



FID NEWS

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Tidbits and chat about this n' that

HAPPY THANKSGIVING AND WELCOME BACK

As our winter residents make their way back to this glorious weather, let's give them a heartfelt welcome back. We also thank our year-round residents who stepped it up over the summer to keep our service levels high. We could not have done it without you.

With Thanksgiving only days away, it is fitting that we give thanks for all that the volunteers at Friends In Deed do for the community. We are busier than ever, impacting more people than ever and still wearing those wonderful smiles.

If you like this newsletter, pass it on to friends who may want to volunteer or make a donation to your terrific organization.



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What's New In Transportation?

We have some very exciting changes to announce. Starting November 1, 2012, we extended the dispatch office hours until 2:00pm. This will allow us to have two shifts: one from 8:30 to 11 and the other from 11 to 2:00. If you have thought about becoming a dispatcher in the past, but the hours were too long, now is your chance to take advantage of the new shifts. I'm sure our Transportation Manager,

Bonnie Terry, would love to hear from you.

As a result of a transportation survey we took among our drivers, we will be expanding our services. Our drivers have firsthand information regarding our clients' needs.

In Tucson we will now go to:

- Medical Appointments
- Government Offices, i.e., Social Security Office
- Financial Institutions
- Legal Services

WHAT'S NEW CONTINUED

We were overwhelmed by their willingness to fulfill the Green Valley community transport needs. Thank you Friends In Deed drivers! The many extra things you do for our clients will never be fully known by us. But we do know you are **amazing!** Therefore, after much discussion and planning, our new services will be as shown under the Tucson and Green Valley boxes with this article. More detail will be available in the office.

We will also be expanding the time frames to include early evenings and weekends.

NOTE: These services and time frames will pertain to the Wheelchair Van as well.

New Social Van Service

- Trader Joe's Every Tuesday
- Malls twice a month on Thursdays alternating between Park Place and Tucson Mall (every week until Christmas)

We will do special trips on Wednesday twice a month, including Reid Park Zoo, Tucson Botanical Gardens and San Xavier Mission to name a few.

Green Valley Transport Services

- Medical Appointments
- Government Offices, i.e., Social Security Office
- Financial Institutions
- Legal Services
- Community Services (Green Valley **Only**)
 - Grocery Shopping
 - Pharmacy
 - Church
 - Hair Dresser

HAPPENINGS

Aloha!

We had a wonderful Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon (Luau). Fun was had by all. Although by looking at this picture you can't tell who had the best time; Joe (The Big Kahuna) or Chuck (The Medium Sized Kahuna).

Donna Campbell, your new Volunteer Coordinator, brought the idea to us and then proceeded to make it a huge success. Thanks Donna!

Hula dancing was beautifully done by the Hula Sisters of Green Valley and a wonderful Hawaiian style plate lunch (two scoop rice plus kahlua

pork, etc.) was provided by Mama's Hawaiian Barbecue from Sahuarita. Fun and extra delicious.

Thanks to all Volunteers!!



FRIENDS IN DEED FRIDAY SOCIAL CLUB

Our Friends in Deed Fridays are going strong. Each Friday a new theme is presented. Here is what is happening for the next few months so tell your friends:

- 11/23/12** Day After Thanksgiving No formal program, snacks and social only
- 11/30/12** Birthday Celebration
- 12/07/12** Roxanne Butler, Carondelet Diabetic Care Center St. Joseph Hospital
- 12/14/12** Mary Jane Clabot, "SING ALONG"
- 12/21/12** Christmas Week No formal program, snacks and social only
- 12/28/12** Birthday Celebration
- 01/04/13** "The Beaders", Come enjoy seeing what these ladies do with beads.
- 01/11/13** "OLLI" The Osher Life Long Learning Institute. Classes will begin in January at Casa.
- 01/18/13** Eclipse Clinical Research. Looking at the safety and effectiveness of Medications.
- 01/25/13** Birthday Celebration. January Birthday celebrants will get their picture taken, everyone welcome!
- 02/01/13** Featuring Harold Urish's Rock and Mineral Collection.
- 02/08/13** Learn about the "Network of Caring" and the wonderful things they do.
- 02/15/13** Valentine Party. Bring your Sweetheart and join in on the celebration.
- 02/22/13** Birthday Celebration. February Birthday celebrants will get their picture taken, everyone welcome!



