

# INSIDE LEISURE VILLAGE

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## Clarification Facts Regarding The Nominating Committee

By Ed Hawthorne, Past President, 1995/96

It appears necessary to set the record straight regarding our Nominating Committee in view of the misinformation being disseminated in the campaign to recall Dick Griswold.

The current (1996/97) Nominating Committee includes three past Board Presidents (Bob Atz, Jim Nichols and Ed Hawthorne) and three past elected Board Members (Bill Himstreet, Luella Kelwin and Ann Levey). This does not include the Chairperson, who by law must be one of the current Board Members.

This 1996/97 Nominating Committee was appointed by me as Board President at the June 1996 Annual Meeting with the concurrence of my fellow Board Members at the time. Board Minutes on record confirm majority approval. Notwithstanding "accusations" to the contrary, Dick Griswold cannot be given any "credit" for the composition of this Committee. Only I can be "blamed" (or praised) for it.

By contrast, the previous (1995/96) Nominating Committee, as originally composed, included one past elected Board Member, two past Board Members appointed to fill a Board vacancy, and three

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### YOUR NEIGHBORS CARE GROUP

YNCG will conduct a free blood pressure clinic on Monday January 20 from 7:00-8:00 p.m. in the AR.

## Holidays Celebrated In Leisure Village



By Margaret Hines

The Rhythmettes opened the entertainment at the annual Village tree trim party on December 2 in the AR. The beautiful fresh tree, with ornaments placed by villagers, stands in the AR until after the holidays.

The Rhythmettes played familiar Christmas-Hanukkah music and there were individual performances as well. During the Rhythmettes number "Dreidle" Iris Simmonds and Jean Aird spun tops. Rawza Kramer performed with one of her dancing puppets. Billy Pachter read a Texas poem, Ginny Naspo sang "Winter Wonderland," Bella Sampson whistled "Let Us

Light the Candles," Piff DeSimone sang "Gloria in Excelsis Deo," and Ethel Belanger sang "Silver Bells." The audience participated in a community singing of "Deck the Halls" and "Silent Night." The Village Cloggers presented some lively dances.

The program was arranged by Piff DeSimone, music Director of the Rhythmettes; Lily Baker, pianist for practice days, and Ethel Belanger, pianist for the performance.

Happy Holidays to everyone.



## 55 Alive

By Naomi Balfour

The 55 Alive class will be offered on January 16 and 17 at 1:00 p.m. in the MPR. This is the chance for licensed drivers of L.V. to refresh their memories on defensive driving skills.

All participants receive a discount on automobile insurance for 3 years. For those who have taken the class before, they may wish to repeat it, especially if more than 3 years have elapsed. The class is limited to the first 30 who register. The cost is \$8.00.

For more information and registration, call Naomi Balfour 987-9851 or Zo Simmons 484-5205.

## Petition Submitted For Recall Of Board Member

An unprecedented act, a petition for the recall of the president of the Board of Directors of L.V., has riveted the attention of villagers. No names were affixed to the recall petition, and the subject, Dick Griswold, was given no opportunity to answer charges except during an open Board of Directors meeting.

A special meeting has been scheduled for February 6, 1997, for the sole purpose of voting on the recall of Griswold and electing a new Board member if recall passes. Homeowners have received proxy ballots in the mail which they may use if attending the meeting is impossible.

The petition appears to have been written by amateurs, and more than one lawyer has considered it invalid. Mr. Griswold, however, has provided answers to the four allegations, as reprinted below.

1. Allegation: Acts without authority of Board. Response: This is a vague and meaningless allegation. It is an opinion unsubstantiated by any facts and

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Meeting  
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## • OPINION •

### The Ombudsman Panel

There are times when villagers might need to talk to someone who will listen and advise or suggest how to solve a problem. The Ombudsman Panel has been a long standing group that was appointed by the Board of Directors in L.V. to intercede when people have misunderstandings, or have a problem interpreting the Rules and Regulations.

These people do not claim the powers of King Solomon, but they meet people confidentially and offer their accumulated wisdom. If more than one person is involved, both parties must agree to appear in an informal setting and talk through the situation.

Robert Karlin, V.38, L.V. resident since 1979, is the current chairman of the panel. He was a member of the panel several years ago, and is now serving a second term. In his working career his field was public relations as a representative of the United Auto Workers Union in Detroit, an assistant to Walter Reuther. Later, he did organizational work and writing for union publications in California. He served on the LV Board of Directors two years and was liaison to the Architecture and Landscape Committee.

Al Bennett, V.25, served as president of the Board of Directors (1990-91) and was chairman of the Buildings and Grounds Committee. In private life, he was a food chemist, working with the Great Atlantic and Pacific Food Company in their manufacturing division.

Vern Kiep, V.44, has been a resident since 1983. He is Village Coordinator for the ESO in his Village 44. As president of a printing company, he took part in all facets of business life: labor negotiations, purchasing, customer contacts.

Len Levy, V.17, has lived in L.V. since 1986. His background is in Law. He was regional manager of a law book publishing company, Bancroft - Whitney Publishers, San Francisco. and when he moved to Los Angeles, he was Sales Manager in Southern California. In L.V., he was on the Buildings and Grounds Committee for 1½ years, and serves in Camarillo on Grey Law for Ventura County.

All of these men are "people-persons". They relate easily to villagers, and can keep confidences. They give their recommendations to the Board when the Board is involved, but their decisions are not binding. They respond quickly when requested, and arbitrate problems fairly.

One wonders if the current tension in L.V. could have been avoided early-on if the parties involved had asked the Ombudsmen to offer a resolution that would calm the issues and allow our Village to resume its peaceful character.

#### ABOUT NEXT MONTH

Coordinator for the next month will be Lois Atz. Please follow guidelines and be as brief as you can. Deadline for the January 31 issue will be Monday, January 13, 1997 at 5:00 p.m. To arrange for a photographer, call coordinator at least 3 days in advance. Do not call photographer.

#### Letters

*ILV has obligated itself to publish letters to the editors that are not profane or libelous. Views or statements expressed are the beliefs of the writer and are not necessarily supported by the staff of ILV. Letters must include signature, address, and telephone number. Please limit letters to 250 words. We reserve the right to edit and/or condense. Place in ILV box or give to Coordinator of the month, as listed on page 2.*

#### On Recall Ballot

The required 5% of Unit Owners have signed a petition drafted by a small group of homeowners to recall Director Griswold, and a Recall Ballot has been mailed to us to vote on this matter in person or by proxy on February 6, 1997.

This is a very serious matter without precedent in Leisure Village — one that will affect us in the years to come — and we better think very hard, and carefully consider all the factors, before we vote.

First let me point out that this ballot is more than just about a recall of one Director. It is about how we operate after we elect Directors, how we entrust them to serve in our behalf, how we treat them while they are serving, and as a result what effect this has to encourage qualified homeowners to run for the Board. And so *my comments are not about Dick Griswold*, but about what this recall ballot means to us, to our interests, and to our future.

Similarly, *my comments are not about* those who signed the original petition. I do not question their motives or feelings or intentions.

Some may have done so without knowing all the pros and cons.

*My comments are about* four very basic reasons why we should vote NO on this recall ballot.

1. Passage of this Ballot to recall a Director will have a profoundly negative and lasting effect on our village. At the very least it will disrupt our relatively calm, harmonious day-to-day life. Most likely, it will bring about divisiveness, establish a dangerous precedent, politicize our Boards and render them much less effective.

Anger, confrontation, vengeful action or vigilante justice are rarely effective means of achieving satisfactory outcomes. Appropriate ways to resolve differences or disagreements, or to bring about desired changes, are through communication, negotiation, compromise, or elections at the designated times.

2. "It takes three to tango." No single Director has the power to act on any matter, however insignificant. It takes a majority of at least three. If you believe that an improper action was taken by the Board then you must ask for a recall of at least three Board Members!

3. Passage of the ballot to recall a Director will discourage qualified people from running for the Board. Responsible homeowners will not want to be placed in such a vulnerable position, to be subjected to intimidation and threats. The office of Board Director will become politicized, to be filled only by members of a vocal activist group.

4. Passage of this Ballot will greatly damage the Leisure Village reputation in our community, and will be a most harmful way to

greet our new General Manager about to be hired. Assuredly, the impact on our staff and on our operations will be detrimental and costly.

In summary then:

1. Approval of the Recall Ballot will inflame our community and will degrade our life as we know it.

2. The recall ballot is a vengeful action based on the faulty pretense that one Director can be blamed for undesirable Board actions, whereas "it takes three to tango."

3. Approval of the recall ballot will effectively turn the village over to a one-sided group of politicized activists; many qualified homeowners will not want to run for the Board facing potential activist recalls.

4. Approval of the recall ballot will have an adverse effect on our standing in the community, on our operations, on our staff, and on our new General Manager.

I therefore strongly urge you to VOTE NO on this Recall Ballot.

