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The Red Dragon Sushi Bar inside DragonRidge Country Club.

Credit: Ashley Powell

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# FROM THE DEVELOPER

Richard C. MacDonald

By the latter part of June, hopefully by the time you read this, our remodel of the north wing of the Main Clubhouse will be completed. The Dragon Grille remodel will take place during the balance of the summer months, and hopefully you will be enjoying it all by fall, along with the new Onyx Bar, Montrose Restaurant, Red Dragon Sushi Bar, The Palm Court, the newly remodeled Fitness Center, and Center Court Cafe, and the new DragonRidge Swimming Pool.

One of the things I wanted to discuss is how pleasant it is living in MacDonald Highlands. The Las Vegas area is not always noted for being exceptionally friendly, probably due to the transient nature of its residents, but MacDonald Highlands is an exception. Many residents here say we have the friendliest community in the valley. It's like living in a small town. People wave at each other as they walk their dogs, jog, cycle, drive by or just go out for a walk. If you are new to the community, take a walk and test this out. Eventually, you will meet people and make new friends. Socializing with friends and acquaintances in this community is a tonic for the soul, and it improves your quality of life.

On the real estate front, we have further subdivided some of our huge lots so now we have the last 30 plus lots available. Surprisingly, most of them have magnificent views. If you are thinking of buying, do not delay. When these are sold, the inventory will be all gone; we can't make more land!

Hopefully, by the time you read this the new entry to the Main Clubhouse will be completed and the power upgrade will be completed at the Stephanie gate. Our little community is beginning to fill up, and it is rewarding to share it with so many terrific people.

## ALL THE BEST!



Richard C. MacDonald



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# A MESSAGE FROM THE MANAGEMENT: HOA LETTER



Dori Sampson

Neighborhood Watch has become one of the most effective means of fighting crime in communities since it was organized by The National Sheriff's Association in 1972. It was designed to enlist the participation of citizens to help reduce crime, solve problems, and improve the quality of life in your area. The success of the program has established Neighborhood Watch as the nation's premier crime prevention and community mobilization program. Visible signs of the program are seen throughout America on street signs, window decals, community block parties and service projects.

The MacDonald Highlands Neighborhood Watch Group, with your help, has become the leading source of information about crime and activity in our community. Community residents are more likely to see suspicious activity, a situation or crime and report it, and are in the best position to (1) report code violations and unsafe street conditions, etc. that degrade the quality of life in the community and (2) provide a safe environment in the neighborhood.

The MDHWatch Group is and will remain a separate entity from the HOA and has garnered their support and enthusiasm in the past years before testing NextDoor. Our goal is to create a closed and confidential group again, enlisting the participation of all residents in a community-wide effort to reduce crime in MacDonald Highlands. By working together, we can help fight crime in the most effective way – before it begins.

The HOA will (1) support and provide a meeting place for Neighborhood Watch meetings, (2) hear any recommendations to better the safety of the community, and (3) improve community relations with Allied Security by monitoring their procedures and policies.

The Neighborhood Watch Group will (1) continue to inform residents about suspicious activity and crime in the neighborhood and (2) keep residents abreast of any safety measures that may help to deter crime and (3) make resources available to reduce crime and solve problems.

The residents will (1) report any suspicious activity, code violations, unsafe conditions, concerns or recommendations to Henderson PD and MDHWatch, and (2) stay informed. The suspicious person you see may be the same suspicious person another resident sees, and an incident may be averted. Documentation is also the key resource to support change of policy and procedures. Important: if it is not documented, it did not happen.

A program for residents, by residents. As always, if you have a new neighbor, invite them to join.

"Keeping our neighborhood secure one house at a time."

To join the Neighborhood Watch of MacDonald Highlands, email MDHWatch@gmail.com.

To report suspicious activity or person, call Valle Verde Gate at 702-614-9330 or Stephanie Gate at 702-434-4169. Call 311 for non-emergency or 911 for emergency services; police, medical, fire, etc. Once the proper authorities have been notified, residents are asked to send an email to MDHWatch@gmail.com so correspondence can be sent to MacDonald Highlands Neighborhood Watch members.





