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LV residents surveyed on computer use

A freelance writer in Camarillo would like to ask Leisure Village residents who use computers to participate in a survey for an article titled, "Keeping up with seniors." This would consist of statistics needed for her article and would include the following questions:

- How long have you been using a computer?
- What kind of computer do you use: PC, Mac or something else?
- How did you learn to navigate on a computer?
- What do you do on a computer? Play games? If so, what games? Do you do

letters, e-mailing, envelopes or labels, mailing lists, looking up information on health or other issues, uploading or sending pictures or something else?

- How much time a day would you say you spend on the computer?

You can add anything else you would like to mention.

Include something special you do on the computer, such as publishing or using Mapquest.

To participate in this survey, you may respond to the above questions by e-mailing danielohof@yahoo.com. You may leave your name if you wish to be quoted or do not if you prefer to be anonymous.



95 years of loving art benefits LV

By Fran Yasney

Gertrude Goldsmith recently celebrated her 95th birthday. She's been a resident in our Village for more than 30 years, and she founded the Art and Music Group, which has 14 active members.

The group meets weekly in the morning in a member's home. There are no dues. The one rule is that every member must do research and make three reports a year on the arts and music throughout history.

"That's the secret of getting old," said Goldsmith. "If people don't keep their mind active, they end up going to what I call the organ recital. They sit and talk about how this hurts and that hurts and their heart and liver or whatever."

Goldsmith said she wanted to avoid that, so she started the group as a way to learn more about her favorite subjects and keep herself



Surrounding the seated Gertrude Goldsmith on her 95th birthday are members of the club Goldsmith founded, the Art and Music Group. The three members standing are, from left, Clarice Smolarz, Arlene Marder and Mitzi Ettinger. Seated are, from left, Raja Desenberg, Alice Miller, Irma-Chenet, Irene Cohn, Paula Lite, Anne Silver, Fran Yasney, Sunny Givner and Eunice Drell.

active.

"I had a collection of those Time Life books, and that's what we started with," said Goldsmith.

Using the books and some information Goldsmith had from the New York Metropolitan Museum of Art, she began to put together a

talk on a few of the subjects she had read about and invited friends and acquaintances to participate.

Please see **ART** on 10

Oops!

In December's issue, the photo of the Association staff responsible for the LV Thanksgiving Dinner misidentified the person third from the right as Michelle Soloranzo. She is Shelly Runge. And the first name of the person at the far right of the photo was misspelled as Daniel Stite. The correct spelling is Danel. And our proofreaders must have assumed that all readers of ILV are aware of Leisure Village's poet laureate, as on Page 3, Joseph Benti's name was omitted as the author of The Wry Eye.

Finally, a big thank you to Mary Barkemeyer and Marge Ward for their service to Inside Leisure Village. For many years, Mary, assisted by Marge, was in charge of the classified ads, and served as treasurer as well. We wish them both good health and happiness in their retirements.

LETTERS

Many of us have been contacted by our lenders regarding obtaining very costly mandatory flood insurance, which is in addition to that provided by our Association.

According to the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the lenders, the insurance provided by our HOA is insufficient to meet FEMA's new requirements. If you have been forced to purchase mandatory flood insurance and you would like to try to eliminate this extra financial burden, you may write to our senators in Washington, D.C.

There is a bill that recently passed the House

and is currently in the Senate being considered by the Senate Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs. You may write to Sens. Barbara Boxer and Dianne Feinstein either via U.S. mail or e-mail. Please reference the December 2010 Village Voice, pages 19-22, for further information and a sample letter.

— Madeleine Dow, V. 15

A big thank you to Susan Rockwell and all the people who worked on Thanksgiving Day. An excellent turkey feast shared with family and friends (without all the work) made for a perfect day.

— Herb Warneke, V. 40

Letters

ILV has obligated itself to publish letters that are not profane, inflammatory 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 150 words. We reserve the right to edit and/or condense. Place in ILV box. Space permitting, whatever was not printed in this issue due to space limitations will be considered for the next issue.

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DAILY AUDIO MESSAGE BOARD: 5-MIN. READING OF PREVIOUS FRIDAY'S ANNOUNCEMENTS at 6 a.m., 9 a.m., 12 Noon, 3 p.m., 6 p.m., 9 p.m., by Debra Guill

AUDIO PROGRAM: Thursdays at 7 p.m., "The Oldtime Radio Show." JANUARY Shows will feature Jack Benny, Bob Hope, Burns and Allen, and others. Listen In to LVTV and enjoy these favorite old radio shows!!

LVTV COMING ATTRACTIONS – JANUARY 2011

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DAY	JAN.	TIME	PROGRAM
Monday	3	10 A.M.	LVA OPEN BOARD MEETING – AR – Live
Tuesday	4	10 A.M. & 7 P.M.	LVA OPEN BOARD MEETING – Tape
Wednesday	5	10 A.M. & 7 P.M.	LV Interfaith Program (11/23) – Repeat (1 hr. 15 min.)
Thursday	6	7 P.M.	LV Preliminary Budget Presentation – AR - Live
Friday	7	10 A.M. & 7 P.M.	LVA OPEN BOARD MEETING – Tape
Monday	10	10 A.M. & 7 P.M.	LV Preliminary Budget Presentation - Tape
Wednesday	12	10 A.M. & 7 P.M.	NEW from LVTV: "WHAT'S HAPPENING?" in Leisure Village LV Women's Golf Club (9 min.) Why Don't We Do It in Our Sleeves? (5 min.)
Friday	14	10 A.M. & 7 P.M.	TWO HUNGARIANS GO TO THE MOVIES: Lin Grant & Bob Koster; John Mayer, Referee (new) (40-45 min.)
Monday	17	10 A.M. & 7 P.M.	WOMEN'S CLUB: "Opera Cadabra" (11/4) (40 min.)
Wednesday	19	10 A.M. & 7 P.M.	NEW: Book Review (tba) (20-30 min.)
Friday	21	10 A.M. & 7 P.M.	WHAT WAS MY LINE? Jerry Spector & Co. (30-45 min.) (new)
Monday	24	10 A.M. & 7 P.M.	MOVIE REVIEW (new): "Two Hungarians Go to the Movies": Lin Grant & Bob Koster; John Mayer, Referee (40-45 min.)
Wednesday	26	10 A.M. & 7 P.M.	VILLAGE VOICES (new) – Joseph Benti and Friends
Friday	28	10 A.M.	LV Townhall Meeting (11/30) (tape)
Monday	31	10 A.M. & 7 P.M.	PLAYERS GUILD: "Let's All Go to the Movies (11/17) (40 min.)

Book club members: Volunteer to review a recent book for LVTV.
Volunteer to assist in running Message Board, filming events, etc.
Are you interested in becoming involved in stage lighting and sound?
For comments or suggestions about programming:
Stump the panel by being a guest on "What Was My Line?"
Contribute any of your music CDs to LVTV.
Access our schedule on LV's Website.

Call Judy Siegel or John Mayer
Call Mark Smith at 388-1243
Call Bill Foeller at 384-4447
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Call Jerry Spector at 384-9039
Call Larry Forkner at 484-2095
<http://www.leisurevillage.org>

February deadlines

The Display Advertising deadline for the February 2011 issue will be Friday, January 21, at 5 p.m. Deadline for letters, club news, stories, photos and classified ads is also Friday, January 21, at 5 p.m. Publication is scheduled for Friday, February 4. Please e-mail stories and photos to editorilv@yahoo.com. Typed copy, double-spaced, should be deposited in the ILV box in the Recreation Center hallway. Handwritten material should be submitted early to allow for typing.

The Wry Eye

By Joseph Benti

Most of us when we first move here
See ourselves as vibrant retirees,
Free of longtime obligations,
Able to speak and think as we please.

Now and then we get reminders
Our freedom faces somebody else's test.
In words or artistic expression,
What they believe will be what is best.

Speaking for myself and others
Who share my thoughts in last month's poem —
'This is a retirement community,
Not some private school or nursing home.

DAY BRIGHTENER

Q: How can you avoid that terrible curse of the elderly wrinkles?

