

## Editor's Corner

As we start 2019, we are fortunate to have some very diligent residents looking out for us. Those people are the members of the Finance Committee, who review the budget for 2019 – 2020. Leisure Village is a large financial entity that requires significant resources to operate. Our buildings, land, and streets require maintenance to keep this community vibrant and strong. Departments submit their tentative budget needs for compilation and review by the Association. Then the Finance Committee reviews those estimates and, after asking some hard questions, recommends a proposed budget to go to the Board of Directors.

That budget was presented in a town hall meeting by Treasurer and Board Member, George Jones. The Association departments and the Finance Committee have produced a budget that will keep us strong, while keeping our assessments within reason. Well done to all who participated in the process.

As you read our Club News articles, you will see a lot of planning for a great 2019. It should be a fun year to live in Leisure Village!

—Tim Palmer

## A Health Care District With Heart

■ Specializing in a New Era of Health Care

By Tim Palmer

As a community of senior citizens, health care is of continuing interest to virtually all of our residents. We know that our Security Department is exceptionally responsive in case of emergency, and our local fire station first responders are on the scene in minutes. But what about day-to-day issues that are not emergencies, but need caregiver expertise or just a temporary change in environment? Look no further than the Camarillo Health Care District.

The Camarillo Health Care District was established in 1969. The District is an independent public agency formed to provide community-based healthcare services under the statutes of the State



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of California Health & Safety Code. The District mission is to ensure that quality health and wellness services are available to all district residents. Their services include: Adult Day

Care Center, Care-A-Van transportation, Caregiver Respite, Education and Training, Fall Prevention and Home Modifications, Senior Nutrition — *Please see Page 9*

## As Rita Moves On Her Good Works Remain

By Patty Ecker



Photograph by ART AKKERMAN  
Rita's dog, Fat Boy, sits next to her on the couch while she works on several of her computer activities.

"I love blank slates," says Rita Linsey, a Villager who has given new meaning to the concept of volunteering during the twelve years she's lived here. Her new "blank slate" will be in Minnesota, where she lived as a child and will return to next month. The 'slate' she leaves here is packed full of the hard work and new ideas that defined her time here. If volunteers left tattoos, Rita's would be everywhere.

Rita – with husband Martin and daughter Blythe – are headed east (and north) to be closer to family. Martin first suggested it last year when he had some medical issues. And Rita, always open to new ideas, agreed, drawn by her other children, grandchildren, and relatives. "I'm an only child," she explains. "We like to reach out and find new opportunities."

That drive explains Rita's life. She earned three college degrees while working full time. She was employed by McDonnell Douglas (now Boeing) for more than a decade, which is where she gained her technology skills

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# UPCOMING EVENTS

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## SPECIAL SPEAKER FROM THE DMV

*By Paul Herman*

Leisure Village will be hosting, Tressa Thompson of the DMV, presenting the Seniors & Safe Driving program, along with two Deputy Sheriffs speaking on the common traffic accidents in Camarillo. The program is on Monday, February 11, at 9:00 a.m. to noon in the MPR. Everyone is invited to participate in this free event.

## MATTER OF BALANCE CLASS FALL PREVENTION

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# Neighbors Disagree About a Tree in Their Village



*Podocarpus tree in Village 40 being considered for removal.*

The center of the controversy is named Podocarpus, a healthy 35-year-old evergreen tree growing in a common area of Village 40. On one side of the debate are nearby neighbors of the tree who asked the Leisure Village Landscape Department to remove it because they contend its droppings are dangerous. On the other side are Villagers who

have mounted a campaign to save the Podocarpus, which they describe as a “magnificent” anchor for much of that Village.

The argument began when Village landscapers tagged the tree for removal because the homeowners living nearest to it complained that its droppings had caused a resident to fall. When neighbors learned

of the upcoming removal, they responded with a petition and comments to Board Members asking that the tree be preserved.

Plant journals describe Podocarpus as a “premium” tree that can grow to 35 feet and requires a minimum of care. Its droppings are seasonal, not year-round. The pods are generally the size of olives; they fall or are picked off the tree by birds, which can release the seed inside.

The tree’s advocates argue that a broom or blower can quickly remove

the pods in Village 40 in between regular Village edging and mowing. They point to other Podocarpus trees – outside the Recreation Center and along four city blocks in Santa Barbara – that have never been labeled as dangerous. Proponents for saving the tree cite the shade it provides to several Village 40 homes, its beauty across the cul-de-sac, and the barren look after, if it were removed.

A decision from the Board of Directors about the future of the Village 40 tree could come at the February meeting.

## Villager Named to City Panel

■ Leisure Village to be represented on important Camarillo commission.

Leisure Village resident Beverly Vandermeulen has been appointed to the Camarillo Planning Commission by the Camarillo City Council. She is the first woman to serve on the Commission since 1995 and the first Villager ever named to that position. The Commission reviews and makes decisions or recommendations to the City Council on applications such as land development requests and zoning changes.

