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## VILLAGER PROFILE

By Carol Nelson

### George Jones

Villagers know George Jones as a former Chairman of the Finance Committee and as a former member of the Board of Directors. These important positions in our community, however, don't define the man and his life experience.

George was born in 1941 in a small town in southern Indiana. Baby George was long and thin, so the day he was born, the doctor called the local basketball coach and told him that he had a center for his team!

George's father worked as a miner and, as the coal mines in the area were giving out, the family left Indiana when George was in 5th grade. Most of the following year, the family was homeless, sleeping by the roadside or in cheap motels as his father picked up work here and there in various mines: a coal mine in Wyoming, a copper mine in Montana and a gypsum mine in the Las Vegas area. Then came a

move to California as there was a tungsten mine in Bishop that was hiring. How wonderful it must have been to spend 4 years in one place and to have a "real" home.

When his father's health started to decline, working in the mines was no longer possible, so the next move was to Orange County. Here, George attended Anaheim High School and when he graduated, 8 schools offered him basketball scholarships. He decided on UC Santa Barbara, a good choice if only because during his first week there, he met his wife-to-be Carolee; they became engaged a year later. After he earned a Bachelor's degree in Economics at UCSB, he started a Master's course, but decided it was time to join the "real" world, so in 1964 he began his career as an economist at the FHA (The Federal Housing Administration)

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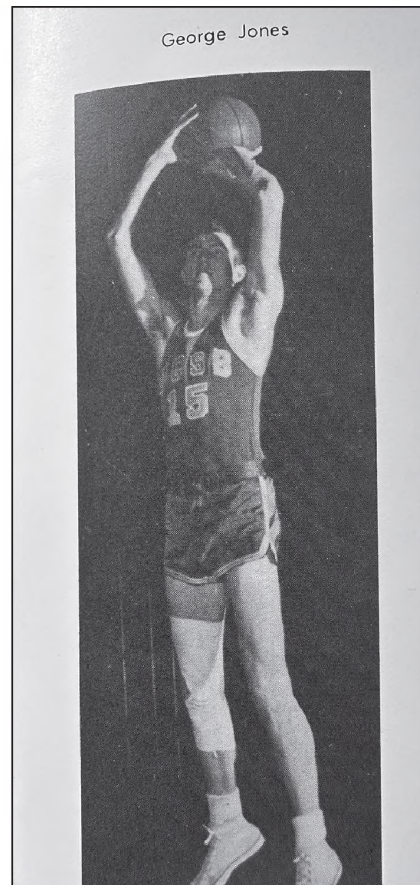


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George, playing the game he was built for, basketball.

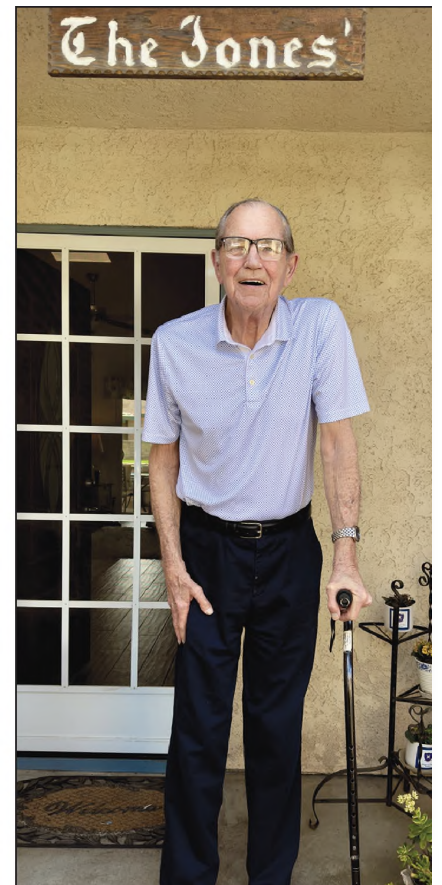


Photo by JON  
George Jones on his Village 17 front porch in April 2024.

## Editor's Musings

Appreciation. We have so many opportunities and resources in Leisure Village, whether it be for social, sporting, entertainment, travel, hobby and a veritable cornucopia of activities. There are endless talents and community volunteers to oversee these activities and offer services, organization and answers that complement our experiences as residents.

The woodshop "Ye Ole Woodchippers" deftly run by Bruce (Pirate) Anderson and Bud Bradley along with a group of very skilled craftsmen offer one of these services. They have repaired a few pieces that mean a lot to me; heirlooms handed down that time and natural

wear had their way with. I recently approached the woodshop about a very special item. My father played the trumpet in his high school band while attending Cathedral High School in downtown Los Angeles. The trumpet had always been around our family home, adorning a shelf or a wall, a part of the story of our lives. I wanted a way to display that trumpet in my home so I could see it daily, a reminder of Dad. The Woodshop guys took the time to understand what I was looking for and designed and built a beautiful wood piece that enhanced the now antique heirloom instrument.

It is a bit too easy and sometimes a



Photo by JON

Display stand for heirloom trumpet created by the LV Woodshop.

bit too often to see and comment on what might be not to our standards when reflecting on life in the Village. But please, dear readers, take a moment to be thankful for the resources that work well and make our lives

here better. Take a moment to thank the volunteers and LV Association crew for their efforts and take time to appreciate all that our strong sense of community offers to Village life. I will too.

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# VILLAGE NEWS

By Dennis Doolittle

**Leisure Village Board of Directors** – It is election time again. Running for two Board seats are Marlynn Block, Bob Bueling, Robert Kulick and Ruth Stubba. Meet the Candidate night is in the AR on May 16th. Ballots will be mailed to owners on May 17th. Ballots will be counted during the Annual Leisure Village meeting on June 20th with results announced at the end of the meeting.