A: Take off your glasses.

3 ways to improve your credit score

By Sharron Parker
Troop Real Estate, Inc.

Your credit score not only determines the interest rate you will pay on a mortgage or other loan, but it also affects the premium you will pay for homeowner's and auto insurance. Many employers use credit scores as part of their employment application process.

The credit scoring system looks at the percentage of debt you owe compared to your

overall credit line. It does not look at the dollar amount of debt you have, only the balance you owe, compared to how much credit is available to you. So, if you employ the following strategies, you will see a near immediate benefit that improves your credit scores:

1. Do not close your credit accounts. It is better to have many open accounts with little or no balance than to have just one or two accounts regardless of the balance.

2. Do not concentrate large balances on just a few accounts. Pay outstanding debt down as close to zero as possible. The key is to keep the balances at or below 30 percent usage level of the available credit line.

3. Call your card companies and try to increase your available credit lines, if they can do so without pulling a new credit report.

— Sharron Parker is a Realtor with Troop Real Estate, Inc. She is at 443-1998.

'History of California' college class starts Jan. 11

By Mitzi Ettinger

If you have not already registered for the Oxnard College spring session, it is not too late. "History of California" starts on Tuesday, Jan. 11, and ends on Tuesday, May 10, in the

Garden Room. The ever-popular Professor Carolyn Dorrance will teach the class. You may register at the first class on Jan. 11 between 12:45 and 2 p.m. in the Garden Room. The class ends at 4:30 p.m.

The usual mixture of younger Oxnard College students makes the class even more interesting.

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MEMORIALS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

There are many groups of volunteers in Leisure Village doing a great job. I want to acknowledge a group that is truly the best yet. They are the ushers of the Showtyme Club. When we need help with ushering a show, decorating or setting up, they answer the call and show up on time, ready to work. I wish I could list their names, but come to our next show on March 13 and they will greet you with a smile to show you to your seat. Thank you ushers! You are an awesome group!

— Nancy Jacobs, V. 34

If you wish to know how many friends you have in Leisure Village, just break your leg (or hip). They will come from every

activity you have shared.

Mine were golf and bridge. They came with enough energy and enthusiasm to drag me right back to the golf course. They sent stacks of wonderful cards; they brought food, flowers, books and popcorn — and good wishes for my future.

I thank you all, especially Sharon Goren for caring for my cat, the mail and house, and Martha Webb, keeper of the garage opener for the rummage sale collection.

Thank you with all my heart. I am happy to be home.

— Fran Mead, V. 41
First vice president,
Leisure Village Womens Golf
Association

In memoriam

Helen B. Gordon, V. 19
Julius "Jay" Praeger, V. 7
Phyllis Beckel, V. 18
Felix Waser, V. 7
Lewis Gomavitz, V. 25
Alvin Berger, V. 8
Jeannie Mills, formerly V. 28
Joseph Laufersweiler, V. 5

LOOKING BACK

By Marilyn Holthouse Village historian

January 1976, 35 years ago: LV has grown from 264 homes to 565, and population went from 475 to 1017.

January 1981, 30 years ago: New

rules included a second residing person in a dwelling would cost \$3.00; additional persons \$10.00 with a limit of four per dwelling.

January 1986, 25 years ago: The Village Voice would no longer include

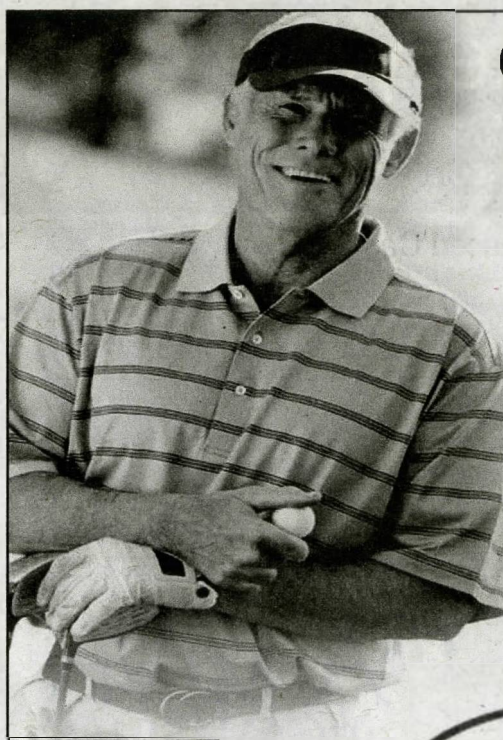
Club News, see Inside Leisure Village instead.

January 1991, 20 years ago: The budget presented had a 9.59 percent increase.

January 1996, 15 years ago: The

LV attorney was instructed to prepare a CC&R amendment to change approval from 75 percent to 66.7 percent.

January 2001, 10 years ago: The New York Club was organized.



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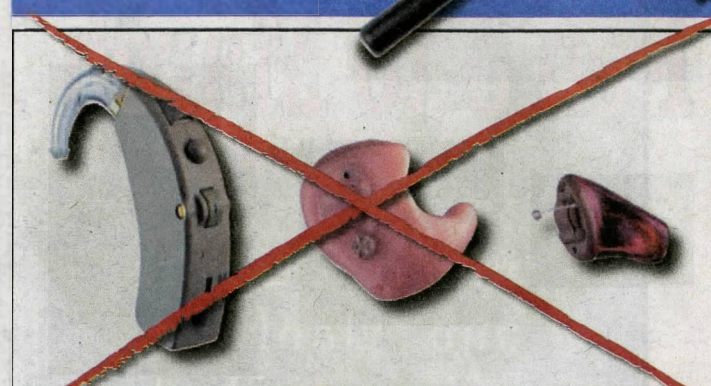
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PET CORNER

By Lorraine Watson

In tough economic times as these, many pet owners are fearful of what it costs to keep their pet healthy. They love their pet dearly but are mindful of how unexpected medical problems can lead to sizable veterinary bills. The good news is that pet owners can play a major role in their pet's health, without spending a massive amount of money. Here are easy measures pet owners can take to survive on a tight budget.

We have all heard the old adage, "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure." This applies to animals as well as humans. Prophylaxis, or being proactive about your cat or dog's health can save you significantly.

There are four very common risk factors leading to disease in dogs and cats: obesity, dental disease, fleas and infectious diseases. More than one third of our pet population is overweight. Obesity can go without notice because it happens slowly, but it predisposes animals to serious medical problems like heart disease,

respiratory disease, liver and digestive problems and mobility problems.

How do you prevent this?

The first step is to make your pet a four-legged exercise machine. If you have a dog, plan a daily walk or two. It will benefit both of you.

If you have a young cat, you can train it to accept a harness so that the two of you can enjoy the great outdoors; but if your cat is indoors, you need to use environmental enrichment toys to get your feline to burn calories. Most pet stores or catalogs sell toys that your cat will chase or pounce on. A laser light is a great kitty exerciser and is very entertaining for owners as well. Other components are an indoor cat gym with climbing towers and collapsible tunnels.

As important as exercise is diet. Make sure your pet is on the appropriate diet for its age and activity level. Do not overfeed! Keep treats to a minimum.

— Lorraine Watson is a doctor of veterinary medicine practicing in Thousand Oaks.



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WHAT'S COOKIN'

Tofu or not?

By Lois Keeler

Tofu or not to tofu?
That is the question.
I decided to give it its due
At a friend's suggestion.

So on one starry night
I gave in and gave it a try,
And much to my delight
I tasted it and said, "Oh my!"

It really was a treat, you see,
Both sweet and spicy and so fine.
My friend made them both for me
With rice and wine for a fine dine.

And so I learned as always in life
To never judge before you taste
As you pick up a fork or knife
To not turn anything down in haste.

A souper start to new year

By Susan Amerikaner

As the New Year begins, almost everyone resolves to lose weight or eat a more healthy diet. Just try getting into a Weight Watchers meeting after Jan. 1! They are always packed. I should know; I go every year!