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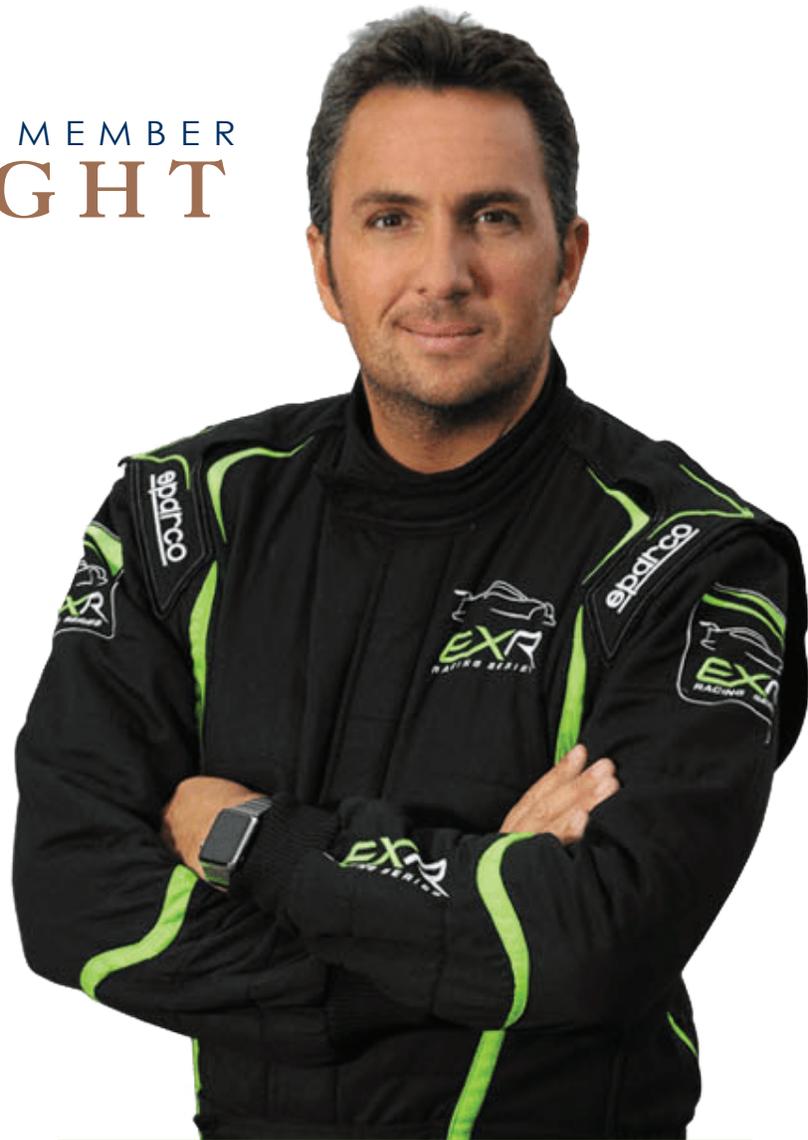
Living in MacDonald Highlands reminds me of my upbringing in a small village outside Paris, and that's what I love most about it. This community shares the same qualities that made my hometown special; safety, greenery, friendliness, and a strong sense of family. MacDonald Highlands is a safe, modern, and family-oriented place, located just moments away from the vibrant energy of Las Vegas and the International Airport. As a professional race car driver, I thrive on the balance between adrenaline and tranquility, which this community provides.

In my opinion, MacDonald Highlands is the ideal local community for raising a family, and whenever I have visitors, they are truly impressed by what they experience here. It's particularly significant for me to spend time playing golf with my father at DragonRidge Country Club when he visits from France twice a year. I became a member of this club as soon as I moved into the community many years ago, and it has been a fantastic experience. I enjoy playing pickleball with my wife, Doreen, and my 10-year-old son, Matis. The club offers excellent programs for children, and Matis particularly enjoys playing tennis with Coach Mike. It's great that he can take his bike to the club and have lunch with his friends—it provides him with independence and a sense of freedom. Safety is paramount to us, and knowing he has his phone with him while enjoying a delicious burger and fries in the Dragon Grille puts our minds at ease.

DragonRidge Country Club not only offers outstanding amenities but also organizes various events that bring the community together. One recent highlight was the DragonRidge Car Show, where my 1933 Alfa Romeo Formula 1 car won second place. It was a delight to have my dad in town to share in this enjoyable event. The club also arranges exciting activities such as flying Santa in a helicopter to meet the kids during Christmas. Fall Fest and the 4th of July celebrations are among our favorite outdoor events, fostering a strong sense of community spirit.

Living in such a remarkable community makes it difficult to leave its comforts. Thankfully, my career as a race car driver aligns with my passion, and it conveniently lies nearby. I am the primary owner of Speed Vegas, located off I-15 south of The M Casino. With a dedicated staff of 120 people working seven days a week, we offer exhilarating racing experiences to over 60,000 people annually. Speed Vegas allows both locals and visitors to unleash their love for speed by driving their favorite supercars like Ferraris and Porsches on a high-speed racetrack. Additionally, we provide go-karts that people thoroughly enjoy driving on the track, with special pricing available for locals. My ultimate goal is to share my racing passion with as many individuals as possible, and witnessing the smiles on people's faces as they leave Speed Vegas is truly gratifying.

