

Living Through the Pandemic

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Zoom Chat
Zoom Talk
Zoom Demo
Zoom Bingo
Zoom Poker
VP Pinochle

What are those! Those are what keep the Deaf SCG residents busy in spite of the pandemic! There is no week without a Zoom 'get-together'; we have them at least twice a week. We play Poker through Zoom, using Poker Star online and also Pinochle through Videophones, using Trickster online. There is always something to do, something to talk about, something to share with each other.

The COVID-19 pandemic has not stopped nor

prevented us from 'getting together' through Zoom, VP and Facetime. A group of men and women hike around SCG and trails outside of Surprise at least three times a week. Many others take leisure walks on SCG's walkways and trails. Others meet at the swimming pools and the gym.

Four times a month Zoom Chats take place of our socials, three of which used to be held at Cimarron and the other in Surprise.



Twice a month Zoom Talks involved presentations such as "Most Embarrassing Moments", "50's and 60's",

"Organizing Important Documents", "50's and 60's", and "Unforgettable Events", all done by our own residents. We had a special speaker from Florida on "Life Planning for Seniors". We also played "Trivia about SCG" on Kahoot! on Zoom.

One Sunday a month, Zoom Demos involved "Canning jams" and "Show and Tell" during which we demonstrated what we worked on since the pandemic started. Examples were 3D products including an 18-wheel truck, stained glass, rock painting, quilts, alcohol ink, diamond painting with beads, puzzles,

creating cards and more.

In addition to the above Zoom gatherings, private groups text, email and videophone each other at various times. Many of us visit our families, many throughout the country, through Zoom, Videophone and FaceTime. Since we haven't been able to travel much during the pandemic, using the Zoom connects us with others much more than in the past. In other words, we don't have to miss any workshops, webinars, memorial services and more, thanks to the Zoom.

Thanks to today's phenomenal technology we can stay in touch with more people and stay inspired, active and talented. Sincerest thanks go to those who sent me photos and special thanks go to Susie Tighe for preparing the collages of photos to include with this article.

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