And now with the weather getting a little cooler, one of my favorite ways of filling up without "filling out" is to use soup. Butternut squash is my favorite. You can buy this soup ready-made, but it is simple to do yourself, and so much better! Most groceries now sell bags of the pre-cut squash. When I'm busy or just lazy, I use the pre-cut squash and even chopped frozen onion!

If you want to use the whole butternut squash, here's a tip that makes it easier: Pierce the squash with a fork in several places. Then microwave on high for 6 to 10 minutes, depending on size. It will be warm, so use mitts! Then peel,

cut and seed as per the recipe below. You can serve this soup with a dollop of sour cream on top and some whole grain bread. On a cloudy, cool California day, this is the best!

Ingredients

- 1 2- to 3-pound butternut squash, peeled and seeded
- 2 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 6 cups chicken stock
- Nutmeg
- Salt and pepper

Directions

Cut squash into 1-inch chunks. In large pot melt butter. Add onion and cook until translucent, about 8 minutes. Add squash and stock. Bring to a simmer and cook until squash is tender, about 15 to 20 minutes. Remove squash chunks with slotted spoon and place in a blender and puree. Return blended squash to pot. Stir and season with nutmeg, salt and pepper. This makes 6 servings.

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SAFE DRIVING

AARP Safe Driver Refresher Course set for Jan. 20

By Claudia Roberts

The AARP Safe Driver Refresher Course is designed for the driver who has already completed an eight-hour Driver Safety Program.

The AARP Driver Safety Program is the nation's first and largest refresher course for drivers older than 50. You will learn about current rules of the road, how to operate your vehicle

more safely in today's increasingly challenging driving environment and adjustments to common age-related changes in vision, hearing and reaction time. After completing the course, you will develop a greater appreciation of driving challenges and how you can avoid potential collisions and injuries to yourself or others.

Enrollment is now open for the

next four-hour refresher course on Thursday, Jan. 20, from 1 to 5 p.m. in the MPR. If needed, a list of eight-hour classes given locally is available upon request.

Each participant receives a certificate which, when presented to your insurance agency, should provide you with a discount.

Cost is \$12 per person with an

AARP membership; \$14.00 for non-members. You must provide your AARP membership number on your check to qualify for the \$12 fee. Pre-registration is required. Your check will not be deposited until after the class.

For more information, please contact Claudia Roberts at 482-9904.

Camarillo police launch new program for senior drivers

If you are a senior citizen driver, you can refresh your driving skills on Thursday, Feb. 17, from 1 to 3 p.m. in the MPR. Get driving information directly from Camarillo Police Department traffic deputies.

This new program is designed especially for senior citizens. The Camarillo Police Department has

joined a partnership with the Camarillo Health Care District and the Department of Motor Vehicles. Topics covered are:

- Common police issues with motorists.
- Assisting with questions regarding rules of the road.
- Alternative transportation

options.

• Information for caregivers and children of loved ones who can't or shouldn't drive.

• Community resources that are available to seniors by the City of Camarillo and Camarillo Health Care District.

Come hear interesting topics that

will be covered by the Camarillo Police Department as well as representatives from the Health Care District and California Department of Motor Vehicles. Reference material will be provided.

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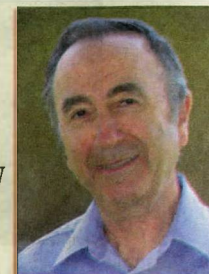
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By Sue-Ellen Colp

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The session started Jan. 4 but you can still join. Bring your weights and everything else will be provided by the instructor. The class uses weights, bands and chairs for a core workout and balance.

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Zumba Gold starts this week

By Sue-Ellen Colp

For those of you who missed it last semester, we are offering Zumba Gold again starting Jan. 6. The class is sponsored by Oxnard Adult Education and the cost is only \$30 for a 10-week session. The class meets Thursdays from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. in

the AR. The class is salsa, mambo, cha-cha and cumbia. If you enjoy Latin dance moves, you will love this class. Move and stretch to easy-to-learn choreography with safe and slow progressions.

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Day brighteners, continued

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Q: As people age, do they sleep more soundly?

A: Yes, but usually in the

afternoon.

Q: Is it common for 70-plus year olds to have problems with memory storage?

A: Storing memory is not the problem, retrieving it is.

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"A lot of these women didn't really know how to do the research or the writing, and a few were nervous getting up in front of a group talking, and we helped them do that," she said.

At a recent meeting, Eunice Drell planned to discuss the history of photography, in particular the Bauhaus movement in Germany and Adolf Hitler's quashing of it, claiming it was obscene.

My first report was on myself. I was an acrobatic dancer and singer in the 1940s, and I made movies called Soundies. I danced swing and country western. Soundies were short films that were installed in similar places as juke boxes. Many big band leaders made Soundies, such as Duke Ellington, Cab Callaway and Paul Whiteman. The Soundies were a

precursor to MTV.

My other reports were more on contemporary artists like John Denver, Cher and Duke Ellington, and I plan on doing Sarah Brightman soon.

"We like meeting weekly because it keeps us focused," said Goldsmith.

The group started in Leisure Village, but we have moved out into Camarillo, gathering at each other's houses depending on what is planned that week.

The group also celebrates birthdays ending in zero and five.

We go to Eunice's house for parties because she has the largest house. Once a month we show a video related to our subject at my house because I have the largest TV screen. We go to concerts together during the year. We car pool with pleasure.

I hope we encourage other people to do this sort of activity. It's good to know we can do this for ourselves. "Make it happen."

Village security is good, but spirit is even better

If you're not convinced that our security here in Leisure Village is where it should be, here's a story that might interest you.

A professional organizer who wrote an article in the Ventura County Star called "Clean up your desk and help a school" received a call from a resident here in LV wanting to make a donation to the reporter's campaign of encouraging communities to donate office supplies to schools.

After getting the lady's address, the organizer arrived at the gate and dutifully waited

in line, giving her name, her business and her intentions. Twice. But the rest of the story is too good not to go on.

Finally, after 40 minutes of driving around, she located the house, rang the bell, and was met at the door by a woman in her 90s. She offered an old chocolate box filled with old pencils and some pens and said, "I don't have much, but I wanted to help."

— Editor's note: The above is a condensed version taken from an article in the Ventura County Star dated Sunday, Nov. 21, "Understanding true meaning of giving."

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LV New York Club

By Jay Balter

At the Jan. 3 meeting, new officers were installed. The board is as follows: president, Manny Abbate; co-VPs in charge of entertainment, Harry Rosenberg and Marc Stone; corresponding secretary, Eileen Hasen; secretary, Vera Stone; membership, Florence Sklarz.

Membership dues are \$7 for the year. If you did not pay your dues, please bring a check to next meeting on Thursday, Feb. 3.

The Feb. 3 meeting is our annual pizza party. This is a fun evening, with entertainment provided by Memry Lane, with Jerry Weisbecker. Tickets for this event may be purchased from Florence Sklarz at 482-5001 or Lucy Fiore at 482-8393.

I have replaced Bob Prowler, and on behalf of members of New York Club, I wish to thank Bob for many years of service and a great job as editor.

Showtyme

By Phil Kamens

Showtyme presents for Friday, Jan. 14, at 7:30 p.m. in the AR, that singing sensation Bill Jones. He has recently returned from a tour of Asia with the Glenn Miller Orchestra.

Bill has done it all: singing, acting, radio and television. His voice has been used for many commercials. He has been seen many times on Fox TV's "Glee," as well as "Everybody

Hates Chris," "King of Queens," "Just Shoot Me" and "The Drew Carey Show." He is one of the greats, so please don't miss it.

If you didn't sign up at our November meeting, please bring a check to the January meeting and sign up. Membership is still only \$7 per year — that's only 77 cents per show — for the nine monthly shows, plus you get goodies and coffee after each performance. If that isn't enough, members pay \$10 for the big shows, and non-members pay \$13. If that doesn't make it the best buy in the Village, we will throw in free parking.