Lap Robe Labels

Our longtime (18 years) volunteer Marilyn Zeigner has decided to retire from Friends In Deed to spend more time with her husband. One of the many things Marilyn did for us was sewing on Friends In Deed labels for our lap robes and other things our knitters make for us to donate to various organizations in our community. We need a few volunteers to help us with this task. If you work at the front desk you can do it during your shift as time permits, or you can take a bag of items home and sew on labels at your leisure. Please let Lisa at X110 know if you would like to help us with this task.



La Posada at Continental Mall

If you are wondering what La Posada is doing in a store front at Continental Mall (next to CVS), wonder no more. The project is called **Community Connect** and will be an opportunity for people to learn more about area not-for-profits and service providers and how to access the help they need. Friends In Deed will be featured prominently in the storefront and will assist La Posada in getting the word out about us. If you would like to help there, let us know. They are planning on opening in early December and will offer free Posada Java coffee, treats and a chance for the public to learn more about Green Valley's community services.

Donations

As all of you know, Friends In Deed would not be able to exist without donations from our generous community. We want to make it as easy as possible for our clients to donate so we have pre-addressed envelopes and a smaller donation receipt for our drivers to carry and to have available on the front desks. Please keep in mind the importance of donations to Friends in Deed and if anyone asks, your answer should be "Donations are always welcome". We want to make sure Friends In Deed is in business for another 40 years +.

Blood Pressure Screening Nurses

Betsey Medearis is looking for a few more nurses to help with blood pressure screening on Tuesday's and Friday's. If you know any nurses who wants to exercise their skills, let them know about our clinics.

FIDDLE Phase II

We are making progress on the additions and changes to **FIDDLE**. Some of the changes already in place are a dialog box telling you the record has been successfully saved, a new field for Subdivision, Estimated Appointment time for dispatching and many more. Things still to come: a scheduling module and a map to go along with dispatch emails for our drivers. A new round of training will occur early next year for all Fiddlers. Exciting stuff for sure.

FIDDLE was made possible by several grants from the **Freeport McMoran Community Foundation**. The next time you see some friendly miners, give them all a big hug.

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Friends In Deed is located in the beautiful Santa Cruz River Valley approximately 30 miles south of Tucson, AZ. We provide a number of free services to the communities of Green Valley and Sahuarita, AZ. Founded by Jackie Wight and 17 friends in 1971, Friends In Deed is one of the oldest continuously operating nonprofit organizations in Green Valley. Over 200 volunteers provide a spectrum of completely free services including transportation to medical appointments, shopping and other activities, loans of durable medical equipment, use of meeting rooms, blood pressure clinics and more. To volunteer, see the information below. We are completely supported by contributions and donations from grateful friends. If you are interested in supporting us, see the information on donations below.

People Helping People

Feedback please

Please feel free to give us your feedback on anything we are doing here at Friends in Deed. You can contact Joe at prez@fid-gv.org or Lisa at opsdirector@fid-gv.org, or call any manager at 625.1150. You can also contact us through the website, www.fid-gv.org. You can find all kinds of information on our Member Only page including schedules, rosters and much, much more. The Members only username and password is fidvolunteers and fid1301 respectively.

Not a volunteer?

If you are not a volunteer already but would like to join Friends In Deed in one of our many volunteer opportunities, there are several ways to do so. You can go to our website at www.fid-gv.org, click on the Volunteer here button on the front page and follow the instructions to fill out our application. You can also get an application at our front desk during our normal business hours.

Donations

There are several easy ways to donate to Friends In Deed. You can donate online through our website by clicking [here](#) or by going to www.fid-gv.org and clicking on the Donate button on the home page. You can also donate by visiting our front desk and asking for a donation envelope that can be filed any time. If you would like to make a significant donation or legacy gift, please contact Joe Roth at 520.625.1150 x103 to discuss