

## A time of giving and appreciation

By Bill Lehman – President

Last night for the first time in the history of the Villages at Queen Creek, we met quorum for the annual meeting. This is no small feat as it would not have been possible if it had not been for you, the valued homeowner, who took the time to vote and mail your ballot. Four of the five board members who were running for reelection where overwhelming voted back into office, this indicates to me that not only do you value the hard work that the Board of Directors accomplished last year, but that you wish to have us continue the mission to create added value of our community, while keep our costs under control. I would like to congratulate Larry Murphy, Sharron Owen, Bruce Ervans, and our newest board member Mindy Durall. While Mindy is new to the board, please know that she has been hard at work as Chair of the Social Committee and was key in our two successful community events that took place in April and November of this year. Based on the votes cast, I was reelected to a three year term, while Sharron, and Bruce will serve a two year term, and finally Larry and Mindy share a one year term. Meeting the quorum, also added an additional \$1,000.00 saved this year, by not having to have a another mailing, and postage costs associated with having a second meeting.

Because of the hard work of volunteers, the Board of Directors and Cindy Anderson, Our Community Manager presented each of our committee members with certificates of appreciation and a \$25.00 American Express gift card to thank each individual person for the dedication in completing the tasks assigned to them. There is no way we could have completed the many projects this year without their commitment to service. Your board also recognized Raven Pools for not only a fantastic job with the remodel of our pool, but also the high level of service they provide since being awarded the contract this summer. H & N Landscaping was also recognized for their hard work and commitment in improving how our community looks. Both companies key representatives were presented with the Village at Queen Creek preferred vendor jackets to wear in the cool months. Finally, Cindy and I presented each board member with a certificate of appreciation and jacket for the hard work, dedication and commitment to the community that each has shown this year. Brett Ferguson, who was not running for reelection also received a letter of appreciation for his many years of service to the community. Please know that your association dues was not used on these gifts, but rather from outside income achieved through vendors who paid to have their tables present at either the April or November community events.

It has now been three weeks, since the pool, workout room, and clubhouse was reopened. Many homeowners have taken the time to e-mail, call, or pull aside either Cindy or one of your board members to express how great the areas look and feel. As I stated before the work began, your board made a conscious decision to create a “resort feel” to the community and your feedback indicates to us that we hit the mark. One of the biggest compliments came from a former board president of this community who took the time to pull me aside and express how happy he was with not only the remodel but of the cost savings we have achieved this year.

As we move closer to the holidays, on behalf of the Board of Directors, we want to say thank you for support and friendship you have shown each of us. It is our wish that you enjoy this festive season with families and friends. Finally from my family to yours, I wish each of you a very Merry Christmas and prosperous New Year.