Players Guild

By Joyce Belcher

Jan. 13 will kick off the Players Guild's new season for 2011. The workshop will present "The Bickersons," starring Ted Lansing and Joyce Belcher. Membership for all of 2011 (still only \$7) will be on sale at the door. This year promises to be a fun-filled season for Players Guild. April's production of "Rumors" is already in rehearsals. So come on out and join us every third Thursday of the month. You'll be glad you did.

Mens Golf

By Mannie Abbate

Monthly meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month in the MPR at 2 p.m. Pre-meeting refreshments are served at 1:30

p.m. Come early for bagels, cookies, coffee, wine or punch and chat with the members. Get 50/50 tickets for a drawing at the end of the meeting.

The first regulation tournament for the year was at Elkins Ranch Golf Course on Jan. 6. On Jan. 27 we play at Westlake Golf Course. Check the bulletin board at the course and your e-mail for fees for all the future tournament dates.

The Chili Bowl Mixed Golf Tournament & Luncheon will be on Jan. 30.

Every male resident is eligible for membership in the LVMGA. By joining our club he can play in our home course tournaments, attend our social functions, attend our monthly meetings, participate in our handicap system and play in our regulation course tournaments at many of the public courses in an area from one to 30 miles around Leisure Village. Do some recruiting to get new members!

Watch for the signs at the course and LVTV. Be sure to be included in the e-mail roster so Ernie Ohmstedt

can keep you up to date from time to time as good things happen. If you don't have e-mail, talk to you kids or grandkids and see if the have an "old" computer that they can set up for you for e-mail. Once you get one you will wonder how you ever lived without one.

Women's Club

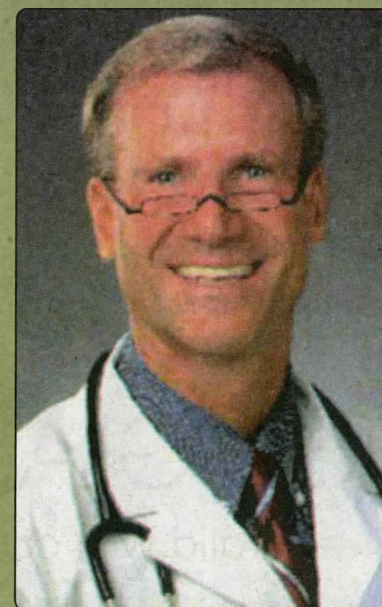
By Eldora Barton

Here we go into another new year with lots of good times to look forward to. Our new Board was installed this month and has plans for our work and enjoyment.

The Tuesday morning Workshop had two weeks off at the end of December and now will be working on new projects and continuing those in progress.

Don't forget to pay your dues for 2011 by mid-January to be listed

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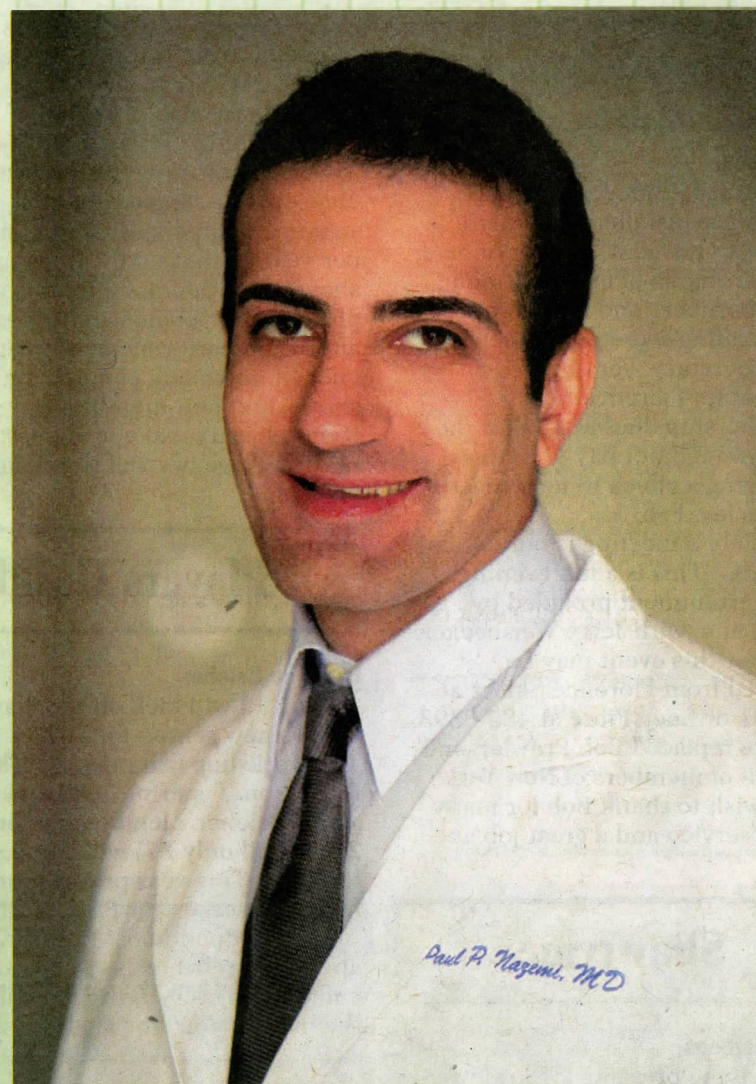
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in the handbook. Send check to Kathy Wirtz, 20319 Village 20. Membership dues are \$5, with non-voting associate membership for men at \$4.

Coming up at the February general meeting, we are being treated to a performance by the choral group, Forever Young Singers, from the Gobel Center in Thousand Oaks. As always, we continue to lend a helping hand by bringing a non-perishable food item for Food Share, Campbell's Soup labels and Box Tops for Education coupons for the schools, and for the Sharkey Hearing Foundation we are collecting old hearing aids. Thank you for your help.

If you have a sweet tooth, there are See's Candy certificates and suckers available.

Veterans Club

By Paul W. Herring

The year 2011 finds the Village

Veterans Club back from the fall furlough and back in action.

All are invited to attend our Thursday, Jan. 27, meeting in the MPR at 7:30 p.m. Our guest speaker is Brenda Manke, administrator of the Veterans Home of California, Ventura. Brenda will talk about the background behind the home, the Residential Care Facility, the Adult Day Healthcare Program, and applications for admission and employment. We will also discuss a future tour of the Veterans Home for club members.

After her talk there will be a question opportunity for the audience participants.

Come and visit with our Veterans Club members and meet the new club president.

Refreshments will be served after the meeting.

Veterans Club is open to all Leisure Village residents, not just veterans. Meetings are the fourth Thursday of each month, January through October.

Village Arts

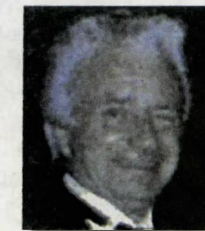
By Rita Linsey

The Village Arts Club and residents have enjoyed a wonderful activity-packed year, and we are looking forward to more to come in 2011. Our programs are designed to entertain and educate all Village residents who are interested in art.

Some of the plans for 2011 include a silk painting demo by Christine Leong, who teaches Chinese painting here in the Village. Phyllis Doyon, local art teacher, will demonstrate how to make mono prints. Next, we'll have a guest woodworker who will demonstrate making wooden toys. Fred Vadja will be demonstrating an ancient technique for making Easter eggs. As the year progresses, we'll have our artist walk, studio tour, art show and other interesting programs.

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Our delicious holiday luncheon was held at Chester's Asia, where 31 members and guests were entertained with Hanukkah and Christmas songs sung by our talented member, Fred Vajda. Stocking-stuffer gifts were given to all who attended.

At the Jan. 5 meeting we installed officers and viewed a 30-minute video of the November Art Show taken by Leisure Village videographer Ken Walker. The video is a great way to show off all the efforts of all our Village artists for those who missed the special event.

LV Pet Club

By Rita Linsey

Pet's-a-plenty here in Leisure Village! As one of the members of the club, I see firsthand at our meetings the love and enjoyment people feel for their pets.