We often struggle to get a quorum for Board elections. Please cast your ballot so we have a great turnout this year and a clear quorum.

**Finance** – The Village's fiscal year ended on March 31, 2024. End of year unaudited financial statements have been reviewed by the Finance Committee and submitted to the Board. The financial results will be audited, revisions made as required by the audit, and audited results will be mailed out to owners by the end of July.

**Village 28 Storm Drains** – Village staff are working with the County

and Fish and Game to create a maintenance agreement to clear out the overgrowth and silt in areas so that our storm drains drain properly, and we have access to the drain flapper valves.

**Paint Project** – The start date for a new stucco and trim Paint Contract has been negotiated. Work will start in Village 7, then move on to Villages 9 and 19.

**Roofing** – Work has begun on the next phase of the roofing project. The work in Village 14 should be finished about the time this is printed, then work will move on to Village 15.

**Concrete** – The concrete repair contract was revised (to address level 2 and 3 category repairs). Bids are being received on the revised scope of work. It is expected that the bids will be opened at the May Open Board meeting where a vendor selection will be made.

**In Ground Garbage Vaults** – Staff has been investigating how the in-ground vaults can be removed. This

has occurred around the Village. No project to remove all vaults has been proposed/approved. At this time staff is trying to investigate what will be required.

**Garage Doors** – The policy has been sent back to the Attorney one more time in order to create a version where it is clear what the policy is intended to address.

**Administration Building Sewers** – The Admin building is experiencing serious problems with its sewers which will require major repair. Plans for the repairs have been submitted to the City of Camarillo for permit approval. The city required some additions to the plan which have now been completed. Approval by the City is expected by early May.

**eWaste and Paper Shredding Event** – This event was hugely successful. At one point the line of cars waiting for access reached from the access to the East Parking lot almost back to the Administration Building. Many thanks to all the people who created and worked on the event.

**Frontsteps** – Frontsteps is the

new software system to be used to automate many functions of the Village administration. It is a database based system where office functions and resident access to information will be provided. As of April 18th, there were 1,033 people signed up on Frontsteps.

There are multiple useful features now available including 1) access to your financial information, 2) on-line submission of work orders (green sheets) with tracking, 3) a residential directory, 4) listing of Violations (hopefully none) and Event Calendar, and a Community Events listing. Over time many additional features will be rolled out by staff and the Communications Committee. Frontsteps will become the primary means for communication between the Village and residents and owners.

One note on the Residential Directory the Village wants to encourage signing up for the directory. At the moment less than 200 users have signed up for directory listing. Note, you can control what information is provided in the listing.

## ILV Searching for a Tech Writer

Inside Leisure Village would like to feature a column called Tech and the Villager. If you have knowledge about the use of tech: Mobile phones, Online, Smart TV's, please consider sharing that knowledge with Villagers. Online

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## ART IN THE VILLAGE

By Nicole D'Amore

# The Comfort of Quilting

Sewing has been part of Gaylon Monteverde's life from the beginning, growing up in a large family in rural New Mexico. Both her mother and grandmother quilted and in those days it was a necessary part of life, not something to fill time or create a piece of art.

"You only made quilts out of scraps – if she had a yard, she made somebody a shirt," she said of her mother.

Monteverde started sewing at the age of 10 in 4-H on a treadle sewing machine.

"I made a skirt that was so horrible they had to pin it to my blouse," she laughed.

"The summer between eighth and ninth grade, Mother decided I needed to keep busy, so I made my first quilt," she said. "I had that quilt on my bed until I got married and then I took it with me."

She proudly showed it off in her Village 15 home, along with many other beautiful quilts she has made through the years.

"I am a scrap quilter basically, because that's what my mother and grandmother did," she said.

After the 4-H project fiasco, her sewing dramatically improved.

"By the time I was in high school I was making my own clothes," Monteverde said. "There were four girls in my family and my mother. if I wanted more clothes I would have to make them." Through the years she continued making clothes for herself and her children.

She married young, they moved to the San Diego area and had two children. When her daughter started first grade, Monteverde started taking classes at a nearby junior college.

"Psychology classes helped me



Photo by NICOLE

A beaming Gaylon Monteverde spoke with Nicole about her life-long passion for quilting, a family tradition she continues.

realize that it was up to me to make my life what I wanted it to be," she said.

She majored in English at San Diego State University where she

took three Shakespeare classes from John Monteverde. After graduation and a divorce, she started working in the education department at San Diego State, supplementing her in-

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Gaylon shows one of her many storytelling quilts.

come by typing term papers and making and selling Barbie doll clothes. Someone told her about jobs available in the English department. She and two others who had been in Dr. Monteverde’s Shakespeare classes were hired to help him grade papers.

“And the rest is history,” she said. After they were married, he trained her to read papers. She has used that skill editing books.

She got back into quilting when her daughter was in high school and wanted a more grown-up bedroom, so Monteverde taught her how to quilt.

“I started making quilts like my mother and grandmother did, but when I joined the quilt guild in El Cajon, I realized I didn’t know anything,” Monteverde said.

She took quilting classes at an adult school and the quilt guild offered world class speakers and workshops.

“I thought about writing a book called, ‘Don’t Do What My Mother

Taught Me To Do,” Monteverde said. “She would use any kind of fabric. Now we use 100 percent cotton because it lasts better, is softer.” She learned refinements in knotting and cutting and other techniques.

She brought out a Christmas themed quilt that was a joint project among six women in El Cajon.

“This is the sort of thing I didn’t do with my mother at all, this kind of art quilt,” she said.

The quilt includes beading, appliques and little embellishments, silver and gold thread. She had set it aside and is now getting back to it and hopes to have it finished by this Christmas.