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## HER GOOD WORKS WILL REMAIN *From Page 1*

and the ability to design and implement corporate and community programs. She spent several years specializing in urban transit plans for Orange and Los Angeles Counties. All the while, she raised her three children and maintained a business as a hairdresser. "The smorgasbord of life always appeals to me. I guess I'm an over-achiever," Rita laughs.

It was a visit to a friend who lived in Camarillo that led Rita and Martin to decide to move to Leisure Village. "We loved how it looked," she recalls. "I was still working in LA and could take the train to the office." That was 2006, and it didn't take Rita long to join Leisure Village life.

She began with the Village Arts Club because "I've been drawing since I was little," Rita says, and then added the Photography Club and LVTV to her volunteer schedule. In 2011, she was recruited to run for LV's Board of Directors, and she won, serving for two years. Her technology expertise has improved communications and information for residents by her work as Photo Editor for this newspaper and as the guiding force of eNews, which provides online information to more than a thousand Villagers twice a month. And, just recently, Rita helped start the Wine Club, which has drawn more than 100 members in only four months. Some of us are breathless just reading about her efforts.

Rita admits she'll miss the friendships and opportunities of Leisure Village – and, of course, the weather. Summer does come to Minnesota. "But I still have some winter clothes to get me started," she laughs. "This has been a wonderful experience. I feel blessed. Now it's on to the next challenge!"

## LV Townhall Budget Meeting for 2019



Photo by BUD BRADLEY

LV's proposed 2019-2020 Budget was explained to homeowners by Treasurer George Jones last month at a Town Hall meeting. Highlights of that presentation are: Operating expenses budgeted for next year total \$11, 672,551.

Reserve funding is projected at \$1,440,000.

Total funds required to balance the budget are \$13,313,551.

Current assessments, plus other

income, plus the rollover of unused funds from this year's budget total \$13,073,988.

The shortfall of \$238,563 will require a homeowner's assessment increase of 1.900%.

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CLUB IN THE SPOTLIGHT

VILLAGE ARTS

The Tao of the Brush

By Patrick Moore

“Painting is easy when you don’t know how,” said Edgar Degas, “but very difficult when you do.” Leisure Village Arts Club provides entree to the easy part.

Patti Crichton, a vice president and seven-year member of the 70-member Village Arts club, is always on the lookout for a budding Degas.

When we met recently at a Friday afternoon studio work session in the Recreation Center Lanai Room, she was actively palavering with a new member-prospect and artist, to provide a demonstration and perhaps conduct a class for budding and experienced Village artists.

Crichton said VA club members gather in the Multi-Purpose Room at 1:00 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month to conduct a brief business session followed by an education, instructional or informa-

tive program conducted by one of a growing roster of demonstrators/artists; some from outside the village gates and some knowledgeable sources from within VA’s own ranks.

A program can focus on, “a demonstration of water color, acrylics or maybe a film about an artist.” Crichton said. And club members can get together to work on their projects any Monday and Friday afternoon from 1:00 p.m. to about 3:00 p.m. in the Lanai room.

Crichton said new members are always welcome, even those without prior painting experience. “We have all the supplies and equipment needed to get started. Easels, pallets, paper, paint, brushes are all available for use by members,” Crichton said, and “All levels of artists are welcome”.

Anyone can drop in during Monday and Friday afternoon sessions and test out the visual arts -- to find out if painting is right for them -- first, before deciding to join the club



Village Arts weekly Monday workshops from 1:00- 3:00 p.m. Top L to R David Kiefer, Gwen Zimring, Brenda James, bottom, Pat McGregor and Sylvia Walker

or not, and without first investing in equipment and supplies.

And instruction is available. At present, a water color artist/instructor conducts a class on the first Tuesday of each month in the Lanai room and additional trainers are planned for the coming year.

Crichton said VA club members create in many different media including watercolor, acrylic, oils, and collage.

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# Deciduous Season in the Village

By Jerry Sortomme

Leisure Village has an expansive cornucopia of trees and plant types. February is a month when living flora seasonal expressions can intermix and even amaze. Deciduous trees naturally shed their foliage and rest. The Village has many deciduous species to view and admire. Camarillo is blessed with one of the most desirable climate zones on Earth. Besides people enjoying our climate, many diverse plant categories also thrive, with added irrigation.

Unlike many global climate regions projecting four distinct plant growing seasons, Camarillo technically has just two main climate-seasons during the 12 months.

1) A short rainy mild, cool-season that typically lasts from late October thru March, when most deciduous plants, for a time, defoliate and take a needed rest. Native wildflowers, grasses and chaparral then spring

forth; our hills are green again.

2) Then, typically the dry spring season begins in April, transitions into May Gray & June Gloom conditions, transforming into a July Fry, followed by a long, toasty summer dry spell from August thru October.