Edward I. Hawthorne, V.42

#### Golden Rule

My wife, Bernice, and I have lived in Leisure Village for more than 22 years and in all that time we have been proud to call it home. We have a Board of Directors which is charged with managing this Village in accordance with a Constitution and State Laws.

The last meeting of the Board was held on Monday, November 4. As usual a portion of the meeting was opened up for comments from the homeowners. I think very few of us would have been able to tolerate the long and unfair tirades directed at the Board by a few homeowners. These individuals obviously had not become sure of the accuracy of their charges before they publicly made them.

We have been very fortunate in being able to obtain outstanding, capable and willing residents to accept the often thankless job

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**LETTERS.....**from pg 2 of serving on our Board of Directors without any financial reward. Concern is expressed for how long we will be able to obtain qualified persons to serve, if residents continue to be abusive to them. The Board, and particularly the Chairman, are to be commended for "keeping their cool" at the last Board meeting when such uncalled for rhetoric was used. It was helpful to have the Union controversy explained by a former Board member who was one of the two members who handled the labor contract negotiations.

Most of us agree that the adoption of the Golden Rule principle in all our dealings with Board Members and others, would go a long way in preventing disquieting incidents such as has been cited in this letter.

In an effort to bring better understanding and respect into all our dealings

with each other, I would like to propose the following modified Golden Rules

"I will do and say to others, as I would have others do and say to me."

Larry Jenkins, V.6

#### Convert Annex Building

Our letter published in the Oct. 27 edition of ILV suggested the use of the Annex Building for an exercise room and a table tennis facility.

This requires converting existing bathrooms for handicap use. An editor's footnote stated the conversion was too expensive. It was estimated at \$20,000.

After inspection by a plumbing contractor, we obtained a \$5,000 estimate for converting both bathrooms to "unisex" facilities, and only one bathroom for handicap use. This is an acceptable alternative according to the Camarillo Bldg. Dept.

We consider this to be a very reasonable price for releasing the 5,000 square

foot Annex Building from a storage-only facility, as presently required by building codes, to a multipurpose structure suitable for any LV activity.

The Annex Building can be used as is for exercise equipment and for table tennis. As funds become available, the building can be partitioned and air-conditioned for other L.V. club activities, including a needed computer facility.

The existing club rooms in the Recreation Center are in heavy demand. Using one for an exercise room will jam an already overcrowded schedule for club activities.

With all the comments regarding updating LV, let's take the first step by utilizing the Annex Building for needed village activities.

Phil Belsky V. 44

#### AGAINST RECALL

I have read the 9 charges against Dick Griswold (pres. LVA Board), and fail

to find any valid charges. If he were an embezzler or if he were incompetent or if he missed meetings, those would be representative of valid charges. But to say he is for or against something or other, simply makes NO sense because he has only one vote (same as the others).

The Village needs "unity" not divisive recalls. Who is responsible for this ridiculous recall? More politics? I hope the villagers will see through this garbage called recall.

Incidentally the recall letter is not signed. Why do the authors hide behind anonymity? Are the authors the same people who hate unsigned letters? I suspect they are!

In summary: of course I am against the recall. It is phony, it is divisive and it is NOT in the best interests of the Village.

Dan Davis, V. 31

#### ON EXERCISE

Before there were Nau-

tilus machines there were men like Bernard McFadden, Publisher of Physical Culture Magazine, extolling the virtues of health, food and exercise to improve the human condition.

Who can forget Charles Atlas and his "Dynamic Tension"? His promise of deterring bullies from "kicking sand in your face" commanded a respectable following. Last, but not least, there is "Gypsy Boots" who keeps the dream alive.

What do the above have in common? The application of healthy eating and some practical exercises as a way of life.

Here at Leisure Village you are on your own so far as food intake goes. The commitment of exercise is to ones own liking. My own choice for the last 61/2 years has been the bend and stretch group that meets every morning from 8:30 to 9:00 a.m., Monday through Friday, at our Pa-

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our thoughts turn gratefully to those Leisure Villagers who have made our progress possible. In this spirit, we sincerely say...

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villion. Believe me my commitment to this mild form of physical therapy is what is keeping my joints from atrophying!

Leon Mandel, V. 3

### Suggest Ramp For Pool

A major feature of our Leisure Village surroundings and activities is the beautiful swimming pool that is probably ranked as the largest and best of its kind in Ventura County. However, as well-serving as it is to many of our residents, it is still lacking in function to a large portion of our population.

The pool was originally constructed without thought regarding the aging of our citizens, to the point where entering and exiting from the pool became a very difficult thing to do because of the height (10 1/2") of each step. Besides affecting our more elderly residents, access to the pool becomes an impossibility to the un-

fortunate residents who have some form of disability.

Needless to say, completely disregarding the needs of these people (the elderly and disabled) is a gross injustice because they are as responsible for their monthly maintenance fees as are all other residents.

To correct this situation, suggestions have been made to install a ramp along with horizontal bars so that many of our residents can have much easier access into and out of our pool. At the same time, some of our disabled residents, by having such access, will now be able to obtain some therapeutic benefit from the water, which until this time, has been denied them.

Al August V.38

### LIVING, BREATHING DEMOCRACY

The November Village Voice misquoted me when

I spoke at the November Open Board Meeting. I did not say I was "against running the Village like a business." I did say "Leisure Village is not a commercial enterprise. It is an association of homeowners."

I'm dismayed by the apathy of fellow villagers when it comes to writing letters to the editor. Many people share my positions re: our Board's activities and direction. When I suggest they write to our paper, it troubles me to hear their reluctance. "They won't print it." "Nobody reads them." Pish Tosh., of course they will. And of course they do.

My freedom of speech includes my right to step up to the plate and speak what's on my mind. It's called Open Public Discourse. Here lies the road to truly informed and living, breathing Democracy.

We should all feel free to speak up at Open Board meetings, the Working board, LVA committees and

clubs. All these meetings could be lively and informative; the source of yeasty, strong involvement by village membership. Listen to our messages. Don't attack the messengers by calling us "stupid, ignorant, or rumor mongers."

The word "emotional" is not pejorative in my lexicon. Josi Cuffari Markey, V.23

### KUDOS for ILV and Channel 12

Having lived in Leisure Village for about 20 years I was present at the birth of ILV and have also watched the beginnings of Channel 12. It was like seeing Children grow up and flourish, becoming responsible caring and intelligent grown ups.

I think I speak for all villagers when I thank you for what you are doing and that we appreciate it. You are invaluable to all of us, especially to the shut ins, and a tremendous help to all the clubs and groups who need to advertise their meetings,

not to mention your intelligent and unbiased reporting of all the important happenings.

So here is a great big THANK YOU and best wishes to all. Keep on doing what you are doing, because you are doing it so well.

Sonia Brink, V.15

This letter is to thank ILV and writer Herman Waltzer for the recognition I received in the November issue for the help I give to mail the Village Voice each month. I am one of about 15 dedicated volunteers but I started before the others. When house-to-house hand delivery was discontinued and mailing was started, the late Bert Kunz organized a group which included me and my wife, Beatrice, who worked beside me until she became disabled about two years ago. As the article states, I have been more fortunate.

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Bert Kunz and now' Edie Pedersen and Louise Herbert, a mailing date has never been missed.

Will Schreiber; V.20

I am taking this opportunity to say "Thank You" to Mildred Litrownik for taking me to the hospital when I had my accident, and to Betty Stallman for taking me home from the hospital. I also thank my neighbors who shopped for me, and for the calls. Letting me know you cared really helped. My sincere appreciation, and may only good things happen to all of you.

Sylvia Selden, V.17

I want to thank all my good friends and Villagers for being such a comfort to me this past year during my beloved husband Jeffrey's sickness and recent death.

I have also appreciated all the food and goodies brought to me during this trying time.

It is a wonderful feeling

to know that I am surrounded by so many kind and caring people.

Thank you again.

Sandra Weisbrot, V.9

I am a letter carrier in Leisure Village. I have been home for about a month recovering from surgery, and I am receiving get well cards from many of my patrons. I was told I could put a general thank you in your paper.

To all my patrons in Villages 16 through 25, I thank you for your get well wishes. Your thoughtfulness is much appreciated. I am doing very well and will be back to work before Thanksgiving. Your letter carrier,

Lou Moreton, Oxnard

Thank you for your warm expression of sympathy upon the death of my husband, Ira. The pain is lessened by your many tributes and cards.

Joan Rines, V.30

The Family of Gil Borenstein wishes to thank all our friends and neighbors for their kind expressions of sympathy. Your thoughtfulness was greatly appreciated.

Gloria Borenstein and Family, V.25

There are not enough words to express my appreciation to the many L.V. residents who expressed their kindness and support in endless ways during my husband Bob's illness and after his passing.

My thanks and gratitude for all your expressions of sympathy.

