

Wanted: A cartoonist for "Inside Leisure Village." Sadly, our very witty and talented Ted Ryan, who has been entertaining ILV readers for over five years with his clever and timely cartoons, is forced by health issues to, as he puts it, "Pass the torch" to someone new with fresh ideas. (See page 20 for Ted's farewell cartoon). He will be sorely missed as we wish him good health for now and the future.

Want to improve your memory? Check out a program coming to Leisure Village in January 2016. See Page 2

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Insurance cost prompts

LVA to outsource landscaping

For the first time in LV history, maintenance of the landscaping, irrigation, and golf course village-wide has been assigned to an outside company, and 22 LVA employees who previously worked in those departments were laid off. In a letter to all homeowners, the LVA Board of Directors called it "a difficult decision."

Details of the changes were outlined at the November Board meeting. The staff reductions became necessary because of the dramatic increase in the quoted

cost for workers compensation insurance for the upcoming year. LVA had paid \$295,000 annually for the past two years through Barrett Business Systems. This summer, Barrett denied the renewal request, and LVA insurance brokers looked for new insurance. They found only one quote: \$1.5 million dollars. The economics of that were clear. Homeowner assessments would increase approximately \$47 a month per household for no additional services. Such increases were not acceptable to the Board.

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A solution was proposed by Lawnscape Systems, the company contracted by the Village for more than two decades to control kikuyu grass and keep the lawns green. "They offered to form a separate company to take over our landscape maintenance - at no additional cost to us," said LVA General Manager Bob Scheaffer. "We would pay it the same amount that we had

See LANDSCAPING, 19

Steve Alnes is a master craftsman

By Patty Ecker

When the word "artistry" is used, we tend to think of oil paintings or sculpture or a symphony. Honduran mahogany is usually not what comes to mind. But when Villager Steve Alnes is creating a chest of drawers using Honduras mahogany or installing a unique chair rail in the Wii Bowling room, his pals in the Woodshop describe his skills as artistry. "Steve is a master," says Chuck Russell across the workshop in the Rec Center.

"I can't remember when I wasn't working on wood," says Steve with a smile. His grandfather and father built boats, so Steve did, too. "We couldn't afford to buy them, so we built one ourselves." He and his six brothers and sisters grew up in Los Angeles County, including San Pedro where he learned to sail. "We raced 90' schooners up and down the coast in the '70's and '80's," he recalls. Then fiberglass boats became popular, and this gifted woodworker switched from boats to cabinet making and opened his own business.

His woodworking skill drew customers,

See STEVE ALNES, 19



LEFT: Steve Alnes fabricating a new leg for the antique miniature high chair. RIGHT: Alnes' completed work.

Photos by Bud Bradley

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JANUARY DEADLINES

Deadline for letters, club news, stories, photos and classified ads for the January 2016 issue is Wednesday, Dec. 16, at 5 p.m. The Display Advertising deadline will be Friday, Dec. 18, at 5 p.m. Publication is scheduled for Friday, Jan. 1. Please e-mail stories and photos to editorilv@yahoo.com. Typed copy, double-spaced, should be deposited in the ILV box in the Recreation Center hallway. Handwritten material should be submitted early to allow for typing.

Memory program begins soon

By Sheryl Walters

The UCLA Memory Training Program is coming to Leisure Village in January.

This program teaches techniques that make information more memorable and therefore easier to recall.

Research conducted by UCLA has shown that the strategies taught in this program are effective in improving memory in older adults experiencing normal, age-related memory challenges with benefits to participants that can last up to five years. The program is taught in four sessions: one class a week for four weeks. At each class meeting, a spe-

cific strategy is taught followed by practice using the technique. Skill building materials are provided to expand on the techniques taught in class and to provide practice between class meetings.

The Leisure Village class will meet each Tuesday in January from 1-3 p.m. The first class will be held on January 5. The cost for the four-week program is \$50 per participant, which includes all materials.

A program requirement is that class size be kept small, so the January class will be limited to 20 participants. A sign-up sheet for the January class is available in the Rec Office.



LVTV PROGRAM SCHEDULE

DECEMBER 2015

Channel 1390

LVTV Committee Email: lvtvcommittee@gmail.com



DAY		TIME	PROGRAM *Note: OTR = Old Time Radio
Daily		Calendar Diva	Debra Guill & Ken Walker - 8:00 am; 2:00; 5:00; 7:00 pm
Tue	1	10 am & 8 pm	Collector's Corner - Irene Hall's Christmas Wonderland - 2013 (29 min)
Wed	2	10 am & 8 pm	What Was My Line - Gerald Schulman, David Harris, John Mayer - (58 min)
Thu	3	10 & 8 *OTR 7	Thursday Showcase - See LVTV Message Board for Shows
Fri	4	10 am & 8 pm	LVA 101 - #7: Reserves - 7/28/14 (51 min)
Mon	7	10 am & 8 pm	LVA OPEN BOARD MEETING - LIVE
Tue	8	10 am & 8 pm	LVA OPEN BOARD MEETING - TAPED
Wed	9	10 am & 8 pm	LV Tree Trim - 2008 (25 min)
Thu	10	10 & 8 *OTR 7	Thursday Showcase - See LVTV Message Board for Shows
Fri	11	10 am & 8 pm	LVA OPEN BOARD MEETING - TAPED
Mon	14	10 am & 8 pm	LV Interfaith - 2008 (25 min)
Tue	15	10 am & 8 pm	What Was My Line- Pat McGregor, Lenora Schreiber, A1 Samelle (41 min)
Wed	16	10 am & 8 pm	LV Holiday Show - 2007 (36 min)
Thu	17	10 & 8 *OTR 7	Thursday Showcase - See LVTV Message Board for Shows
Fri	18	10 am & 8 pm	Players Guild - Play It Again, Sam - 2013 (1 hr. 28 min)
Mon	21	10 am & 8 pm	LVA 101 - #12: Ad Hoc Long Range Planning - 1/20/15 (23 min)
Tue	22	10 am & 8 pm	LV Musicians Presents: Camarillo High School Jazz Band - 2015 (92 min)
Wed	23	10 am & 8 pm	Cooking Show with Larry Swartz - Eat with Your Eyes - 2014 (23 min)
Thu	24	10 & 8 *OTR 7	Thursday Showcase - See LVTV Message Board for Shows
Fri	25 -	10 am & 8 pm	Camera Club/ Writers Club Project: Creative Blendings - 2010 (65 min)
Mon	28	10 am & 8 pm	Players Guild - Squabbles - 2010 (1 hr. 53 min)
Tue	29	10 am & 8 pm	L.V. Club Faire and L.V. Craft Faire -2014 (48 min)
Wed	30	10 am & 8 pm	L.V. Pet Show & Parade - 2012 (47 min)
Thu	31	10 & 8 *OTR 7	Thursday Showcase - See LVTV Message Board for Shows

