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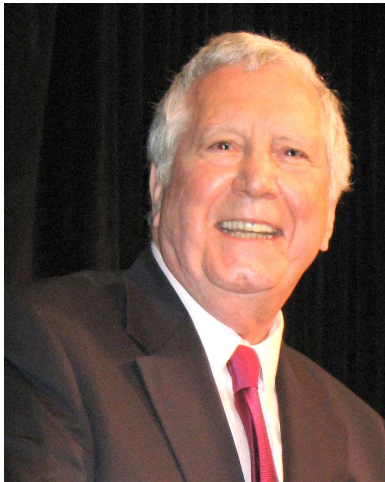
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February Breakfast Meeting

Our February guest speaker will be Larry Wilde, television actor, motivational speaker, and best-selling author. Larry Wilde is recognized as the nation's leading authority on ways to improve life with laughter.



Larry Wilde

As a standup comedian for over 30 years, Larry has appeared in major nightclubs, Las Vegas showrooms, and at concerts around the U.S. A partial list of the many big time performers he shared the bill with reads like a "Who's Who in Show Business." The stars include Debbie Reynolds, Ann-Margret, Rosemary Clooney, Jack Jones, Andy Williams, Vikki Carr, Pat

Boone, Wayne Newton, Sonny & Cher, McGuire Sisters and Gordon McCrae, among others.

His television credits include several appearances on the Mary Tyler Moore Show, Sanford & Son, Rhoda, the Tonight Show with Johnny Carson, and a host of other sitcoms.

Larry is also the author of 53 published books of humor. With sales of over 12 million copies, The New York Times calls him "America's Best-Selling Humorist."

Larry is in great demand as a motivational speaker and appears nationwide for Fortune 500 companies, associations, and healthcare professionals.

National Humor Month was founded by Larry in 1976 and is celebrated annually in April.

In addition to being a laugh-out-loud humorous speaker, Larry is founder and director of the Carmel Institute of Humor.

Calendar of Events

Friday, February 13, 2009
BREAKFAST MEETING
Speaker: Larry Wilde

Monday, February 16, 2009
GOLF TOURNAMENT
Palm Valley Country Club
12:30 Tee-Off See Page 2

Wednesday, February 18
Wednesday, March 11th
JEEP TOUR San Andreas Fault
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Tuesday, February 24, 2009
USS MIDWAY MUSEUM
San Diego by bus - \$55
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Sunday, March 1, 2009
POLO TAILGATE PARTY
Eldorado Polo Club, Indio
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Friday, March 13, 2009
BREAKFAST MEETING
Speaker: TBA

Monday, March 23, 2009
WIND-UP PARTY
Desert Willow Golf Resort
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Breakfast Meetings are held at 7:45 am, at Desert Falls Country Club, Country Club near Cook St., Palm Desert. **Breakfast Reservations:** 776-0982, 772-8201 or 773-3636 Members \$15 US, Non-Members \$20 US Tickets will be held at the door.

January Meeting

The first breakfast meeting of the 2009 winter season was exceptional – a full house of 120 persons received a remarkable presentation by Morgan Levine, outlining the history of the Coachella Valley.



Morgan Levine

Her business card states that she is a ‘Naturalist Guide’; but she actually is a Naturalist, Historian, Geologist, Agriculturalist, Florist, Seismologist and many other things!

Who would have thought that the Coachella Valley is not really a ‘valley’ and that the deserts of the world are not normally surrounded by mountains, particularly as high as 11,449 feet. Tourism is only one small part of the economy – the agricultural aspects represent one of the wealthiest growing areas in the world (90 squares miles). One doesn’t really understand the magnitude of the variety of products, one of the most rewarding being

bell peppers - and how about shipping square tomatoes internationally.

Maybe each of us at the breakfast meeting should be a little concerned that the 132 golf courses in the area use an estimated 1,000,000 gallons of water a day!

Knowing the history of the original settlers (and the price of a 100 acre property) sounded unbelievable - particularly the importance of the name McCallum (the theatre is named after the family). In the early days (1700 hundreds) it took 13 months to travel by ship to San Francisco from New York - there were no railroads.

Morgan Levine is a “Lead Naturalist Guide” for Desert Adventures, Inc.

Golf Tournament

Over the past several years the CCOD Golf Tournament has been a resounding success. This year David Anderson has graciously agreed to lead the organization of this important and fun event.

The event will again be held at the Palm Valley Country Club on February 16th. The course has always been in excellent condition for our game and the meal after golf superb.

If you are not a golfer and want to come for the meal and fellowship afterward that is also possible.

An entry form is included with this newsletter. If you are planning to play or just dine, fill out the form and get it and your entry fee to David by the February 6th deadline.

This is a fun event in a scramble format. You don’t have to be a great golfer to have a great time.

Newsletter Articles

The Newsletter editors are looking for material to publish from you, our Members.

If you have had an interesting desert experience, or want to do a "Member Profile" of someone with an interesting background, or anything else relevant to our club, write it up.

Because of space limitations, submissions should be under 300 words. Get published!

Wind-Up Dinner

Last year was exceptional for our ‘Wind-Up Dinner’, organized by Jay Sanderson (327-2673). Just picture a beautiful spring evening looking out over Palm Desert’s Desert Willow golf course – what a world in which we live! We just had to go back for another time.