Ida Zeller, V.30

Most of the automobile drivers in Leisure Village, men and women, have a clear vision of what to do when they see a Stop sign.

Make a California Stop.

William Berman, V.7

I would really be remiss if I did not thank these who helped me during my re-

cent illness. I still do not know exactly what happened to me, but I am feeling better every day.

Helen T. Sierichs, V.15

We have lost our dark pink angel statuette which was sitting on our fence right outside the kitchen. Please return it after you have looked her over.

Carol Heyerick, V. 13

It is both a pleasure and a privilege to take this opportunity to mention the bad news and the good news regarding my recent arthroscopic surgery. First the bad news. Because of the overwhelming calls, my secretary had to take a leave of absence. My mailman had developed a hernia carrying all the get-well cards. Happily, he has recovered.

The good news is that I am recovering nicely and hoping to return to my regular activities such as walking, bowling and playing paddle tennis.

## Memoriam

Louis Gianettoni  
V.30

Jeffrey Weisbrot  
V.9

Donald R. Yuva  
V.3

Lillian Gotlieb  
V.39

Gilda Jane McIntyre  
V.1

Abraham Tabakman  
V.39

John Kowalsky  
V.28

To all those who called, visited, sent well wishes and goodies, I say thank you, thank you, thank you.

Robert Freedman, V.17

A thank you to Susan Rockwell and Staff for providing us with such a lovely Thanksgiving Dinner. All staffers treated us in the kindest holiday spirit.

Helen Ayanian, V.11

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## Interfaith Thanksgiving Service Was Well Attended

By Gene Hawkins, Coordinator

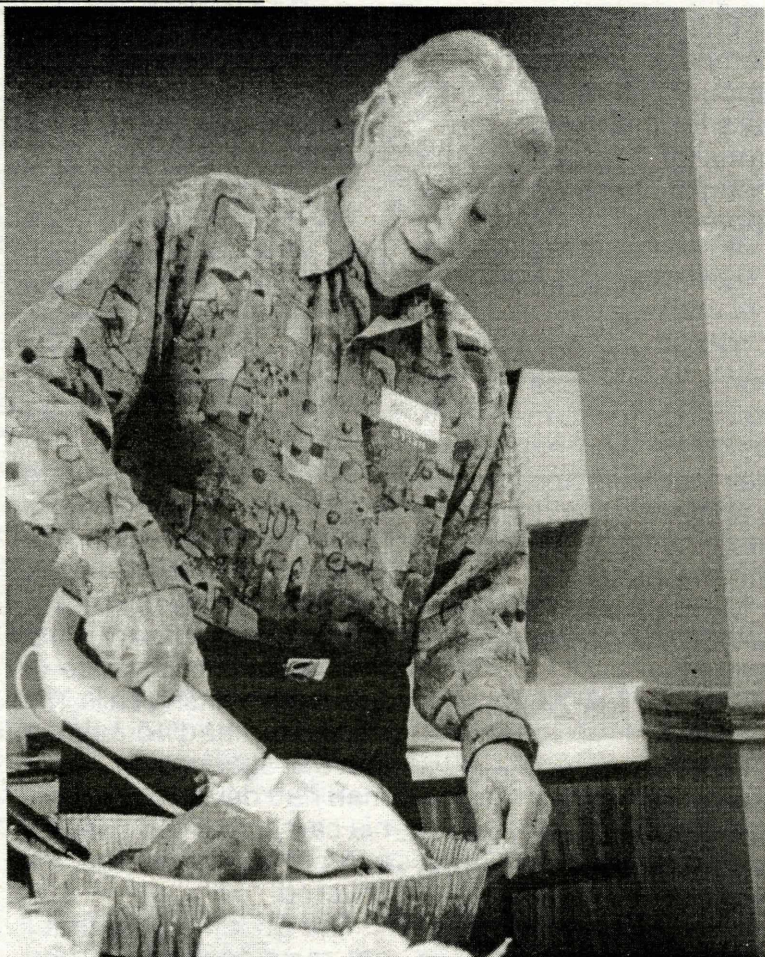
Approximately 300 villagers and guests turned out for the 21st Interfaith Thanksgiving worship held November 27 in the AR.

The service was hosted by the Catholic faith. Father Liam Kidney of Padre Serra Parish delivered the Thanksgiving message. The Reverend Jim Dierberger of Camarillo United Methodist Church offered the Invocation and villager Irving Dubin pronounced the Benediction.

Scripture and other readings were done by Marjorie Rice, Elaine Shainhouse and Pegge Lane. The Presidential Thanksgiving Proclamation was read by Jean Aird.

Music was presented by members of the Belles of Harmony under the direction of Lois Bello. Esther Kuebler was pianist. Maxine Hollingsworth offered the organ prelude.

Other villagers assisting with the Thanksgiving program were: Charles Babcock, Clary Morgan, Walt Whitaker, Gerry Stone, Ann Bellante, George Goldfarb, Alda Kroll, Gina Miller, Connie Santangelo, Charlie Bellante, Al DeFusco, George Kroll, John Rice and Carl Santangelo.



Willie Smith carves for Thanksgiving feast.



Table Setting

Photos by Phil Rockwell

## Thanksgiving Feast: A Warm Family Feeling

Leisure Village offered residents a Thanksgiving feast second to none. Sixty-six persons were served in the festively decorated MPR. The catered food was delicious and started with a large array of fresh hors d'oeuvres, and a bottomless punch bowl.

Tables seating ten persons were served family style, each table having its own turkey, all the trimmings, and a volunteer carver.

Accolades go to the organizer of the afternoon, Recreation Director Susan Rockwell. Her staff of Froi and Marcel, who gave up their own family holidays in order to provide a special day for residents, were truly indefatigable!

It would be a mistake not to mention the volunteers who helped wherever needed, both prior to the affair, and afterwards with the clean-up.

To live in Leisure Village is truly a blessing. Thank you, and kudos to all who helped make this a memorable day.

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is, therefore, difficult if not impossible to answer. However, my working method has always been to bring every issue to the Board for decision.

2. Allegation: Violates CC&R's, Art.II, Section 2.7 (Maintains business for profit in L.V. residence.)

Response: CC&R's Section 2.7 does not refer to work customarily done in many homes, such as income taxes, real estate sales, handymen and businesses where there is no regular foot or vehicular traffic. Years ago a previous Board ruling allowed me to conduct a business in my home and this has not been revoked. Therefore, no violation of the CC&R's has occurred. Additionally, our vitamin business is organized for mail order sales. Orders are received by mail at a P.O.Box, made up and taken to UPS for delivery. Many businesses are conducted in homes in Leisure Village. Are we to pursue and persecute each one, especially where there is neither traffic, nor strangers entering into the village and there are no solicitations or advertising?

3. Allegation: Accused Woman's Club Trading Post with false statements. Response: I did ask the Women's Club's Trading Post to keep a written, verifiable record of all sales. I

asked the Trading Post to provide a paper trail, that can be audited, from the time the money is collected until it is deposited into the Women's Club bank account. Yes, it is true that I have asked the Women's Club to operate in conformance with rule 9.26. None of these requests can be considered false accusations. In fact, the requests are the recommendations of the auditor and attorney for LVA. Moreover, these same requirements apply to all Leisure Village clubs, groups and activities.

4. Allegation: Harassed fellow Board member with false, defamatory statements. Response: Again, this is a statement without any substantiating facts to support it, but I can only guess that this refers to the report (authenticated) given by Jean Verbeck, our former General Manager, to the board, advising us that a board member had asked an employee of Resident Services to perform personal work. This work was done on company time by four Resident Services employees. To charge that statements I made in regard to this brazen and unapproved behavior is "harassment of a board member" is unbelievable. The board member should have been reprimanded and should have repaid LV for the services of these four men at their usual rate of pay. The truth is never defamatory.

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## A New Bus Schedule For L.V.

**By Margrate Gowder**

Beginning January 6, 1997, we shall have new schedules and routes for L.V. buses.

The fixed route will make rounds out of Leisure Village approximately every hour from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. This will be free for villagers and will operate Mondays through Fridays.

Three buses will be used for the Dial-a-Ride which will operate M-Th from 7:30

a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and 7:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Fridays. The Dial-a-Ride will have hours from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Saturday. The Dial-a-Ride will take riders across the Freeway to the outlet stores and to the Target shopping stores.

A dispatcher will schedule Dial-a-Ride. Call 24 hours ahead to be picked up at your door. This will cost 50 cents each way for everyone.

## Fence Grafitti Shows Need of Repairs

**By Lois Atz**

Homeowners bordering on Leisure Village Drive and Mountain View Drive have found out what those white painted marks on their fences mean. These marks identify fence boards containing termites, dry rot or are otherwise unsound, which must be replaced (or the procedure started). by December 31, 1996 at homeowner expense.

Such owners have been sent letters by the Board outlining the procedure. First, get an architecture permit (\$10 fee) at the Association office and get a copy of Architecture Specification 130.