She belonged to the Sunshine Quilters of San Diego in El Cajon for about 40 years, serving as president for a couple of years and receiving a lifetime membership.

The Monteverdes moved to Leisure Village five years ago from El Cajon to be closer to her daughter.

They moved in June, Gaylon was

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## VILLAGE ENTERTAINMENT

### Music & Movies

LV Music Club - Marci Lapair

The audience who attended our April Open "Mic" Night were entertained by some talented Leisure Village residents. Richard Weiss opened the program by singing some songs from the Players Guild's play *Fiddler on the Roof*. Richard was surprised when the audience stood and sang him Happy Birthday. After a long absence, Richie Levy returned to the Open "Mic" stage. Richie, accompanied by his wife Geri, sang "Stormy Monday." Richard "Bogey" Boghosian, Bob Bueling and newcomer John Boutell performed "Down In My Easy Chair." The Music Club would like to thank Bob Bueling for taking over as Emcee for the evening.

The next Open "Mic" nights are tonight, Friday, May 3 and Friday, June 7 at 7:00pm in the AR. Open

"Mic" Night is open to all Villagers at no charge. We serve complimentary wine and snacks.

May is Clint Eastwood movie month. On Monday, May 6, at 7:00 pm in the AR, we will screen the movie *Gran Torino*. Clint Eastwood directed, produced and starred in this movie. The movie is about a retired auto worker and Korean War vet who fills the emptiness in his life with beer and home repair, despising the many minority families in his neighborhood. He becomes a reluctant hero when he stands up to the gangbangers who try to force an Asian teen to steal his treasured car. An unlikely friendship develops between him and the teen, as he learns he has more in common with his neighbors than he thought. The movie is 2 hours long. Please be aware that the movie is rated R due to language, racial slurs and violence. The movie is thought provoking, and will make

you laugh and cry at the same time.

On Monday, May 20, we will show the hilarious and action-packed movie *Any Which Way You Can*. Clint Eastwood stars as Philo, a truck driver and bare-knuckle brawler with a pet 165-pound orangutan named Clyde. Philo, now thinking he'll retire from fighting, is lured back by a new contender. The movie also stars Ruth Gordon and William Smith. The movie is rated PG and is 2 hours long.

The Groovin' Easy Swing Band rehearses Tuesday evenings between 7:00 and 9:00 pm in the AR. Come and listen to their easy listening music. For more information about the LV Music Club, call Marci Lapair 818-399-0843 or Debbie Goodman 818-523-0731.

### Villager Original Play

Players Guild - Linda O'Neill

Come June, Players Guild attendees will be treated to an original play by Villager, He-

lene Cohen. Players Guild's next production will be on the third Thursday of June, 6/20, at 7:30 pm in the AR. Attendees will be treated to her one-act play entitled *Little Pharma*. The action takes place in a retirement community and involves five characters: a husband, a wife, their granddaughter, a friend and an attorney. The underlying serious theme is the high cost of medication, infused with humor. Ms. Cohen will direct Joyce Belcher, Larry Swartz, Judie McAskill, Rosanna Brown and Dorene Blair as the five characters.

Ms. Cohen has written several plays. Her earlier work includes two short plays: *Dave* and *Amore*. In addition, five or six years ago, her first full-length play called *50-50* was done at the Elite Theatre. Many of us in Leisure Village remember another of her full-length plays, *Push-Pull* at the art gallery in Camarillo. Now she is busy writing a new full-length play called *Second Act* which is about the vagaries of putting on a show at a senior community!

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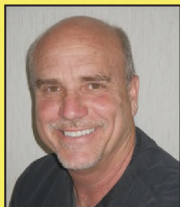
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## VILLAGE ENTERTAINMENT

### Players Guild

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May will be dark for us as the AR is used for Candidate's Night on the third Thursday of May. Be sure to attend both.

Success! Success! Success! *Fiddler on the Roof* was a challenging show to mount for a variety of reasons: our stage is small, the cast is large and, in this case, made up of mostly non-professional actors and singers. Luckily, we had two experienced directors: Diane Carroll, a director with at least 45 years of experience, formerly of the Malibu Playhouse; an excellent musical assist from Ellen Kaminer-Gigger, Volunteer Musical Director who has accompanied Players Guild at least twice before.

Thank you to our stage crew for making our production of *Fiddler on the Roof* complete. The show could not have gone on without Helen Hartman, Stage Manager; Patricia Hartman, Assistant Stage Manager; support team, Myron

Jones and Charley Hartman who also played Russian soldiers and moved sets; with an assist from that thespian for all reasons, Roseanna Bellino-Strickland (also the fiddler, and a villager!) When Judi Kiskaden became ill, Chuck was unable to continue in his role with set construction. Wayne King (our lighting guy) stepped up and brilliantly brought this 1905 shtetl to life. Judi Kiskaden in her very last days had ordered some background scenes for this purpose and Chuck saw that these were used. He also donated money in her name to ease the financing required for a show like this. Certainly not least, Sandy Curran and Lynn Kremer stepped up to organize costuming for all the players—a huge role usually overseen by Ms. Kiskaden. For Sandy Curran, it was also her first speaking part on any stage. Hurray. Gudrun Eastham dedicated her seamstress work for this production to Judi Kiskaden for her many years of work for Players Guild.

### Jarrett in June

Showtyme - Jennifer Stein

Just a reminder to all the Leisure Village residents, Showtyme does not have an event on Friday May 10th. However, the curtain will open again on Friday, June

14th to an evening with the engaging, singer songwriter, Rick Jarrett. This man can sing! Thank you to all the supporters of Showtyme, we greatly appreciate it. So, until we meet again we'll leave you with, "What Time is it, It's Showtyme". If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer @ 805 383-1518.

