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## Yarnell Community Center

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The Yarnell Community Center hosts local events and regular activities, serves weekday lunches, operates a thrift store, promotes fun and quality of life for our neighbors, and manages programs to aid the food insecure in our area. **Sign up for e-news at [yarnellcommunitycenter.org/newsletter](http://yarnellcommunitycenter.org/newsletter)**

### YCC Board Votes to Accept Donation of Potter House.

The Board of Directors of the Yarnell Community Center voted in a special meeting on January 25, 2017, to accept the donation of the Potter House, the property immediately south of the YCC. Precisely how the building will be used will be a research and discussion item for the months ahead, including some initial conversation at the **Annual Meeting on Thursday, Feb. 16. Beginning with a potluck dinner at 5:30, business matters will begin promptly at 6:00 pm.** Candidate statements follow on page two.

In addition to election of Board members, there will be a vote on revised bylaws, a review of the year's accomplishments and an outline of new opportunities and challenges (including the gift of the Potter House property), with comments and reports by both Board President Michelle Jacobson and Executive Director Kim Lytle.

**BYLAWS REVISIONS:** The Board reviewed the current bylaws over a period of several months, and have proposed numerous revisions as a result of looking at the Prescott Meals-on-Wheels bylaws, extensive discussion and feedback from additional residents in the community. The most significant proposed changes are:

1. a new vision/mission statement and a clarifying name update to reflect our service area – Yarnell REGIONAL Community Center;
2. a new category of membership: supporting members who live outside of that service area
3. a pre-qualifying requirement before a nomination from the floor during the Annual Meeting to have time to make sure such nominations meet YCC criteria;
4. authorizing Board members to participate electronically in Board meetings (phone, video-conferencing, etc.) and
5. a restriction of only one immediate family member on the Board unless otherwise authorized by the Board.

A full copy of the proposed revised Bylaws is available at the Center and also appears on our website: [www.yarnellcommunitycenter.org](http://www.yarnellcommunitycenter.org).

See the February Lunch Menu on page 4 for **CLUB YARNELL EVENTS**.

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### CANDIDATE STATEMENTS (in alphabetical order):

Phyllis Billeter: Originally from Canada, having lived in five different states, Phyllis has recently purchased a home in Peeples Valley after enjoying two years in the Yarnell area. She sees the YCC as a place to learn new things, meet new friends and enjoy our community. Many of you will recognize Phyllis from the Dollar General where she is the assistant store manager. A member of the Community Garden Project and home renovator, Phyllis is looking forward to establishing her home within this community.

Michelle Jacobson: Michelle and her husband Steve have had Yarnell as their home away from home since 2005, visiting from Ohio and Connecticut as often as possible prior to becoming full-time residents. Over the years, the Community Center was always a go-to place to explore and has been a resource for both friendship and service. She completed a thirty-year career at Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio, having held numerous leadership positions in university administration. She believes that all communities have needs that can only be met through public service, and that the Community Center plays an integral part in the lives of our residents. She is honored to have had the opportunity to serve on the YCC board, and hopes to fulfill a second term as the Community Center continues to diversify and grow.

Brent Jordan: I'm honored to be considered for a position on the board of the Yarnell Community Center. I was working in the kitchen before I had even moved up here officially. Other opportunities and jobs have pulled me away from the Center, but I have a piece of my heart here. I have my Bachelors of Science in Horticulture and my Associates in Graphic Design. I have worked in non-profits most of my life, preferring them to large corporations. So, I understand that it takes dedication, creativity and support to make a nonprofit a success. At my current position of Office Coordinator at the Wickenburg Chamber of Commerce, we have a paid staff of 3. We all wear many hats and have a wide range of responsibilities. We count on and value our volunteers, without which we couldn't put on such events as Gold Rush Days. Skills I can bring to the table are: organizational, practical application, creative thinking and empathy, to name just a few. It takes everyone in town to make it work, and I hope I am given the opportunity to support my town and the great work the Yarnell Community Center does.

Donna Scott: Donna and her husband David moved from Cape Coral, FL to Yarnell two years ago. Donna retired as a licensed insurance agent where she specialized in Workers Compensation. Prior to that, she spent her career working with the public in various administrative positions. She has been volunteering at the YCC for the past year and also volunteered at Yarnell Daze. Although "recent" residents, the Scott family has a long history of living in Yarnell: David played on boulders at his grandma's home when he was 4 or 5. Sister Tammy and her husband Joe owned a second home here for 26 years, which is now home to Donna and David.

Additional nominations can be made from the floor. Ballot by Proxy are allowed; proxy forms are available at the YCC.

You must be a member of the YCC to run for the Board and to vote. Benefits of being a YCC member – shopping discounts (50% off four times a year), free meal, help the Community. Just \$15 to join and free if you are 75 or older. Applications available at the Center.

**Check out the redesigned Community Calendar at [www.yarnellcommunitycenter.org](http://www.yarnellcommunitycenter.org)**