At our December meeting,

members spoke of how special their pets are and how important they are to their lives. One member told about sharing the love for her dog with her neighbor; she and her husband plan to leave the dog to her in their will. Another's dog brought down the Christmas tree after hearing the musical ornament play. One of our Village couples takes their two poodles RVing, and when one of them runs off, the owner frantically finds himself calling out "Coco, Coco" which draws some curious looks from his fellow campers who don't know he is calling a dog.

Starting out the new year, the meeting on Jan. 10 at 7 p.m. in the MPR will be speaker Deena Case-Pall, Ph.D. She is an animal behaviorist who will cover pet selection, changing pet behavior, solving problems, traveling with pets, and will leave ample time for questions. Dr. Case-Pall consults with veterinarians, humane groups and law enforcement, and she works with the court system. She teaches at Moorpark College in the Companion Animal and Pet

Studies Program. Don't miss this opportunity to hear an outstanding speaker.

Also in January we will be holding a fundraiser open to all Villagers. Professional photos of your pets will be taken on Friday, Jan. 21, and Saturday, Jan. 22, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Pavilion for \$5 for one photo. Additional photos and/or cards may be purchased. Reservations can be made at the meeting on Jan. 10 or contact Rita Linsey at 484-8653.

For more information on the club in general, please contact Mary Ann Robnett at 484-9694. All meetings will be held on the second Monday of the month at 7 p.m. in the MPR.

Meow for now!

Sing-A-Long

By Roy Badger

The Sing-A-Long meetings went very well this past month. We had three new people join our group.

I would like to share with you my

experience with this group. A little over three years ago, I lost my wife. My daughters suggested that I get involved with some of the clubs in the Village. One of the clubs that I joined was Sing-A-Long. I found that singing made me happy, and that is why I am still active in this group.

Our January meetings will be on Jan. 10 and 31. I hope to see you there.

LV Musicians Club

By Roy Badger

We had a great time at our Dec. 9 meeting. We had some great music by Sam Arouesty and his sax quartet. We had some terrific piano playing by Art Akkermann and Richard Weiss. Don Stevens played some great songs on his trombone. Bob Alexander provided us with some great music on his trumpet. And Dick Guttman and Stan Vansant got together on the

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piano and organ for a few great numbers.

Our January meeting will be on Jan. 13. I hope to see you there.

Do not forget to come to the AR on Tuesday nights to listen to the 18-piece band play.

Single Active Seniors

By Zelda Greentree

The SAS annual holiday party was a huge success. In addition to the food, prizes and fun, the new 2011 officers and committee chairmen were elected.

Judy Siegel is president, Zeld Greentree is vice president, Charlotte Markus is treasurer, Nancy Kuebel is recording secretary, and Sylvia Stuart-Williams was elected corresponding secretary. Chairmen of standing committees are Naomi Brill, Della Carmona and Zeld Greentree for publicity; Anne Haas for membership;

Ruth Weiss for hospitality; Michelle Malkin and Richard Beeman for movies; and Muriel Rosenkranz for refreshments.

To celebrate the election of the new board of directors, SAS will hold its installation dinner at Peking Inn on Jan. 11. Space is limited so reservations are a must. Call 389-9694 to reserve your seat. Cost for the dinner is \$14.

Weight Control

By Joyce Baker

We are a club that meets every Tuesday at 9 a.m. in the Garden Room to encourage and support each other to maintain our weight and good health.

When you come in, you are weighed and a weekly chart is kept to track your gains and losses. You then select the amount of pounds you want to lose (it must be 10 pounds or more) and then pay \$1 monthly until

you meet your goal of weight loss. Every Tuesday thereafter you come and support the other members in their quest to attain their weight goal.

Your weight is kept track of on a 3-by-5 card kept by Evelyn Lacy. The person who has lost the most weight over a period of two weeks receives a small gift, and \$5 is awarded to the biggest loser (of weight, of course) for the month. The gifts keep coming. If you maintain your weight goal, or continue to lose pounds for 12 weeks, the club goes out to dinner, and your meal is free. And, you get a one-time reward of \$25.

There are presently 18 members of our club, and our annual dues are only \$3. For more information, call Shirley Heller at 419-4560 or Joyce Baker on the cell phone at 889-5866.

The Booster Club

By Lin Grant

Your Booster Club concluded 2010

with a successful Veterans Day USO event; it was a great time for veterans and their guests as well. It may become a regular event.

"An Evening in Italy" is planned for February. Please watch LVTV for details about the evening and ticket sales.

The Booster Club creates events as fundraisers to purchase those things for the Village which are not in the Association budget. Previous activities bought gas heaters for the Village Patio, entrance mats for the Rec Center, bus shelters, chafing dishes, the wood for the bookcases in the lobby, the sliding door shutters in the library and the near-complete Walk of Celebration.

There are only two bricks left for purchase for the Walk of Celebration. Club President Marilyn Riveles can order yours.

Please come to a meeting and see how we work. You may like what we do well enough to join the club as a member. We meet the second Tuesday

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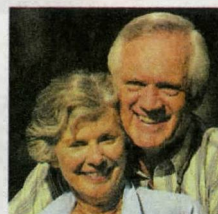
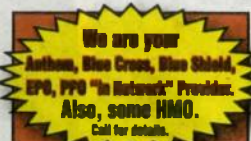
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Three robed swearing-in judges — from left Jack Caldwell, Don Treadwell and Jerry Cohen — install the 2011 Camera Club officers, including, from left, Rita Linsey as vice president, Arnie Borgen as treasurer, Jerry Spector as president and Ben Racowsky as assistant treasurer.

Camera Club Holiday Party has dreams at rainbow's end

The theme for the Camera Club Holiday Party on Dec. 12 was "Dreams are Found at Rainbow's End" and was carried out in the table décor and presentations. President Jerry Spector had asked each attendee to note on their dinner request the place where they were born. He prepared a video that included a picture of everyone's hometown, stating the total population, and which was played to wonderful background music.

We learned that both Imogene Gregory and Betty Murray came from towns in South Dakota with populations of less than 500. Judy Spector was born in Bell, Calif. We had wonderful pictures from as far away as Guatemala City and as close as Ventura. The video played during our dinner, and Jerry's point was that we had all reached the end of our rainbow when we moved to Leisure Village from all over the world. Mark Smith, who works in LVTU, assisted in making the videos and sound tracks. The party really would not have been the same without his efforts.

Following our wonderful dinner, Don Treadwell, in judge attire, installed the newly elected officers: Jerry Spector, president; Rita Linsey, vice president; Marion Green, secretary; Arnie Borgen, treasurer; and Ben Racowsky, assistant

treasurer. Jerry thanked Marlene Votion for the outstanding job she has done as vice president for the past five years.

He acknowledged the work the Camera Club has provided to all areas within Leisure Village and also the contributions the club has made to our local community. As positive recognition and gratitude for their contributions and accomplishments, Jerry created rainbow photo blocks for Bill Robinson, Jack Caldwell, Bob Sandusky, Jerry Cohen, Don Treadwell, Arnie Borgen, Margaret Petersen, Lane Petersen, Margaret Falconer, Verna Cryder, Betty Murray, Marion Green, Ben Racowsky, Marlene Votion, Florence Gillman, Patricia O'Connor, May Richards and Judy Spector. These members all do something every month to help keep the Camera Club functioning, and it shows how teamwork goes a long way to make our club successful.

Following the tributes, awards were announced for the overall best pictures for 2010 in all categories.

Most Improved Photographer Award went to Betty Murray.

It was a wonderful celebration honoring the club's accomplishments for 2010.

For a list of Picture of the Year winners, see Page 17.



Winners of the highest average annual scores are, from left, Jerry Spector in first place; Jerry Cohen in third place and Marlene Votion in second place.



Receiving thank-you cubes for their continuous work with the Camera Club are, front row from left, Florence Gillman, Marion Green, Marlene Votion, Margaret Petersen, Margaret Falconer and Bill Robinson, and, back row from left, Judy Spector, Lane Petersen, Bob Sandusky, Jerry Cohen, Arnie Borgen, Don Treadwell, Patricia O'Connor, Betty Murray (hidden), Ben Racowsky, Verna Cryder (hidden) and Jack Caldwell. Seated is Sharron Jones.