Contact: Chairman Bill Foeller at 384-4447 or for New Programming call John Mayer at 388-4642. LVTV Committee meets the 3rd Thursday of each month at 9:30 AM in the MPR.

DAILY AUDIO ON MESSAGE BOARD: 9:00 AM, 11:30 PM, 3:00 PM, 6:00 PM, Narrated by Debra Guill.
*OLD-TIME RADIO AUDIO PROGRAM: Thurs.7:00 PM, featuring Jack Benny, Bob Hope, Burns & Allen, etc.

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IN MY OPINION

Since 1998, land in Ventura County designated as open space, agriculture, or rural cannot be changed or developed without approval by a majority of local voters. That regulation is called SOAR: Save Open Space and Agriculture Resources. Now, an initiative to extend SOAR until 2050 will be placed on the November 2016 ballot if thousands of registered voters sign petitions.

Locally, the SOAR campaign will include

a special Conejo Creek Voter Participation Area that will protect farmland at the bottom of the Conejo Grade. To qualify for the 2016 ballot, the Camarillo portion will require more than 2100 signatures.

I am collecting signatures for this SOAR renewal. If you wish to sign the petition or help collect signatures, please contact me at 389-9683.

— Marge Lorraine,
Village 41

Fitness center orientations a hit

More than 700 residents have participated in orientation sessions that enable them to use the new Village Fitness Center. Those Villagers have received individual "fobs," small gray triangles that unlock the door to the facility. The new Magnetic Lock System is activated when a fob is swiped across the light on the side of the entrance door. That unlocks the door for the resident, and the system automatically records the name of the fob's owner and the time he or she entered.

Village security will continue to do spot checks at the Fitness Center to be sure

that only residents with fobs are inside. If a fob is lost, it will cost \$25 to replace it.

In the next month or so, refunds of \$2 will be given to those who turn in their keys to the old Fitness Center. Recreation Manager Shelly Runge reports that approximately 1500 keys were distributed to Villagers during the life of the previous facility.

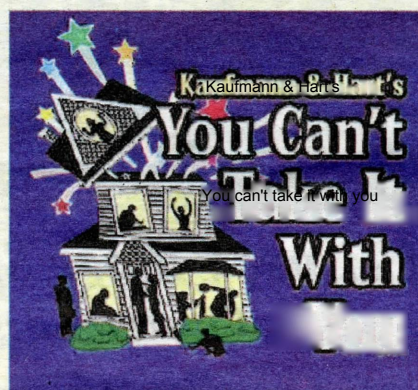
Residents who want to join in can get a list of volunteers who do orientations. Stop by the Recreation Office for that list and set up an appointment.

Auditions Set for PG 'Big Show'

Players Guild is gearing up for its annual big show which will run from April 20-24, 2016. Director Ken Walker will hold open auditions Monday, Dec. 14 at 6:30 p.m. in the MPR. There are speaking roles for seven women and twelve men for the smash hit play and movie, "You Can't Take It With You." Some parts are bits, and don't require coming to a lot of rehearsals, which will be mostly Monday and Thursday afternoons. Callbacks and role assignments will be Tuesday, Dec. 15 at 7 p.m. in the MPR.

This hilarious comedy, which takes place in the thirties when the average Leisure Village resident was young, features explosions in the cellar, a raid by Federal agents, and a drunken actress passed out in the living room. These are only a few of the everyday events in the Sycamore family, the free-wheeling clan at the center of this Pulitzer Prize-winning play. Add to this a mad Russian ballet teacher, a fire-works maker, a thwarted IRS tax collector, a Grand Duchess and many other zany characters and the laughs will be non-

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by Joseph Benti

Those who await the coming observance of the birth of the Christ Child, may not realize there is a different one waiting in the wings.

Around Christmas time in the 1600s and 1700s, Peruvian fishermen observed an unusual warm, north-flowing ocean current in the Pacific which they named El Nino, literally "The Christ Child."

Even back then El Nino was big news because it threatened the booming guano industry and other enterprises that depend on the biological productivity of the sea. Guano is a substance composed chiefly of the dung of sea birds or bats, accumulated along certain coastal areas or in caves and used as fertilizer. That was El Nino then; this is about that big baby now.

Based on the latest reports, as of this writing, this season's El Nino could shape up to be a Godzilla (whale or gorilla in Japanese slang) series of storms bringing torrential rains, perhaps enough to put a serious dent in the current drought. Since many of us live in that damnable "flood plain," however, a monster storm season of any size presents a threat to respect, if not fear.