Throughout my racing career, I have competed in various disciplines, from NASCAR to Formula racecars. I take pride in having won five major racing championships and being the first Frenchman to win a NASCAR race. Additionally,



## ROMAIN THIEVIN

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I had the exciting opportunity to work as a stunt driver in movies, serving as Matt Damon's driving double for the film *Bourne Identity*. It was an enjoyable experience, driving through the streets of Paris without limitations. In recognition of my stunt driving skills, I was honored to receive the World Stunt Award from Arnold Schwarzenegger.

Many people in town are eagerly anticipating the arrival of Formula 1 in Las Vegas in the coming months. Although I share their excitement, I have mixed feelings about the event. The anticipated traffic congestion during the two months leading up to the race and one month afterward,



Romain Thievin at the 2023 DragonRidge Car Show proudly displaying his 1933 Alfa Romeo Formula 1. Winning second place.



Romain Thievin driving a EXR Series.

as the necessary infrastructure is put in place and then removed, is a concern. The grandstands, lights, and street paving crews will all impact our traffic. The cost to attend Formula 1 in Las Vegas is high, putting it out of affordability for many locals. For my wife, son and I to attend with VIP seats, it would cost 50K. I'd rather spend my money on Golden Knights games. For locals who want to watch the Formula 1 action but don't want to pay the high ticket price, you are welcome to come to Speed Vegas where we are throwing a viewing party. For more information, go to our website SpeedVegas.com, and tell them Romain sent you.



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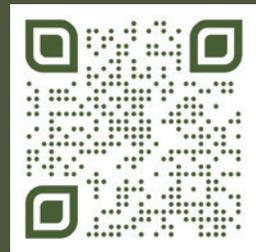
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## LOS VILLAGRA TANGO LESSONS

Los Villagra is a tango duo comprised of Helena Fernandez and Claudio Villagra. They have had quite the illustrious dance career, having toured extensively throughout the Americas, Europe, and Asia since 2014. They have become highly sought-after performers and teachers in international festivals and events, as well as esteemed judges in important competitions worldwide. Renowned for their elegance, precision, and musicality, they have also developed a unique method called "The Spiral Technique," which has garnered increasing recognition year after year. Their followers greatly admire and respect their amazing pedagogy, a result of their passion, dedication, and reverence for the traditions of Argentine Tango.

As Tango has evolved over the years, Los Villagra remain devoted to the Tango that initially captivated them—the Tango that emphasizes embrace, walk, musicality, feeling, and the traditional milonguero codes. Their commitment to this cherished dance form has garnered them a growing fanbase, who share their love and appreciation for its rich heritage.

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**WHO WILL BE THE LAST TEAM STANDING?**



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## LEE CANYON

Escape the Heat of Las Vegas and Embrace Summer at Lee Canyon. As the scorching summer sun bears down on Las Vegas, locals and visitors alike search for ways to escape the heat and find relief from the relentless temperatures. Luckily, just a short drive away from the bustling city, Lee Canyon offers a refreshing mountain retreat that promises cooler temperatures and a plethora of summer activities. We spoke to Jim Seely, Director of Marketing at Lee Canyon, to get the inside scoop on what the resort has in store for the upcoming summer season.

"The biggest benefit of visiting Lee Canyon in the summer is simply being able to escape the heat of Las Vegas," says Seely. "Temperatures at the resort are typically 25 to 30 degrees Fahrenheit cooler than the valley, providing a welcome respite for outdoor enthusiasts."

For those seeking a nature-filled adventure, the Bristlecone trail is a must-visit. Conveniently located next to the resort, the trail's upper trailhead starts right in the parking lot. This picturesque 6-mile loop offers breathtaking views of the surrounding mountains and allows hikers to immerse themselves in the beauty of the wilderness. However, for those who prefer a shorter stroll, Seely suggests exploring the resort's nature trail, which is just under a mile long and provides a scenic and accessible option for all ages.

Lee Canyon is also excited to kick off their Fridays "Youth Adventure Days" day camp, catered specifically to children aged 7 to 12. Running every Friday until August 4th, this program offers a wide range of engaging activities that allow kids to experience the great outdoors and make lasting memories in a safe and supervised environment.

The base area of Lee Canyon is abuzz with various attractions to cater to all interests. Visitors can try their hand at axe throwing, an exciting and skill-based activity that adds an

adventurous twist to their mountain experience. Additionally, the resort aims to open a youth archery range in the near future, offering yet another engaging activity for visitors of all ages to enjoy. When it comes to sustenance, Lee Canyon has visitors covered with their coffeehouse and cafe, open every day, and the bar area, open on Saturdays and Sundays, providing a place to relax and refuel after a day of exploration.

One of the highlights of the summer season at Lee Canyon is the chairlift-served downhill mountain biking, set to begin on June 16th. With the opening of intermediate and expert trails, thrill-seekers can indulge in adrenaline-pumping adventures against the backdrop of stunning mountain vistas. Adult bike-sized rentals will be available, ensuring that everyone can participate in this exhilarating activity. For beginners who want to get in on the action, the resort plans to open their beginner trail and lesson programs in early August, providing a safe and supportive environment for newcomers to mountain biking.