Picture of the Year winners

Here are the 2010 Leisure Village Camera Club Picture of the Year winners:

Assigned

- 1st: Jerry Spector, "Precision Thunderbirds Rolling Up and Back Again."
 2nd: Lora Treadwell, "Happy New Year."
 3rd: Don Treadwell, "Infra Red Pond."

Honorable Mentions: John Mayer, "Museum Guide," and Bill Catt, "Polly."

Open

- 1st: Hemu Kalle, "And Then There Was Light."
 2nd: Marlene Votion, "Let's Do Lunch."
 3rd: Don Treadwell, "A Night At The Bar."
 Honorable Mentions: Jean Kohut, "Cool Drink," and Bob Sandusky, "My Hummer."



Betty Murray accepts the Most Improved Photographer Award for 2010.

Creative

- 1st: Vic Fledge, "Flower."
 2nd: Betty Murray, "More Hollyhocks."
 3rd: Bill Robinson, "Floral Mirror Box."
 Honorable Mentions: Jerry Spector, "Blowing in the Night," and Rita Linsey, "The Glass Menagerie."



Judy Spector shows the "Thank You Cube" that was given to each member who helped with Camera Club functions during the year.

The theme for the Camera Club Holiday Party on Dec. 12 was 'Dreams are Found at Rainbow's End.' The point was that we had all reached the end of our rainbow when we moved to Leisure Village from all over the world.

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of every month at 7 p.m. in the Garden Room and look forward to meeting you.

Woodshop

By Chuck Russell

Happy new year from the LV Woodshop Committee!

The Woodshop "Elves" continue to offer free repair service for household items Tuesday and Wednesday mornings between 10 a.m. and noon.

The Woodshop is one of the many recreation facilities in LV and is available to residents with woodworking experience, provided they can demonstrate the ability to operate power equipment safely. Interested residents should contact one of the Woodshop Committee members for an appointment to be checked out on the equipment.

Jazzercise

By Bettie Twa

It's a brand new year and time for new beginnings. If you haven't tried a Jazzercise class before, this is the perfect time to start with this great class right here in the Village. Jazzercise is an excellent all-around exercise program to get your fitness level to a good healthy place. With this "lite" class you will get a good, safe cardio workout, strength training and more, taught by a certified instructor who has been carefully trained in all aspects of fitness. You will work at your own pace, modify movements to take into account any restrictions you have for movement and still get a very well rounded workout.

We meet in the AR every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 to 10 a.m. For strength training, weights are optional, but if you choose to use

them and haven't before, it's best to start out small and gradually build from there. If you have restrictions using weights, Renee, our instructor, will tell you how to get a good workout without them. Any problems are attended to and given the right way to modify, and yes, you still get a good workout in everything we do, from our specially choreographed routines, working our abs, to balance and strength training. Balance is very important to us as we age and that also comes into play as we start the cool down to our final stretch.

Remember: Your first class is free, so you can come and see what we do and hopefully, you will like what you see and want to join us on a regular basis. We have some amazing success stories in our group — some great weight loss stories, but best of all, the lowering of blood pressure and the lowering of our stress level, all done to some fun music and a room full of some really nice neighbors.

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if you choose and, of course, water. It is important to stay hydrated because even though this is a lite class, you will get a very good comfortable workout. Please check in at the table and introduce yourself to Renee so she can welcome you and talk with you about your fitness level and give you some beginner's tips.

We look forward to seeing you any Monday, Wednesday, or Friday at 9 a.m. It really is a lot of fun!

Friday Night Country Western Dance Club

By Sue-Ellen Colp

How about starting the new year by coming by and checking out our dance? The next dance will be Jan. 7 from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. in the AR. Lessons will be at 8:15. Espie will be teaching a new line dance called Shuffle Boogie. This dance is a

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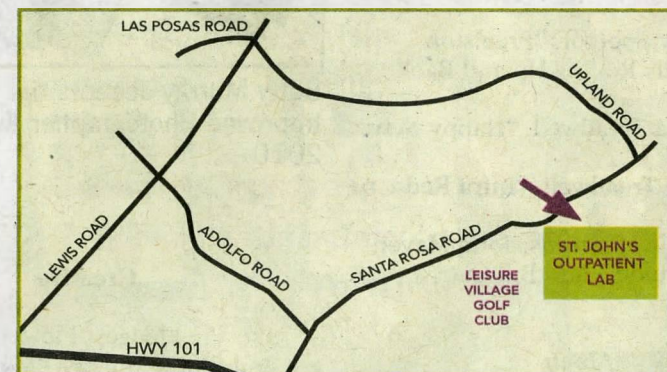
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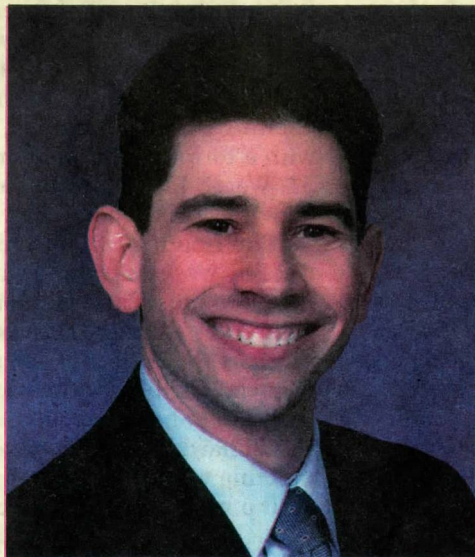
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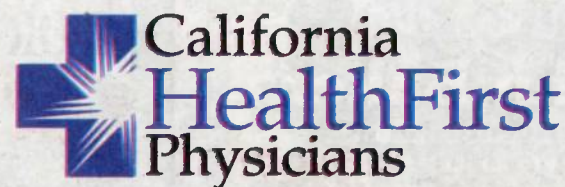
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beginner dance, so come out and join the fun.

Thanks to Esther and Dave who taught El Paso last month. It was fun and everyone seemed to enjoy learning and you didn't need a partner to learn the dance.

Just come on by and join the fun. Cost is \$5. Bring a snack to share, and punch and water and coffee will be provided. We will review the dances we have taught in the past so everyone can catch up and review. So come on down and meet new people and bring friends.

Last month was a great time, and it is so good to see so many people coming out to join us. We will be doing more of the dances you have learned in your classes. We are trying to make sure our DJ plays what you have learned. We want everyone to come out and practice and have a good time.

Thank you again to everyone who brought snacks and for coming. BYOB.

For more information call Sharon O'Connor at 389-6834.

Billiard Club

By Jack Quinn

Congratulations to the 2011 Billiard Club Board of Directors that was voted into office with overwhelming support by the club members. The new year will have exciting events scheduled, starting with a tournament on Monday, Jan. 31. Watch LTV for updates of other activities throughout the year.

The Holiday Dinner Dance on Dec. 17 was a smashing success with fantastic music and fabulous food catered by Country Harvest.

Dues for 2011 must be paid by Jan. 31 to be eligible for the tournament and also to have your name printed in the Billiard book. The next monthly meeting will be Tuesday, Jan. 25, at 7:30 p.m. Please bring a check for the

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LV Women's Golf Association

By Lillian Turnbull

Happy new year! May this new year bring peace and harmony to our tortured world, and may it bring good health and pars and birdies for all senior golfers.

Our new year began with a Jan. 5 weekly tournament, and it will be followed by a weekly tournament and general meeting on Jan. 12 at 2 p.m. in the Garden Room. Please come early and get the latest news and delicious refreshments.

Our Jan. 19 and Jan. 26, weekly tournaments will be followed by our Sunday, Jan. 30, spectacular Chili Bowl tournament and luncheon in the AR. Get your tickets early for this event hosted by the ladies club. It's

always delicious and always fun.

Travel Club

By Conrad Kaiser

Our trips in January include a Jan. 13 visit to the Santa Anita race track, with a table service luncheon at the track. We are also taking a trip to the Aquarius Hotel and Casino in Laughlin. This trip is for three days, from Jan. 10 to Jan. 12.