Jonathon Erdman, a senior meteorolo-

gist at weather.com warns, however, "No two El Ninos are exactly alike." He notes that in February 1998 a strong El Nino caused 17 deaths in California, an estimated \$550 million in damage, and 35 counties to be declared federal disaster areas. A year earlier, without an El Nino, heavy rains in a short period of time caused major flooding and \$1.8 billion in damages in California. Erdman also cautions that an El Nino doesn't mean an end to the drought. He cites the weak El Nino of 2006-07 in which California had its 23rd driest winter and, from July '06 to June '07 Los Angeles had its driest year on record, just 3.21 inches of rain.

El Nino has little or nothing to do with Climate Change—it just is. The questions this El Nino raises are: how big, how long, and are we prepared for a disaster or, at the least, an emergency?

No matter what size this baby proves to be, we should make and keep an early New Year's resolution: this time, no matter what, gather your important documents and pictures, priceless family treasures and the like, make them as waterproof as you can, put them up high and dry, be prepared for power outages and, possibly, rising waters and frightening windstorms. Because no matter what it's called, something is brewing out there.

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To submit a memoriam call Loretta Reshes at 388-7116

Snow Business

By Susan Amerikaner

Wow! It is almost Christmas Day

But summer will not go away.

Here in Southern California,

Endless heat can sure annoy ya!

I walk the dog and sweat it out.

When will it end—this stubborn drought?

I long for icicles and snow.

I think of how it used to go,

When I was young in Baltimore.

I'd root for blizzards: more, more, more!

No school, no work, stay home and rest.

Slurp soup inside your cozy nest.

Never a care, never a pout...

Until the power would go out.

Shoveling and slipping on the ice,

It really wasn't all that nice.

Nostalgia can be very tricky:

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Ventura weather is okay,

Till winter rains wash us away!

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Where: Santa Rosa Room
Cost: Free
Instructor: Debbie Woodard
Info: Debbie Woodard, 484-0280

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Where: Sewing Room
Cost: Free
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Info: Ben Racowsky, 445-8284

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Cost: Free
Instructor: Ben Racowsky
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Info: Mamata Kalle, 388-9360

TAP CLASS

When: Mondays, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.
Where: AR Stage
Cost: \$3 per class
Instructor: Linda
Info: Sue-Ellen Colp, 312-1991

STRENGTH TRAINING

When: Tuesdays, 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.
Where: AR
Cost: \$30 for 10 classes
Instructor: Sue-Ellen Colp
Info: Sue-Ellen Colp, 312-1991

BETTER BREATHING

When: Tuesday, Jan. 19, 1:30 p.m.
Where: mpr
Cost: Free
Instructors: Lorraine Comer
Info: Lorraine Comer, 383-7423

MUSIC AND MOTION

When: Mondays, Wednesdays, Fri-
days, 9-10 a.m.
Where: AR
Cost: \$5 per class
Instructor: Renee
Info: Mary Doyle, 987-9720

YOGA CLASS

When: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10 -
11:15 a.m.
Where: Santa Rosa Room
Cost: \$5 per class
Instructors: Craig 8c Sheryl
Info: Bonnie or Holli, 419-4935

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3715.

Elite Theatre Company: "The Christ-
mas Express" Dec. 4-20.
31 Victoria Blvd., Oxnard, 483-5118.

High Street Arts Center: "Christmas
Magic" Dec. 4-13.
45 E. High St., Moorpark, 529-8700.

Ojai ACT: "Jacob Marley's Christmas
Carol" through Dec. 20.
113 S. Montgomery St., Ojai, 640-8797.

Rubicon Theater: "A Christmas Carol"
through Dec. 20.
1006 E. Main St., Ventura, 667-2900.

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Friday, December 4, 2015

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Everyone is invited to the TRIM THE TREE PARTY in the AR on Tuesday, Dec. 8 at 3 p.m. There will be entertainment by Rick Jarrett, chili, popcorn, cookies and fan.

LV Bowling

By Bob Cohen

Well, another four weeks have gone by and a number of teams have moved up in the race to first half champion. The top three teams are within a point of each other, so it is much too early to celebrate. Doesn't look like there will be any run-aways this year.

There are four people, however, who can celebrate with good cause.

They are the winners of our first half ladder tournament. Thirty-two people entered, only four finished. And the winners are:

- A Flite; Tash Guzman
- B Flite; Al Feldman
- C Flite; Leslie Fox
- D Flite; Greg Cannon.

For the uninitiated, this was a handicap score, non-gender segregated, three week event.



There were 13, 200+ scratch games bowled during the past four weeks. Vivian HURST led the parade this month with four games (210,224,225,246), followed by Tash Guzman with three games (200,206,212) and Art Matter with two 213 games. Four other players had one game each: Fred Diehl (213), Dennis Durand (210), John Hitchcock (204) and Sharon Lubracki (204).

Side pot winners (high handicap score) for week 8 were Nora Potter, Renee Nocera, Leslie Fox, Art Titen, Art Matter and John Neally.

Camera Club, 1st place
Assigned, MORNING
DEW by Jean Kohut.

WII Bowling

By Mytiel Bannatz

The WII Bowling Handicap Tournament on Nov. 7 was a great success. Thirty bowlers participated accompanied by family and friends to cheer them on. Bowlers were divided into groups according to their averages, making the tournament more equal. First, second and third place winners were:

Group A; Cathy Friedman, Sylvia Edmonds and Joan Levy,

Group B; Carole Warren, Ginny Boice and Diane Hawrylo,

Group C; David Kiefer, Joe O'Connor and Gale Richardson.