Mail your cheque to our P.O. Box, or pay for it at our February 13 Breakfast Meeting, and mark it in your calendar. Members - \$50, non-members \$60.

It will be an evening that you will not forget!

Bus Tour Special Event

Our tour and event organizer, Larry Tasse at (760) 322-9207 is taking names for those who would like to visit the USS Midway Museum in San Diego on Tuesday, February 24th. The Midway is the longest serving US Navy aircraft carrier with 60 exhibits and restored aircraft. The tour cost of \$55 includes transportation and admission. The bus leaves at 7:00 am from Arizona Tile near Costco Palm Desert.

Polo Tailgate Party

You can still register for the Sunday, March 1st Polo Tailgate Party. Tickets are available at the February Breakfast or by phoning Dave Anderson at (760) 674-4973 and sending a check payable to the Canadian Club. Tickets will not be sold at the door. Members \$15, Non-Members \$20.

There are two matches scheduled on Sunday. A preliminary match will be at 12:30 pm and the season championship final at 1:30.

An Announcer will explain the game as it is played. The bar opens at 12:30 and lunch at 12:45. Lunch includes beer, wine, soda pop, iced tea, water and sandwiches, wraps, fruit, veggies, chips, eggs etc

You will be in the sun for several hours so you need to bring a folding chair, and an umbrella and sunscreen if you so choose.

Find more about the club at <http://www.eldoradopolo.com>

Directions to Eldorado Polo Club

Drive south to 50th Avenue and then to Madison Avenue between Jefferson and Monroe.

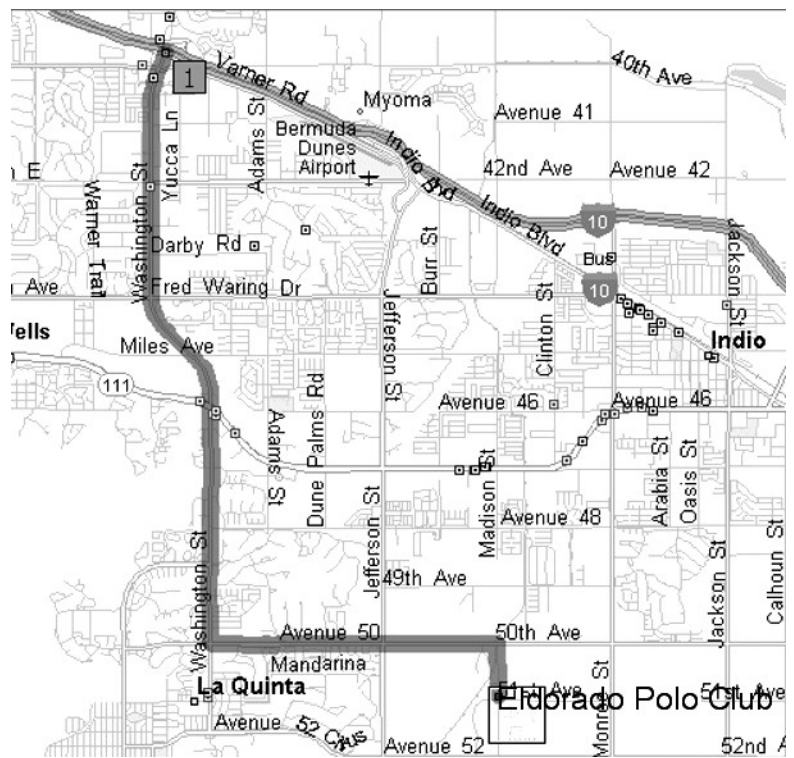
Turn South on Madison and go 1/2 mile to 51st Avenue.

Turn Left on 51st Avenue for 1/4 mile to the Eldorado Polo Club entrance sign

Turn Left into the driveway. You can park on the driveway or park inside the fence on the right hand side of the driveway

The playing field is on the right hand side of the driveway - look for the Canadian flag and two Mercedes SUVs.

The Club House and grandstand are for Polo Club members only.



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Red Jeep Tour - San Andreas Fault Area

Red Jeep Tours is offering Canadian Club members a reduced rate for a tour of the San Andreas Fault area. Space has been allocated for us on two dates - **Wednesday, Feb. 18th - and Wednesday, March 11th.** There are two tours each day. The 1st is at 8AM and the afternoon tour is at 1 PM. The tour takes 3 - 3/12 hours.

Each jeep carries 7 passengers and has an expert guide/naturalist. There are walks geared to the ability of the guests in each jeep. Granola snacks and water will be provided. Site fees and taxes are paid. **A guide gratuity is appreciated.**

The Canadian Club has a special rate of \$75 per person which is a substantial discount from the normal \$139 charge.

To reserve your space, phone Wendy Anderson, the Reservations Manager of Red Jeep Tours, at 760-340-2345, and identify yourself as part of the CANADIAN CLUB GROUP OPEN. Advise Wendy of the date and time that you prefer. There is limited capacity on each tour and unused spaces will be open to the public if not filled by us at least a week in advance, so please reserve now.

Payment is by cash or credit card at the time of reserving, and there is a 24 hour cancellation notice to obtain a refund. The tour pick-up is at the parking lot across from Coco's Restaurant at 78375 Varner Road. To get to Varner Rd., go North on Washington. Cross the overpass over I-10. Take the 1st right (which is Varner Road). Go a short distance to Coco's.

For any questions, contact David Anderson at 674-4973, or Stan Davison at 346-0510.



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