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A Time to Choose Village Leadership

By Jon Niemann

Every year at this time elections are held for the upcoming Leisure Village Board of Directors (BOD.) A dedicated group of individuals who care about the issues that affect the everyday lives of our residents dedicate time to work as a group to make decisions and provide direction to the Leisure Village Association. The talents, visions for the Village and life experience of these people are offered for your informed decision to choose and choose wisely. Take a moment to read their information sheets in the display case outside the MPR at the Rec Center or pick up one of the flyers near the ILV news stand.

A well attended "Candidates Night" offered Villagers a venue to listen to each of the candidates state why they are willing to volunteer their time and efforts to keep Village operations on an even keel. A few more neighborhood focused evenings in private homes were held at the homes of Kelly and Andy Nelson, Pam and Frank Almeida and Julie Kingsley. The casual and intimate nature of the neighborhood events gave Villagers the opportunity to get to know the candidates.

Current Board President, Chuck Kiskaden shared the successes of his term in establishing committees who researched and worked to gather information and present plans



Photo by JON

Four of the candidates on stage at the Candidates Night, L-R Richard Loomis, Jum Murchie, Chuck Kiskaden and Beverly Vandermulen. Outgoing Director Bob Bueling moderated the well attended event.

based on that research for such important issues that the Village faces. Committees such as Long Range Planning, Water Committee, Com-

munications gathered talented and concerned Villagers together to work on these issues. Successes include a

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LV 50TH ANNIVERSARY



The DeSimone Clan, A Village Family Legacy

By Patty Ecker



Historic Photo courtesy DeSimone Family

Piff and Nick riding through the Village.

Drive through the Main Gate in September 1973 and look to the left: lima bean fields ready for harvest. Straight ahead is the Recreation Center, one tennis court, and a swimming pool. Beyond that: a field of tomato plants, and a herd of sheep grazing on the hill. To the right, a few newly completed houses. In one of them: Piff and Nick DeSimone stand ready to welcome you to Leisure Village. And fifty years later, their offspring Kathy Wirtz and Frank DeSimone continue to follow their example.

In those early years, Piff and Nick were not only enthusiastic about Leisure Village, they were also vital to the fellowship and success of this unusual place. They moved here to get away from the cold of Massachusetts, intrigued by the suggestion of their son Frank, who landed in Burbank as he finished his military service.

He called home and said, "It's great out here in California - and warm!" That was the push that Piff and Nick needed. They moved into Village 11, one of the first built - with a good view of the bean fields. And the DeSimone dynasty - including their offspring Frank, Kathy, Karen and Piff's sister Rosalie Beck - was born.

"My dad was an exercise nut," according to his daughter Kathy, who says he used to get up at 3 am to begin a workout. He started playing golf right away and organized regular BBQs for Villagers. Piff loved music, dance and also, service. She became the President of the new LV Women's Club, leading the campaign to furnish the Rec Center kitchen. Rosalie started a music group and began raising money to buy an organ for the Village.

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Club News, articles and letters: Thursday, June 15. July issue will be available Friday, July 7. Send news, articles & letters to insidelveditor@gmail.com.

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COMMUNITY NEWS By Dennis Doolittle

Board Elections – Board elections are coming. There are three seats up for election, with five individuals nominated. The election ballots have been mailed out and “Candidates Night” has concluded. Please submit your votes; we need to insure a quorum. The members of the new Board will be announced at the June 22nd Annual Meeting.

Paint Project – The Village finally has a project start date of June 1st for the stucco and trim painting project. Painting starts in Village 17.

LV Web Site – The Communications Committee continues to work on new features for the LV website. Enhancements are underway to the Directory, and updates have been made to its listings. The ability to provide high resolution, streaming video of Village content is being evaluated as a potential next step in adding functionality behind the site’s secure resident log on.

The General Manager, Security and the Committee decided to not publish email addresses on the web

site. A printed list will be made available at the Administration Building for those needing email addresses.

Based on Board direction, work is progressing on making the Village Voice an on-line publication with paper copies available on request.

Village Trees – Inspections of every tree in the Village continue. It is a long process to inspect each tree. Three trees have been identified as immediate problems and tree removal is in process. A “Level 2” inspection of large trees near residences is being started. A remedial action plan will be put together to address what to do about each such tree on a case-by-case basis.

Roofing – A roofing contract for multiple residential units and for carports has been issued and work has started. The original schedule has been interrupted by required repairs from fallen trees from the last major rain and windstorm. Buildings that are scheduled for re-roofing are spread around the Village, with work schedules based on need and

then on age of the roof. A letter has been sent out to all residents who are scheduled to have their roof done.

LV 50th Anniversary – Save the date - Leisure Village celebrates 50 years! Join the celebration on Sunday, October 1, 2-5pm in the AR and recreation center. Residents and clubs have been responding with memorabilia, photographs, history, milestone events and posters. Watch for other special events from clubs and groups throughout the year. **Health Fair** – Set your calendar – the Village is holding a Health Fair on June 16th. The AR is fully booked with participants.

Water – A big thank you to Village residents. Since last June, the Village made a significant reduction in its household (potable) water usage, dropping from over 62 gallons per day per resident (GPD) down to under 55 GPD. There was concern about what would happen when the water usage restrictions were lifted, but we have retained our lower usage rates. The Water Committee will host a Water Information Event in the MPR on Friday, June 16th, from 10:30 am - 2 pm. Visit before or after

attending the Health Fair. Activities include a puppet show, water use calculators, displays, conservation tips, and free hot popcorn.

Pool Resurfacing – Pool resurfacing is being required by city inspectors. The process is in three steps, 1) the resurfacing of the area surrounding the pool, 2) a drying and curing process, and 3) a sealing process each taking one week. The contractor has advised that the pool remain closed for the entire 3-week period. The pool was closed on May 18th and will remain closed until June 6th.