This article explores horticulture aspects to look for and what one might encounter during the Village's February winter resting flora interlude. Both fall foliage and spring flowering can occur side-by-side. Our highly variable weather often confuses both humans and nature alike.

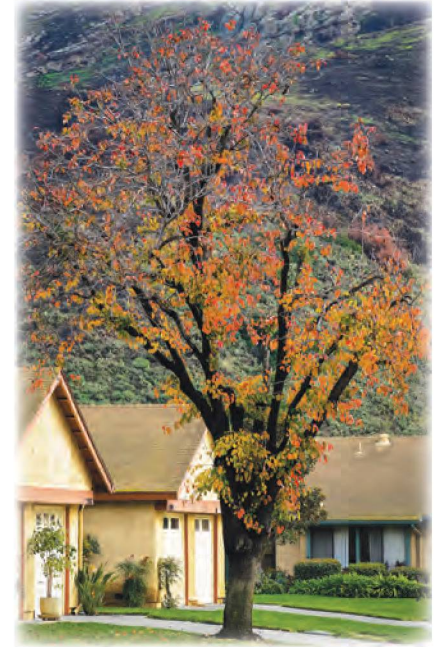
Locally, the winter deciduous season is triggered as the autumn fall season is set in motion. Many species of herbaceous perennial plants (like bulbs), shrubs (like roses) and most notably trees, begin a natural, expected defoliation transition - leaf drop. This is when cool-season pruning is done.

Mediterranean-climate, native California plants often begin their

resting-season in late summer or early autumn, as they cope with parched, dry weather conditions. Indigenous plants need to be tough and adapt to drought and extended dry spells. This becomes wildfire weather. As world climates seem to be rapidly changing, more extreme climate conditions are becoming a challenge for both humans and nature to adapt to.

Leisure Village is a contrived oasis microclimate because it has available to it what nature does not supply in late spring thru autumn, available water. The Village is blessed with a reclaimed urban water system that provides summer oasis irrigation water. In the dry season, compare the lushness of the Leisure Village in juxtaposition to the wild dehydrated hibernating appearance of the Conejo Grade landscape.

Some Village deciduous trees that have recently defoliated or are still in a colorful "fall" mode, or



Photograph by ART AKKERMAN  
*Deciduous tree shows fall colors in village 32*

are even beginning to break out of dormancy and beginning to bloom and exhibiting leafing-out.

Enjoy the almost botanic garden setting of Leisure Village landscape. February is a month to take in an array of botanical transitions and natural succession.

## HEALTHCARE DISTRICT *From Page 1*

tion Program and many other services.

A recent focus of the District is working with, and providing resources for, people living with dementia and their families and caregivers. With the Village population of older people, a variety of medical conditions arise of which dementia and Alzheimer's disease are included. The variations in behavior brought on by these conditions demand knowledge and expertise of family and caregivers. Compassion is very important in dealing with a person afflicted with these issues. The District has specific programs designed to assist caregiver support, including REACH, which stands for Resources Enhancing Alzheimer's Caregiver Health. In addition to REACH, the District provides a variety of other resources for those caring for dementia/Alzheimer's patients.

We here in the Village have an abundance of programs to entertain us and provides us exercise, but occasionally we are struck with physical and mental issues that require medical attention. The District offers a wide variety of classes and programs to assist us in dealing with those problems, and they include: Safety and First Aid; Family Caregivers; Screenings; Fitness; Evidence-Based Programs; Mindfulness; Body, Mind and Strength; Nutrition, and Advocacy. In addition, the District offers door-to-door non-emergency transportation services for a minimal cost, and an Adult Day Center for individuals to socialize outside of the home. The District also has a presence here in the Village on Mondays from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. in the Lanai Room to provide caregiver support to residents.

The Camarillo Health Care District has a wide variety of programs that benefit the city and county. We Villagers should remember this valuable organization when we need a little extra assistance.

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# CLUB NEWS

## Wine Club Open House



*Bob Ericsson is pouring a German wine to wine club members. The club's next tasting is on Friday, Feb. 15 at 7:00 p.m. in the Santa Rosa room. RSVP to grapesruslvwineclub@gmail.com*

## THE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

*By Jonathan Fox*

The topic of our meeting last month was "What I got for Christmas". This was a chance for our members to show and tell others about a techie toy that they received during the holidays.

First up was Mike D'Amore with a compact laser distance measuring tool by Bosch. This unit has an accuracy of 1/16-inch and can measure length, area and volume easily. Next was Jonathan Fox with a Raspberry Pi. That's a small but powerful computer that is the size of a credit card, for \$35. We had it working at our meeting by browsing the Internet, doing word processing, spreadsheets and presentations.

In our quest for the DXCC award (100 confirmed contacts with different countries or entities), we added four more to our goal. Baker Island, Haiti, Iceland, and Micronesia were added to our list for a total of 95.

You are also invited to join us at one of our meetings, the second Wednesday of every month at 2:00 p.m. in the MPR. You do not need to be a member or have an FCC license. Contact Jonathan Fox at 805-377-3697 or KJ6LV@yahoo.com.