Repairs may be done 1) by the homeowner, 2) request Resident Services to do the work, or 3) hire an outside licensed contractor. Repairs will be inspected by the Village.

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homeowners who had never served on the Board. None of these six persons has served as Board President. A seventh member was added in the fall of 1996 replacing a Board Member who had resigned.

This clarification should dispel erroneous rumors

misconceptions, and accusations.

The Nominating Committee commences its work in January to find nominees for 3 openings in the Board of Directors for the next two years. The election will be held in June.

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## Ode to Sleep

By Sonia Brink

How blessed are we humankind  
that nature gave us sleep,  
so that our tired restless minds  
may think afresh the coming day.  
All troubles and concerns  
take on a different view,  
we soon see what is false or true  
and start the day with newfound strength.

I like to think that Death will be  
a blissful sleep for you and me,  
not to be feared when he decides to come.  
I like to think that he's my friend  
who'll comfort me and hold my hand,  
so I may go with him in peace.

## GTE Wants To Bring Cable TV To Leisure Village

By Bob Atz

On November 13 two representatives from GTE presented a proposal to bring cable television to Leisure Village. Details of the project were given at a meeting conducted by the TADS committee, a sub-committee of the Purchase Research Committee. Dick Griswold, LVA Board president, and Hunter Cohen, LVA Board vice-president were also present.

During the presentation GTE explained that they are now installing a fiberoptic cable system in Thousand Oaks and Newbury Park. They plan to extend this service into Camarillo in about six months and they propose to install such a system to Leisure Village.

The new system would supplant the existing coaxial cable and would require new connections to be made to

each residence. The currently-used wiring would be left in place and simply disconnected. The monthly cost for their basic service would be \$9.00 per month per dwelling. This price is guaranteed for 10 years, subject to a 2% per year price escalation. Our present cost for basic TV is approximately \$4.50 per month, which is included in our homeowner's monthly assessment.

The new system would provide 64 channels of television compared to the 22 channels we presently receive to cable ready television sets. Those sets that are not cable-ready will require a converter box.

GTE estimates the cost to install their system in L.V. at approximately \$1.6 million. There would be no cost to the Village other than the basic \$9.00 per month service fee plus \$2.95 for the converter box, if needed. This price would include in-

## Observations Regarding Board Of Directors

By Lois Atz

The Open Board Meeting of December 2 attracted about 350 villagers, creating a scramble for chairs and copies of the agenda.

Main interest was in the recall election efforts. Points raised by homeowners were whether the election is legal, for several reasons:

Results of the September election reportedly were not filed with the Ventura County Recorder until December. Therefore cumulative voting was still legally in effect when the recall petition was submitted on November 11. Under cumulative voting, recall of a single Board member is not possible.

stallation of two TV connections for those having more than one set. If additional TV connections are wanted they would cost \$15.45 each, if installed at the time the project is started.

As presently planned, the proposed system would not deliver AMC, CSPAN-2 or FM stations to our homes.

Because of the many ramifications of this project the LVA Board of Directors will not make any decisions about installing this system until more studies have been completed. Stay tuned.

Sworn affidavits should have been filed with the petition to prove the charges. As filed, the initiative petition is anonymous and unsubstantiated.

James Lingl, LVA attorney, declined a request for an interview with the editors of *Inside Leisure Village*, stating he can only discuss the recall with the Board.

## The Recall in \$ and ¢

What it is costing you as of November 27: \$3,400.76  
Attorney Lingl: \$2512.00  
Printing costs: \$380.39  
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## Ho, Ho, Ho, It's Christmas!



Photo by Klapperman

Bill Bilbo has created a wonderland in lights around his home to commemorate the joy of Christmas. Altogether there are 3500 lights in his displays which represent many hours of work. A hefty electric bill will be the reward for his show. Thanks, Bill and have a Merry Christmas! The address: 15216 V.15

## Villagers Spotlighted For Volunteer Work

By Dan Williams  
In The Gleaner

It is the aim of *Volunteer Corner* to spotlight particular FOOD Share or agency volunteers in recognition of their valued service toward our mission to feed the hungry. In my endeavor to select this month's featured volunteer, many of those of whom I thought were from Leisure Village.

There are so many wonderful volunteers from Leisure Village that it would be impossible to select a single person deserving of recognition. L.V. residents have been supporting FOOD Share from the very beginning. In fact, there is no community within Ventura County that gives more in terms of volunteer hours. Residents have also been extremely giving toward our capital campaign to raise funds for the construction of the expanded warehouse facility and refrigeration.

L.V.'s support of FOOD

Share, however, doesn't just end there. The community served as an important collection point for the annual Letter Carriers' Food Drive, our largest food drive of the year in May. This is unprecedented as only authorized post offices have been involved in prior years. This speaks volumes about L.V. and the respect the community commands. Also, through a supplemental pantry sponsored by Padre Serra Parish, L.V.'s volunteers proudly and eagerly help their own by delivering food to low-income residents. What an example of community spirit!

On behalf of all here at FOOD Share, may I say "thank you" to the residents of L.V. for all they have given us. As volunteers, donors and community leaders they truly set a terrific example for current and future generations.

## Buildings and Grounds Committee By Charles Babcock

The purpose and mission of the Buildings and Grounds Committee is to monitor the condition and maintenance practices of L.V. homes and common properties. Some of the responsibilities include the external inspection of properties for compliance with the Rules and Regulations.

One of the specifics is to verify that the trees and plants are on the approved plant list and are maintained in an esthetic form and condition. Individual members or a team are assigned by the Committee to inspect Villages and report back on discrepancies or violations and a recommended course of action.

If action becomes necessary the Association Office will send a letter to the home owner requesting compliance, with the home owner given a specified time period to complete the necessary adjustments.

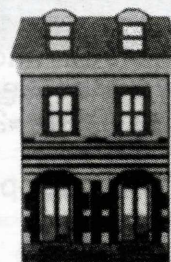
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may result in the entire cost of repair being borne by the home owner as the responsible party.

There is a new determination that the home owner is now responsible for all citrus and fruit tree that are in their planter areas, whether enclosed with a fence or not. A look around the Village shows that many home owners are not giving their trees proper maintenance.

If the fruit is left on the ground it attracts rodents and insects. To obtain the maximum amount of produce the trees must be pruned on a regular basis.

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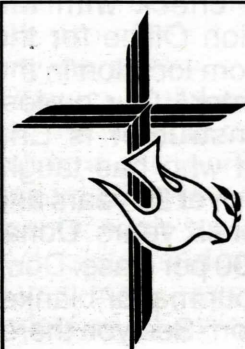
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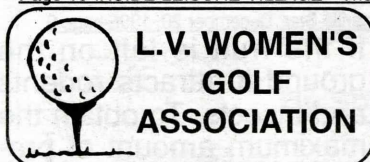
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## L.V. WOMEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION

**By Betty Bruce**

The LVWGA completed the President's Cup tournament, which is 36 holes in Flights, with low net over the field, plus 3 nets in each flight. For the 18ers, Flight A low net over the field, won by Denka Nelson with 109. 1st low net Fran Mead, 2nd Corky Milman. 3rd Lois Kissinger. Flight B 1st low net Nettle Baum, 2nd Betty Morgan, 3rd Irene Helmstead. For the gems low net over the field won by Sharon Green in flight A with 55. 1st low net, Betty Ansell, 2nd Helen

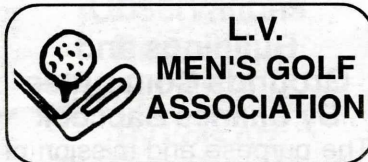
McGinnis, 3rd Marge Kelly. Flight B 1st Ruth Smith, 2nd Carol Van Horn, 3rd Betsy O'Conner. All ties were broken by matching cards.

Regulation on November 21 was rained out.

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, there was no mixed couples nor 19th hole party on November 24, and no open play on November 27.

Low net scores for November: the 18ers ended in a tie. Alda Kroll 59-10=49, Edna McCormick 74-25=49. For the 9ers Sharon Green, 36-14=22 for the back nine.

Wishing all Happy, Healthy Holidays.



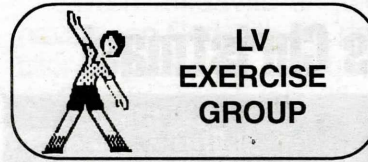
## L.V. MEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION

**By Dick Hof**

Men's Regulation golf at Elkins Ranch on November 13 brought forth Cliff Kemp as low gross winner in C Flight with a 109. Hal Pedersen came in at first low net at 74. Fritz Betts shot 75 for second low net.

B Flight's Al Sullivan took low gross with 94, George Kroll first low net 65. Vern Tyler and Bruce Calkins tied for second low net with 67 each.

In A Flight, Jerry Johnson fired 83 for low gross honors, Chuck Walter carded a net 70 for first low net, and Syl Horwald and Harvey Shirk tied for second low net at 72.