Other trips are scheduled for February, March and April. These will be discussed in later bulletins. Meanwhile, Happy New Year to everyone!

Exercise Group

By Millie Seidman

Start the new year right by coming to the pavilion Monday through

Friday at 8:30 a.m. It's definitely a "cool" thing to do — referring to the January weather.

Last month Marge Deniston arranged a tour of the Rain Project. It is a place called "home" for at least a year for single parents and children who are in need of shelter and help.

Also in December, members joined the cookie carrying caravan to the Camarillo Convalescent Home. Thanks to the bakers and takers.

As we welcome the new year, we also welcome the new group president, Maurice Rubenstein, who, without batting an eye, said yes to the nomination. Thank you, Jerry Cohen, for your years at the helm. Other board members returning are VP and Secretary Jean Whalen; Membership Chair Susan Maddox; and Events Chairmen Shiphrah Maller and Millie Seidman.

Racquet Club

By John Peterson

The annual December Wine and Cheese party was a great success, including installation of our new board: John Peterson as president, Norm Zimring as vice president, Marge Lorraine as secretary, Betty Stallman as treasurer, Sunshine Peterson as our new membership chairman, Naomi Brill for refreshments, Zack Taylor for TV publicity and Ginny Dunnion and Louise Houser for programs.

Club dues of \$7 is now payable. Our next meeting will be Wednesday, Feb. 9, at 7:30 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room.

The year 2011 looks to be exciting with planned trips and four or five

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paddle tennis tournaments with the first one Jan. 8 at Costa Del Sol. Sign up at the bulletin board at the paddle tennis courts.

Pickleball is growing here and in Ventura County. Zack Taylor is looking into play with clubs in Simi Valley, Moorpark, Ventura and Thousand Oaks. The Ping Pong Palace is very active with women and men players. Tennis continues to find players.

Looking forward to an exciting, fun-filled year in our Racquet Club. Come join the fun.

The Mavericks

By Margo Secia

Happy New Year! Please join us on Friday, Jan. 28, in the AR for our Winter Ball Dinner Dance. Tickets are now on sale at the price of \$25 for members and \$30 for non-members

on a first-come, first-served basis. Tickets will not be sold at the door but are available for sale until Jan. 17.

The dinner will be catered by DJ's California Catering. Hors d'oeuvres and wine will be served at 5:30 p.m., followed by dinner at 6 p.m. The entrée choices are Grilled Prime Angus Steak, Chicken Breast Marsala or Pasta Marinara (vegetarian) and served along with Caesar salad, grilled vegetable medley, garlic mashed potatoes and freshly baked rolls. Warm peach cobbler with vanilla ice cream will be served for dessert. Also, coffee, iced tea, water and wine will be provided, but, as always, you may BYOB. After dinner, we will be enjoying and dancing to the music of Willie and the Boys.

We certainly hope everyone will come for this wonderful night of great food and music. You can purchase tickets by contacting President Joe Miller at 383-0715 or Membership Chairman Sharon O'Conner at 389-6834. We certainly hope to see you there.

Saturday Night Dance Party

By Howard Koehn

We ended 2010 with a great Christmas Dance on Dec. 18.

Hope everyone had a good Christmas and New Year's Eve. Now we're ready to bring in a new dancing year with Jerry Dokken's Trio on Jan. 8. The Dick Parent Trio will play Jan. 15, Upper Hand Jan. 22, and the Rhythm Kings finish out the month Jan. 29.

Did you know if you want to bring a group to celebrate a party, or just get together for a night of fun and good music, Barbara will reserve you a table? You can bring in a cake or snacks, and of course BYOB, and have a very enjoyable evening.

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Chocolate keeps me up all night

By Mindy Gail Learn, V. 5

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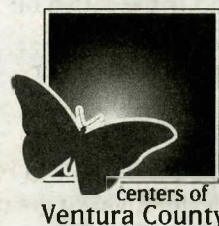
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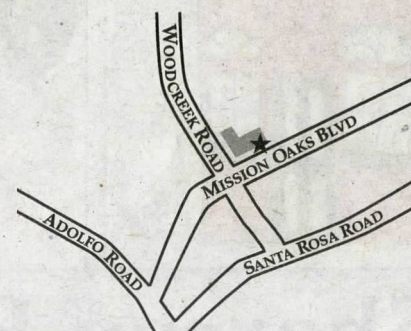


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NEW YEAR'S MESSAGE

A happy new year's message to all who live in Leisure Village

Leisure Village was a veritable hub of activity on New Year's Eve, with the AR filled to capacity with dancers, the Village Room witnessing a standing room only crowd partaking of lively conversation and good food, potluck style, and the MPR providing ample space for the somewhat quieter but equally numerous card players, not to mention the plethora of private parties being hosted at individual homes.

The mood for the evening throughout the community was festive, since most residents had much to be thankful for in 2010, and all hoping for more of the same in 2011.

Although unseasonably wet and cold, Mother Nature also kicked off the winter season by providing abundant local rainfall in the valleys and snow in the distant

mountains that will not only result in a picturesque display of beautiful, diverse and numerous wildflowers this spring, but should also help ease some of the past problems associated with the drought. The grass is currently green, and life appears to be mostly good for the majority of our friends and neighbors.

As noted recently by Ted Lansing, Village treasurer, and irrespective of the sagging global economy found throughout much of the remainder of the country, our community continues to be on reasonably solid financial ground, particularly when compared to other homeowner associations, and prospects at this time for continued prosperity during the upcoming year appear favorable.

Thanks are therefore due to all members of the board of directors and appropriate staff for a job well

done in 2010. From all of us to all of you, just keep on "truckin," and know full well that your valiant efforts and devotion of time are most sincerely appreciated.

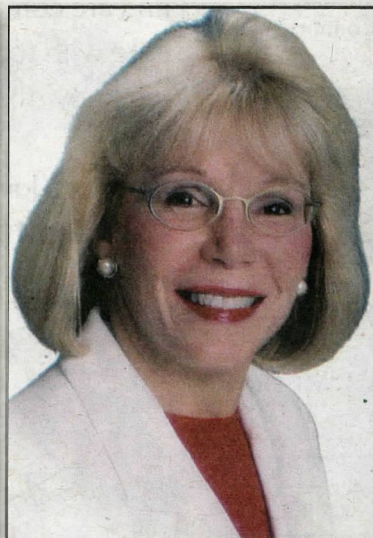
Last, but certainly not least, our hats go off at this special time of remembrance to the many volunteers of the committees, clubs and other groups that spend untold hours in making our community a friendly and very special place in which to live.

As mentioned by others on numerous occasions in the past, if you get bored in Leisure Village, it's nobody's fault but your own, since the community can and does provide the opportunity, but it's up to each individual to participate in the fun.

To one and all, we wish you good health, happiness, reasonable prosperity and, most of all, a very happy new year!

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NEW YEAR'S MESSAGE

Pausing to say thank you to friends in Leisure Village

By Mindy Gail Learn, V. 5

I am so thankful to live in the friendliest Village anywhere!

When I first came here a year and a half ago, I could barely walk and used a cane. I am 57 years of age and am already a stroke survivor.

So many wonderful neighbors welcomed me with open arms and showed me so much love and support that I am now able to walk the entire length of the Village at a very fast clip. I also appreciate the lovely ladies who sit by the pool every day who always cheer me on as I go by. Your caring has meant so much to me.

This year, in 2011, I want to share with everyone my secret to recovery. I stopped consuming sweets and salty food. I drink water as my sole

beverage. And I walk every chance I get. And if I were unable to walk, I know that I would find a way to exercise because that is what the body needs to heal itself. Most of all, stay positive.

I have learned that we can overcome any adversity with faith, support and love. Our souls are trying to learn, and if we listen very carefully, they will share the secrets of the universe with us.

So this year, when you see me running with my long gray hair blowing in the wind, please wave hello to me and smile because all of your smiles have brightened my life here. Thank you all and have a very healthy and happy, happy new year!