Congratulations to all of you. Each winner received a trophy. In addition, Barbara Bell received one for her seven perfect games during the season. The tournament was followed by a pot luck lunch. We look forward to having more of these in the future.

Dues for 2016 are now being collected. The cost is \$5 and may be paid by check or in cash when you bowl. We look forward

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to an exciting New Year.

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SAS

By Zelda Greentree

Well that went pretty fast. It's December already! Our last Dinner Out in 2015 will be held on Dec. 8 at Ottavio's Italian Restaurant at 5 p.m. Please remember to call Lee Edwards at 484-3289 for your reservation. We all are expecting to see you there.

Pet Club News

By Ruth Stubba

December is the Pet Club's Dinner Party month. Please join us at our Holiday Dinner Party on Monday, Dec. 7, at 5 p.m. in the AR. Besides a delicious meal by Country Harvest, there will be wine, punch, my homemade desserts, fun entertainment (laughter guaranteed!) and a 50/50 raffle. Please bring a wrapped pet gift for a gift exchange (under \$10). Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased at the Box Office, or by calling Meribeth at 358-7276.



Camera Club, 1st place Creative, VULTURE'S FULL MOON, by Jean Kohut.

During each of the other 11 months of the year, the Pet Club has either a speaker meeting or special program. The Speaker Series meetings take place on the second Monday of the month at 7 p.m. in the MPR. These meetings feature a wide variety of pet related presentations by outside professionals. Our Special Events programs are held outdoors, some of which include our pets.

We will start off the New Year with a speaker meeting, to be held on Monday, Jan. 11 at 7 p.m. in the MPR. If you own a pet and are not a Pet Club member, please come by and enjoy this event with us. If you would like to become a member, dues are \$5 per year. For more information about the Pet Club please contact Ruth Stubba at 496-7188.

Saturday Nite

Dance Parity

By Andrea Moran

The end of the year is fast approaching. There are so many other activities that the Saturday Nite Dance schedule is short for December.

12/05: Ballroom with Dick Parent, Our annual Black and White Dance at 7:30.

12/12: Country Dance at 7. No other dances are planned for this month.

We hope everyone has a great holiday season and our best wishes for a Happy and Healthy New Year. See you all then. Keep those feet dancing.

Billiards Club

By Patrick!Price

The Billiards Club will not meet in December. Happy Holidays (including Hanukkah, Christmas and New Year's Eve) to all.

The Amateur

Radio Club
By Jonathan Fox

At our most recent meeting on Thursday, Dec. 3, we scheduled our holiday raffle and election of club officers. Also, Tim Wheeler planned a "Show and Tell" highlighting a new miniature software defined radio that works with a computer.

For the coming New Year, we have
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changed our meeting dates to the* second Wednesday of each month. This will allow us to have more timely information for our upcoming meetings. To start off in January, our meeting will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 6 and we will go over our plans for the next 12 months. As usual, we will have interesting speakers each month dealing with items related to the world of amateur radio. Field trips and tours will also be a part of our schedule. This past year we toured CBS Television City in Hollywood and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration weather station in Oxnard.

If you are curious about what our club has to offer, please join us. You do not have to be a licensed amateur radio operator to be a member. If requested, we will provide help in getting your license which is now easier since Morse code is no longer required. For more information contact Jonathan Fox at 377-3697 or KJ6LV@yahoo.com.

LV Camera Club

By Jackie Fishman

The Camera Club had a beautiful and interesting exhibit for the Art Fair on Sunday, Nov. 15. People passing by stopped to admire and enjoy our various photographers' best, as they chatted with much interest with the photographers standing by their exhibits. Comments heard, especially from awestruck new residents of Leisure Village, were how there is so much talent in the village.

At our monthly business/competition meeting, President Ken went over business for the new year. Ken announced Robert Fields as the judge for the evening; and Robert gave a brief description as to his background in photography, which included teaching.

And the winners for November were:

From 20 entries in the Assigned Category (Trees and Flowers): First Place, Jean Kohut for Morning Dew; Second Place, Lorraine Friedman for Do You Hear the Music?; Third Place, Verna Cryder for How Peaceful This Valley; First Honorable Mention, Gregg Gillmar for Flying Orchid; Sec-

ond Honorable Mention, Arnold Singer for Fall in Massachusetts.

From 23 entries in the Open Category: First Place, Gregg Gillmar for Eye See You; Second Place, Jean Kohut for Busy Skies Overhead; Third Place, Doug Demers for Mount Ranier; First Honorable Mention, Arnold Singer for The Thinker; Second Honorable Mention, Don Treadwell for While Rome Burns.

From 5 entries in the Creative Category: First Place, Jean Kohut for Vultures' Full Moon; Second Place, Larry Forkner for Alien Invasion; Third Place, Marlene Votion for A Rose is A Rose; First Honorable Mention, John Kingsley for When the Sun Goes Down; Second Honorable Mention, Sharon Forkner for Tower Rising.

We will be having our annual Chanukah/ Christmas Party with the Best of 2015 Award Presentations, on Wednesday, Dec. 16, at 6:30 p.m., in the Santa Rosa Room. Looking forward to seeing our club members there, with their guests, enjoying all the goodies, awards, and fun of the evening! Have a Happy Chanukah, a Merry Christmas; and a Happy, Healthy New Year!



Camera Club, 1st place Open, EYE SEE YOU by Gregg Gillmar.