As the summer operating season gears up at Lee Canyon, excitement fills the air. The resort prides itself on being Las Vegas' backyard escape, offering a year-round retreat that allows visitors to immerse themselves in nature and enjoy a range of thrilling activities. Whether it's hiking along scenic trails, participating in youth adventure camps, trying axe throwing, or experiencing the thrill of mountain biking, Lee Canyon provides an ideal summer destination for those looking to beat the heat and create unforgettable memories.

So, as the temperatures soar in Las Vegas, why not plan a trip to Lee Canyon? Escape the sweltering city streets and embrace the refreshing mountain air, where adventure and relaxation await in equal measure. Your summer getaway is just a short drive away, waiting to be discovered at Lee Canyon.



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# MacDONALD HIGHLANDS REAL ESTATE REPORT

Kristen Routh-Silberman, MacDonald Highlands Master Listing Agent



The Las Vegas real estate market is one of the most dynamic and ever-changing markets in the United States. One factor contributing to this growth is the strong job market in Las Vegas. With major industries such as hospitality, gaming, entertainment and professional sports, Las Vegas has a strong job market that attracts many people to the city.

Another factor contributing to the growth of the Las Vegas housing market is that there is no state tax for individuals or corporations, as well as a lack of other forms of business-related taxes, which have aided economic and real-estate growth.

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2. Las Vegas is an internationally renowned major resort city.
3. Las Vegas is often known as "The Entertainment Capital of the World" – because of its broad scope of entertainment options including gambling, shopping, fine dining, entertainment, nightlife, shows, exhibits, museums, theme parks, pool parties, and now, professional sports!
4. Las Vegas has 68 beautiful parks.
5. Las Vegas is one of the country's leading vacation destinations, drawing far more tourists than the Grand Canyon or Yellowstone National Park.
6. Las Vegas is home to more than half of the 20 largest hotels in the world.
7. More than 41 million people visit Las Vegas each year.
8. Over 22,000 conventions are held in Las Vegas every year.
9. Las Vegas has been one of the fastest-growing major cities in the United States.
10. Las Vegas is in the top 10% nationally for real estate appreciation. Las Vegas real estate has appreciated by 244.86% over the last decade. It amounts to an average annual home appreciation rate of 13.18%.



## Median Sales Price

May 2023	May 2022	Percent YoY
\$1,507,500	\$1,300,000	+16%

## Average Price per SF

May 2023	May 2022	Percent YoY
\$429	\$414	+4%

## Properties Sold

May 2023	May 2022	Percent YoY
130	162	-20%

## Days on Market

May 2023	May 2022	Percent YoY
57	29	+97%

## LUXURY REAL ESTATE MARKET REPORT MAY 2023

There were 141 sales of \$1 million and higher in May and another 173 pending, a sign the luxury market is picking up after a lull in the second half of 2022 and beginning of 2023. The luxury home market went from eight months of inventory to 6.2 months and the days on the market went from 67 to 56.

The 141 luxury sales in May 2023 is the most since last June 2021 when there were 156. There were 178 sales in May 2022 so the luxury market hasn't fully recovered to its place a year ago. There were 154 sales in May 2021 and 74 in May 2019 prior to the pandemic.

The MacDonald Highlands sales team would love to show you some of the finest lots and views in Las Vegas! The real estate sales office is open Tues-Sun 10a-5p and always open by appointment.

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# DESTINATION

Paige MacDonald

# THE MAGIC OF PORTUGAL & SPAIN

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# THIS YEAR WE TOOK A MAGICAL TRIP TO PORTUGAL."

Lisbon

Every year I look forward to our family trip. The number of people always varies depending on school and work, but what stays the same is the incredible memories we make. The idea of coordinating 9 schedules from different cities may seem daunting to some. I've coordinated individual, family and corporate trips of 1-50+ people, so I was ready for the challenge.

This year we took a magical trip to Portugal. With our different schedules, I arranged our diverse flight itineraries. Six of us arrived 3 days early to explore the city of Lisbon. Our private airport/hotel transfer made traveling with an electric scooter and lots of luggage much easier. The private tours to the beach resort town of Cascais and the historic village of Sintra were highlighted by the Romanticist castle Pena Palace. We experienced the beauty of the historic Bairro Alto neighborhood, visited several wine cellars, and took the ferry to the town of Cacilhas for an incredible seafood dinner. We explored the neighborhoods of Alfama and Mouraria and sampled local cheeses, cured meats, codfish cakes, the famous "Pastel de Nata", and Port wine. Our final night in Lisbon was at a spectacular Fado Show followed by a scrumptious dinner at the BAHR restaurant in the Bairro Alto Hotel, voted the 4th best terrace view in the world. The Virtuoso amenities through A Destination Travel included free daily breakfast and \$100 food and beverage credit.