Finance – A new CPA firm has been engaged to perform the required review of financial statements for fiscal year ending 3/31/2023. They will complete an Audit and prepare the required tax returns. The report will be distributed to the members within 120 days of the close of the fiscal year.

AT&T Cell Tower – the AT&T proposal for a cell tower to be installed in Leisure Village was referred to the Long-Range Planning Committee for evaluation and recommendation.

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VILLAGE ENTERTAINMENT

Potpourri #4

Players' Guild - Linda O'Neill

Listen, people, you have a real treat ahead of you this month when director Diane Carroll presents a medley of scenes from five plays on Thursday, June 15 at 7:30 pm in the AR. (As usual there is no charge, but we encourage you to buy a \$10 membership.) Three out of five are excerpts from the works of Neil Simon: *The Odd Couple*; *Broadway Bound*; and *Plaza Suite*.

In the *Odd Couple*, Paul Newman plays the carefree slob who is a sportswriter: Oscar. Julius Hirsch plays the fastidious news writer Felix. Simon tickles our funny bones with the predictable conflicts arriving from this partnership as these two roommates try to co-exist. Character actors and LV residents Arnie Kremer, Irv Bergman, Erwin Rudy and Roger Florio add to the merriment.

Broadway Bound is Simon's biographical look at elements of his parents' marriage. Joyce Belcher and Richard Weiss portray the parents who are mired in the fall out of emotions when a partner's infidelity has been discovered.

In the third act of *Plaza Suite*, Vivian Hollander and Richard Weiss are hysterical as the parents of a reticent bride: Mimsey has locked herself in the bathroom and will not come out! On the serious side, Ms. Carroll presents *Julia* by Lillian Hellman. This play is based on Hellman's 1973 book, *Pentimento* which dealt with Hellman's relationship with lifelong friend Julia who fought against the Nazis prior to World War II. Nalani Carson and Dorene Blair are outstanding in their portrayals of these two women.

Steel Magnolias by Robert Harling is a languid mix of mirth and melancholy. You will remember that a group of women share their hopes and dreams and daily lives in a small southern town as they must cope with the illness and death of one of their own. Loretta Pisaniello is strong as the mother of a dying child and well-supported by her posse that is played by Helene Cohen, Judie McAskill, Natalie Rosen

and Anne Marie Florio.

Thursday, July 20 at 7:30 in the AR brings us "Let's Take a Road Trip" and CELEBRATE THE STATES! The focus of this workshop is to enjoy the music that has captured slices of America for us to sing about. Paul Newman will open the show with an Allen Sherman parody set to the tune of *Holiday for Strings*. When the curtain opens, the LV Dancers will tap the first stop on our trip tik: "New York, New York!" To name a few highlights, Irv takes us to New England with "Moonlight in Vermont"; Dorene and Lewis will sing a medley of songs about their former home: Massachusetts; Debra Guill belts a bluesy "Georgia" and Marshall Smith warms our hearts with "Colorado, My Home" (incidentally the state of my birth) from *The Unsinkable Molly Brown*.

We attended LV Musicians first Friday "Open Mic Night" and found a couple of particularly beautiful voices. If I tell you anymore, you won't be surprised. Suffice it to say, we've found a bunch of unique songs we never knew existed. Karen Foote, (one of the children of an original owner) is an accomplished pianist and will be our accompanist for this show. She has been a Players Guild member for many years, but her job as a church musical director prevented her from taking part in our shows as her choir practices were always on Thursday night! Thank you, in advance, to Mark Smith for his technical expertise by adding pictures of many of our great states.

And, speaking of original owners, the August 17 Players Guild workshop will be written and directed by Marlynn Block and Nancy Hullihan. These ladies are the very funny duo that brought you the Players Guild Woodstock celebration. Why is this? Because we residents are celebrating 50 years of Leisure Village this year and this is the Players Guild offering. One of the dances they have been perfecting is the "Synchronized Trash Ballet." (Please note: color me amused, but I think I saw a couple of my neighbors practicing this last Friday.)

VILLAGE ENTERTAINMENT

Music & Movies

LV Music Club - Marci Lapair

The audience who attended the Music Club’s May Open “Mic” night were delighted by the return of Villager Karen Kearsley who played “Chopin’s Nocturne in E Flat Major” on the piano. After a long absence the audience welcomed back Jim Best who sang “I’ve Got You Under My Skin.” Jeanette Fisher danced a Mariachi Hula in honor of Cinco de Mayo. Adam Thrope, son of Villager Shirley Thrope, performed a rousing version of “The House of the Rising Son.”

The next Open “Mic” nights are Friday, June 2 and July 7 at 7:00 pm in the AR. Open “Mic” Night is open to all Villagers at no charge. We serve complimentary wine and snacks. If you have a talent that you would like to share for our July Open “Mic” Night, please call Debbie Goodman 818-523-0731 or Dick Guttman 805-484-5806 no later than Wednesday, July 5.

The movie to be shown on Monday, June 5 at 7:00 pm in the AR will be the warm-hearted charming movie Secondhand Lions starring Michael Caine and Robert Duvall. A shy adolescent boy, Walter (Haley Joel Osmert), is taken by his greedy mother (Kyra Sedgwick) to spend the summer with his two hard-boiled great-uncles, Hub and Garth, who are rumored to possess a great fortune. At first, the two old men, both set in their ways, find Walter’s presence a nuisance, but they eventually warm up to the boy and regale him with tall tales from their past. In return, Walter helps reawaken their youthful spirit. The movie is rated PG and is 1 hour and 50 minutes long.

