are prohibited in both the County and in the City. If you own an animal, do not attempt to sell it on the roadside. If you witness any of these incidents taking place, call 911 for animal-related emergencies. They will dispatch the appropriate agencies. And remember The Humane Society of Southern Arizona offers additional useful services. They can be contacted on line at www.hssaz.org, or by phone @ 327.6088.

Finally, this past Thursday the management of El Con Mall announced plans to open a new Wal Mart Department Store in the old Macy's building. I will be hosting a meet and greet this coming Thursday, June 3 @ 5 p.m. at the ward office for all who would like to meet with both El Con and Wal Mart representatives to discuss this project. The ward office is located at 3202 E. 1st Street.

Make a Difference:

Freedom from Hunger food drive begins May 28

Don't let people go hungry in our community. Donate food or funds to Interfaith Community Services' second annual **Freedom from Hunger** food drive. The shelves of ICS's food bank get barer in the summer. Help them continue to supplement those monthly boxes with your food donations to ICS.

The Freedom from Hunger food drive runs from **May 28 to June 27**. Bring nonperishable food (cereal, rice, pasta, pasta sauce, canned meat, tuna and fruit) to:

- **Interfaith Community Services**, 2820 W. Ina Road.
- **Hughes Federal Credit Union** offices at 971 W. Wetmore Road, 3131 E. Speedway Blvd., 7970 N. Thornydale Road, 9052 S. Rita Road, 280 N. Pantano Road, 8701 S. Kolb Road or 951 E. Hermans Road.
- **Thrivent Financial for Lutherans** offices at 3430 E. Sunrise Drive or 7367 E. Tanque Verde.

Or pick up a specially labeled Freedom from Hunger grocery bag at one of these locations, take it home and return it full.

Join ICS for the **Freedom from Hunger celebration** on **June 27** from **3 to 5 p.m.** at **Christ Presbyterian Church, 6565 E. Broadway.**

Sincerely,



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