There are a few options to travel from Lisbon to Porto – flight, train or drive. We opted for a private transfer with some stops along the way to experience more of this beautiful country. Our first stop was in the small fishing village of Nazaré, which has one of the most popular big wave surf breaks on the planet. During the winter, colossal waves averaging 50 feet high are created because of the Nazaré Canyon, an underwater geomorphological phenomenon that allows the swell to form to perfect giant waves. During our visit, we were fortunate to catch EHF Beach Handball EURO 2023 in full swing. The next stop was the Shrine of Fatima, which draws pilgrims from all over the world. On festival days, up to 100,000 pilgrims come



The family together for one photo.

to Fátima. Some shuffle on their knees, traversing the mega-huge, park-lined esplanade. In 2017 on the 100th anniversary of the miracle, half a million pilgrims gathered here, including Pope Francis.

In Porto we stayed an additional night before and after our river cruise, giving everyone a buffer for any travel delays. Maison Albar Hotels Le Monumental Palace has amazing views of the famous Aliados Boulevard, along with Michelin-starred Restaurant Le Monument featuring Portuguese cuisine and the delicious Kakuza by Oliver Japanese restaurant. Shopping was a must as we discovered traditional markets, modern malls, tile shops and delicious VINO Verde wine in several areas including Rua de Santa Catarina and Mercado do Bolhão.

The rest of our group joined us in Porto to board our Uniworld River Cruise of the Douro River. Each of Uniworld's ships is decorated to reflect the rivers they sail. S.S. Sao Gabriel is a beautiful representation of Portugal, with its Portuguese tiles and furnishings. All of the staff were welcoming and went out of their way to take care of each guest, including remembering our food and drink preferences every day. For even more pampering, the suites include a butler. Most of the excursions are included, so we were able to experience the Douro Valley and beyond, including the marvel of 5 canal locks, the highest of which is 115 feet.



Some of the excursion highlights in Porto were the UNESCO-designated, 19th-century Stock Exchange Palace and walking through its famous Moorish Revival-style Arab Room; crossing Porto's eye-catching bridges; the 12th century Romanesque Cathedral "Sé"; Sao Bento Station's famous azulejos murals; and the bustling Santa Catarina shopping street full of beautiful cafes, shops and historical landmarks.

We sailed from Porto to Régua where we had our choice of the Douro Museum to learn about winemaking and how the Roman's planted vines in this region over 2,000 years ago, or Lamago which is known for a beautiful sanctuary dedicated to our Lady of Remédios. The evening offered a tour of a breathtaking quinta (estate) and traditional Portuguese dinner. Pocinho gave us two options. The Castelo Rodrigo castle ruins from 1209 and the surrounding village have amazing views and delicious local treats, such as honey, almonds, olive oil and cheeses. The Archaeological Park Of The Côa Valley was discovered in 1990 and has an astonishing collection of prehistoric carvings, among them horses, deer and aurochs that span eons, some as old at 22,000 BC. Docking in Vega De Terrón, we traveled to Salamanca, Spain to visit the 12th and 16th century cathedrals and one of the world's oldest universities, Universidad de Salamanca founded in 1218.



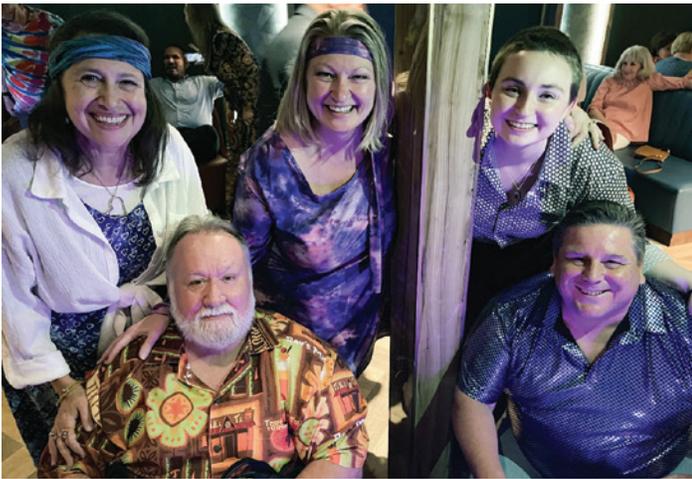
*Universidad de Salamanca founded in 1218.*

This was the farthest east we could sail, so we headed west to go through the 5 locks again and visit more of this historic country. Back in Régua we learned more about the fascinating process of producing Port wine at the prestigious Sandeman wine estate. Returning to Porto for our last night on the ship, we took a tour to Guimarães, home to the first king of Portugal and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The grand castle appears on Portugal's coat of arms. In addition to the historic beauty of the castle, the main square of Largo da Oliveira, the splendid Monastery and Church of Our Lady of Oliveira and the 14th-century Gothic Padrão do Salado, Guimarães has the youngest population of any city in Europe, so the pedestrian area is full of lively and fun cafés and shops.