On June 19 we will screen the movie Indiana Jones and the Raiders of the Lost Ark starring Harrison Ford. With the upcoming release of

a new Indiana Jones movie, come and see how it all began. Experience one exciting cliffhanger after another when you discover adventure with the one and only Indiana Jones. The movie is rated PG and is 1 hour and 55 minutes long.

There will be no movie shown on July 3rd due to the July 4th holiday.

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 Debbie Goodman 818-523-0731 or Marci Lapair 818-399-0843.

Tom Jones

Showtyme – Jennifer Stein

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ART IN THE VILLAGE

Just Plein Mel

By Nicole D'Amore

Mel Rosen loves plein air (outdoor) painting so much he decided to start a group through the Village Arts club here in Leisure Village to share his interest. Although a bit stymied by the rain this winter, the group is looking forward to getting outside again. They have painted the gazebo area next to the pool and the picnic area with its beautiful trees.

"We're going to gradually move to other areas in this wonderful acreage of ours and then possibly move outside (Leisure Village) a little bit," Rosen said. "Outdoor painting can serve to increase artistic excellence," he explained. "The group learns the artistic process from each other and I assist in providing my 23 year experience in painting and drawing." One of the participants, Beverly Goring, said the plein air group started after a Village Arts meeting

when several members talked about enjoying outdoor painting.

"The next thing we knew, Mel had us organized and we were out painting the gazebo, laughing and having a wonderful time and we've continued," she said. "Mel is a very good painter and knows a lot about painting."

Rosen, who moved to Leisure Village from Santa Monica in 2019 after the death of his wife, had a long career in education, although mainly in social studies, rather than art. Growing up on the East Coast, he had an early interest in art and attended an art high school in New York City that required a portfolio for acceptance.

"I had an interest in graphic arts and illustration and would've liked to have gone into the art field," he said. "But I also had an interest in history and government and that became my first love."



Photo by NICOLE

A California seascape capturing the verdant beauty of our state.

When it came time for college, he headed to California, recalling visits with relatives here. "The climate, the pristine beaches and beautiful ocean and mountains – I just fell in love

with California," he said. "I guess I'm considered a native – I've been here since 1956."

He graduated from California

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Photos by JON
Left, Villagers attending Candidates Night in the AR. Many had questions that were answered by prospective board members. Below, four of the candidates at the home of Kelly & Andy Nelson in a more casual, up-close setting to determine the questions and concerns at a neighborhood level.

Voting

From PAGE 1 —

cut in the water usage resulting in large savings on that budget item and staving off potential penalties for over-use during the drought. Communications pulled the various sources for information available to Villagers to work together efficiently and with better messaging. Work on the LV website has progressed and continues with new abilities being consistently updated. Long Range Planning has worked to address issues that affect the Village now and in the future. Chuck is known for his sense of community and fostering a renewed sense of culture of service to Village residents.

Current board Secretary, Richard Loomis, touted his abilities to keep the BOD focused and legal with his understanding of guiding principles especially with the correct use of Robert's Rules that boards are legally required to follow. He also stressed his ability to look at each issue from various perspectives and in articulating those before he casts a vote on an issue.

Jim Murchie, current chair of the Finance Committee has asked for our vote based on his abilities to work with the financial aspects of daily operations and assist the Association to keep on track with budgets. He has been able to take a relatively complex process of reading financial statements and summarize the overall financial picture so that residents are able to understand Village finances.

Former Board President, Beverly Vandermulen would like to return to the LV BOD and re-energize her laser focus on detail and legal aspects of board decisions. She reminded attendees of her ability to work with local and state government agencies during the Covid



Pandemic to keep the Village as active as possible while providing a safe environment for our residents.

Candidate Robert Kulick did not attend any of the Candidate events.

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A WORD ON WINE

By Barbara Senior

The Days of Wine and Rosés

Summer has finally arrived, sort of. It's warm enough to enjoy a glass of wine on our patio, watching the world go by. Our favorite pick for summer quaffing is a nice, chilled Rosé. We discovered Rosé on a long-ago trip to the south of France, where Rosé is de rigeur. It perfectly suits the warm climate and pairs so well with local Mediterranean food. When we returned, it was impossible to find any Rosé. A French restaurant in Malibu had a Rosé on their wine list but wouldn't serve it because it was too old. They said no one ever ordered it.

It used to be hard to find anything other than White Zinfandel in the "pink" wine section, and a Rosé was rarely found on a wine menu. By the way – White Zinfandel is not a Rosé; it is a Blush wine, a whole different category that is made in a semi-sweet style.

About Rosé: Most wine grapes produce clear colorless juice. Contact with the grape skins is what makes red wines. A Rosé is made by letting juice and the grape skins soak for a brief time, imparting a hint of color to the juice. The longer the soak time, the more color in the wine, and Rosé wines vary from a pale salmon to a bright pink. So what to expect from a Rosé? It should be made in a dry style and be fruit forward and served nicely chilled.

Recently Rosé has become quite popular in the US, and wineries are responding by making Rosé from the red grapes they were already growing. One of our favorites is Tablas Creek Dianthus, a Rosé made from Mourvedre. It's a full-bodied wine with a hint of tannin. Tablas Creek also makes a Grenache-forward Rosé called Patelin de Tablas, a lighter



wine with plenty of fruit. Searching Total Wine for "Rosé" returns over 70 wines, including many Sparkling wines from all over the world.

Thanks to a renaissance in California Rosés, there are sooo many to choose from, as winemakers make lip-smacking Rosé from many different red grapes. The truth is, I don't think we've ever had a Rosé we didn't enjoy. I can hear the patio calling.

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A photo of a Senior Helpers caregiver, a woman in a green shirt, smiling and talking to an elderly man, who is also smiling.



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Above, the DeSimone Clan L-R: Kathy DeSimone-Wirtz, Frank DeSimone, Nick and Piff DeSimone, Karen DeSimone-Foote. Below, Piff and Nick in their home.