### Quilting

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diagnosed with cancer in September and then Covid shut things down so it wasn't until two and a half years ago that she was able to join the quilt group here. She also joined the Camarillo Quilters Association and is active with both. She also is a caregiver for her husband.

In a room in her house Monteverde has clear boxes of fabric in different colors with more in the garage.

"I'm not really making big quilts any more," she said. "I've got so

many now that basically I just make quilts to give away."

Last year she took on a project for the Camarillo Quilters through a group called the Comfort Givers that donates quilts through community outreach. The tops were done and they were in plastic bags with the backing and binding and needed to be sewn together.

She was surprised at the lack of participation in the project and ended up finishing 87 quilts herself!

"I have always loved to sew. It's very comforting to me, just me and the fabric and the machine. Sometimes I just stroke the fabric and say, "Oh, aren't you pretty!" she said.



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## AROUND THE VILLAGE

### Don Marquardt's Tree of the Month



Photos by DON MARQUARDT,  
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Above, an orchid tree in the center median on Leisure Village Drive. At left, the play of color and light from the orchid tree is a welcome bloom as we head into warmer months.

The Orchid Tree (bauhinia blakeana) is native to China; introduced to the US in 1936. The tree is covered with orchid-like blossoms in maroon, rose and pink with double lobed, light green leaves. It is very attractive and blooms most of the year. It is also drought tolerant.

Several of these trees are located in the median at the center of Leisure Village Drive, near the entrance to the east parking lot. Others are at each side of the street in the same location.

Look closely at the orchid-like blossoms. Notice how very colorful and complex they are - a beautiful example of nature's art.

### Art in the Library

Nana Morris is the Artist in the Library for May and June.

Her free flowing, impressionistic paintings evoke an ethereal feeling in the cool colors of nature. She works in oil, acrylic and clay. "I've always been fascinated with movement, colors and light," Morris said. Joy is something she seeks on a daily basis. "Art has always been part of my life," she said.

She grew up in North Hollywood and had a 34-year career with Saks Fifth Avenue as an operation manager, human resource manager and visual merchandiser. She has lived in Leisure Village for 10 years and her garage is her art studio. Morris describes her art as free flowing and intuitive. "I don't want to look at what I'm painting," she said. "I just want to put the paint on, walk away and then come back, see what's there and then work on it some more."



Photo by NICOLE D'AMORE  
Nana Morris sits below one of her landscape paintings at her studio/home in the Village.



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# THE HEALTHY VILLAGER

By Jeannie Davis, PT, MPH

## Oral Health and Our Body

Oral health is connected to our overall health and wellbeing. Evidence that has been proven by research links gum disease to heart disease, diabetes, respiratory disease, osteoporosis, rheumatoid arthritis as well as other systemic diseases. It is recommended to see a dentist for cleaning and examination at least twice yearly, and it is crucial for us to brush our teeth gently twice a day and to dental floss after eating. Healthy teeth can also improve our self-esteem as we feel better about ourselves and may look better to others.

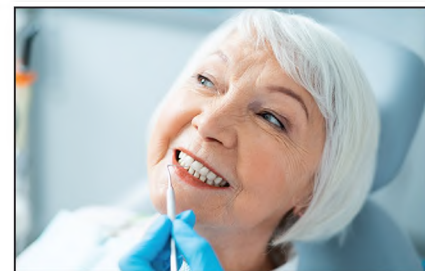
Our mouth is full of germs and bacteria tend to get caught in the spaces between our teeth that create larger pockets. Proper gentle brushing and dental floss can clean out bacteria from these pockets that tend to create tooth decay and gum disease. Saliva helps to wash away the food we chew and keeps the

acids that germs produce in balance in our mouth, thus preventing the spreading of germs and causing various diseases. If we have dry mouth and less saliva that can be caused by medications or other conditions, the decrease in saliva can cause bacteria in our mouth to multiply. If you suffer from dry mouth, try lozenges that contain Xylitol which is a natural sweetener derived from vegetables. Years of research shows these types of lozenges decrease dry mouth which reduces tooth decay.

You can protect your oral health by gently brushing your teeth for at least two minutes (use a timer or try using an electric toothbrush with a timer), dental flossing after your meals, use a water pick if tolerated, eat a healthy diet limiting sugary foods and drinks, and replace your toothbrush every three months. It is especially important not to brush your teeth with too much pressure

as we can lose enamel when brushing our teeth too hard. Hold your toothbrush with only three fingers (like a flute) to ensure that you do not apply too much pressure to your teeth and gums. Many of us brushed our teeth too vigorously when we were younger and caused enamel to wear down primarily at the gum line. Your dentist can suggest bonding fillings if appropriate for erosion of enamel at the edges of these worn teeth to protect your teeth from further decay.

TMJ is another condition that affects your mouth opening and closing when we talk and chew our food and that joint can cause challenges chewing hard foods, jaw pain, clicking and uneven movements at your jaw joint. If you grind and clench your teeth at night when you sleep, it is recommended to see a dentist who is familiar with this condition to get an upper hard TMJ device to



wear at night. Do not use the TMJ night devices you see at the drug store as they are not specific to your teeth and alignment and should be made specifically for you by a skilled dentist. The TMJ device needs to be worn nightly to protect your teeth and jaw joint from being damaged and to prevent cracking our teeth.

Taking care of our teeth, jaw and gums are paramount to keeping our teeth, being able to eat and chew our food and for supporting our general health.

Happy eating, chewing and healthy teeth and body!