We were sad to say goodbye to the amazing staff at Uniworld. We learned a lot from the daily port talks; savored freshly prepared local meals in the Feitoria Restaurant; celebrated local culture with the onboard Fado and Flamenco shows; got our groove on at the 70s dance party; experienced wine sabering, vintage

port bottle opening, and a "Pastel de Nata" cooking demonstration. The beautiful scenery along the Douro River was complimented by card games, tea time and nightly music with DJ Rafael in the Vintage Bar; relaxing with a book on the outdoor couches or in the pool at the Blue Azzelij Terrace; sipping a variety of coffee, tea and hot chocolate from the 24-hour Coffee Station; and unwinding with a spa treatment or workout in the fitness center. I wasn't ready to leave the ship yet, but we had to do some last-minute shopping in Porto before returning home the next morning. Let's be honest, I really wanted some of the rose-shaped ice cream from Porto's main shopping street, Rua de Santa Catarina.

After an amazing Japanese dinner at Kakuza in the Maison Albar Hotels Le Monumental Palace, the 9 of us said good night and goodbye as we had different flights in the morning. Two weeks after our incredible family trip, and I still miss seeing everyone daily. There were enough activities on the ship and onshore to have a comfortable amount of time together. Along with nightly dinners and



The 70's Dance Party.



Flower Cones.

some excursions with the whole family, I was able to spend individual time with my husband, kids, parents, sister, aunt and uncle. I highly recommend Portugal to anyone interested in history, food, wine, beaches, surfing and golf.

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## PART II

By Ashley Powell



## THE CONSTRUCTION CONTINUES!

As time passes, the construction on the clubhouse continues to progress. If you are a member of DragonRidge Country Club and frequent our facilities, you have seen the upgrades that are nearing completion. The Red Dragon Sushi Bar is an absolute fan favorite. A contemporary and modern makeover throughout the Onyx Bar and Red Dragon Sushi Bar set the vibe for an enjoyable atmosphere. The beautiful marble bar top and a glowing red dragon make for great conversation pieces. With a growing menu and sake list to match, we must say the Red Dragon Sushi Bar is the new hangout spot. My personal favorite roll on the menu is the Bonita, with the Papi named after Danny our sushi chef being a close second. The Bonita is a specialty roll with yellowtail, cucumber, avocado, topped with salmon and tropical pineapple salsa. I believe pineapple goes on everything... The Papi is another specialty roll that has Spicy Tuna, Krab, Shrimp Tempura, Spicy Mayo, Topped with Eel, Yum-Yum Sauce, and Sprinkled with Sesame Seeds. At DragonRidge Country Club we know the most popular roll on the menu is hands down the Black Dragon, I won't give away the whole menu here, so you'll have to come up to the Red Dragon Sushi Bar and try it for yourself.

Whether it's Happy Hour or a fun themed evening the club puts together for you, DragonRidge Country Club knows you will enjoy the new look of the Onyx Bar. The furniture is a big hit for a comfortable evening atmosphere where you can enjoy a cocktail and appetizer. The beautifully back-lit tiger's eye bar liquor display shows off your favorite spirits. DragonRidge Country Club is excited about what's next in the Onyx Bar.



The Bonita Roll.

During the Dragon Grille closure you will be able to dine in the Montrose and Onyx, where you will see the new modernized décor. The Montrose will be open Tuesday – Sunday, 8am – Close for Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner. Construction on the Dragon Grille will begin mid-July and will continue into the fall. The Dragon Grille will feature a new bar, enclosed kitchen, patio expansion and design matching the modernized overall look of the clubhouse.

In Montrose, we are most excited for the alluring wine cabinet to be finished to display all your favorite in-house wines. The embellishments really pull the room together. DragonRidge has several new and exciting ideas to bring to life once the construction is complete. We look forward to serving you and hearing your thoughts on the new dining areas.