DeSimone Family

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Kathy and her husband John Wirtz didn't like winter weather either. They relocated to Burbank first, but then moved to the Village in 2004 and retired. Frank and his wife Geri also became Villagers in 2004. And the entire family continued to follow the model of congenial service to the community. Kathy is a driving force in the eNews system which keeps more than 2000 Villagers up to date on events and news with its online postings. She is also active in the Billiards Club and the Mavericks where John served as President for 8 years. He was the driving force behind the design and building of the Fire Pit just outside the Billiards Room, now a favorite place for residents to sit, chat and enjoy the surroundings. He also rebuilt the benches in the Gazebo adding another pleasant way stop for Villagers.

Frankie - as he is best known - is one of the best photographic eyes



of Leisure Village. His photos as a member of the LV Photo Club can be seen regularly on the walls of the Rec Center and in LV newspapers. He and Geri follow in his parents' footsteps, active in a number of clubs including Women's Golf, Billiards and Mavericks. He laughs proudly when reminded that living in the Village was his idea in the first place.

EDITORS NOTE: This section is to commemorate the founding of Leisure Village in 1973. Join us in looking back and reflecting on the pioneers, stories and traditions of life in the Village.

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THE HEALTHY VILLAGER By Jeannie Davis, PT, MPH

Socialization is Important in our New Normal

It's been over three years since our normal changed here in the USA as well as all over the world when COVID 19 became a pandemic. Here we are, still aware that COVID isn't over, but continuing to live our lives as best as we can, hopefully avoiding this nasty virus. In addition, today there are other virulent viruses out there including RSV and others, so our new normal, for now, is here. Because of this new normal with viruses, most of us have changed how we relate and touch people, how we travel near and far, and even if we should wear protection when going to our favorite grocery store or mall to shop and walk around.

I don't know about you, but I haven't had folks over to my house in groups in quite a while and may be one of the few of us that have not been infected with the virus

so far. At this point, we all need to reflect and evaluate what guidelines are within our comfort zone in this new normal. Most of us are living our lives like before COVID, some of us are compromised with medical conditions and are more diligent in possible situations when we venture out. Many of us have stopped shaking hands when we meet someone and do the elbow bump thing. Others are hugging like before.

However you choose to navigate in our new situation, be kind to yourself and seek others out especially outdoors in Leisure Village so you don't lose that precious socialization that we desperately need as we progress in our lives as active 55+ members of LV. There are so many ways to be social in the Village, have fun and continue to be safe. Learning how to play golf on our beautiful



course and joining the Golf Clubs (Men or Women); joining the exercise classes in the mornings in the Pavilion; using our gorgeous big, heated pool for Aqua Aerobics or your own exercise program; or just walking (with or without your dog) along our safe wide roads to meet nearby neighbors. If comfortable, start coming out of isolation if that has been your case, because we are hard-wired to be social.

Socialization among adults who have reached our age group not only keeps the brain sharp, but it can even decrease the risk of developing dementia and Alzheimer's disease. Many aging adults are at increased risk of being isolated (especially

since the virus), which is one of the leading causes of depression among seniors.

So come on out and thrive in the Village. We live in one of the most beautiful areas around with the best weather and conditions. Maybe I will see you walking down Leisure Village drive or catch you at the pool or around the golf course. Have fun, enjoy every moment of every day and get outside and socialize.

Editors Note: Jeannie Davis is an LV resident 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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Art in Village

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State University, Long Beach in 1960 and started a teaching career. He was an assistant principal for the Los Angeles Unified School District and was their curriculum coordinator for 39 years. He was president of the State Social Studies Association and also taught at UCLA, CSUN and CLU.

"Art became secondary to teaching and raising a family, all the things required to make a living," he said.

It wasn't until after his retirement in 2000 that he got back into art seriously. He took classes through Emeritus College, a free program for seniors through Santa Monica College.

"It was a continuous practice of painting, figure drawing of live models, where I regained the ability to draw better," he said. "Many of the teachers were professionals in their field, employed as college instructors."

He also took private classes and workshops with nationally recognized local artists including Lynn Gertenbach, David Gallup and Karl Dempwolf.

It was while painting with Gertenbach, now deceased, that he discovered a love of plein air. Students would paint the gardens and ponds at her home in the Santa Monica Mountains.

It was a desire to pass along his love of plein air painting that he

started the group here.

"The idea is for all of us as artists to go out and paint," he said. "I have suggested certain things to focus on. I try to have them ease into it, like understanding, for example, the idea of values in the landscape itself."

During inclement weather this winter, they met in the Lanai Room and he gave participants a paint stick and paint chips to make a value scale.

"The idea was for them to match their paint to the value scale," he said. "The most important thing in painting is value. That comes first, then color is the last thing." He also took a group on a field trip to the Autry Museum to see the western art exhibit.

Rosen and his wife traveled extensively and appreciated art together.

One of the paintings on the walls of his home is of a collage of portraits of stars painted by the Spanish musician and bandleader, Xavier Cugat. His home gallery is filled with paintings of his travels from South America to Europe, but mostly of local scenes of Southern California: Malibu Lagoon, cherry trees at King Gillette Ranch, Marina del Rey, Descanso Gardens, a little shack at Paramount Ranch, Palisades Park overlooking PCH, Laguna Beach.

He paints almost every day and



Photo by NICOLE

Mel holding his plein air painting of the Village Gazebo.

also created the artwork for the Leisure Village 50th anniversary celebration.

Rosen is a member of the California Art Club, the Westlake Village

Art Guild, Studio Channel Islands Art Center and the Camarillo Art Center. He has participated in many art shows and his paintings are in a number of private collections.

Plays, Musicals and More

Conejo Players Theatre continues to bring the community wonderful entertainment.