## LV EXERCISE GROUP

**By Lillian Mankoff**

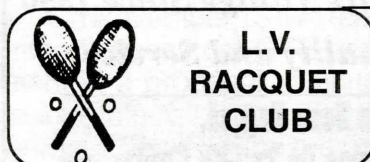
The Leisure Village Exercise Group must be doing something right! Even on a chilly Thanksgiving Day morning there were 40 members bending, stretching and marching.

The group has much to be thankful for: the six faithful leaders of the morning program: Bill Fox, Phil Gevinson, Lorraine Kaplan, Milt Mankoff, George McLean and Florence Ross; the social activities committee led by Shiprah Maller; and the many members who contribute to the group in so many ways. Josephine Ginsburg has again made attractive drawstring bags to fill with

donated cosmetic samples for patients of Camarillo Convalescent Hospital. On December 13, a group of members will visit the hospital to present the gifts and cookies made by creative bakers in the group.

Janet and Phil Gevinson who have been two of the hardest working and most dedicated members over the last seven years, will be honored at the Sweetheart Ball on February 14. Details of this gala evening will be announced shortly.

The Santa Barbara bus trip on January 23 is almost all booked. The travelers will first enjoy a gourmet lunch at City College and then be driven to the Museum or shopping center before returning home. On April 17 another busload of members will spend a day at the Santa Anita Racetrack. Join the group Monday through Friday from 8:30 to 9:00 a.m. at the Pool Pavilion.



## L.V. RACQUET CLUB

**By Ida Kubica**

The Racquet Club dinner dance was a success thanks to the many club members who put out extra effort to make it so. It was enjoyed and appreciated by all who attended.

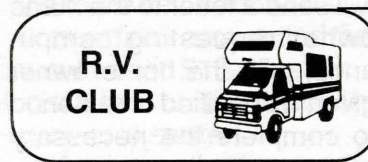
Phil Belsky reported on the progress of the table tennis agenda at the November meeting. As it stands, the Monday and Thursday 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. schedule in the Sun Room requires a call to the Rec Center for confirmation. It has been pre-empted on occasion to accommodate more urgent needs. Phil is working to secure a permanent room, as well as a larger facility to house more tables. Tables are available in the Pavilion after 9:30 a.m. except Monday and Thursday, then it is 11:00 a.m. or 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. in the SR. Mel Levine is available for lessons on Saturdays, 9:30 a.m. Call him to confirm, 388-1941, or just come out and join in when people are playing. Ida, 388-0628, has a group of women players. If you want to be included, give her a call.

Bob Hasen installed the new officers for 1997 at the

November meeting. Pres. Si Ross, V.P. Bud Samuels, Treas. Al Zelmon (back by popular demand), and Secy. Louise Houser. Congratulations, good people!

Si Ross presented the Mystery Guest, Len Koenig, a resident of L.V. with Pauline since 1984. Len was born and raised in New York along with his cousin Lenny, who shared not only his name, but many of his life's experiences. After a modicum of success playing the violin under the tutelage of Vladimir Grafman, a renowned musician, he turned to the dental profession to seek his fortune. He taught and practiced dentistry in the Army during WWII. After being discharged from the army in New Jersey, Len set up a dental practice there. In 1985, Len volunteered for a month to set up a dental clinic for the indigent in Jerusalem. Though he claimed he lacked athletic skills as a child, Len mastered the game of tennis and paddle tennis. How about table tennis, Len!

The next meeting of the club is on January 8, at 7:30 p.m. in the MPR. Membership dues are \$5.00. Come and join the club. Your input and energy are all needed.



## R.V. CLUB

**By Kay Murray**

R. V. Club members are very concerned about the severe deterioration of the asphalt on the R. V. parking lot. It has been neglected too long and pot holes may soon result, causing still more problems and increased cost for repair. A substantially thick overlay, rather than a thin slurry coat is needed. The R.V. lot, like any other recreational facility in the Village, deserves to be maintained in proper condition.

R. V. Club membership voted to purchase a new battery charger to be installed in the parking lot shed. It was researched by

Fred Tanner, Nick Dahl, and Tom Rushing and was selected because of its safety features for both the user and his equipment.

Al and Shirley Law are accepting reservations for the January 17-20 outing to the American Adventures Resort in Desert Hot Springs. The cost is \$20 per rig per night. An optional side trip is being considered to see "The Palm Springs Follies." Cut-off date for reservations for this trip is December 27.

New officers were installed at the December 17 Christmas party. White elephant gifts were exchanged, slides of previous R. V. Club trips were shown, and everyone enjoyed the wine and cheese selections.



## BOWLING

**By Vee Flowers**

In lieu of reporting high scores achieved by Leisure Village Bowling residents, this month's article will concern itself with some of the

reasons villagers can be grateful.

How many seniors elsewhere can boast about the fact they can still laugh, play, read, watch TV, enjoy visits with friends, and bowl? How fortunate to be alive in Leisure Village and to continue to enjoy the activities of one's youth.

## YOGA FOR SENIORS

**By Eunice Hubbard**

How would you like to start the New Year with improving your flexibility and gaining greater physical strength and energy? Would you like to attain easier movement, more body awareness and improved concentration? Are less stress and greater relaxation some of your goals for 1997?

If so, all villagers, and especially beginners, are warmly invited to attend Yoga for Seniors classes held each Friday morning from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. (Please check with the Recreation Office for the exact room location in the Rec Center.) Our professional instructor is Erin Sheffield who has taught Yoga for over 20 years and in L.V. for six years. Donation: \$4.00 per class. Don't forget your mat or blanket for comfort. See you there!





### By Doris Kadish

At the November 7 meeting, Women's Club had a successful Trading Post and mini-bazaar

We were ably entertained by Vivien Mason who sang to recorded background music.

Dorothy Fencil, chairman of the nominating committee, announced the slate of officers for the coming year 1997. They are as follows: Genevieve Leventhal, pres; Piff de Simone, 1<sup>st</sup> vp; Dorothy Fencil, 2<sup>nd</sup> vp; Rosemary Hanson, treas; Betty Moore, parliamentarian.

Membership Chairman Betty Walker announced the current number of members is 559. In January it will be time to pay dues. Annual membership is \$5.00. Please send the money to Rosemary Hanson, treas, or contact any of the new officers.

The January meeting will be the Installation Luncheon at the Thousand Oaks Inn and the cost is \$12.00. Social hour starts at 11:00 a.m. Tickets are on

sale now.

Leisure Village Women's Club gives away a great deal of money each year. This money is pretty much divided equally between Leisure Village projects and Ventura County and Camarillo City projects. The following contributions were announced at the December 5 meeting: Camarillo Arts Council, \$500; Adolfo Camarillo High School, Adopt a Desk \$850; Camarillo Newcomers Club, \$200; Camarillo Art Center, \$200; Camarillo Hospice, \$1,000; Oasis, (Older Adult Services and Intervention Systems), \$500; Camarillo Academic Olympics, \$350; Ventura College Hi Tech Center \$1,000; Camarillo Library, \$1,000; Los Primeros School, \$1,800. Total outside the Village is \$7,400.

Camarillo Health Care District (Lifeline), \$720; LV Food Distribution (Food Share), \$500; Sand Trap Tooth Rake \$600; 10 Sand trap hand rakes, \$200; Cement walkway for V.13 and V.15 to Santa Rosa Plaza, \$2,500; LV Beautification Fund, \$1,000. Total inside the Village \$5,520.

## L. V. Trading Post

### By Irene Cunningham

The Trading Post and Workshop are extremely pleased with the results of the Circus, Circus Bazaar of October 12. The turnout and support by the Villagers far exceeded the Club's expectations. The Club deeply appreciates time and hard work given by so many volunteers in making this effort so successful.

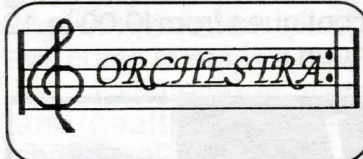
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## INDOOR OUTDOOR GARDEN CLUB

### By Doris Achterkirchen

The LV Garden Club will meet in the MPR on Thursday, January 9, at 9:30 a.m. The program will be Artistic Artificial Flower Arranging done by a representative of Ben Franklin Hobby Store. This can be very helpful when fresh flowers are not too abundant.



### By Don Holmes

The L.V. Orchestra invites new villagers to come to the MPR at 7:30 each Thursday night and play. We do the Standards: Strauss waltzes, Sousa marches, and other familiar music.

I try to find new music so we have some challenges to work on, but since our budget is now limited to my own pocketbook, this is somewhat limited. However, since we now have a rather large library built up, we can find things to play that we haven't seen for some time, and that's almost as good as new.

So take back your fiddle, or whatever instrument you gave your grandkids, and come join us. I am a flutist, myself. Do you know the difference between a flutist and a flautist? A flautist gets paid. We don't.