*Editor's Note: Jeannie Davis is an LV owner and medical professional. The information contained in this column is provided for educational purposes only. ILV readers assume full responsibility for the use of this information.*

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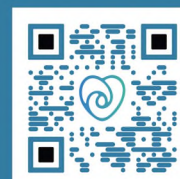
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## AROUND THE VILLAGE

### Adventures in Virtual Reality

Special by Michelle Rogers

Camarillo Health Care District is offering its award-winning program, “Adventures in Virtual Reality,” six times in May and June at Leisure Village. Sign up for this popular class, which won “Innovative Program of the Year” from the California Special District’s Association last fall. Choose Nature Treks or Ocean Rift on May 20, June 3 or June 10. Two classes will be offered each day from 10-11:15 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m.

In Nature Treks, you’ll explore a dozen different scenes in nature, interacting virtually with animals and changing your environment. In Ocean Rift, you’re a virtual scuba diver and you choose the sea creatures you would like to learn about and interact with, from dolphins and sea lions to sharks,

Photo Courtesy of MICHELLE ROGERS  
Villagers in the Garden Room experiencing Virtual Reality brought to us by the Camarillo Health Care District.

whales and manatees. Cost is \$5. Seating is limited. Call 805-388-1952 to register in advance. Classes will be held in the Recreation Center’s Ventura Room.

### Eclipse Brings out the Watchers

Photo by JAN BENDER

A group of Villagers gathered on the firepit patio at the Rec Center to observe the 2024 eclipse. LV Jollyball club Eclipse watchers: from the lower left, clockwise: Janet Blake, Isabelle Sandez, Pat Decook, Helene Greenlinger, Kim Walter, Ken Greenlinger, Jean Larson, Jerry Appleby, Diane Lustig.

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Must be willing to stand for 30 minutes at a time.  
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A WORD ON WINE

By Barbara Senior

# Old World vs. New World

Recently we went to a tasting that was a side-by-side comparison – one wine from the “Old World” and the other from the “New World.” Old World wines come from Europe and the Middle East and New World wines hail from everywhere else. At first glance, you’d think there wouldn’t be that much difference since the grapes grow at roughly the same global latitude. But usually there is a distinct style difference between Old World and New World wines, since tradition or lack thereof, makes all the difference in what turns up in the glass.

Old World wines are steeped in hundreds of years of tradition and very tightly regulated. The rules allow only traditional agricultural and winemaking practices, often passed down through generations. Because terroir differs from region and village, Old World wines highlight where the vines are grown and the estate or vineyard, rarely listing the varietal on the label.

New World wines are the opposite, often made from grapes grown in larger swathes of land with different microclimates, all combined into the same vintage. That’s why New World Wines list the varietal front and center on the label. New World winemakers tend to encourage experimentation over tradition, using modern agricultural techniques and bringing innovation into winemaking.

In short, New World wines reflect the individual winemaker, while Old World wines reflect on the region as a whole.

Once in France during the grape harvest, we observed a stark difference between the Old World and New World approach. Regulations in France dictate a specific harvest window for each region. Visiting Tattinger Champagne,



Claude Tattinger greeted us wearing jeans and rubber boots, fresh from the vineyards where we could see helicopters hovering over the vineyards drying the grapes from recent rainstorms. You could sense the stress he was feeling, as he had a short window to complete the harvest, regardless of the weather. Meanwhile in California, if it rains, vintners can wait until the weather turns and the grapes dry out, and, more importantly, pick grapes when they reach the right sugar level. This year the harvest in Paso Robles was one full month later than last year. That would never happen in France.

Do Old World and New World wines taste notably different? At the tasting, the differences in style were quite apparent. Old World wines tend to have more minerality, less oak and be more delicate flavor and structure. New World wines bend towards making the fruit the focus, are definitely more oaky, and they have a bigger/bolder structure.

Which tastes better? Well that’s up to you.

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# CLUB NEWS

## VILLAGE ARTS

By Patti Crichton

We had a great show at the Camarillo Art Center during the month of April. Many Village Arts members were honored with award ribbons. Francy Walsh took home Best of Show for her Mixed Media artwork. Jack Bozajian received first prize for his coastal oil painting. Bonnie Dawson won second for her pastel sunrise. Thank you to all participants and volunteers!

Our May 1st Village Arts meeting featured a pastel demonstration by local artist, Pamela Salem. Pamela also offers classes at the Camarillo Art Center. We will also be signing up for our upcoming annual June Potluck Picnic in the Pavilion.

Be sure to attend the Spring



Photo by PATTI CRICHTON  
Bonnie Dawson with her second prize for her pastel sunrise at the Camarillo Art Center in April. There were three awards to members of the Village Arts Club.

Art Fair hosted by the Stoners on Sunday, May 5th in the AR.

This is a great opportunity to get a Mother's Day gift handcrafted by Leisure Village artisans - paintings, jewelry, ceramics, crafts! Mark your calendars!

## George Jones

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in Washington, D.C.

In 1967 George returned to California to work for the Larwin Company, one of the nation's largest home-builders. One of his duties was to locate and analyze personal investment opportunities for Larwin's owner and two of his associates. One of these men was the founder of Leisure Technology, the company that, starting in 1973, built Leisure Village.

George's career centered around working as a senior executive for several real estate development companies. His primary task was to find and acquire suitable land and to secure all necessary permits. This entailed long work days and much travel. On one business trip, he was in 20 cities in 5 days, sometimes staying for just 3 hours.

In the 1970's there were numerous boom and bust cycles in real estate. At this time, the company George was working for defaulted on a large bank loan, so for 2 years George was tasked with selling large real estate holdings to pay off that loan (about \$1 billion in today's dollars). In the mid 80's along came the Savings and Loan crisis. George was with one of the S and L's that failed, so he spent a year selling its assets. He also helped liquidate a third company in the 1990's. Not surprisingly, by this time he was fed up and retired from real estate.

