

# 2011 - 2012 GVR BOARD OF DIRECTORS



## President

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2010-2013

**MARGE GARNEAU** - I believe in serving the community I live in and being on the GVR Board is a good way to do this. I have served on numerous Boards in Colorado, one of which was a Special District that provided Parks and Recreation, water, sewer and irrigation.

I have a B.S. in Organizational Management and a Masters Degree in Business Administration. I retired from teaching high school business education and computer science a year before moving to Green Valley and have worked in business all my adult life.

As a Board member, I have served as Treasurer and have either Chaired or been a committee member on Elections, Nominations, Fiscal Affairs and Planning and Evaluation. I now have a good grasp of the way GVR operates and believe I can use this experience to serve the members in the next 3 years. I voted no on the increase in dues last year and no on the budget for 2009. Why? Because I did not agree with the process or with the reasoning behind the increase in member dues.

As I come to the end of my 3 years of service, I look back on the experience and realize I have used my mediation training consistently, my sense of humor often, kept an open mind to new ideas, and worked for transparency and open communication. I would like to have the opportunity to use all the knowledge and experience I have gained over the last 3 years to represent the members another 3 years.



## Vice-President

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**JOHN KNUTSEN** - I am the President & owner of Express Employment Professionals, formerly Express Personnel Services, in Lynnwood, Washington. I previously owned two offices but sold my North Seattle office in 2005. I previously worked 25 years for Washington Natural Gas Company in Seattle as their Marketing Manager. I currently teach Business courses for Everett Community College and Pima Community College in Tucson.

I am a former President of the South County Chamber of Commerce, the Alderwood Rotary Club and the Steven's Hospital Foundation. I am also one of the founders and former Chairman of the Snohomish County Workforce Development Council. I have served on a variety of education advisory committees for the community colleges and local school districts. I also served as a Board member for Campfire USA for 25 years before coming to Green Valley.

I am a past Assistant Governor for Rotary District 5030, one of the largest Rotary Districts in the world. I am also a past District Vocational Chair. Currently I am a member of the Valle Verde Rotary Club here in Green Valley.

My wife Donna and I currently have homes on Lake Serene in Washington and in Green Valley, Arizona. While in Seattle we enjoy sailing, gardening and walking our two dogs. While in Green Valley, I enjoy teaching business management courses at Pima Community College, movies and swimming. We have two adult children, a married daughter living in Calgary, Canada and a son living in northern California.



**Secretary**

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**ANN GILLINGHAM** - My husband Peter and I have been full-time residents of Green Valley for 21 years, and have been very involved with GVR during that time. I was born in England and have lived in the USA for 31 years. Retired from IBM as an Administrative Assistant to high-level managers in Finance and Personnel departments.

I twice served as President for the Santa Rita Art League, was Editor for five years; served as President of the Clay Studio and was very involved working on the design and planning teams for the facility at SRS. Served on the Greater GV Arts Council and helped plan past "Art Showcase" events. I am currently on the Board of Green Valley Assistance Service (GVAS). Hobbies include painting, sculpturing, and digital photography.

I have served three years as a Director and Corporate Secretary for GVR, one year as Chair of Board Affairs, and continue to serve on that committee; also past two years on Fiscal Affairs and Bylaws Committees. After one year off the Board, I would like to again serve as a Director, and believe my past and present experience would be valuable to help GVR continue to be the wonderful organization that it is, during what is likely to be a difficult period ahead. We need, under the present difficult economy, to maintain a strong future for our continually growing membership, including many long-time members.

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**Treasurer**

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**JOYCE FINKELSTEIN** - I recently retired as the Executive Director of the Green Valley Community Coordinating Council. My husband Mike and I have been residents of Green Valley since 1996. I earned an M.S. in Counseling with a concentration in Human Resource Development from the University of Bridgeport in Bridgeport, Connecticut.

I enjoy giving back to the Green Valley community. Currently, I am Secretary of the Greater Green Valley Community Foundation and a member of the Foundation's Allocations Committees. I chair the Pima Community College Community Learning Center in Green Valley Advisory Council. I am member of the Rotary Club of Green Valley and former Vice-President of its Foundation. For many years, I served on the Board of the Community Performing Arts Center Foundation. In 2006, I was appointed by Governor Janet Napolitano to the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging.

Prior to my move to Green Valley, I coordinated a high school dropout prevention program in the Bridgeport, Connecticut public schools and provided career and vocational counseling to teens and adults. I also served in a variety of human resource functions for major employers, as well as taught on the high school, junior college and university levels. I was the Director of Career Services for Spalding University in Louisville, Kentucky.