Photo by Klapperman

## Lucille White and Blanche Burns - The Winners

### DUPLICATE BRIDGE



### By Lou Dektor

The 21st annual Duplicate Bridge tournament for L.V. was held on November 11.

Overall winners were Blanche Burns and Lucille White. Tied for second were Leah Harris and June Minter and Lew and Ann Wurtzel.

Other couples placing in the 19 table event were: Ruth Smith and Hannah Mickelson, Nancy Whitaker and June Dance, Lucille Goldin and Ed Hawthorne, Mildred Alexander and Bea Zisser, Walt and Dorothy Zukerman, Phil Duff and Sam Wiegert, Milt and Bernice Rosen, Judy Holtzman and Herb Marks,

Seymour Fisher and Faye Solursh, Kathleen Borwick and Richard Griswold, Reva Shpiner and Hy Mazer, Ira and Sylvia Christensen and Faith and Lou Saunders.

The intermediate group had 7½ tables. The winners with a special high 75% game were Kathleen Bell and Betty Stallman.

Other couples placing were: Hal and Prudy Wolpa, Don and Meriam Laird and Rosemary Hanson and Deane McDaniel.

The five duplicate bridge games held weekly in the G.R. are open to all villagers and their guests. Times are Mondays at 1:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.; Thursdays at 1:00 p.m. and Wednesdays and Fridays at 7:00 p.m.



## PLAYERS GUILD

### By Irv Goodnick

What a year it has been for the Players Guild! 473 members and still growing! Credit those fine Workshop shows for that phenomenal increase. "The Odd Couple", "The Carol Burnett Show", "Neil Simon Night" and the major production of the hit musical "Nunsense" are some of the hits to be remembered. The new year promises to bring many more.

Players Guild encourages members to become involved in acting and allied stagecraft. However, other aspects such as writing plays, skits, and musical revues may have been overlooked. The Workshop

is the place to try your talents in any of these areas. Just call Program Chair, Bob Freedman, at 482-3813.

The November meeting workshop featured a Gertrude Kern comedy with outstanding performances by Lorraine Kaplan, Gerry Stone and Clarice Shapiro. This was followed by "The Art Gallery," an original parody by Miriam Hasen, with some hilarious surprise antics by an ebullient cast.

The January 16 meeting will be followed by a one-man show by Jack Silver as "Clarence Darrow" with his impressions of this outstanding lawyer and defender of the "underdog." Come and welcome newly elected officers for 1997. A very happy and healthy New Year to all.



## Liedeleers

### By Selma Lich

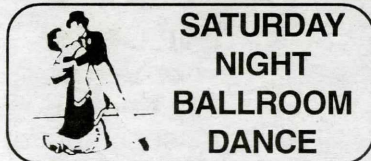
The holiday season is in full swing and the Liedeleers singing group is enjoying its rich musical heritage. Although the accolades received in the past were welcome, this year the group can relax and enjoy the music without the stress of preparing for public appearances. The future? Who knows!

This is a time, too, for contemplation. The annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service on November 27, now

a LV tradition, was an inspiration and a reminder that Thanksgiving Day is more than "turkey day", that it is a time for introspection, a time to be grateful for, among other things, the opportunity to meet with other LV musical devotees for song and camaraderie.

The Liedeleers will continue to meet on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at 10:00 a.m. in the Lanai Room. Singers and instrumentalists are encouraged to "drop by and give it a try." No intimidating auditions required. For information please call Selma at 484-8129.





## SATURDAY NIGHT BALLROOM DANCE

By Anne Janoff

Santa and his helpers arrived early to help the Saturday Night Ballroom Dance Committee set up its Christmas dance preparations.

It was held on December 14 and proved to be a very festive evening. On December 28, the post-Christmas dance will be hosted by Yale and Ella Lewine.

January 11 will usher in the first dance of the 1997 schedule. All are invited to attend and enjoy an evening of dancing fun. Count on a variety of popular tunes recorded on tape by top bands for dancing pleasure.

Admission is only fifty cents per person, 8:00-11:00 p.m. in the AR. Coffee, tea, punch and ice available. BYOB.

A very HAPPY NEW YEAR to all. The group looks forward to welcoming many dancing enthusiasts at the Saturday Night Ballroom Dances throughout 1997.

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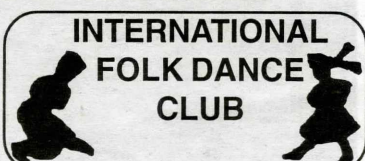
By Ann Kushner

LV Dance Workshop meets every Tuesday in the AR at 3:00 p.m. for country line dancing. New dances are taught and old ones reviewed. Come and join us for fun and exercise.

A cocktail party will be held on Friday, December 20, in the AR at 5:30 p.m. for members, spouses or guests.

There will be no dance workshop Tuesday December 24 nor Tuesday, December 31.

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## INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCE CLUB

By Marilyn Goodman

International Folk Dance Club members are heading into their 14th year of dancing in 1997 and are looking forward to continuing enjoyment of fun and exercise.

General meetings are held every other month in the AR. The next one is on Wednesday, January 13 at 2:00 p.m. at which time officers will be elected for the coming year. The next board meeting will be on



## LV ROUND DANCE

By Georgia Schneider

Happy holidays and a healthful New Year from the Round Dancers who twinkle their way any time of year.

January 19 will be the date for Bill Burrier to expand the dance repertoire with a new number. Come and join us on Sundays from 10:00 a.m. to noon in the AR.

Wednesday, January 29 at 10:30 a.m. in the AR.

Virginia Calihan instructs the advanced dancers and Mae Sheff the beginners. Dance times: advanced, 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. on Wednesdays and Fridays; beginners on Monday, 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. All classes in the AR.

The anniversary party and installation of officers will be on February 3, 1997 at which time members, spouses and friends are invited. There will be dancing and refreshments.

Remember to bring checks for dues in January.

A very happy and healthy New Year to all.

## Village Cloggers By Louise Houser

The Village Cloggers have scheduled a beginners class Tuesday, January 7 in the AR from 9:15 to 10:00 a.m. Please call Alma Hartman, 987-4954 if interested. This is a fun activity dancing to peppy music. Visitors are welcome any Tuesday morning. Intermediate dancing continues from 10:00 to 12 noon.



## VILLAGE SWINGERS SQUARE DANCE CLUB

By George Nolte

The Village Swingers Square Dance club did not meet on the first Tuesday of the month, because the AR was used for the election.

The Village Swingers Executive Board met at the home of Faye and Arnold Rich. The Swingers are to dance at the Bocce Club holiday dinner. Part of the next meeting will be devoted to practice for this appearance.

The General Membership Meeting was conducted on November 12 by President Sig Jaffe. An increase in dues was approved by the membership.

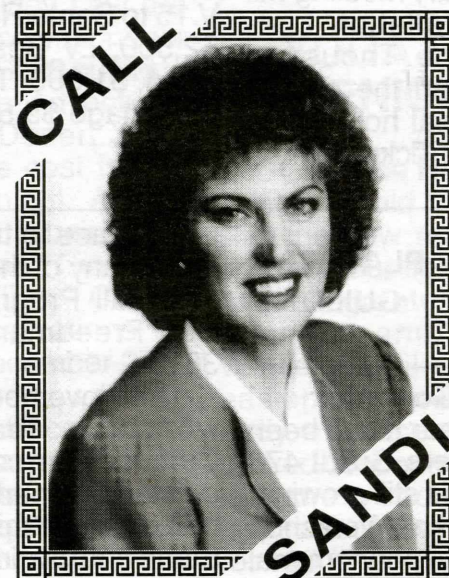
A turkey was donated to the Swingers by Faye and Arnold Rich, and Virginia Ellis. Old Tom served the Swingers as the entree for the Holiday Dinner scheduled for December 10, 1996.

The last meeting of the month was "Western Night". In the true spirit of the West, Celia Priore, packed a pistol just above the hemline. Bill Kramer did a superb job calling. Norm Fuller provided tapes for the rounds.

The Swingers meet every Tuesday from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. Refreshments are served under the direction of Minna and Hal Hudson.

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## HAPPY HOOFERS

**By Shirley S. Heller**

The Happy Hoofers had a wonderful holiday party, enjoyed by everyone. We honored our teacher, Linda from "That's Dancin'" studio and our choreographer Helen Gold, with lovely gifts.

The group is busy practicing to entertain seniors at the Camarillo Health District in January, this performance by invitation from our former member Sophie Lebetkin.

The Hoofers wish everyone a happy, healthy New Year. We welcome anyone that would like to be a Hooper or friend to call Helen Gold at 987-2494.