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Racquet Club

By Leslie Fox

On Dec. 9, the Racquet Club is providing wine and cheese for our last meeting of the year. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. in the MPR. This will also be the introduction of our new Officers. President Merle Ruiz, Vice President Carla Molter, Secretary Marq Petersen, and incumbent Treasurer Sharon O'Connor. We all give thanks and appreciation to Diane, Sue, and Claire for their service, and the new officers for their new adventure to come.

The first order of business will probably be the collection of our 2016 dues. It is still only \$7 for the year, and gives you access to all our events, lessons, league play, possible tournaments and a lot of impromptu pot lucks, dinners, and travel to other courts (Whoa, Whoa!). If you're not currently a member, this will be a great way to start your new year.

Speaking of the new year, we will be having our third annual New Year's Eve party. It will be a pot luck, beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the Santa Rosa Room on Dec. 31. At this event, Trish Zakas will have the sign up sheets for the winter league, which will begin in January. This makes it a can't miss party.

Current Schedule, Paddle Tennis:

- * Round Robin - 3 p.m. Monday and Wednesday
- * Group play - 8-9 a.m. Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday
- * Open play - 9 a.m. Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday
- * Advanced players are late afternoons Tuesday, Saturday and Sunday

Enjoy the holidays, and to all of LV, a New Year of Health and Happiness!



Photo by Rob Sollett

"He's the man!" says John Palmer (left) and Geoff Millar (right) as they congratulate fellow golfer Carl Gregory on his first hole in one.

The New York Club

By Frank Seiden

The New York Club will be dark in January. We have ambitious plans for 2016 and we'll appreciate help from new volunteers. We have experienced people as our officers, but they need backup for times when urgencies make them unavailable.

We welcome all the new residents of Leisure Village. You are the future of our community and it is those of you who become active who will keep it vibrant, keep it a happy place. We look forward to seeing you on Feb. 4, 2016.

Village Arts

By Gwen Zimring

Hello artists and friends. Another year nearly gone by, and by the time you read this, we will have already celebrated our Annual Holiday Luncheon held at Ottavio's in Old Town. At that time, we will have had an installation of the officers for 2016.

We hope you all have a happy, healthy and safe holiday season and look forward to being at our first 2016 meeting on Jan. 6. At that meeting, Kathy Whitesell will be giving a watercolor demonstration. You may have seen examples of her art in the library recently.

We look forward to having some very interesting meetings in 2016 with demonstrations, a visit to the Channel Island Art Studios and a summer luncheon. Also a visit to members' studios.

We hope some of you will be able to attend the Monday workshop from 1 to 3 p.m. You will be able to work with whatever medium you prefer and at your own pace. On Fridays from 1 to 3 p.m., Fred Vajda teaches beginning drawing plus other special projects.

Some of Gwen Zimring's art will be on display in the library in December.

We hope you will take part in many of these events.

Men's/Golf

By Rob Sollett

"This is my first! hole in one since I started playing some 13 years ago.... MY FIRST!" declared Carl Gregory of the Nine Hole Golfers during the second round of the LV Men's Club Championship. "I didn't see it go in, I was too excited. My playing partners did," Gregory reflected.

"It was beautiful, purely majestic," added Jack Kirkland. "It was amazing to watch, a hole in one from the start. From the moment he struck that ball off the tee, you knew it was going in." Gregory's other fellow players, Geoff Millar and John Palmer, were just as excited as they exchanged high fives and fist bumps in celebratory recognition. Well done, Carl.

Additional congratulations go out to the winners of the same tournament. They include, A Flight: Gerry Sarno; B Flight: Chuck Dolan; C Flight: Hiroshi Kuwashima. Nine Hole Golfers: John Palmer. Way to go, guys.

We welcome new member Nick

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Aleta Howarth, of the Stoners, shows some of her creations to Villagers.



Ivanna Carbajal, granddaughter of Villagers Virginia and Jorge Carbajal, enjoys one of the wooden toys made by the woodshop.



Roger Williams, left, and Ron Quick detailing some of the services the woodshop provides to a Villager.



Ceramacist Carol Moody, left, explains the intricacies of creating this gorgeous vase to villager Anita Levine.

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PHOTOS BY BOB KAPLAN

The LV veterans in attendance.

Veterans honored for their service



LV Veterans club president Ed Vasquez presents a Honorable Memories Veteran plaque and a Eagle for the LV flag pole to General Manager Bob Scheaffer.



Presenting the Colors (from left) is Frank Seiden and John McGava, with Boy Scouts from Troop 262, and Irv Bergman, Frank Katz and Ed Vazquez.



Bob Scheaffer thanks the Fire Department for their service to the village.



The eagle gets placed on top of the flag pole.

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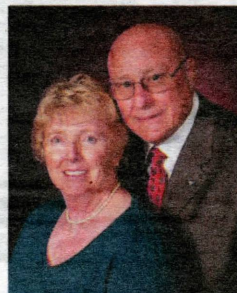
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The Mavericks

By Margo Secia

Due to the upcoming Christmas holiday, we will be dark on our regular fourth Friday in December.

The Mavericks' Board is still busy working out the plans for our annual "Winter Ball Dinner/Dance" on Friday, Jan. 22, 2016 in the AR. The dinner will be catered and a band will be playing for your listening and dancing pleasure. Diners will be offered their choice of a beef, fish, chicken or Veggie entree. A complete menu will be in the January, 2016 ILV issue and in e-News. Tickets will be available for purchase.



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chase the beginning of January. Please calendar the date for this dinner/dance and come enjoy the very special party we have every January and start the New Year off right with great food, friends and entertainment. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact John Wirtz at 384-8508 or Ruth Stubba at 496-7188.

Showtyme

By Jennifer Stein

Showtyme Presents "A Winter Wonderland Extravaganza," performed by Carousel Dance Company, directed by Karen Willes and produced by Paul Schifanelli and Jennifer Stein.