Most mornings, you can find me in the fitness center at Canoa Hills. I look forward to working with the Board to broaden the programs GVR offers to its members.

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**Assistant Secretary**

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2011-2014

**LINDA SPARKS** - As a GVR Board member, I've served on two committees each year of my present term and chaired two subcommittees. I have worked to foster new ideas, supported initiatives in money and energy saving, and sought moderate approaches to problem solving. Green Valley Recreation provides a host of opportunities for all of us to enjoy during our golden years; so I would like to continue as a Board member to keep GVR strong and fiscally sound.

I graduated from Gettysburg College in Pennsylvania then went to work for the National Security Agency, where I was an Intelligence Analyst and a mid-level manager. Much of my management training targeted small group dynamics and conflict management; skills I've found helpful while serving on the Board.



Assistant Treasurer

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2011 - 2014

**ERIN MCGINNIS** - I grew up in the Chicagoland area, married shortly out of high school, and raised 5 sons while pursuing a career in Real Estate in north-central Illinois. After my youngest graduated from high school, I decided to go back to school and graduated from Illinois State University with a Bachelor of Science in Accounting. I then passed the CPA exam and earned an MBA from Keller Graduate School of Management in Chicago. After a job transfer to Minneapolis, I quickly tired of the cold and snow (who wouldn't). My parents had become Green Valley snow birds in 1980 so I knew my "Shangri La" was Green Valley, AZ. Doug Nord, my wonderful partner, and I moved to Green Valley in 2003 and I went to work for Chamberlain in Nogales, Sonora as an Accounting Manager, retiring in 2010.

I love the GVR facilities and the available activity options and I know that my business experience in financial controls and fiscal responsibility would be a valuable asset to the GVR board.

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**JERRY BELENKER** - My wife, Harriet, and I have lived in Green Valley for 3 ½ years, after living in Silver Springs, MD (just outside of Washington, DC for 35 years). Harriet was a teacher. I was a lawyer with the Postal Service's legal department. My primary work involved litigation against persons and companies charged with mail fraud. I also worked as adjunct instructor of business law and economics for the University of Maryland and other schools. (Thanks to the internet, I now evaluate student projects, and also mentor federal probation officers enrolled in a management course.)

I earned undergraduate and graduate degrees in economics in New York and Minnesota respectively. My law school years in Ohio were in evening classes, so I have some idea how to juggle diverse responsibilities – school, job, family, and civic activities.

My local volunteer activities include my HOA board (and as the HOA representative to GVCCC); a member on GVR's Bylaws Committee; volunteer as a fitness room monitor; assisting at the Performing Arts Center; helping at the state Attorney General's consumer protection office in Tucson; and as a poll worker during elections (ok, there is a small stipend for a 16-hour day).

If I am privileged to serve on the GVR board, I will try to listen carefully, ask good questions, respect differing views, and cast my votes objectively for the best interests – short term and long term – of the GVR membership.

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**GUNNAR BONTHRON** - My wife Peggy and I have been residents of Green Valley for 2-1/2 years after living in the San Bernardino, CA mountains for 10 years.

I was born and raised in Stockholm, Sweden and after having completed my Masters in Mechanical Engineering, I came to the US in 1963 to help develop computer-assisted manufacturing for US companies. This work took me all over the world to sell our superior technology to domestic and foreign companies. After an assignment to run a Swedish company in Chicago, my wife and I moved to California where she became an authority in the California water industry. I am a US citizen.

I have worked with and managed different teams all my professional life and feel that I can use this experience, to the benefit of GVR.

Green Valley is a town that is unique in the world and it is so very important that we keep it that way for us and future retirees.

GVR is a great organization that maintains superior facilities at a bargain membership fee. It will be subject to many challenges over the years to come. Having an engineering background I will apply a logical, reasonable and conservative approach to future plans and costs. That includes serious consideration for members on fixed incomes, who cannot afford frivolous projects.



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2011 - 2014

**JOYCE BULAU** - I was raised in the beautiful state of Virginia on a small dairy farm; it was a great experience for a child.

Met my husband Roger in Norfolk, Virginia where he was serving in the U.S. Navy. After his term ended we moved to his home state of New York where we lived 26 years in the Finger Lakes region.

I worked for a large manufacturing company for 12 years, where I was the contact person for all government contracts and over 60 sales offices, served on the management/employees social committee for 8 years, American Cancer society fund raiser for 10 years, as a Christmas gift elf for Saint Josephs' Children's home 11 years, and owned and ran a successful retail business for 3 years.