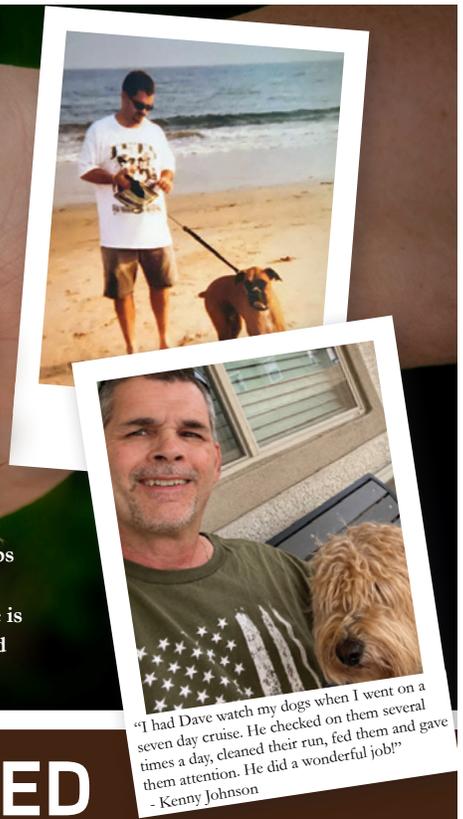


The Bonita Roll.

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## OPTIC GALLERY

### HORIZON RIDGE

By Dr. Anne Valdez

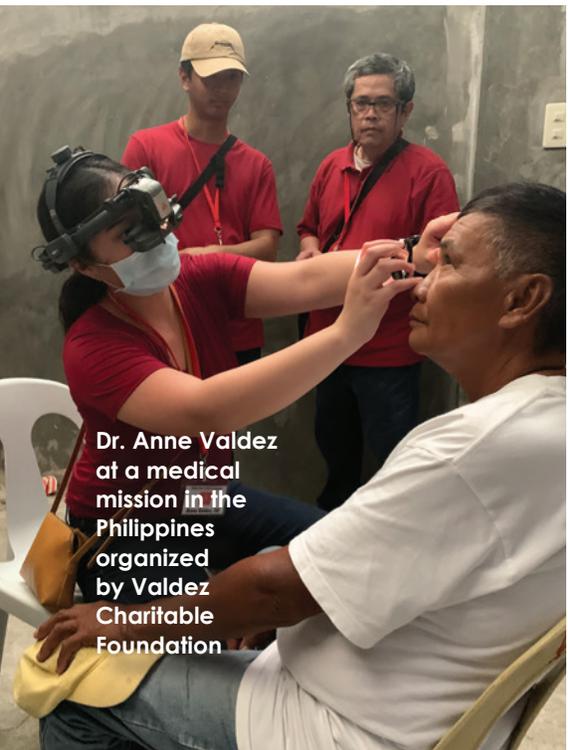
It's great being a small business owner in Henderson because I truly love this community, and I grew up here. I own and operate Optic Gallery Horizon Ridge off of MacDonalld Highlands, just outside the gates of MacDonalld Highlands. I opened this new practice almost a year ago and the neighborhood response has been amazing. I've found that MacDonalld Highlands residents value quality patient care, which my staff and I provide daily. Every patient who comes here receives a thorough and comprehensive eye exam. We don't just measure patients for glasses and contacts, we also treat and manage eye diseases like dry eye syndrome, allergies, eye infections, and more. As part of preventative care, I tell everyone it's vital to get an annual eye exam. These exams allow me to detect systemic issues you might not have noticed. By focusing on the patient's total health, we can help them manage diabetes, high blood pressure, and other chronic illnesses.

I moved to Henderson at a young age and attended Bob Miller Middle School and Coronado High School. During my senior year of high school, I shadowed local optometrists and found that they really enjoyed their work and built long lasting relationships. Coming from a family of healthcare professionals, I always knew I wanted to be in healthcare. I made my decision to become an optometrist while working

in an optometry office during college and seeing that they made a positive impact on people's lives daily and had good work-life balance.

I attended the University of Nevada, Las Vegas for my Bachelor of Science in Biology and Southern California College of Optometry for my doctorate. As soon as I graduated, I knew I wanted to practice in the community I grew up in. In September of 2022, I took the leap to open my own practice – Optic Gallery Horizon Ridge - and it's been a wonderful experience since. All Optic Gallery offices are privately owned, and my practice is the 18th location in Nevada. We are a family eye care clinic offering comprehensive eye exams, state-of-the-art equipment, a large selection of high-quality prescription eyeglasses, and we also fit specialty contact lenses. We carry multiple frame brands including luxury brands like Chopard, Tiffany & Co, and Prada. I accept most vision insurances including VSP, Eyemed, Spectera, and Davis Vision, and have specials for uninsured patients.

When I'm not at the office, I enjoy spending time with my husband, traveling, and serving the community through outreach. I like to participate in local and international medical missions and donate my services to ministries at my church. I am also passionate about educating the



Dr. Anne Valdez at a medical mission in the Philippines organized by Valdez Charitable Foundation



Dr. Anne Valdez performing an eye exam.