Come enjoy a variety of exciting dance routines on Friday, Dec. 11 at 7:30 p.m. in the AR. One of the best forms of ex-

pression is through dance. It instills passion and an appreciation for music. With a better way to spend your holidays than be dazzled by the award winning Carousel Dance Company, a dance group local in the West Valley which performs locally and nationally. Please come celebrate the holiday season with Showtyme and bring your grandchildren, family and friends.

Members: No charge. Non-Member Minimum donation \$3. No reserved seating. Doors open at 6:45. 2016 Membership is \$10 per person.

Players Guild

By Stan Reshes

Celebrate the season with Players Guild at their Holiday Dinner Party Thursday

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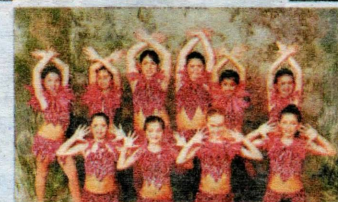
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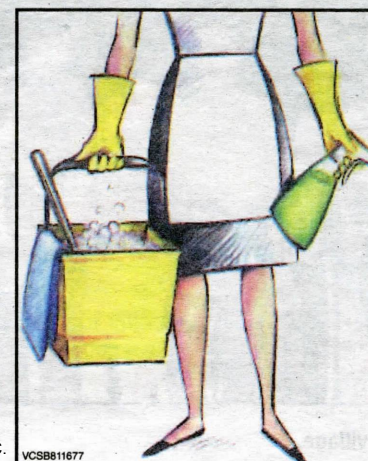
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Photo courtesy of Bonnie Bowden

Wine, punch, coffee and dessert will top off the evening, but not before the fabulous Bonnie Bowden entertains the guests. She is a perennial favorite with her spectacular repertoire that runs the

gamut from Classical to Broadway.

Tickets are on sale for \$25 and can be purchased at the Box Office Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. For more information on ticket and table availability, call Barbara Stone, 388-8867.

LV Woodshop

By Chuck Russell

AS the holidays approach, we are festive and busy in the woodshop as Villagers bring in items they want us to repair before family and friends arrive for their celebrations. Stop by our open window in the Rec Center on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10 to Noon to say "Ho Ho Ho" or to ask us to fix something.

Here are the latest numbers from our Village Repair Program representing projects for ten months of 2015.

Residential: 221

Clubs and LVA: 46

Quick Fixes: 56

We invite residents to bring items for repair. We can't guarantee we can fix everything. But our Woodshop elves are very good. There is no charge for the work, although donations to help with the cost of materials are always welcome.

For those who want to join our Woodshop team, please contact Chuck Russell at 383-3044. You should have woodworking experience and the ability to operate power equipment safely. Chuck can answer any questions and set up an appointment for you to be checked out on the equipment.

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Women's Club

By Chpose Chun

Women's Club is the best club in the Village because of the selfless, caring women and men who are members. Outstanding generous donations to FoodShare in November reflect the nature of our beautiful people. Thank you! It is time to renew our membership or join for the first time and be part of this grand organization; dues remain at \$5.

The December General Meeting will be the Holiday Show with Justin Ramos on Thursday, Dec. 10, 1:30 in the AR. During the business meeting the new slate of officers for the coming year will be announced. Come early, before 1 p.m., for the annual Bake Sale prior to the meeting.

An interesting place to be on Tuesday mornings is at the Crafters' Boutique on Dec. 8 and 15, 9 to 11:30 a.m. in the MPR. The quantity and quality of handmade items will amaze you; it's fun to meet friends while browsing through the jewelry and other displays. The Bingo Boutique



Photo by Chi Chun

Charles Hartman buying See's Candies from Sharon Hahn and Loretta Reshes at the BINGO Boutique.

will be on Wednesday, Dec. 16 from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. A special thank you to the wonderful women who have donated beautiful jewelry.

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By Carol Moody

We sadly report that Glenna Dunning, who had been writing this column for us, passed away last month after a vigilant battle with cancer. Besides being an eloquent writer, she was a world traveler who shared her experiences with us and inspired several of our trips. She will be missed by all who knew her.

Here is the list of current offerings:

- **HEARST CASTLE.** Sold out/Wait List only. A guided Central California coast and a night tour of Hearst Castle \$499 pp (double), \$699 (single), Dec. 10-12, 2015
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• **PALM SPRINGS EXCURSION.** As we arrive in Palm Springs, we head over to a show - "A Really Big Shooo" to be exact. After a relaxing night at Las Brisas Resort, we will tour the Living Desert and have lunch before making our way back to Camarillo, all with a Tucker Tours Guide. \$304 pp (double), \$364 (single) January 27-28, 2016.

We are working on Santa Anita Race-track for February, Glendale Theater for March, and the Carol King Musical "Beautiful" in July. Save January 26th for a special presentation in the Garden Room by Colette Tours on Switzerland, Austria, Bavaria. In addition to our "Inside Leisure Village" column, watch LVTN, read eNews or pick up one of our weekly bulletins to watch for new trips going up for sale.

As always, for more information on current trips or if you want to be on our email list for advance notification of trips, please stop by at the Travel Office Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday 9 to 11:45 a.m.

Winter home

maintenance tasks

Each and every home requires regular maintenance to stay safe and efficient, and fall is one of the best times of year to tackle the basics. Some tasks can be completed by homeowners, while others are best left to experienced professionals. Before the winter weather rolls in, take the time to prepare your home and protect your investment.