A change in career was much needed, so George and his wife Carolee bought a bed and breakfast in central California. It had 9 rooms and was called Robin's Nest. Like any innkeeper, George has many entertaining tales he could tell

about various guests at the B&B. For example, one weekend a biker gang turned up. Chatting with one of them, George discovered that the guy had spent his entire working life selling babies' clothes! Unfortunately, 5 years later George had a heart attack and they had to sell the B&B and move on.

As George and Carolee had 3 grandsons living in the San Fernando Valley, they decided to buy a second home to be near them. Because of George's history with the company that built Leisure Village, they bought a small home in Village 22. When Carolee finally retired from teaching 12 years ago, they bought a larger home in Village 14 and moved there full-time about 10 years ago.

After settling in as full-time residents, joining the Duplicate Bridge Club was one of the first things they did. They both still greatly enjoy playing 2 nights a week at the Clubhouse.

Before COVID, they traveled extensively, enjoying several cruises every year. The "grand total" is around 50, including 8 to 10 Transatlantic crossings and about a dozen cruises to Alaska. One of their favorite vacations was in 1981 when they traveled to Australia to visit with Carolee's parents in Melbourne. Two of the most memorable things during this visit was watching the Fairy penguin "parade" at night on Phillip Island and also seeing the Twelve Apostles (These are limestone "stacks" of the coast in the Port Campbell National Park; only 8 now remain).

George and Carolee are considering another cruise in the near future; we wish them a bon voyage as they renew the traveling they both love.

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# CLUB NEWS

## SATURDAY NIGHT DANCE PARTY

By Andrea Moran

A big hello to all the Villagers. What a beautiful place we live in. Let's celebrate! A Villager who attends our dance for the first time receives a complimentary ticket for the dance. May 11th - Michael Falcone - Waltz lesson. May 25th Eric Ekstrand - Tango lesson.

Our lessons start at 6:30 with a professional teacher, teaching many different styles of dancing. 7:30 starts our dancing with live professional musicians. Admission \$10.00 which includes the lesson. Come join the Saturday Night Dance Party & have a swinging time.

## GRAPES R US WINE CLUB

By Jan Bender

If you are curious about the mystique surrounding wine and would like to learn, taste and sample with friends, think about Grapes R Us. At the recent tasting held in the Santa Rosa Room in April, we tasted some higher priced Trader Joe's wines like the 2022 Sancerre Comte la Fond (Sauvignon Blanc) and a 2021 Ridge "Three Valleys" Zinfandel. Both wines were over \$30. You could go to our local Trader Joe's and buy the wines, but if you joined us at the tasting, you had the opportu-

nity to sample something luscious, luxurious and high-end with your Village friends and neighbors. The April event was sold out within 24 hours! Thanks to Bob Merrilees for organizing the April "Trader Joe's Top Shelf" tasting.

May's tasting event will be organized and presented by Jon Niemann. He focused on Monterey County and the Santa Lucia Highlands appellation. His recent trip up the El Camino Real (101) between Greenfield and Salinas and the Carmel Valley brought us what promises to be some amazing finds. Join us May 17 for "Marvelous Monterey County" and find out.

Tasting sessions are on the 3rd Friday of the month at 7pm usually in the A/R. All LV residents and guests are welcome. Bring two glasses and water. Each session is \$15 per person.

If you have an idea for a tasting theme, do contact the club and someone can help you bring it to life. To get our monthly email invitation, drop a line to Barbara at: grapesruslvwineclub@gmail.com or call her at 805-303-1518.

## LV PHOTO CLUB

By Chuck Morrow

The Leisure Village Photo Club held the monthly competition on April 4th in the MPR at 6:30 pm with the Assigned Category theme of "Action/People at Work." The judge for the monthly competi-

tion meeting was George "Hutch" Hutchinson. Hutch has been a long-time judge for the Photo Club. The winners for the April competition were:

Assigned Category - Bev Davis - "Busted"

Open Category - Frank DeSimone - "Lead"

Mobile Category - Richard Boghosian - "This Old House"

To view all the photos for the month, visit the Photo Club tab on the Leisure Village website or the winners can be viewed on the hallway and the MPR in the Recreation Center. The next general membership meeting will be held on May 16th at 6:30 pm in the MPR. The Theme for the June 6th meeting is "Leading Lines."

If you have viewed the photos taken by members of the Photo Club displayed in the Recreation Center and thought, you would really enjoy a copy for yourself - now you can!!! Yes, the Photo Club is now selling either the photos you see or a print with the photographer's permission. For more infor-

mation contact Roya Parsay, Club President at 831-869-7698.

## LV WOMEN'S CLUB

By Barbara Cogert

Bravo to all the hard-working ladies (especially Chairs Maureen Barclift and Meryll Russell) who presented another fabulous "Afternoon Tea" for the ladies of Leisure Village. The Lighthouse for Women and Children was the recipient of the proceeds from this delightful event.

Members are in for a treat this month as we offer the Dolly Parton impersonator: Charlene Rose. Come see this unique Dolly Parton Tribute, who has been approved by Dolly Parton herself! She has entertained world and American audiences. Check out her webpage DollyPartonLookalike.com to view her extensive resume. We will enjoy her Tribute Performance of Dolly as she entertains us with her "Dolly Parton" LIVE. Join in

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### Womens' Club

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on the fun and wear your country-western clothes, boots & cowgirl hats. Hee Haw!

Doors open at 12:30 and the Program will begin at 1:00 pm. No charge for members and Membership is \$10.00 per year. As always, bring your "Change for Change" and items for Food Share. The Lighthouse will continue to accept donations each month (full-size shampoo, conditioner, body soap, children's soap, shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, toothbrushes, in addition to nice hand-me-downs.)