## BILLIARDS CLUB

*By Patrick Price*

Last chance - dues of \$7 are still being collected for 2019. Remember, you must be a Billiards Club member to participate in the tournaments. The first Billiards Club tournament in 2019 will be straight 8-ball. It will start on Monday, February 11 at 6:00 p.m. and run Monday, Tuesday and Thursday for two weeks. Sign-up sheets may still be up on the bulletin board.

After the tournament finishes, we will have our first Membership Awards Meeting. It will be in the MPR and will be pot-luck. Cook up

those favorite dishes. The Thursday night Billiards socials continue in February, except during the tournament. Scheduled at 6:00 p.m., some shoot pool in the round-robin play while others join in the LCR game in the Lanai room. Non-club members are welcome to come by and participate and perhaps join this fun club.

Please get your dues paid now to get your name in the Billiards Club book. Look in the BC booklet to see if your contact information is correct. If not, correct it when paying. Checks or cash can be deposited in the box on the bulletin board in the Billiards Room but ONLY with an envelope and your information, including updates. Envelopes, pencils and paper are available near the box.

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LV BOWLING

By Alan Singer

We are about to start our second half of the league and this is a perfect time to join - teams need additional members. Remember, this league is designed for beginners; the handicap makes everyone equal. Eight of the 12 teams are within six games - how close can it be? The final weeks of the first half are going to be so exciting; who will win this half? If you haven't bowled in a long time or if you want to try it out, come practice with us on Monday and Wednesday to see if you like it. Meet new friends, have fun. Spend some time at Harley's Bowl behind the 99 Cent Store on Arneill Rd. Join now and watch your average soar. If you need help learning, we can help you. Golf is fun, but so is bowling. Call me, Alan Singer at 805-987-7896 if you are interested. Don't miss out!



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By Frank Seiden

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Our meetings, as always, are on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month, which in February are on the 13 and 27. So come to the Lanai Room at 2:00 p.m. We finish when readings and discussions finish but not later than 4:00 p.m.

For any questions, call: Frank Seiden: 805-437-6242 or Mark Sconce: 805-699-0419.



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# CLUB NEWS

## LV MUSIC CLUB

*By Harvey Brosler*

LV MUSIC CLUB MOVIE NIGHT: Hollywood films are shown in the AR from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. on the first and third Monday. For the name and description of the next movie to be shown, see the poster located in the Rec. Center lobby. Admission is FREE to residents and their guests. Popcorn will be provided. Contact: Dick Guttman 805-484-5806



LV MUSIC CLUB "OPEN MIC" NIGHT: "Open Mic" night is scheduled in the AR from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. on the first Friday of each month. The next "Open Mic" night will be held in the AR on Friday, February 1. Play your own musical instrument or play the organ or piano located in the AR before an audience of appreciative listeners. Whether you perform or just want to listen, come for an evening of music by talented residents and professionals. Admission is FREE to residents and their guests. Refreshments and wine will be provided. Contact: Dick Guttman 805-484-5806.

GROOVIN' EASY BIG BAND: Rehearsals by the 17 piece "Big Band" are scheduled for Tuesday evenings February 5, 12, 19 and 26 between 7:00 and 9:00 p.m. in the AR. Enjoy listening to the music with complimentary refreshments during the break at 8:00 p.m. Admission is FREE to residents and their guests. Contact: Sharon Hames: 805-445-7178.

CLUB MEMBERSHIP IS \$10 FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2019 and is due. Membership covers any cost of free admission and complimentary refreshments, and any uncovered costs for sponsored events. Members will also receive updates on current activities and information on future events. Contact: Sharon Hames: 805-445-7178 or Marci Lapair: 818-399-0843. Membership can be paid at Club events.

## THE MAVERICKS

*By Margo Secia*

Dig that "Lucky Charm" out of the back of the drawer 'cause Jim and Linda Gaffney are hosting "Mavericks' Casino Royale Night" on Friday, February 22, 2019 from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. in the AR! "Casino Knights" will provide the game tables and dealers for 3-Card Poker (2 more tables than last year), Blackjack, Craps, and Texas Hold'em. For those who don't know how to play, we've been assured that the dealers will be very helpful. Tickets are on sale now for \$25 and can be obtained by calling the Gaffneys at 805-300-1421. When the tickets are presented at the door on the night of this event (and yes, YOU MUST BRING YOUR TICKETS), they will be exchanged for \$500 in "funny money which can be turned into any dealer for chips to play at the tables. NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR. Also, additional "funny money" may be purchased during the course of the evening for \$20 for another \$500 in "funny money".

There will be prizes awarded at the end of the evening when you redeem the "funny money" you've won and for each \$100 you will be given a raffle ticket to be put in the raffle drum for the drawings. The top THREE prizes are a three day/two night stay at Sam's Town Resort in Las Vegas and there will be many other great prizes to be won as well. The Club will provide all snacks along with a champagne fountain, beer, coffee and water, or you may BYOB of wine. It has been requested that "cocktail wear" be the attire of the evening, so don your best outfits and come on down to the AR for this really fun night!