1. **Prepare your heating system** — Schedule a professional checkup and new filter installation preferably before you need to turn it on.
2. **Look for leaks** — Check all doors, windows, attic hatches, external vents and electrical outlets for air leaks and add caulk, weather stripping and insulation to prevent warm air from escaping. If you see any loose or missing shingles, notify your homeowners association for correction.
3. **Check fire safety equipment** — Test and/or change the batteries in all smoke

and carbon monoxide detectors. Also inspect fire extinguishers to ensure that they're in good working order.

4. **Prepare plumbing** — You may want to cover your water heater with an insulation blanket to help save energy.
5. **Tackle yard work** — Clear fallen debris from the roof and rain gutters.
6. **Update safety supplies** — Check your emergency preparedness kit and stock your pantry with water and non-perishable food just to be safe.
7. **Termite inspection** — Anytime is a good time to have a licensed company representative perform an inspection for termites and/or rodents.

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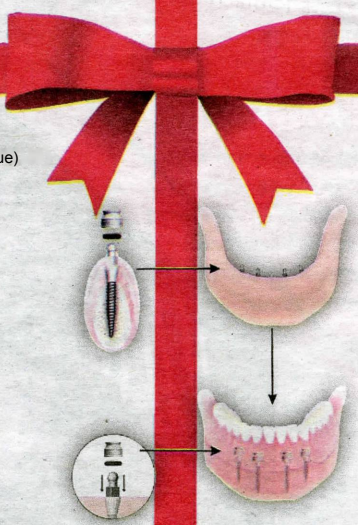
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"Sibling Revelry" featured artwork by village resident

What began as family doodling decades ago grew into an art show in Missouri last month that included work by Village resident David Kiefer. The gallery show entitled "Sibling Revelry" featured artwork by the Kiefer brothers and sister: Paul, Stephan, Serena, and David. More than a year in the making, their work in a variety of creative endeavors was on display for a month at Framations Gallery in St. Charles, Missouri, which is the Kiefer hometown.

"Serena came up with the idea," explains David, who is the current president of LV's Village Arts Club. The siblings live across the country, so the show became a family reunion and a showcase of their diverse talents. "It was a neat feeling to all be together and to see how artistic we are," he says with a smile.

His oldest brother Paul is a retired schoolteacher who carves art pieces from wood in Trinidad, Colorado. Stephan finds his creative expressions mostly in photography. He was a psychologist in pris-

ons for more than three decades. He lives in North Carolina. Serena, the baby of the family who still lives in Missouri, has been a professional artist for thirty years -working in ceramics, collages, and mixed media. Her art has been shown across the U.S. and in twelve foreign countries.

David remembers their childhood art efforts clearly. "Dad used to bring home paper from work and we all would draw on it," he says. "We lived out in the country. I still have some of my pencil and crayon drawings." He went on to a career as a librarian - 33 years with the Los Angeles Public Library. It was at the suggestion of a friend that he began taking watercolor classes at Pierce College. Now David works mostly in acrylics.

"Sibling Revelry" was a successful show, according to the Gallery co-owner Sarah Meredith. "Attendance was good, and there were some sales, too. It was very exciting for all us."

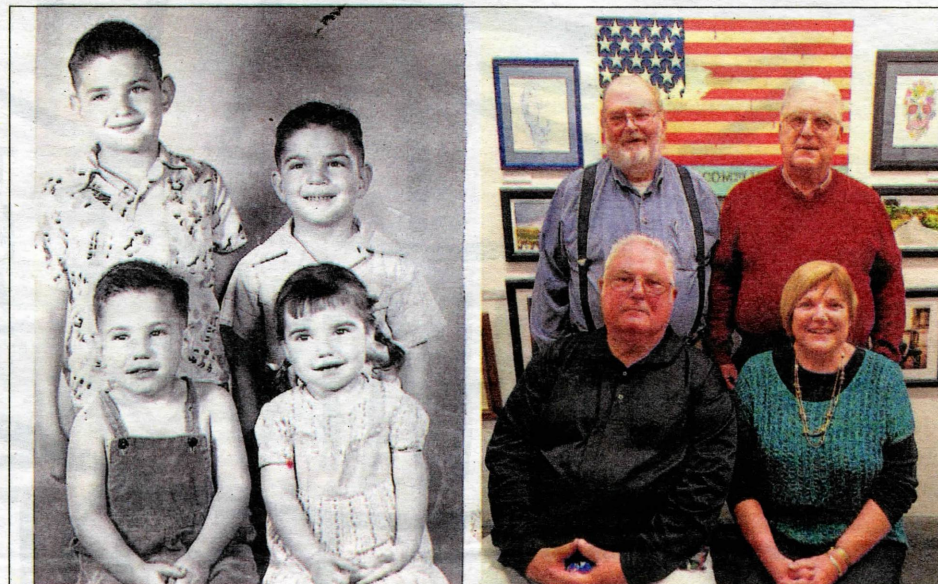


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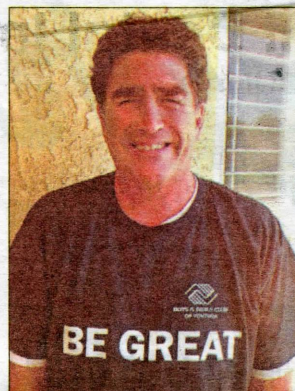
LEFT: The younger Kiefers: clockwise from the top left: Paul, David, Serena, and Stephen.

RIGHT: The contemporary Kiefers: clockwise from the top left: Paul, David, Serena Kiefer Boschert, and Stephen.

LV resident appears at Santa Paula

Paul Newman (yes, that's his real name) is an LV resident who is currently appearing in the Santa Paula Theater Center production "The Clean House."