We look forward to seeing you on Thursday, May 9th in the Assembly Room.

### TAI CHI

By Chuck Morrow

The Tai Chi – Moving for Better Balance instructors would wish to thank all the current and past Tai Chi students and Leisure Village residents for attending World Tai Chi Day held April 27th in the Picnic Area. World Tai Chi Day is just what the name implies. Students of Tai Chi gather on the last Saturday in April at 10 am in their specific time zones around the world to practice Tai Chi.

Leisure Village has a level of Tai Chi available to just about everyone interested in participating in a slow purposeful form of exercise. Students start in the Beginners Class or Beginners Chair Tai Chi Class. Students repeat the beginning class twice to fully understand the Tai Chi forms before moving on to an Intermediate Class. Here the students participate in reviewing what they have learned and refining their Tai Chi talents.

The Advanced Class is where the students go when they feel comfortable with all the forms and can now perform them independently and as a group participant. The class has minimal

student instruction and spends most of the time on constant improvement of learned skills.

If you are interested in the Beginners Class email Chuck at [cmorrow@hotmail.com](mailto:cmorrow@hotmail.com).

### LET'S DANCE CLUB

By Patrick Price

Let's Dance is back in May with music from Tropic Starr. The May dance, which is the third Saturday of the month, is on May 19 from 7:30-10 pm. Admission to Let's Dance is just \$10 per person. For that low price coffee, water and

punch will be provided as well as dancing the night away. It's BYOB for anything else. Let's Dance wants to thank all the great volunteers that are caring for us. More are always welcome. Contact Sue Lind at 559-304-1650 if you would like to help the others. We'd also like to thank all the dancers and spectators for the support shown. See you there!!



Photo by JON

Winners of the 8-ball tournament held in April. l to r - Gary Bunch, Sandy Davis, Max Chopra, Paul Kirkwood, Tom Niemann, Maureen Hall, JoAnn Leeds (effigy), Mark Dowis (back row), Pat Raby, Sue Vidanovic, Gaeton Lamoureux. Glen Noorda not in the photo.

### BILLIARD CLUB

By Patrick Price

The Billiard Club 8-ball tournament is complete and the winners have been determined. Spectators filled all the chairs with at least 7 standing while watching the 8-ball final matches. The audience was mesmerized by the shots from all three tables and kept on the edge of their seats until the final 8-ball was pocketed. Such an exciting night.

After the competition was completed, everyone gathered around the fire pit and enjoyed the refreshments. Thanks to all the volunteers who made this tournament

a success. The participants who persevered to the end were: for the B category 3 newer players finished with Pat Raby first, Sue Vidanovic was 2nd and JoAnn Leeds came in 3rd. For A2, Max Chopra finished first, Sandy Davis placed 2nd and Glen Noorda showed 3rd. In the A1 category, Tom Niemann was first, second was Maureen Hall and the 3rd place finisher was Mark Dowis. And, the Super A (SA) finishers were Gary Bunch 1st, Gaeton Lamoureux came in 2nd and Paul Kirkwood was 3rd.

Tournament awards were presented at the Billiard Club membership meeting on April 23rd.



Photo by VALERIE FOX

Vera Erskine, LV Billiards Club President leading the Billiards Club membership meeting on April 25th.

Also, the Billiard Club is in need of a Hospitality Chairperson/Event Coordinator. Let President Vera know at 805-443-4956 if you are interested. Contact Kathy Wirtz 818-445-1057 for membership.

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# CLUB NEWS

## WII BOWLING

By Lois O'Connor

For the past four to six weeks TV number 3 has been broken. This has caused necessary adjustments to our bowling. With four TVs we are able to have sixteen people bowl during a session. With three TVs only twelve people are able to bowl during a session. The club members have been able to adjust to changes with positive spirit and good sportsmanship. Some of our bowling sessions have open slots waiting for an interested Village resident to join our group. Those sessions met the change by placing TV 3 bowlers in empty slots on the other three TVs. Absences due to vacations, appointments and sadly illnesses eased the task of scheduling a player in the open slot. If more than twelve bowlers were present, and there were no open slots, a bowler could participate in a different session. Some bowlers graciously chose to skip bowling that week. The person who volunteered to not bowl enjoyed watching and socializing with the bowlers.

Some sessions are scheduled for two hours and others for ninety minutes. If the time allotted is two hours, the ones who sat out were able to bowl later in the session. One or two bowlers were able to complete three games in the remaining time. The club members adjusted to these necessary changes and anxiously awaited the arrival of a new TV. The good news is a new TV was delivered on April 11. It was installed during the week of April 15.

The club members are looking forward to the Spring Fling Bowling Tournament. The tournament is to be held May 21st thru May 23rd. Bowlers participate on his/her designated bowling day.

The club has four bowling sessions. Each session may have up to sixteen bowling participants. The Wii bowling room is in the Village Clubhouse Ventura Room. If interested in participating, contact club president, Debra Pettit at 805-504-6774.

## RACQUET CLUB

By Sharon Wilson

Summer is just around the corner. The umbrellas at the courts are up and providing ample shade. The court resurfacing project has been funded. Dates to be determined.

May 17th starts us off on our Friday happy hour get-togethers, which is on the third Friday of the month May through October, 4:30pm at the courts. Come eat, drink, and play.

At the April general meeting we were entertained with beautiful clarinet music by David Singer. Alan C. was the winner of the lively "name that tune" game.

Volunteers are still needed for the hospitality committee as well as the picnic committee. Contact Sharon Wilson at sharonelles@hotmail.com.

The club is offering a reward to anyone locating the wheel chair taken from the sports equipment room. No questions asked.

See you at the courts.