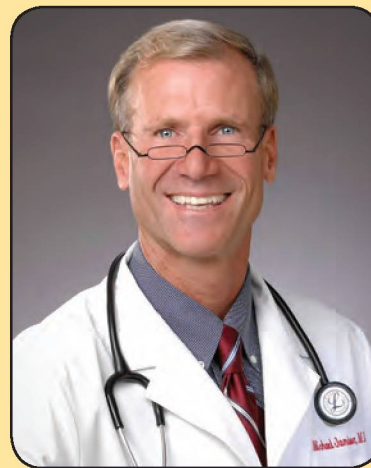
If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact Jim and Linda Gaffney at their phone number shown above.

Save the date of Friday, April 26th for "Charades Night," a new Mavericks' event in the AR. All the details will be forthcoming in the March and April "ILV" issues and e-News.

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## 11.18 MINORS

Guests under the age of fourteen (14) shall not be permitted on the golf course or putting green. The use of community facilities by guests applies per Rule 15.02.b.

*Left, Up a new tree with nothing but a nine-iron; LVMGC member Don Marquardt takes dead-aim at a barkle lie. Above, new rules for the golf course.*

## MEN'S GOLF

*By Joseph Benti*

Nearly half of the Club's Membership attended the December meeting and most of them indicated they want Village Rules changed to allow children younger than 14 on to the course for supervised golfing (play and teaching).

The move followed an emotional presentation by Member Rody Alvar, who shared his experiences watching other grandparents on the course (in violation of current age restrictions) satisfying youngsters' curiosity about the game while creating joyous moments for both.

At one point, choking back tears, Rody graphically portrayed

what for many was an evident truth - simple golfing experiences strengthen the bonds between generations and bring invaluable emotional joy to old-timers.

After others echoed Rody's sentiments, President Sarno called for Members' show of hands on bringing a proposal to the Education & Recreation Committee - the response was overwhelmingly in favor. A formal proposal will be presented for Member consideration at the next meeting.

The spirits of past Presidents, the late Ernie Ohmstedt and John Wirtz, (at home recovering from a recent fall) came to mind. Both men had long championed the idea that the course could easily accommodate younger players while also bringing pleasure and satisfaction to Members.

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## LV RV CLUB

By Jean Tucker

Come join us for a Pizza Bash at the next meeting of the RV Club on Tuesday, February 12 at 6:00 p.m. in the Santa Rosa Room at the Clubhouse Annex building. Admission is \$2.50 per person and you must RSVP to Brenda Sears at her email address of 6forgram@att.net. The regular business meeting will follow at 7:00 p.m.

Upcoming club events are: March 8 - 10 Campout at Camp Comfort in Ojai. There will be potlucks, electronic scavenger hunt, and the Ryans' famous biscuits & gravy on Sunday morning! Make your own camping reservations at Ventura parks.org website.

April 5 - 7 Camp with us at the Santa Anita Race track for the Derby Day Races. Reserved seating in the Skyview boxes with a buffet lunch on race day. Save the date! Contact Jack Miller at 805-233-7796 for more details or to make your reservation.

## PET CLUB

By Jubli Newkirk

Dr. Andrew Miller of Mission Oaks Veterinary Clinic will speak to the Pet Club at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, February 11 in the MPR. He always presents very interesting and relevant information about issues pertaining to both dogs and

cats. Come with your questions!

As always, you can come a bit early for refreshments and socializing. Non-members are very welcome to attend our meetings. However, for just \$5 you can join or renew your membership.

## DUPLICATE BRIDGE

By Hemu Kalle

The duplicate bridge club meets Monday and Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. We celebrated New Year's with good friends, good cards and good food - a perfect time. Join us anytime. New players are always welcome.

For Monday evenings, contact Hemu Kalle at 805-388-9360. For Wednesday evenings, contact Betty Rasmussen at 805-807-8829.

## PLAYER'S GUILD

By Stan Reshes

Ah, romance. Love is in the air. Valentine's Day will have passed, but the memory lingers on. And Players Guild will keep the memory alive with their February 21 production of "Duets: An Evening of Friends, Love and Marriage." All the musical numbers will be duets sung by PG's talented performers. So come and enjoy an evening to remember. Thursday, 7:30 p.m. in the AR. As always, delicious refreshments follow the show. And membership is still only \$10 yearly.

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## CLUB NEWS

### RACQUET CLUB

By Len Zakas

Leisure Village Residents and Racquet Club Members will find the latest information about events, approved court-designated play day/time schedules, and sign-up sheets on the court bulletin board. Members also receive this information in a monthly email. Here are the highlights:

The Racquet Club supports three sports: tennis, paddle (or POP) tennis and pickleball. Each sport uniquely provides exercise, cardio workouts and friendly social time.