"Denali Dawn," by Florence Gillman, won first place in the Assigned category of Landscapes, Seascapes and Cityscapes during the Leisure Village Camera Club's monthly contest for December. For more winning photos, see Pages 26 and 27.



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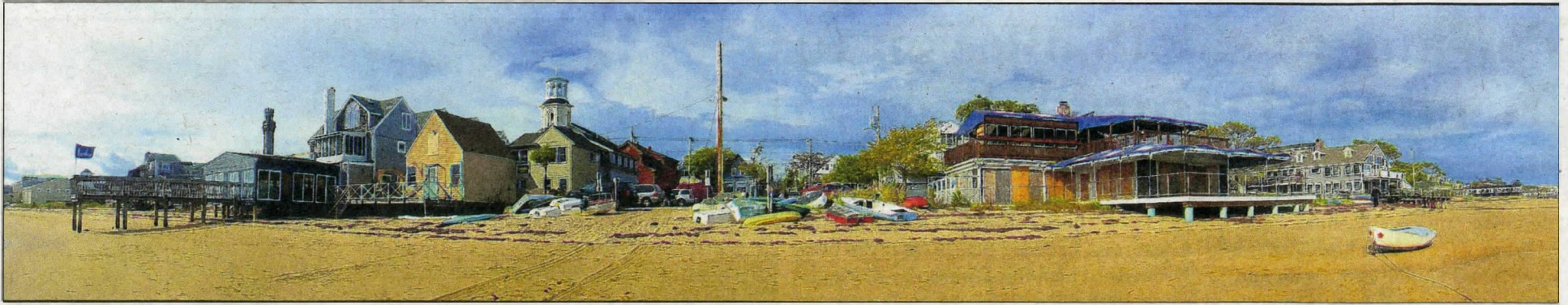
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CAMERA CLUB



"Provincetown, Cape Cod," by Jerry Spector, took first place in the Creative category in December's Leisure Village Camera Club's monthly competition.

December's Camera Club competition features 92 entries

By Marion Green

The club welcomed Greg Cooper, professional photographer and instructor for the Brooks Institute, as the evening's judge for our competition. He had a daunting task of judging 92 entries. He did an outstanding job of critiquing each picture submitted and provided great value in the information he provided; it was as though we were attending a class in photography.

The Assigned category was Land, Sea and/or Cityscapes. Florence Gillman won first place, Doug Demer won second, and third was awarded to Betty Murray. Don Treadwell and Judy Spector won Honorable Mentions.

In the Open Category, Judy Spector took first, Doug Demer landed second and Don Treadwell scored third. Lora Treadwell and Jack Caldwell won Honorable Mentions.

In the Creative Category, Jerry

Spector won first, Bill Catt got second, and Bob Sandusky won third. Lora Treadwell and Judy Spector won Honorable Mentions.

We are pleased that our digital wall frame in the lobby has been so well received. We are very indebted to Bob Sandusky for uploading our entire year of submitted pictures onto Facebook. Yes, Leisure Village Camera Club now has its own page on Facebook! Anyone can view our

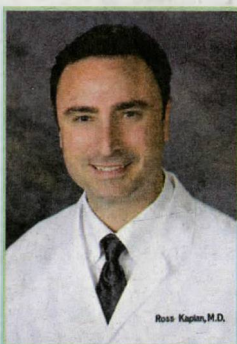
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Our January competition's assigned category will be Portraits/People. For those considering becoming a member, the club accepts pictures that have been taken in the last 24 months, so if you think you have some winning pictures, join us. We encourage everyone to come to our meetings on the first and third Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

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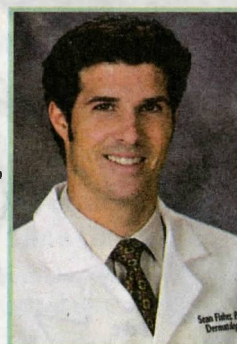
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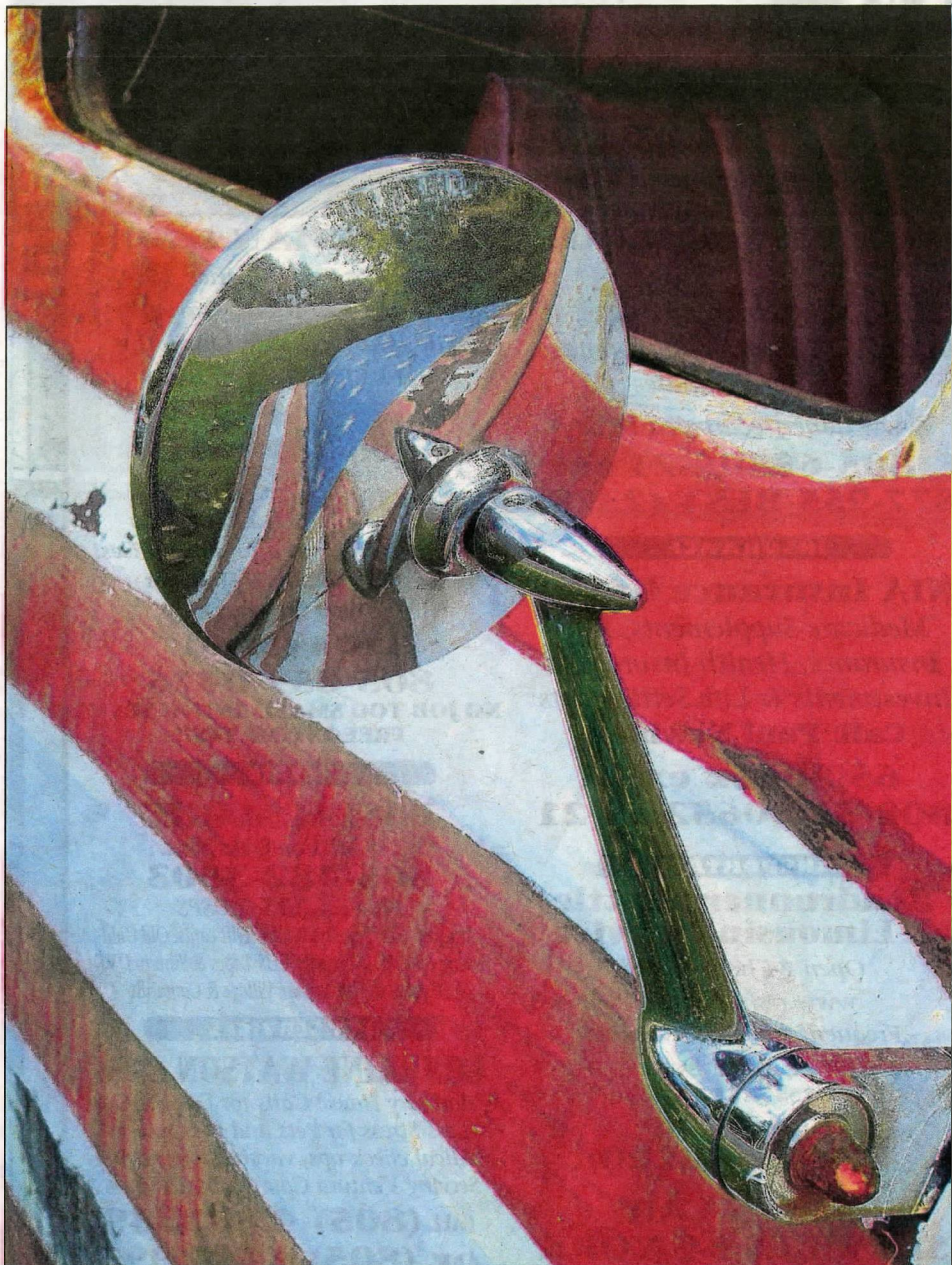
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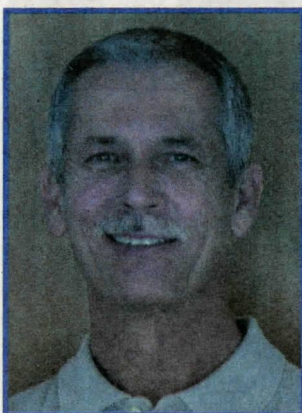
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