When our son left for college it was time for a lifestyle change, off to Fort Collins, Colorado. I worked full time as a Real Estate Professional spending 22 years; helping homeowners and homebuyers. I served on many committee and boards. The Coldwell Banker Residential management/agent team for 12 years, neighborhood captain for American Cancer, MS yearly drive, and the Boys & Girls club. Taught real estate classes 6 years, obtained my managing brokers licenses.

Served on two homeowner's boards, the first 9 years with 5 as president, the second for 6 years.

When it was time for another lifestyle change, we researched Green Valley; and when we discovered what was available, we made the move and became a part of this community in November of 2009.

I feel that my life experiences will be a positive for the GVR board, and I look forward to working with the staff and board members for the next 3 years. I ask for your vote.



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**CHUCK CATINO** - Growing up in Chicago, I participated in all sports. I went to Transportation College, studying law and claims. I managed trucking companies, including negotiating contacts with unions.

In Green Valley, I am a charter member of the Born Again Jocks Association (BAJA) Sporting Club. I umpire for the Copper Hills Little League and the Tri-county Middle School girls softball and boys baseball teams.

I was instrumental in receiving a \$47,000 Community Development Block Grant for another softball field at Sahuarita Park. I work with a developer who will be donating 57 acres to Pima County for our only Green Valley Park. Eighty percent (80%) of the funding will be in the proposed 2010 Bond Issue.

At GVCCC, I am a member on their Community Services and Environmental Committees, and attend their Planning & Zoning (P&Z) and Board of Representative's meetings.

I have been Treasurer of the Green Valley Men's Poker Club for 6 years.

In November, I was appointed to serve a 5-year term as Parks and Recreation Commissioner of District 4 in Pima County.

I have been a GVR Director for three years. During my tenure, I chaired the Nominations Committee, chaired and vice-chaired both the Planning & Evaluation and Developer Committees, and currently I am the Vice-President of the Board.

GVR needs to bring in revenue other than raising dues, to keep our aging facilities in good condition. This is one area I am very interested in continuing to develop. My background in negotiations, being on various Boards and Committees, and being a "people person" has and will again serve me well on the Board of GVR.



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2010-2013

**MARK HASKOE** - My wife and I have been Green Valley residents for nearly two years. We've thoroughly enjoyed the move from Washington and enjoy our active lifestyle here. I'm a member of the BAJA Sporting Group and an avid pickle ball player. I like helping others and feel a need to give back to a society that's been good to me.

I retired from the USAF in 1998, as a Chief Master Sergeant, following a 30-year career. I managed air traffic control facilities around the world. I was a member of, or chaired, numerous boards and committees. I spent many hours developing policies, designing budgets and working with people from diverse backgrounds. I've earned a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration and a Masters Degree in Public Administration.

In 1998, we moved to Walla Walla, Washington, where I pursued various volunteer opportunities. I was an administrative assistant for the VA's Outpatient Clinic Manager and an Ombudsman for two assisted living facilities. I taught AARP Driver's Safety and served as the program's District Manager. I've worked in AARP's Tax-Aide program for 10+ years, and held local and WA state leadership positions. Currently, I'm a Tax-Aide counselor, helping local residents prepare their annual tax returns.

As a Director, I would ensure that GVR provides superior recreational, educational and social opportunities. The organization must focus on allocating limited resources smartly and fairly, and in accordance with membership desires. I would work with board members toward those goals and ensure that all member requests are equitably considered.



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2011-2014

**ROSE THEISEN** - Green Valley has been on my retirement radar screen since discovering the area in 1995. Fortunately, my husband, Chuck was able to transfer with his employer to Tucson in February, 2010 and we are living here full-time earlier than we anticipated.

My professional background includes technical operations, strategic planning and project management as a director for a major telecommunications company. I have also worked as an independent business consultant, a college professor and a community advocate. I have always been an overactive volunteer in all areas of community, and served on boards for churches, Anoka County (MN), United Way, Boy Scouts and most recently on a School Board in Washington. Since moving to Green Valley, I have joined a Resurrection Choir and teach religious education to 8th graders. I recently served as a poll worker for the November elections. My undergraduate degree is in Information Systems and I have a Masters in Business from the University of Minnesota.

My hobbies include decorating our new home and quilting. Chuck and I golf on weekends, are members of the pickleball club and try to work out three evenings a week at one of GVR's great rec centers.

GVR is one of Green Valley's best attributes and I want to contribute to the success of this organization. My experience in planning, operations and budgeting will be useful as a Director of GVR. My personal style is direct, open and honest. I pledge to work for continuing improvement of methods and content of GVR communications as well as ensuring that members receive the "best bang for the buck".