Recently opened is *Calendar Girls*, a play by Juliette Towhidi & Tim Firth and is based on the Miramax motion picture by Juliette

Towhidi & Tim Firth.

Next on the boards is Agatha Christie's *The Mousetrap*, opening on July 21. Conejo Players Theatre is located at 351 S. Moorpark Road, Thousand Oaks. 805-495-3715; conejoplayers.org.

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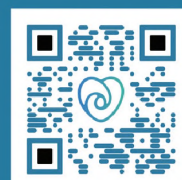
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POETRY/CREATIVE WRITING

This reflection is from LV resident and Workshop for Writers member Allen Jacoby. Allen is the author of 'My Name Was Alec,' the story of Israel's fight for statehood seen through the eyes of an elite paratrooper. Thanks to his wife, Pia, we have come into possession of one of her husband's most revealing reflections, one perhaps you wouldn't associate with a hardened veteran of Middle East wars - Mark Sconce, WFW President.

A Hike to Ein Gedi

In the Wilderness of My Homeland

By Allen Jacoby

I am standing near a stream at the hour when the sun begins to clear the ridge out of the east. The shadow of the mountain recedes to reveal a world of vibrant colors beyond gray of rock and blue sky. Suddenly the field explodes into kaleidoscope of wildflowers

*yellow and greens,
reds and pinks,
blues and whites.*

A movement out of the corner of my eye turns out to be a wolf stalking prey. Downstream, a deer stops for a drink. A rabbit breaks from cover. Overhead,

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Bad News About Bone Loss

Have you noticed your face changing shape since you lost some, or all, of your teeth? Are you looking "old" before your time?

There is a reason—AND a solution.

Whether you've lost some, or all, of your teeth, you may turn to bridges, or dentures, to make your mouth 'whole' again. But unfortunately, over time, your face can start to look, and feel different...

...and here's why:

The bones in your jaw need the stimulation they get from tooth roots in order to remain strong, dense and healthy.

Without stimulation from the root of each tooth, the bone in your jaw starts to change...and not in a good way.

In the absence of root-deep stimulus, your jawbone actually begins to atrophy, or shrink. As the bone in your jaw continually withers away, the corners of your mouth droop...and your facial muscles start to shift out of position, adding wrinkles before it's "time," and changing what you're used to seeing when you look in the mirror.

If you have a friend who might be interested in this article/offer, please feel free to pass it along.

In the end, your continually deteriorating jawbone and loss of jaw height in the back causes your nose to point down, and your chin to point up – giving you a witch-like appearance.

And, unfortunately, there's more...Even if you're perfectly content with your dentures or bridges, you may have

trouble with the way they fit down the road, as your jawbone continues to deteriorate. Over time, there will be less muscle, and less bone, to hold your dentures in place. Nerves come closer to the surface as your gums wear down...and it's possible to end up experiencing agony every time you take a bite.

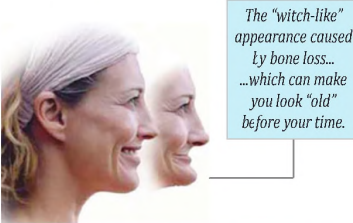
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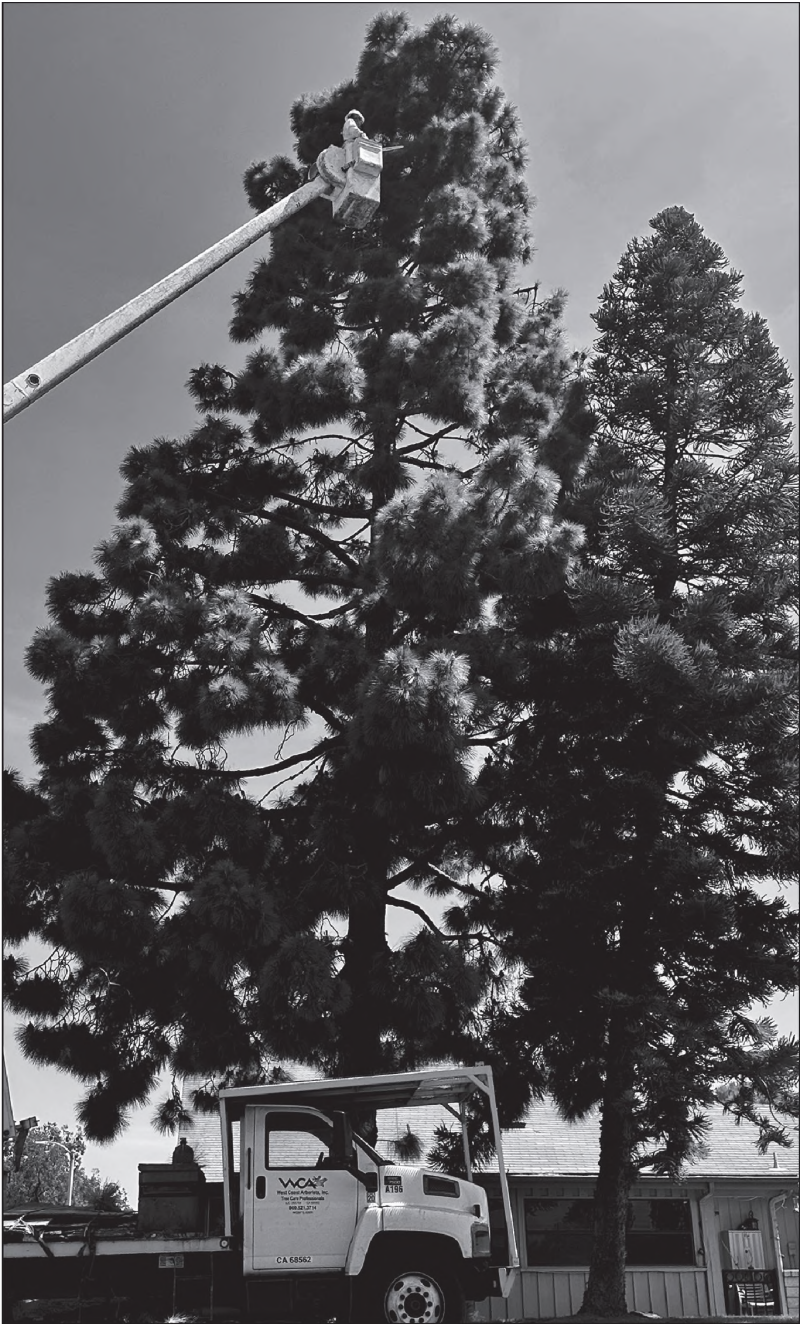