The next Racquet Club meeting will be Wednesday, February 13 at 7:00 p.m. in the MPR. Bring your questions, ideas and a few dollars for the 50/50. Sunshine will collect 2019 membership dues of \$7 (cash only). Refreshments. Guests welcome.

Several training classes are scheduled during February. Check the bulletin board for reserved times.

Experienced tennis players are invited to play on Wednesdays and Saturdays, 9:00 - 10:30 a.m. Former players are invited, but there are no lessons for beginners.

The new writer for eNews and Inside Leisure Village columns is Carolee Jones. Email any news you want considered for each month's publication to Carolee1301@twc.com.



Inside Leisure Village File Photo

Members of the Racquet Club getting their groove-on at the picnic twist party.

### SATURDAY NIGHT DANCE PARTY

By Andrea Moran

Well, New Year 2019 is in full swing. February has many events: Valentine Day and President's Day. We choose the latter to honor the people who gave us our freedom.

According to the Rose Bowl theme ("Melody of Life"), music is for everyone and is a worldwide enjoyment. So, if you love the sound of live music by professional musicians, join us for our Saturday Night Dance Party. On 2/9 Ralph Mathis (President's Day) red, white and blue; dance lesson - Fox Trot. 2/23 Wyatt Haupt (under starry skies); dance lesson - cha cha. Please come at 6:30 for the lessons by a

professional instructor. Free with paid admission \$10 per person and dance starts at 7:30 to 10:00 p.m.

Great refreshments, coffee, tea and punch also provided along with fresh popcorn. A wine raffle of three bottles included. We hope to see you there for a great evening of fun.

### SINGLE ACTIVE SENIORS (SAS)

By Lee Edwards

You know we always meet on the second Tuesday of each month. In February that is the 12th and I hope of see you at Ottavio's at 5:00 p.m. Please phone me to reserve your reservation at 805-484-3289.

Be well! Hope to see you on February 12.

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# CLUB NEWS



*The Carousel Dance Company take the stage at the Rec Center on February 8th.*

## SHOWTYME

*By Jennifer Stein*

Showtyme presents "The Carousel Dance Company". Imagine if you could dance to your heart's delight. If you could spread your arms and, as a beautiful bird, you could take flight. Well, perhaps we can't accomplish exactly that, but we can enjoy watching a group of talented young dancers express their love for the art of dance. As if the air is between their feet and the ground, they dance to the rhythm of the music with precision and dedication.

I know it's Friday evening and if you just came home from work, you really want to just sit back and relax. But, it only takes a little effort to gather yourself and your spouse or friend and come to your own Rec Center to enjoy a special evening. You will hear lots of oohs and aahs for a group of wonderful young dancers who really want to show you how they love to dance.

So, come on, take advantage of Showtyme's dedication to our residents in bringing talent each month for your enjoyment. It's truly fun. You meet friends and enjoy goodies after the show and there is a 50/50 raffle with two winners; someone has to win, so why not you.

Please join Showtyme on February 8 at 7:30 p.m. Doors open at 6:45p.m. Members - no charge; non-members - \$3 donation. Membership is \$10 per person, per year. Please show your support for Showtyme and become a member or renew your membership. If you have any questions, call Jennifer Stein (805) 204 - 8324.

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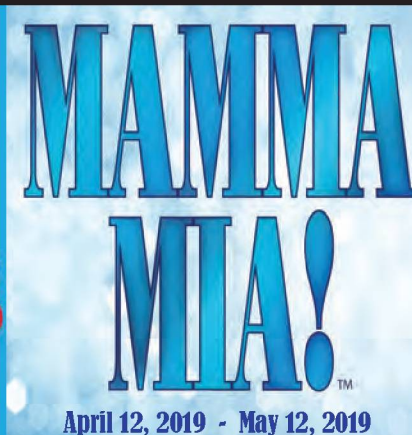


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### VETERANS CLUB

By Lou Cappadona

John McGava, our Veterans Club President, has arranged for our upcoming 2019 meetings to be held earlier in the day, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the MPR on the 4th Thursday of every month. We will be announcing future speakers and more information as we make this transition. Our meetings are open to all residents and our speakers cover a wide variety of subjects.

Whether you are a veteran or not, our meetings are a great way to keep up on subjects of interest, to meet new people and share experiences.

### VILLAGE ARTS

By Patti Crichton

We had a great start to the year in January with Kathy Whitesell's watercolor demo. We were fortunate



Photo by Patti Crichton

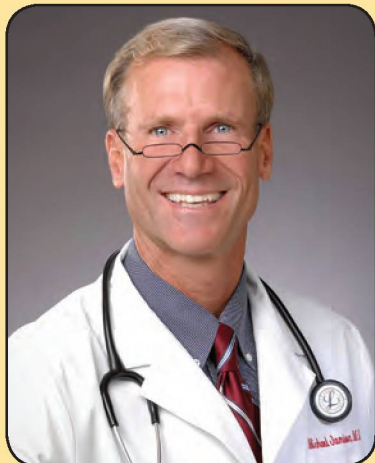
*Kathy Whitesell is one of a few instructors who demonstrate painting techniques.*

to have three different artists present watercolor classes to members, so we have learned some great new techniques. Thank you to Kathy, Stephanie, and Nahzy!