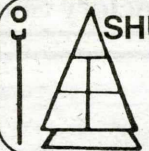
## Hearing Impaired SUPPORT GROUP

**By Gabriel Barkley**

On Wednesday afternoon, January 22 at 1:00 p.m. in the MPR, the Hearing Impaired Support Group will have its first meeting for 1997. The speaker will be either Mrs. Karen B. Darnall, a successful practicing attorney in Camarillo, or Irene DiRaffael, Ph.D., a psychotherapist in Thousand Oaks. The topic of the address will be "The Importance Of Full Open Communication Between Doctor And Patient."

This is a vital and ever timely subject for everyone, and particularly for senior citizens who become more distressed with physical ailments as they grow older.

It is hoped that the MPR will be full of eager listeners on January 22. One is never too old to learn.



## SHUFFLEBOARD CLUB

**By Virginia Shine**

The Shuffleboard Club held its regular meeting on November 5, and plans were finalized for the annual Christmas Dinner on December 10, in the MPR.

The next meeting will be held on regular meeting night, the first Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. in the MPR.



## MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR

**By Carol Heyerick**

Meet Your Neighbor will meet on December 27 at 1:30 p.m. in the Garden Room. Hildi Taylor, chairman, will greet all who come and talk a little about the various clubs and activities available to new and old residents.

The newest arrivals will be introduced and asked to give just a little information about where they came from, former employments, etc. We welcome all of them.

Our guest speaker will be Mannie Abbate who is Chair of the Architectural Committee. We know he will give us some pertinent information.

Hildi will mention the Women's Club and its Trading Post, the Tuesday morning Workshop, the swimming and exercise groups, the arthritis group as well as the several computer classes.

We have enjoyed meeting with you and hope you will come to our last meeting of December. Merry and healthy Christmas cheer to all.

Meet Your Neighbor Committee members as well as Channel 12 will see you on the 27th.



## SOLO CLUB

**By June Few**

The Solo Club's next outing will be at Marie Callender's at 1:00 p.m. on January 9. Cost is \$7.50 per person. Bring check or cash to restaurant. Phone Monica Alves for reservations - 987-5477 before January 7.

Our next bag lunch/business meeting will be January 17. Nominations for 1997 board will be voted on.

## PARKINSONS SUPPORT GROUP

**By Harry Kaplan**

The Parkinsons Support Group meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 9:30 a.m. in the Village Room.

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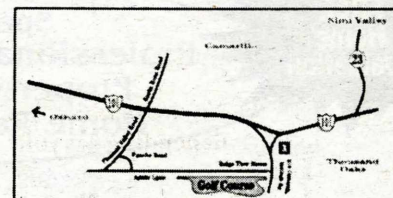
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## AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

By Paul Kelwin

Sixteen Amateur Radio Club "Hams" performed outstandingly at the November 7 DPX (Disaster Preparedness exercise). Emergency Services Organization chairman Bo Humphrey has the difficult job of getting LV prepared for a disaster such as an earthquake, toxic spill, or the theme of the November DPX, airplanes colliding and falling into LV.

To prepare for a disaster, please get a copy of "Shelter-In-Place" in the Recreation office. There is valuable information to meet the possibility of a toxic ground-hugging cloud headed our way from Highway 101 or Santa Rosa Road. Encourage neighbors to read that paper, or take a few extra to pass on AND follow instructions.

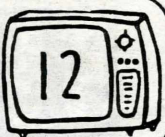
Anybody with ideas on how to inform everyone in L.V. of a toxic spill in just a few minutes, please phone me (987-1446).

The Club had a holiday party on December 3, after which Dick Travis (KO6KU) invited the club to his house for a demonstration of amateur radio on his computer's internet. KEEP ON FREQUENCY! That means "tuned to this column."

Any new-comers to LV, feel free to phone me, or leave a message.

TU, 73! (Thank you! Regards!)

## LOOKING AT CHANNEL 12



By Jack Whalen

An especially early deadline for the December issue of ILV does not allow us time to give the January Channel 12 schedule. However, it will appear in the December issue of Voice Of The Village, which should arrive well before the start of next year.

Almost without exception, Mondays at 5:00 p.m. are highlight shows. Usually the first Monday is Larry Sawyer's "Shared Experiences," the second Monday Lee Edward's "Movie Review," followed the next week by Lillian

Hawthorne's "Book Review," and the last Monday features Hildi Lustig Taylor's "Meet Your Neighbor."

## Dring Needham's 106th Birthday Quietly Observed In New Mexico

Remarkable Dring Needham reached his 106th birthday on August 4 at his summer home in Jemez Springs, N.M.

A resident of Leisure Village since 1974, he lives alone but nearby are daughters Sarah of V.7 and Ruth Mary, (Mrs. Norton Crowell), who lives with her husband in V.13.

All of us at ILV as well as his hundreds of friends wish him many more years of happiness.

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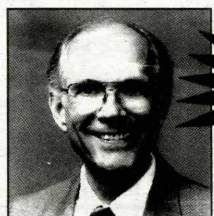
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## Library Notes

By Eileen Cohen

Do you use the Library for reference works? Have you tried the amazing Compact Edition of the Oxford English Dictionary? Of course, it's not easy for many of us to use—it's two volumes of nearly microscopic print, but there's a small drawer in the top of the case containing a reading glass! This treasure was given to the Library by Sascha J. Kaufman. Try it out.

A very happy New Year to all from your Library workers.



## The Village Painters

By Georgia Schneider

The Village Painters will meet on Wednesday, January 8 at 1:00 p.m. in the MPR. The usual first Wednesday meeting was changed due the New Year's Day holiday.

The group welcomed the new Board: Georgia Schneider, pres.; Judy Zeff, v.p.; Sara Kramer, treas.; Erna Hessen, secy.; Florence Golditch, publicity; and Grace Smith, social.

The program will be the video of the November Art Show.

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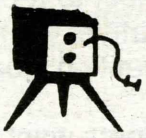
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## CAMERA CLUB

**By Marion Sevren**

This year for the first time, the Camera Club will have a competition for the slide of the year. The winner will be announced at the pot luck dinner on December 18.

At the recent annual Art Show, 17 members exhibited 42 prints. The exhibit was very well received by the large crowd attending. Credits are given to curator Sam Weinstein; computerized titles for pictures, Gil Cooperman, and computerized "Leisure Village Camera Club" sign by Duane Waln. Prints were hung by Gil Cooperman, Al Simons and Sam Weinstein. Monitors were Gil Cooperman, Imogene Gregory, Bill Huffman, Virginia Dunnion, Jack Myers and Sam Brown. The Channel 12 host/commentator was Bill Huffman.

As the year ends thanks go to president, Sam Weinstein. Sam is the sort of person who gives his all to anything in which he is involved. He has worked very hard over the past year and has started many new club activities for all to enjoy. He always comes up with new ideas to improve the club and devotes time and effort to implement them. Thank you, Sam.

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## BILLIARD CLUB

**By Irene Cunningham**

The L.V. Billiard Club culminated the year with a fine Holiday Installation Dinner in the AR, on December 8.

A joyous group enjoyed the camaraderie, live music, prizes and a delicious dinner. The evening was topped off by an enjoyable installation program presented by Shirley Johnston. The new officers are Pres. Ernie Ohmstedt; 1st V.P. Barbara Ohmstedt; 2nd V.P. Betty Wagner; Secy Ed Donahue and Treas Ruth Rigg. The Club appreciates the commitment made by these members. The rest of the Club needs to support them in any way possible.

Dues will be due and payable at the next Club meeting on January 28, 1997, in the MPR, at 7:30 p.m.



## THE CERAMIC PLUS CLUB

**By Don Holmes**

The Ceramics Plus Club did not have meetings in November or December, due to the proximity of the holidays. The next meeting will be Thursday January 23 at 10:30 in the Ceramic Shop.

## THE SAWDUSTERS CLUB



**By Martin Alfred**

The November meeting of the Sawdusters was very well attended and heralded a new year of interesting presentations and plans. The owners of Maclaren and Eggert Construction discussed installation and advantages of double glazed windows. A spirited question and answer period followed. The club is looking forward to many more interesting speakers.

Plans are progressing to familiarize beginners and not-so-new woodworkers in the use of shop machines. It is hoped these sessions will start soon.

Meetings are on the third Thursday of each month at 2:30 p.m. in the Lanai Room.



## NEEDLEWORK ETC.

**By Celia Gordon**

Anyone interested in learning to knit, crochet or needle point is welcome to the Friday morning group that meets from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. in the Village Room. Call Celia at 484-3441 for more information.

**Next LUA Board Meeting - Monday**

**January 6, 1997**

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## Holidays

**By Esther Robbins Maltun**

Holidays bring back memories  
Of those no longer here,  
Of happy times I spent with them—  
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So I'll put the past away  
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## A Pique At Village Politics: Let's Get Legal

By Barbara Simons

Do I have a legal background? Many people have asked me that question. My answer is, yes. I attended an accredited law school for two years and found I really didn't like the "advocacy" system. Every time I wrote a law exam I had the strongest urge to get the parties to compromise, which is not what law professors want to read. At that time I wasn't sure whether I disliked the law itself or just law school. I decided I wanted to work in the law field before I attended another year of law school. This would determine whether I liked the practice of law or not. If I found I did and it was just law school I disliked I would go back and finish my last year.