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Work on the tree project is moving forward. The arborists will be pruning some of the larger pines to allow more airflow and limit the potential for the trees blowing over in strong winds.

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AROUND THE TOWN

Adolfo Camarillo, the Original Community Leader

An innovator, a dedicated family man, a community leader, a generous friend and respected employer are just a few of the epithets given to our fine city's founder: Adolfo Camarillo, 1864-1958.

At the age of 16, Adolfo inherited a cattle ranch comprised of 10,000 acres which he effectively developed and managed for 78 years. By 1950, nearly a third of the land was planted with lima beans earning Camarillo the title of "Lima Bean Capital of the World." An additional 1000 acres were used for walnut trees which produced up to 1000 tons of nuts per year.

In 1892, he built the elegant Victorian style home for his beautiful wife Isabel along with his growing family located near Calleguas Creek. At the time, unusual trees from Australia were planted and now tower up to 100 feet over the house. The Bunya Bunya tree, which is also known as the "widow maker," occasionally sheds 12-pound cones that hit the ground with a dramatic thud! Mr. Camarillo planted two rows of Eucalyptus trees along the old Conejo Road to shade Isabel on her journeys to Old Town where she often visited the family chapel with its distinctive tower. In 1930, Adolfo gave some of his land for the widening of the old road past his home which continued on to the top of the Conejo grade later becoming highway 101.

Fifty acres were given for the new high school named in his honor. On his birthday in October the marching band of the Camarillo High School has frequently paraded to his grand house and around the grounds. The celebration continues to this day as a free event for the community with Mariachi music and dancing at the front of the house where the family used to enjoy parties. Mr. Camarillo always valued education, spending 56 years as a member of the Pleasant Valley School Board.

The Southern Pacific Railway built tracks on Adolfo's land alongside Lewis Road. He realized the

DON ADOLFO CAMARILLO A Living Legend



Courtesy Photo

Don Adolfo Camarillo, rancher, community leader and one of the last of the California Don's.

train stop there would be of great benefit to him as well as the growing community. The stop eventually became the Camarillo Station.

An innovator and respected leader in the community, Adolfo had one of the first telephones in the county. He always bought the latest farm equipment, had the first walk-in refrigerator in 1915 and loved to buy a new car. His first model was purchased in 1904 at a time when there were very few automobiles in Ventura County.

The famous Camarillo White Horses were bred on the ranch, the first being "Sultan" a Spanish stallion. However, numerous gophers had made their homes there as well. The gophers' burrows created a problem for the horses and other farm animals. Adolfo devised a clever way to deal with the gopher problem by employing the children of his workers. Gopher traps were provided to each boy on their seventh birthday. Every Saturday morning Adolfo would be ready to count the gopher tails that the boys brought to him. Each tail paid five cents. Some boys had as many as twenty tails. This was a lot of money for a youngster back in the day.

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Poetry

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a hawk circles. There are no other humans in sight, and the way it feels, there may be none on earth. Yet, I am full of a sense of belonging in this place, at this time. I experience the healing of solitude; my wounds mend and I am without loneliness. I have no one to convince, no complaints to answer and nature's intrusions are

welcomed like air to my lungs. There are no obligations to meet; no expectations that bring disappointment. I am responsible only to myself, only for my survival. I am an animal — at once prey and predator.

My sensory awareness is deep, cellular. My music is in the stream, in the breeze, in the crackle of a fire and the beat of my heart. I am empty of worry, and in this natural state, ironically I don't feel alone.

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Camarillo Ranch House, the Victorian home that Adolfo had built in 1892, is a historical feature in Camarillo today. The Red Barn in the background is used for many events.

Adolfo Camarillo

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The Ranch House is now a focal point for education, enrichment and enjoyment. House tours are given every Saturday and Sunday from 11am-2pm. Various events are held there such as a Food Truck Festival with live music on the last Thursday

of June and July. Weddings and festive gatherings may be arranged in the lush gardens or in the Red Barn by contacting the caterer, Command Performance.

Adolfo Camarillo, "The Last Spanish Don" still rides his bronze horse in Dizdar Park in Old Town and an image of the "Don" can be found on the city seal riding high on his beloved white horse!

AROUND THE VILLAGE



Courtesy Photo

Members of the LV Billiards Club, with their award ribbons. Back row L-R Clancy Martel, Richard Leeds, Ruth Stubba, Jan Bender, Gary Bunch. Front row L-R Kathy Wirtz, Fumi Nagaoka, Vera Erskine, Rosie Calderon, Max Chopra.

Billiards Club 8-Ball Tournament Champs

By Patrick Price

The April 8-ball tournament completed on April 20. Rewards were presented to winners at the April membership meeting.

In the new B category – Rosie Calderon 1st, Jan Bender 2nd and Clancy Martel 3rd. In the A1

category first was Vera Erskine, second went to Fumi Nagaoka and third was Ruth Stubba. For the A2 group Max Chopra was again first, Kathy Wirtz came in second and Ray Flores was 3rd. Finally, the SA (Super A) group was Gary Bunch 1st, Richard Leeds 2nd and Paul Kirkwood 3rd place.