Judie McAskill will be displaying her art in the Library for the month of February.

Please remember that our February 6 Village Arts meeting will be held at the Camarillo Art Center on 3150 Ponderosa Drive at 1:00 p.m. Please bring two or three paintings to hang. Even if you don't exhibit your art, please join us for refreshments and updates. Family and friends are invited to the opening reception and awards presentation on Saturday, February 9 at 2:00 p.m. The gallery is open for public viewing of the Village Arts Show on weekend afternoons 1:00-4:00 p.m. until February 24. Hope to see you there!

New member, Susan Riba, will be demonstrating oil painting at our March 6 meeting.



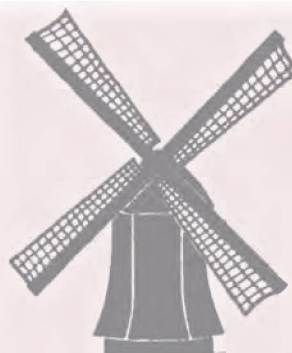
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## WOMEN'S CLUB

By Louise Romero

The Women's Club will meet on February 14, at 1:30 p.m. in the AR. Boutique, Vintage jewelry and See's Candy will be available at 1:00 p.m. After the general meeting, Steven Nicholas will present an interactive mind reading show. He will uncover thoughts that couldn't be known or found online. He will influence your choices and on some occasions even help an audience member read the mind of another. Steven will perform a unique and memorable entertainment experience.

Don't forget to bring food donations or your spare change for Food Share. Bring any lotions, shampoos or soaps you may have available from vacation travel to benefit Casa Pacifica and women's shelters in our community.

The Boutique will take place Tuesday, February 5, from 10:00 to 2:00 p.m. in the MPR and Wednesday, February 20, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the AR Lobby. Shop the new items, clothing, handmade items, and vintage jewelry. See's Candy is available at a discount with delivery on request to your home in Leisure Village by

calling Loretta Reshes, 805-388-7116 or Barbara Crome, 805-482-9097.

Fundraiser sales of 2019 Axxess Cards and book for \$30, are available. Use your Axxess Card for 2-for-1 savings in restaurants and discounts from local merchants. For Boutique and Axxess Card information, contact Shearon Millar, 805-603-2773. All sales of See's Candy, Axxess Cards and boutique items benefit the Women's Club donations to charity.

Coming in March: Pacific Sound Chorus, award-winning men's a cappella choral group will perform their smooth sound and high-ranging repertoire. Don't miss their program!

## WII BOWLING

By Ginny Bryce

Bowling for Dollars In-house Handicap Tournament is on February 5, 6 and 7 during regular league play. Wii-Bowling is a lot of fun.

Come join us, or come to see us bowl.

Wii-Bowling is held Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays in the Club House. It is open to all.

For information, please call Barbara Bell at 805-388-2264 or Betty Tierney at 805-300-6105.

## Bridge Club Holiday Party



The Duplicate Bridge club meets Monday and Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. We celebrated New Year's with good friends, good cards and good food - a perfect time.



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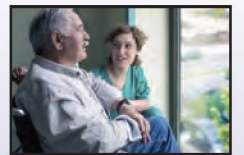
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## WOMEN'S GOLF

By Patti Crichton

Women's Golf had plenty to celebrate at our January meeting. Linda Gaffney started the New Year with her first Hole-in-One on #12! Patti Crichton took home the Edith Dowsing Memorial Trophy for 2019. We toasted longtime member, Janet Burke, on her 96th birthday.

The annual Chili Bowl was a fun mixed tournament hosted by the Women on January 26.

February will be regular weekly tournaments on Feb. 6, 13 and 20. Our meeting will be in the Garden Room on Feb.13 at 2:00 p.m. Come early for refreshments, visiting, and 50/50 tickets.

Our Winter Eclectic Tournament begins on February 27 and will finish up on March 6.



Photo by JOHN PALMER



Top left, Patti Crichton wins the 2019 Edith Dowsing 9'r trophy. Above, Lindsay Gaffney celebrates a hole in one. Left, Jane Burke, celebrates her 96th birthday during the January meeting.

## WRITERS CLUB

By Harvey Brosler

WRITE-PRESENT-PARTICIPATE-ENJOY-LEARN. We all have significant events in our lives. A main purpose of the Club is to share aspects of your life, and your opinions with other residents.

The Club is unique in that you become self-aware and aware of what others think on the same subject. Come to the Writers Club meeting held every Monday at 1:00 p.m. in the MPR.