I enrolled in a year's course at UCLA and became an ABA approved Legal Assistant and went into the field of Corporate/Real Estate law. I worked for two high powered corporate law firms (which means if you didn't go to Harvard law school don't look for a job with them). I specialized in real estate. I funded massive commercial developments for our massive corporate client. I was assigned the tasks of "riding herd" on the developers, the title officers and the brokers, to be sure all papers, forms, permits, inspections and recordings were correct before I called for our client's millions to go on the wire.

But the go-go days of real estate started to slow

down and I had less to do and finally became bored. In the end I decided I preferred children to lawyers and went back to my former career of teaching, which I did in 1983, retiring in 1992.

Law school had given me the ability to do legal research and that's why I went up to the County's law library. I wanted to familiarize myself with law applicable to the current situation in Leisure Village.

Here is what I learned: Board Secretary Nick Fiore is outside the law when he refuses to let Dick Griswold see and copy the petitions. The law is very clear on this. It states that any board member (director) has an absolute right to see and to copy any and all records, documents, books, files etc., having to do with the corporation (that's what we are in the eyes of California law).

What has LVA attorney Mr. Lingl done on this issue? Is he in favor of one of our directors breaking the law? Has he failed to advise him of his position? Has he asked Nick to present the petitions forthwith? (That's legalese for immediately, if not sooner.)

Additionally, the petitions are invalid for several reasons. Because the charges made by the maker(s) of the petition are mere conclusionary statements, stating no facts on which they based their conclusion they are what the courts call "insufficient". There are court cases that have thrown such charges out of

court. I would gladly cite that case law to Mr. Lingl, since he is a specialist in the field of law dealing with Common Interest Developments, but I thought he would know this.

Another reason the recall petition is invalid is that the sponsors have failed to file affidavits or statements sworn to under penalty of perjury that the charges they made they know, of their own knowledge, to be true. Has Mr. Lingl asked for such oaths?

The petitions are also invalid for a third and more complicated reason. Remember last June when we voted out cumulative voting? That necessitated a change in our governing documents. Any change to our CC&R's, Bylaws, etc., has no force and effect until it is recorded in the County Recorder's office and the amended documents are sent out to every member (homeowner). That has not been done. The petition was presented while the voting changes were not recorded. Therefore, the petition was filed under cumulative voting. It was hardly diligent for Mr. Lingl's office not to have recorded the changed documents promptly.

However, those are the conditions that were in effect then (and I'm pretty sure a judge would be reluctant to apply the new rules of "straight voting" retroactively to a period when it was not in effect).

Under the law of this

state, when cumulative voting is in effect, the petition must recall the entire board, not just one member. Of course the filing and recording amendment to the governing documents should have taken place last June, but it didn't. The facts are that the board was elected under cumulative voting and the petition was filed under cumulative voting. That was the rule in effect in our only recorded governing documents at the time.

A technical error, you say? It is just such technical errors that cause cases to be thrown out of court. Judges stick to the codes of Civil Procedure and court rules like glue. They even go to judicial school to learn it and have it drummed into their heads. This "technical error" is an absolute failure to comply with a clear law—no recording—no effect. So why has Mr. Lingl failed to inform the board that they

will all be subject to recall under cumulative voting rules if this petition goes forward?

If the petitioners want to recall Mr. Griswold only, they will have to wait until the documents are recorded and mailed out. Then they will have to get new signatures all over again. This time folks, only homeowners can sign. I have learned that the Board members who reviewed the signatures went through more than 200 names to find somewhat more than 100 true owners. Even then, a judge could rule that board members elected by cumulative voting can only be recalled by cumulative voting. Where does Mr. Lingl stand on this issue, I wonder?

James Lingl, LVA attorney, declined a request for an interview with the editors of *Inside Leisure Village*, stating he can only discuss the recall with the Board.

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## California Senior Legislature

The California State Senior Legislature met in Sacramento recently to discuss senior issues and to select the top 10 prioritized proposals on which to concentrate during 1997.

In previous years, Leisure Village has had a homeowner on this body. Joe Gaynes V.16 served for 9 years, and Joe Ellenbogen V.16 for 3 years. However, this year no one from the Village ran for the Senior Legislature. The representative now is Bob Warnagieris from Ventura.

The information which follows is his summary of the issues, taken from Eugenie G. Wheeler's column in the *STAR*.

1. SP 42A: Income Taxes; Senior Tax Credit. Would suspend the inflation factor on the senior tax credit for five years to provide a majority of funding for long-term care pilot programs, and to fund the California Senior Legislature and the Commission on Aging.

2. AP 64: Nursing Home Employees. Would require health-care facilities to hire health-care workers who can communicate in the same language as the majority of the patients in the facility, and require training in English medical phrases.

3. AP 65: Public Transportation. Would define fare-box ratios for rural areas, hold unmet-needs meetings during the day and use two-thirds of transportation funds for specified uses, including programs for the aged.

4. AP 23: Fraud. Would increase the penalties for fraud against older adults to a level commensurate with the pain suffered.

5. AP 97: Elder Abuse. Would enact an omnibus reform effort involving training, education, public awareness, protective services, shelter programs, etc.

6. AP 84: In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS)

Contractors Would establish a joint committee to investigate for-profit, managed care contractors under the IHSS program to make findings available to the Legislature and county boards of supervisors. For-profit corporations allegedly are reducing the level of care to increase earnings.

7. SP 39: Pharmaceutical Price Controls. Would prohibit a drug brand owner or manufacturer of pharmaceuticals or their agent from selling any drug brand to a wholesaler at a price higher than the lowest price at which the brand is sold in any month as specified. Gets at price gouging in the United States.

8. AP 45: Respite Care: Frail Elderly Persons And Consumers With Disabilities. Would establish a program to provide respite care for caregivers of frail elderly individuals consumers with disabilities, functionally impaired adults and children, and mentally disordered people who require 24-hour supervision.

9. SP 60: Alzheimer's And Dementia Care In California Veterans Homes. Would authorize the veterans homes in California to provide care to eligible individuals with Alzheimer's disease and other related

dementia diseases and to request the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs to provide matching funds.

There was a tie for 10th, so actually there are 11 state proposals.

10a. AP 90: Elder Abuse: Adult Protective Services. Would provide an adult protective services program in California. Included would be funding for 24 hour shelters for victims of abuse and the establishment of standards of care.

10b. AP 10: Skilled Nursing Facilities: Civil Penalties. Would increase penalties for abuses and safety and health code violations in nursing homes. The current enforcement system would be strengthened.

### FOUR FEDERAL PRIORITIES

AP 29: Social Security. Would permanently establish Social Security to be a self-funded program and specifically prohibit privatization of Social Security.

AP 34: Pharmaceutical Price Controls. Would prohibit drug price gouging in the United States by requiring prices to be at the lowest level sold in the United States, Canada or Mexico.

AP 87: Funding Sources In The Older American Act. Would require the federal government to maintain funding of Older American

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Act Title III C-1 and C2 programs regarding congregate meals and home-delivered meals at current levels, indexed to annual increases in the cost of living.

AP 9: Medicare: In-Home Long-Term Care. Would require that Alzheimer's or dementia

patients who require long-term custodial or nursing care be covered by the federal Medicare program if they are kept and cared for in their home by a qualified family member or certified caregiver, selected by a qualified social service person in the community.

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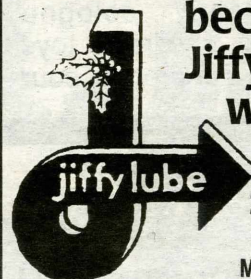
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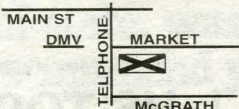
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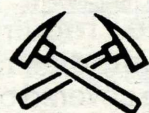
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## GEM AND MINERAL CLUB

### By Don Holmes

The Gem and Mineral Club had its annual Christmas party on December 4, with gifts, fun and games for all. Because of the holidays, there will be no meeting until Wednesday, January 22, for which Helen Ayanian has arranged to have a film on gems and minerals. The meeting starts at 7:30, and new villagers and old-timers are urged to drop in. Refreshments will be served.

### Lapidary Class To Begin In January

#### By Fred Ervast

A class on how to make cabochon jewelry from various types of rock will begin on Friday, January 10, 1997, at the Leisure Village's Lapidary Room. The two-hour class will be conducted on Fridays, starting at 1:00 p.m., for a period of six weeks. A one-time donation of \$3.00 will be requested for materials and supplies.

No experience is necessary. Safety glasses are recommended. Also, free time to use the equipment in the lapidary room under supervision will be available on Wednesday afternoons at 1:00 p.m., starting January 15. For enrollment or further information, call Fred Ervast, 389-0787.

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