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public on eyecare in the desert. On Tuesday, August 8, 2023, I'll be speaking at DragonRidge Country Club about eye care for tennis players, golfers, and other athletes who spend a lot of time in the Vegas sun and heat. Please join

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# TENNIS CALCUTTA TOURNAMENT TENNIS RECAP

By Adolph Huddleston



Our Calcutta tournament was an immense success this year! It began with the customary draw party where the participants are paired and introduced to their partners through a blind draw. Once the teams were paired, the fun began with bidding on the teams. The food and cocktails were deliciously prepared by Chef Duane and the food and beverage staff. The party was held in our newly remodeled & beautiful Tennis & Athletic Center!

Play began with perfect weather to set the tone for the competitive, high-level play from all of the teams. Lapis & Oak provided complimentary massages for the players while families, friends and players cheered and supported the event! Congratulations to Jacqueline Roberts & Brett Watcher who defeated Lina Kristoff & Jeff Guenther in the finals! We also want to congratulate all who played and made the tournament a huge success!

Our next event will be our July 4th morning doubles mixer starting @ 8am – 10am followed by a pool party from 11am-3pm. Our ever-popular Wimbledon White tournament will be held July 16th. We look forward to seeing you!



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# THE Good Times

## DragonRidge Country Club Event Highlights



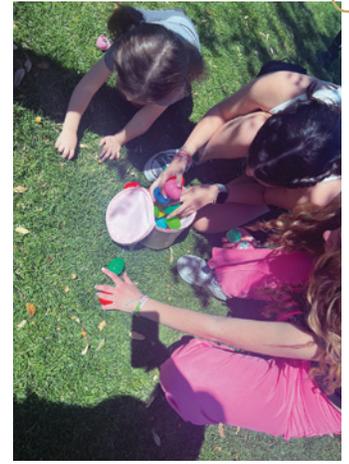
Vortex Hike: March 22nd



Boozy Bunny Easter Egg Hunt: April 6th



Easter Egg Hunt: April 8th



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Easter Brunch: April 9th



Founder's Day Celebration: April 19th

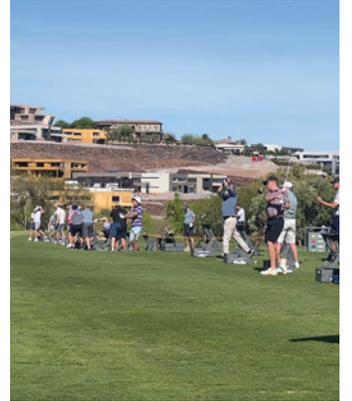


Ladies' Member Guest Tournament: April 20th - 22nd

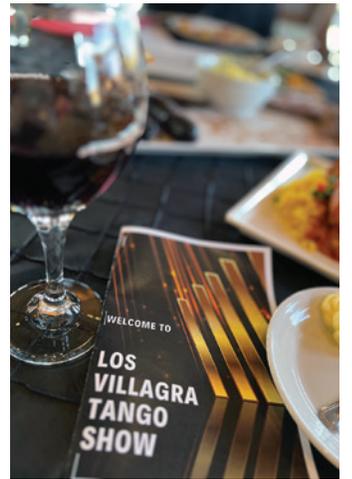
# Good Times



Men's Member Guest Tournament: April 27th - 29th



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Tango Night: April 30th



Growing Kids Workshop: May 6th



Mother's Day Brunch: May 14th



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## JULY

- Jul. 4: Fourth of July Pool Party
- Jul. 5: Ladies' Books & Bottles Book Club
- Jul. 14: Formula 1 Happy Hour
- Jul. 16: Wimbledon White Tennis Mixer
- **Jul. 29: Middle School Readiness**

## AUGUST

- Aug 2: Ladies' Books & Bottles Book Club
- Aug. 8: Mind Candy Lecture: Summer Eye Care
- Aug 12: Family FUNday
- Aug 23: Trivia Night
- Aug 26: AM Yappy Hour
- Aug 28: Vino Vinyasa
- Aug 31: Live Music by Rob Garrett

## SEPTEMBER

- Sept. 1: U.S. Open Tennis Mixer
- Sept. 4: Labor Day Pool Party
- Sept. 6: Ladies' Books & Bottles Book Club
- Sept. 6: Ladies' Tennis Boot Camp
- Sept. 11: Ladies' Fall Tennis League Begins
- Sept. 12: Sunset Yappy Hour
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- Sept. 16: Fall Tennis League Begins
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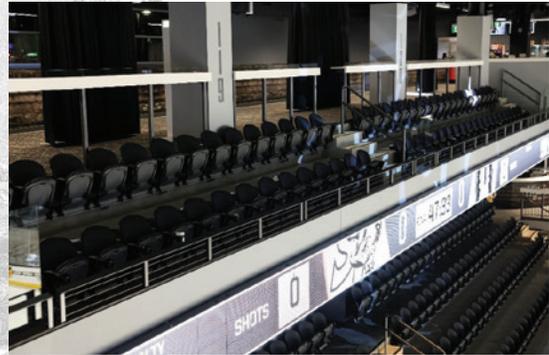
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