You may write on any topic, fiction or nonfiction, or use the Suggested Topic for that day. The more you write, the better writer you become.

Microphones are provided. Residents who may consider becoming a member are invited to attend any of the meetings to listen to the presentations and participate.

Stories of The Month are displayed just inside the entrance to the Village Library. Contacts: Larry Kalisher 465-0042, larry.kalisher@gmail.com, or Harvey Brosler 465-0006, hsbros@roadrunner.com.



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## WOODSHOP

*By Bud Bradley*

The Woodshop welcomes residents who are interested in joining our group of woodworkers. If you have interest and can demonstrate basic safety skills with equipment you wish to use, please call Ron Quick at 805-603-8456. We added three more key-holders to the woodshop in December. However, we are losing one of our talented stalwarts, Steve Alnes. He and wife Nancy are departing for wherever their travels take them in their RV. We wish them well and will miss him. On Tuesdays and Wednesdays, between 10:00 a.m. and noon, you will find our Woodshop Committee members available to repair most wood items for Villagers. We gratefully accept donations to help defray the cost of normal materials and supplies. We continue to make improvements, with an eye towards safe working conditions. The entire Woodshop dust collection system is now automatic.

The numbers for the year 2018 are impressive. The completed Jobs are as follows:

Resident Projects  
277 as compared to 293 for 2017  
LV/Club projects  
68 as compared to 73 in 2017  
Quickie projects  
73 as compared to 47 in 2017

The Annex is set up with basic power tools and continues to add and update equipment and supplies. If you are a skilled crafts-person and can demonstrate those skills, you can gain access to more complex tools and equipment in the Main Wood Shop. "Alexa" keeps us alert to daily chores. Come by and meet her. Finally, a reminder to current key-holders: should you have completed a project that you would like to highlight, we will post a photo of it on the bulletin board outside the shop. Email your photo to Bud Bradley at [Hipbud2@gmail.com](mailto:Hipbud2@gmail.com), or bring a photo to the woodshop Tuesday or Wednesday AM.

## CLUB NEWS



**NEW**

### VOLUNTEERS WANTED

Do you want to meet new people, give back to our community, or just have fun? Here's how: Join In!  
The quality of Village life is in large part the result of the contributions of hundreds of residents who share their energy, creativity, and talents as volunteers in a variety of ways that give us pleasure, inspiration, information, and entertainment.

#### Writers for Inside Leisure Village

Responsible for writing articles of interest to LV residents. Attend a meeting twice a month and participate in final editing. Use Microsoft Word. Contact Tim Palmer 904-826-5945 or [editorilv@yahoo.com](mailto:editorilv@yahoo.com).

**Cartoonist - Inside Leisure Village** Use your drawing skills and innate humor to entertain your fellow residents. Computer skills not required. Contact Tim Palmer at: 904-826-5945 [editorilv@yahoo.com](mailto:editorilv@yahoo.com)

**eNEWS Editing and Proof Reading**  
Bi-monthly electronic newsletter  
Work requires computer skills, editing and proof reading in Microsoft Word using 'Review'. Contact Kathy Wirtz 805-384-8508.

**INSIDE LEISURE VILLAGE Photo Editor**  
Requires Excel and photo post production photo editing. Taking photos of LV events. Help with layout of newspaper. For more info contact Rita Linsey at 805-484-8653 or [rdlinsey@gmail.com](mailto:rdlinsey@gmail.com)

To place a free club ad here contact Tim Palmer at 904-826-5945 or [editorilv@yahoo.com](mailto:editorilv@yahoo.com).



## CLASSIFIED ADS

To submit an ad for Inside Leisure Village, give your full name, address and phone number. These are for ILV records and will not be published unless requested. Cost is \$5 for 28 words; phone numbers and emails count as one word. a maximum of six lines. Enclose cash, check or money order, payable to ILV. Place an envelope with the ad and payment in the left box next to the sewing room in the Rec Center before deadline. Each month's deadline is listed on page 2. ILV will accept ads from LV residents for properties they own personally, or ads that offer jobs or services to villagers. ILV does not investigate the ads and makes no endorsement of them. For advertising in the classified section contact Barbara Crome at 482-9097

SEE'S CANDY available. LV Women's Club 2nd and 3rd Tuesday mornings in MPR. For information call Barbara 805-482-9097 or Loretta 805-388-7116

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67-year-old woman looking for room with private bath to rent. Have been living in Leisure Village for six years. I have excellent references. 805-844-8377.

Looking to Lease a 1 bedroom, 1 bath with garage. I had previously lived in the village for 13 years. Please call Charlene 805-276-0380

Designs by Norma Lee (Just for You). One of a kind greeting cards for all occasions. Works of art, variety of prices. Village resident 805-445-7524. Will personalize.

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- Many love the Prop 60/90 advantage for property taxes.
- Many love the advantage to come and go as they please (i.e. weekends, holidays, etc., RV parking, a sanitary dump adds to their convenience.)
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