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New leader listens, GVR members are talking

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Green Valley Recreation's system of counting how many members use the pools compared to the fitness centers and other amenities is not accurate, members told the agency's new CEO at a recent meeting.

That may sound like inside baseball, but CEO Kent Blumenthal and the members who raised the question at Monday's forum at Canoa Hills Social Center agreed that inaccurate counting makes it harder for GVR to allocate limited funds among the seemingly unlimited demands by members for program and activities.

Blumenthal is meeting with members at seven rec centers in a series dubbed Conversations with Kent. With four under his belt and three

UP NEXT

Upcoming "Conversations with Kent," and the topic to be covered

•Clubs: 8 a.m. April 14, Santa Rita Springs, Anza Room.

•Performing Arts: 1:30 p.m. April 17, West Center auditorium.

•Classes & Continuing Education: 1:30 p.m. April 21, Las Campanas, Juniper Room.

to go, Blumenthal said he is more than pleased with the turnout and the quality of the interchanges, whose goal is to give members a chance to express their concerns directly to the new CEO.

"It's spectacular. It's

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New film profiles firefighter's family

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A Green Valley firefighter who's overcome hardships to excel in athletics, college and other accomplishments is featured along with her five siblings in a new documentary about their exceptional lives.

"The Vettors: All We Needed" will be screened Saturday in Tucson at the Arizona International Film Festival.

Diane Vetter, a Tucson resident employed by the Green Valley Fire District, younger sister Janis, and youngest sibling Juanita plan to attend.

The hourlong movie is what Diane calls "a labor of love" by filmmakers Anne Bruder and Nancy Pokorny, a Vetter family friend, who poured six years and thousands of

hours into the project. The film profiles the family's resilience and the challenges they've overcome. It's a touching story of a family that has come together to support each other through difficult times.

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NATIONAL APPLAUSE



ELLEN SUSSMAN | SPECIAL TO THE GREEN VALLEY NEWS

MARGARET MORRIS, Barbara Kittle, Peggy McGee, Ann Nease and Sandi Beach pitched in on a project for homeless veterans that has gained national attention. McGee holds up USA Weekend, which highlighted their work.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE HONOREES

The University of Akron:

Students and faculty repaired park benches, helped public housing residents clean their apartments, worked on a Habitat for Humanity House, organized a cereal drive for a food bank and did other projects.

Nick Katsoris, Eastchester, N.Y.:

A children's book author, Katsoris motivated more than 20,000 kids nationwide to get involved in programs that included collecting canned foods for the homeless and making bracelets for children at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Operation Access, Sonoma County, Calif.:

Program Director Daniel Rabkin and his colleagues got a group of ophthalmologists together to help save the sight of 24 local agricultural workers and day laborers and six needy patients with cataract surgery.

Escambia Charter School, Cantonment, Fla.:

At-risk teens in a school in one of the state's poorest counties collected

300 pounds of foods plus clothing and delivered the goods to three shelters on Make-A-Difference Day. They also did volunteer yard work for elderly and disabled homeowners.

Bailey Snow, Granite Bay, Calif.:

A young man organized BrickDreams by collecting donations of Legos. He and his volunteers package and donate Legos to shelters where women come with their children to escape domestic violence.

Jessica Carscadden, San Diego:

The 11-year-old girl got a volunteer program off the ground and collected 3,000 stuffed bears for police and firefighters to hand out to frightened and injured children when they make emergency calls.

Playworks, Washington, D.C.:

Employee of a non-profit organization that provides children with safe play activities, Alison Vaux-Bjerke solicited volunteers to give the center a physical face lift by cleaning,

doing landscaping, organizing the library, decorating recycling bins and other work.

A Place to Sleep, Shelbyville, Ky.:

When 10-year-old Jessica Collins saw the film "The Blind Side" and learned some children didn't have a place to sleep she took action. Four years later volunteers at her foundation crochet blankets, make quilts and donate supplies. They also delivered 27 beds to children in need.

Elijah Rodriguez, Leonardo, N.J.:

One year after Hurricane Sandy devastated parts of New Jersey, this high school junior had friends who had no home to return to. He organized a relief walk, lined up sponsors, got his school band to entertain and collected over \$7,000 in donations.

City Honorees included

City of Cleveland, Tenn., Weirton, W.V., and Fayetteville, Ark. The All-Star Honoree was the Assistance League in Burbank, Calif.

QC project for vets will be honored

By Ellen Sussman

Special to the Green Valley News

A three-year project by a Quail Creek group to collect donations for homeless veterans is getting national attention.

Peggy McGee, president of The Women of Quail Creek, organized the project in 2011 as part of Make A Difference Day. They collected clothing, cash, backpacks, housewares and other items for homeless veterans, and the donations have continued to flow in. They were profiled in the April 4-6 issue of USA Weekend magazine.

On Thursday, she will be among 14 people nationwide to be honored in Washington, D.C., by the magazine, Points of Light and Newman's Own Foundation.

McGee launched the effort on a long airplane

SEE AWARD, PAGE A9

Boneyard tells the story of U.S. military aviation

By Jade Nunes

Arizona Sonora News Service

The massive tails of retired and stored military aircraft peeping over the top of Kolb Road's steeped walls is a familiar sight in Tucson. But most people don't know about the many functions of the so-called Boneyard beyond that of a cemetery for airplanes that are no longer in use.

Formally known as the 309th Aerospace Maintenance and Regeneration Group, or AMARG, the Boneyard is a specialized facility within the Air Force whose official mission is to "provide aerospace maintenance and asset regeneration to our customer for the sus-

tainment of the warfighter." On the vast desert aprons of the Boneyard are more than 4,400 aircraft of all types once flown by the Air Force, the Navy and Marine Corps and the Army, as well as the Coast Guard.

"We don't mind the term 'Boneyard,' but it's a misnomer," said Col. Robert Lepper, commander of the 309th AMARG. "We're known around the world as the Boneyard. So we love the term. But it gives people an impression that this is where planes come to die."

Aircraft disposal is only one of five of AMARG's missions, which means that 80 percent of the Boneyard's functions do not include chopping up planes for scrap. The

five main missions of AMARG are storage and preservation, reclamation, regeneration, depot-level overflow and finally, disposal.

The Boneyard celebrated its 68th birthday April 1. Older than the United States Air Force itself, the Boneyard was originally a storage facility created in the wake of World War II, specifically for B-29 and C-47 aircraft.

There are more than 4,000 planes at the Boneyard requiring 2,600 acres where aircraft can be preserved or stored. Tucson was chosen for the Boneyard for a few reasons: low humidity, low rainfall and very, very hard ground. The

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THE BONEYARD from the air.

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