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CLUB NEWS

PLAYERS GUILD

By Linda O'Neill

Let's be honest. Players Guild has a problem with our mics. If you attended *Damn Yankees*, (more than 650 of you did,) you know I'm right. They are about 20 years old and don't block hearing aid and cell phone interference as the new models do. The current mics have taken their licks, all right, getting manhandled by newcomer and old timer performers alike. The good news is that our sound board is in fine shape. After some investigation it seems that one new microphone costs \$800. We need 10 so that's \$8000! If you wish to donate money toward the purchase of new mics, call or text Sandy Curran at 805-795-3445. She is leading the charge on this fundraiser.

TAI CHI

By Chuck Morrow

The Tai Chi – Moving for Better Balance Beginners' Class is moving into the second month of the newest class which is currently full. If you have been thinking about trying Tai Chi you can sign up for the next class beginning in September by emailing cmorrow@hotmail.com.

Let's talk about the "Review and Refine" class. This class is for students completing the Beginners' class and wishing to improve on the mechanics of the "8 Forms" they have learned. This class helps students feel more confident and become more familiar with the Tai Chi basics and be able to perform the forms without any

prompting from the instructors. Review and Refine is a class where students can decide when to start as the class has no structured start or stop but meets every Monday and Thursday from 1 to 2:30 pm in the Santa Rosa Room. This allows the students to work on needed areas and prepare for the next step in the Intermediate class. For more information or to register for this class contact Pat at pat.hartshorn@gmail.com.

The third class is the Intermediate Class where students progress after Review and Refine. This class is where students practice the long-term benefits of Tai Chi. For more information or to register contact Ruth at taichiruth16@gmail.com.

GRAPES R US WINE CLUB

By Barbara Senior

Grapes R Us holds monthly tasting sessions to discover wines of different varietals and to explore wine regions around the world. The May tasting featured California wines with our wine steward, Jon Niemann. The wines he selected were Sauvignon Blanc from Sonoma, Chardonnay from Santa Maria Valley, Rosé of Pinot Noir from Santa Rita Hills, and Grenache and Sangiovese from Santa Ynez.

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

invitation, drop a line to Barbara at grapesruslvwineclub@gmail.com or call her at 805-303-1518.

LV BOWLING

By Gene Kinsey

Our Winter season is coming to a close. The bowling banquet for prize money will be held Friday June 9 in the AR at 11:30. So far the Summer league has 6 teams but room for a few more. If you would like to be a regular or a sub, please contact Bobi Shmerling at 805-389-1975. Cost is \$13/week on Friday mornings 9am at Harley's Camarillo Bowl behind the 99cent store. First week is June 9 at 9am.

Our super bowlers this month are for the women: Gail Singer 233, Joyce Belcher 227, Leslie Fox 199, Bobi Shmerling 200, Helen Hartman 204 and Peggy Rebsch 190. For the men: Joe Quackenbush 212, Greg Cannon 230, Julius Hirsch 252, Charlie Hartman 211, Dick Fisher 265 and Ray Flores 239.

This is one of the most fun activities in the Village. Come and join us any Friday morning. See you there!

LV PHOTO CLUB

By Chuck Morrow

In the absence of the club president, the May meeting was presided over by the Vice President, Gerry Beane. The Photo Club continues to meet at the new time of 6:30pm in the MPR. The judge for the May meeting was "Hutch" Hutchinson, a long-time judge for the club. Hutch is a professional photographer and judge. His amazing photography work can be found at www.digitaldaydreaming.com, it is worth your time to visit and view "Hutch's" photography.

The Assigned Category for May was "Flowers", and the winners are; Assigned Category – Bev Davis – "In the Shadow"

Open Category – Bill Margulies – "Rose on Black"

Mobile Category – Doug Demers – "Above the Foggy Canyons"

The above photos as well as all the entries for the month can be seen on the Leisure Village Photo SmugMug site at <https://leisurevillage.smugmug.com/LV-Photo-Club-Pictures>.

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CLUB NEWS

Photo Club

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Log on and take the time to see all the photos taken by the members for the May competition. The Assigned Category for the June 1st meeting will be "Landscapes".

The Photo Club is always looking for new members interested in photography so if that is you, contact Melody Zaida at h2obaby10@gmail.com for more information.

new toiletries at our meetings.

Our BIG Blow-Out Sale will be held in the AR on Saturday, June 17 from 9am-1pm. Come pick up bargain items you just can't live without! Jewelry too. Contact Shearon Millar and/or Nancy Rowe to donate.

The club will be dark in July but behind the scenes we will be planning our LUAU event for August - more information on that to follow. Happy Summer to all!

LV WOMEN'S CLUB

By Barbara Cogert

Our event this month is BINGO! Plan on joining us on Thursday, June 8th for a fun-for-all good time and an opportunity to win \$\$\$\$. Doors open at 6pm in the AR. Members will receive cards and extra cards will be available for purchase to our members and guests. Come join the fun! Remember we collect Change-For-Change and

WOMEN'S GOLF

By Patti Crichton

Our June 14th golf meeting is in the Garden Room. Social time begins at 1:30pm, followed by the meeting led by President Sharon Price.

The Club Championship was played over two weeks in May, followed by afternoon festivities in the picnic area. Results are posted on the Club House bulletin board.

Many thanks to member Kathryn Robens, who has been hosting



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useful and informative golf clinics providing tips on various golf techniques including pitching and chipping. More clinics to follow!

Be sure to check out new golf updates and events at leisure village.org under Clubs.

Weekly Wednesday games start at 8am. Please arrive early to check in with the starter.

See you on the fairways!

party on the 2nd & 4th Saturday of the month.