*Coach's Corner:* 1) When your partner goes wide for a shot you move to the middle anticipating a return volley. 2) When you attempt to poach at the net and go across the middle line, yell switch and your partner will move to where u were on the court. Move together up, back and side to side. Take a lesson.

## WOMEN'S GOLF

By Patti Crichton

Women's Golf is proud of our President, Sharon Price, who graced the front page of Inside LV last month! Reminder to all members that our early start time begins in May, 8am! Please check into the Golf Shack with \$2 between 7:30-8:00. Thanks!

Our May 8th monthly Golf meeting is in the Garden Room, visiting at 1:30 and business at 2pm. Thank you to Gail Hill-esheim for keeping us up to date

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## Womens' Golf

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on golf rules and etiquette.

Club Championship play will be May 15th and May 22nd. See Betty Ericsson to sign up. Reception and awards will be on May 29th at 4pm in the Picnic area.

Men's Golf is hosting the mixed TeeTimers Tournament and Luncheon on May 21st. Buy your ticket!

## LV WRITERS CLUB

By Debbie Glass

A little bit of this. A little bit of that. Each week, as we share our stories and insights, we learn more about each other. Check out our display in the library to see some of our work.

We meet on Mondays in the Sun Room from 1:00 to 3:00 pm. In May our meeting dates are: May

6th ("What is Your Perspective on the Concept of Legacy and the Mark You Want to Leave on the World?"), May 13th ("How Do You Pursue Knowledge and Wisdom in Your Life?") and May 20th ("What is Your Biggest Regret?")

There is no meeting on May 27th due to the Memorial Day holiday.

We welcomed Sandy Alonzo to the group. Come hear what she has to say! All LV residents who love to write and share their stories are invited to participate. For questions about the Writers' Club, please contact Debbie Glass at debglass412@gmail.com. Enter Writers Club in the subject line.

## LV MUSIC CLUB

By Marci Lapair

The Music Club is supported through our \$10 annual membership dues. All our members receive email reminders and advance

notice of upcoming club events. The Music Club has 7 monthly activities for the enjoyment of the Village residents. Our monthly activities include Open "Mic" Night, movies twice a month and the 17-piece Groovin' Easy Swing Band every Tuesday evening.

Your membership dues help cover the cost of the complimentary refreshments that we serve at all of our events. You can join or renew your membership at all Music Club activities. We would appreciate your support. For more information call Marci Lapair 818-399-0843.

## YE OLE WOODCHIPPERS

By Bud Bradley

March's numbers are as follows: 17 for LV Residents, 3 for LV Management and Maintenance and 6 quick fixes. We are in the midst of a perfect storm with our cadre of Wood Chippers. One of our group left on a four month hiatus, and both Pirate and Chris are dealing with some medical issues that are probably going to linger a bit. There will probably be a backlog building up, so if you have something that requires help, bring it in early. We expect to be reinforced with a skeleton version of our core group within the next few months and are looking for more active volunteers. If any keyholders are interested, please contact Bud, or Chuck. There is always someone at the shop every Wednesday and Thursday between 10:00 and 12:00 noon. Many times, a little earlier and later.

The rest is old hat. The Woodshop is open from 10am until noon every Wednesday and Thursday to accept your repair requests. During those hours, the Woodshop will be operated by Woodshop Committee members only. There will be no charge for these services unless special materials are needed to complete the repair. Finally, we gratefully accept donations for these services to help keep supplies and equipment up to date. Keyholders are asked not to work on their own projects during these hours.

The Woodshop is open 7 days a week for keyholders. Notices and Rules of Operation are taped to the main woodshop door. Please make sure to sign in and out and clean up your workspace as a courtesy to those that follow. If you wish to become a keyholder, you can contact Pirate or Bud on Wednesdays or Thursdays at the shop to make an appointment to be checked out. You can also reach us by email at the addresses below.

For any other woodshop information, you can email Pirate at Bruc5150@gmail.com or Bud Bradley at Hipbud2@gmail.com.

## LV BOWLING

By Gene Kinsey

We have survived another long winter season. Just about everyone has improved over last year. Only a few weeks left and we will be on to the summer season. If you are interested, that begins May 31 and ends August 30. Cost is still \$14/week but there are no dues for the summer league. Every Friday morning at Harley's Camarillo Bowl from 9-12 noon.

This month's outstanding achievements are as follows: For the women, Kris Jones 184, Clancy Martel 153, Bobi Shmerling 124 Bobbi Herbertson 177, and Sue Hongsermeier 117. For the men Norm Berezowsky 191, Dick Fisher 171, Myron Jones 137 and Gene Kinsey 210.

The teams for summer league will be formed soon so if you have any interest in being either a regular or a sub, please call Bobi Shmerling at 805-389-1975. If you tell me you don't need a good laugh, I won't believe you!



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**Duplicate Bridge:** Monday and Wednesday evenings at 6:45pm in the Garden room. Vonnay Brook 805-586-7155 or cell 909-225-6100.

**Line Dancing:** Friday 2-3:30 for Beginners in the AR and Mondays 5:30-6:30 for Intermediate in Santa Rosa room. Contact Merle at merleruiz20@gmail.com.

**Great Decisions:** 4th Monday 9:30am in Sun Room

**Music & Motion:** Fridays, 9am to 10am in the AR. For info call Margie at 805-437-6100 or e-mail margiegrm@aol.com.

**Needleworks:** Garden Room on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Friday and on the 2nd and 4th in the Lanai Room always from 9:30-11:30am. Contact Nancy Baumgarten at 805-377-2805.

**Pet Club:** Does not hold regular meetings, but please contact Shawn Baker for information. 805-233-1725 or shawnbaker-homes@gmail.com.

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