(See Theater Beat, page 7). The five year resident from Village 3 describes the play as a fun show that seniors who have attended really seem to be enjoying. Running just under 2 hours including an intermission, it is a fast paced romp through love, death, infidelity and family. Bring a copy of this article and get \$2 off the regular price.



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been paying for the staff - about \$147,000 a month - without the enormous hit for the workers comp premium." Board members examined the three-year proposal over several months and concluded it was a good deal for the Village.

Then came the really difficult part, notifying the 22 landscape workers of the lay-off. "This was the hardest thing I've ever done," Scheaffer said. "We put together the best separation package we could." It included severance for most, a month's health insurance and details on how to apply for the Affordable Care Act for all. The men are eligible for two full years of unemployment. "But I felt terrible. Many of these men grew up working here. Leisure Village just could not afford to keep them on," he said

The new company is Camarillo Land-



Photo by Joseph Benti

The maintenance of lawns, irrigation, and the golf course will now be the responsibility of Camarillo Landscape Partners.

scape Partners. There are no strings attached to the agreement for either side. The Village and CLP each have a 90-day escape clause that allows them to drop out with no penalty if the arrangement is not satisfactory. The Village keeps and maintains all its landscape equipment, which the new CLP workers will use daily. Board Treasurer Ted Lansing said, "This means we will have the necessary equipment in case something happens, and we want to change the deal." Another aspect to that deal is that LVA no longer will pay health insurance for the workers. That saves about \$400,000 annually. CLP cannot by law hire previous staff members. Its new workers will be vetted and background checks completed before they sign on. Scheaffer says it will take a few weeks to hire and train new people. Street sweeping continues. But green sheet requests will be put on hold for a while.

STEVE ALNES from 1

and his work morphed into supplying large construction jobs, and then shifted from making cabinets to managing entire building projects. But that did not change Steve's affection for working with wood. His description sounds a bit Zen. "It re-

quires concentration. You have to understand the wood, the grain, the tools, and how to make them work together. Wood can be molded, bent, cut, screwed together, glued together, and put together with no fasteners at all," he explains with a laugh. "I can fix anything."

Which brings us back to Honduran ma-

hogany. He has used his favorite wood on the drawers of the chest he is making in the Woodshop. After careful use of the lathe and band saw (he's never been injured.), the rounded wood feels like satin.

Steve and his wife have lived in Camarillo for more than two decades, in Leisure Village almost two years. "It was always on

our radar," he says of the Village. "I'm disappointed I didn't do it four years earlier." He spends about 20 hours a month in the Woodshop working on repairs for Villagers and his own projects. Currently, he's rebuilding an antique highchair. He might be using Honduran mahogany.

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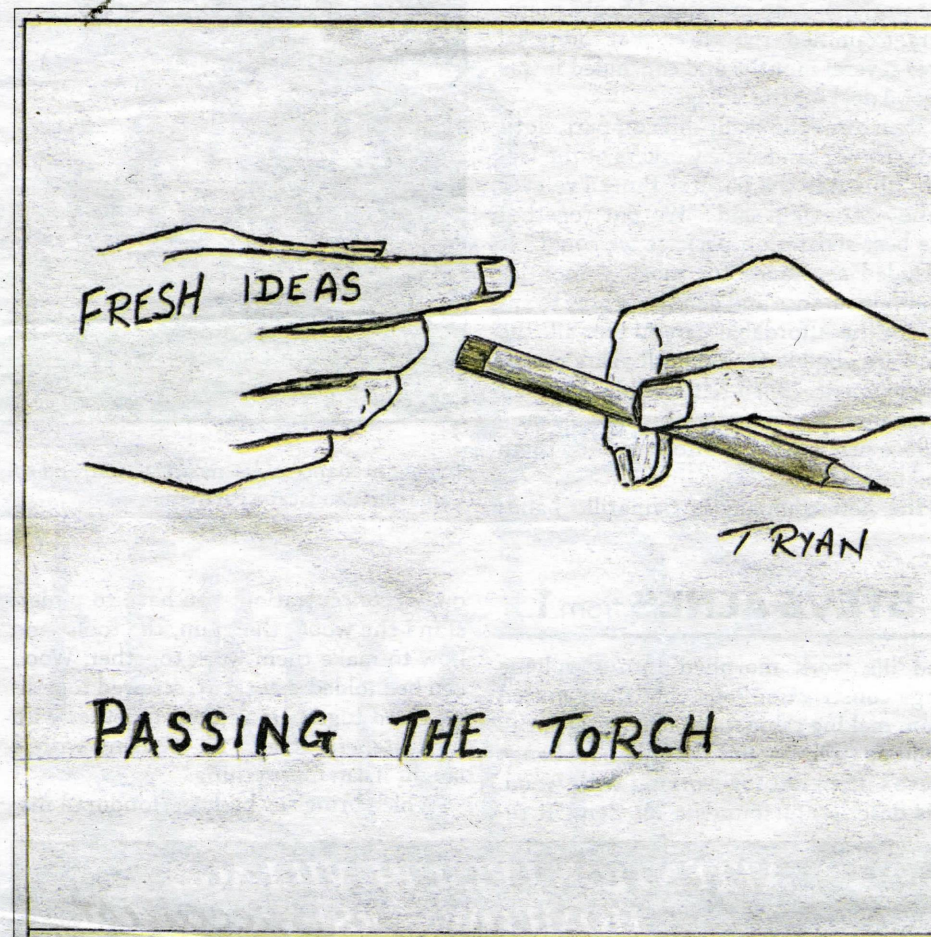
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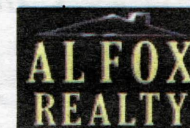
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