June 10 - John & John Duo - lesson West Coast Swing

June 24 - Eric Ekstrand Trio - lesson Tango

Admission is \$10.00 per person which includes the dance lesson. 6:30 - 7:15, lesson, 7:30 to 10:00 dancing. Enjoy listening or dancing to live professional musicians. See you there.

SATURDAY NIGHT DANCE PARTY

By Andrea Moran

Hi to all Villagers. The sun is shining and it's perfect weather to get out for some exercise. Dancing for seniors is top of the list for mind and body. We hope you come to the

BILLIARD CLUB

By Patrick Price

June is the Billiard Club Picnic-in-the-Park on Saturday, June 24 - 12:00 - 3:00pm in the picnic area. Tickets are \$10 which includes hot

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CLUB NEWS

Billiards

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dogs, chicken, chips, salad, baked beans and Wilma's famous potato salad. Veggie burgers will also be available. Get your tickets from Wilma at 805-905-0844 or Vera at 805-987-4537 and, if necessary, request a vegetarian burger.

Pool shooting lessons are planned for June. A sign-up sheet is in the Billiard Room.

Also, the 9-ball tournament starts July 10. Sign-up sheets will be up in late June.

For Membership (\$10), contact Kathy Wirtz at 818-445-1057. For other information, contact Vera Erskine at 805-987-4537.

LET'S DANCE CLUB

By Patrick Price

Join us for "Let's Dance!" It's the dance with lots of Rock & Roll - held in the AR, on the third Saturday of the month, from 7:30 to 10:00pm.

The music for June is DJ Muevelo. The fun thing about a DJ is that you get to hear the songs performed by the original artists. So, join us on June 17 for a rocking and dancing good time.

Admission will be \$10 per person. Coffee, water, and punch will be provided.

So, it's BYOB for anything else. Coming up in July the band is Bad Chemistry.

Although 'Let's Dance' has some volunteers, more is always better. Contact Sue Lind at 559-304-1650 if you would like to help out.

VILLAGE ARTS

By Patti Crichton

Our members enjoyed an absorbing presentation by Barb Mathis at our May 3rd meeting. Barb showed us many different ways to create an abstract collage using a variety of materials. We are excited to try out some methods using the individual 'goodie bags' that Barb handed out to attendees. Thank you, Barbara!

Our June 7th meeting is our annual Picnic in the Pavilion for

Village Arts members. Please let President David Kiefer know if you are attending by calling 805-419-4688, (no text) or lvaclub2019@gmail.com. Please arrive by noon to enjoy luncheon and camaraderie with fellow artists.

There will be NO meeting in July. Take the month off to enjoy summer activities.

Watercolor classes with Kathy Whitesell will be available on July 21st and August 18th at 1pm and 2:30pm. Text or call Patti Crichton at 805-760-7673.

Mark your calendars for our August 2nd meeting in the MPR at 1pm, featuring artist and resident Robin Schubb. More information to follow next month.

MAVERICKS CLUB

By Vera Erskine

"Game Day" - June 23, in the Picnic Area. It's FREE! Held from 12:00 to 4:00 pm. Wine, beer and water will be supplied by the Club. Bring your own food. The BBQ will be available. Games: putting green (bring your own putter and balls), shuffleboard, bocce, cornhole, cards, board and dice games (bring your own table games). 50/50 raffle. No prizes, just FUN. RSVP to Geri DeSimone, 805-484-7308.

RACQUET CLUB

By Sharon Wilson

Winner winner chicken dinner! Here are the victors of our spring paddle and pickle tournaments.

Pickleball: Catherine Haxton, Sue Easterlin, Marg Petersen, Roger Florio, John Peterson, and Jane Luhrs.

Paddle Tennis: Irwin Rudy, Marilyn Rudy, Roger Florio, Georganne Norton, Marg Petersen, Allen Cohen, and Leslie Hall.

The winners of the summer tournaments June 3rd and 10th will be announced in next month's issue. Sign up sheets are on the courtside bulletin board.

The pu-pu parties are courtside on the third Friday of each month through October. Bring an appe-

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CLUB NEWS

Racquet Club

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tizer and racquet to play and/or eat and visit.

July 15th, we are holding our craft & garage sale in the pavilion 9:00am-3pm. The entire Village is welcome to sell their items. If you are one of the many talented crafters and artists bring

your pieces to sell. Tables are \$20 each, you keep your profits. Please contact Sunshine at 805-388-1230.

You can share a table if you like. Clean out your garage and closets to make room for the bins. One Villager's trash is another Villager's treasure.

No big pieces of furniture or TVs please. You can provide photos of these pieces but they are not to be brought to the garage sale itself.

The next general meeting is June 14th, 7pm in the MPR.

The Racquet Club website is: <https://sites.google.com/view/leisure-villageracquetclub/home>

See you at the courts!

MEN'S GOLF

By Tim Palmer

Leisure Village Men's Golf has been playing some good golf lately.

Our Super Senior tournament was a great success with our "experienced" golfers showing the membership they have what it takes on the golf course. Jack Miller won the Super Senior division (ages 75 to 79) and Tim Palmer placed second. Chuck Hall won the Super Super Senior competition (ages 80 +) and Ray Nakata was a close second. Niner Flight member Don Marquardt, followed by Joseph Benti prevailed in that group.

In the Regulation tournament at Sterling Hills, Jack Bozajian won the A-Flight with an impressive 83 and Ron Rubenstein won the B-Flight, shooting his handicap. Seven birdies were recorded during play. Jeff Margulies and Ron Rubenstein hit shots closest-to-the-pin, and Jerry Price and Jeff Rach made the longest putts. It was a beautiful golf day and the players made the best of it.

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DEADLINE for the next publication is 5pm on Friday, June 16.

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Thank you again, Kathie

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