

# Editor's Corner

Have you seen Village 19? Painting is happening and changing the Village for the better. I'm sure we will have hiccups along the way as this project progresses, but I believe the benefits will fully outweigh any negative issues.

We have a letter to the editor this issue that is very informative about renewing your auto tags. This is new information to me, so maybe many of you are not aware of internet payment problems when paying for your new license. Read and learn!

The annual meeting has concluded and a new Board of Directors has been seated. We should be thankful that very qualified residents have volunteered to serve the community. All able-bodied residents (male and female) should consider running for the Board and assuming the leadership responsibilities necessary to keep our community an excellent place to live. We have top-notch people serving now but, over time, they will need to be replaced with equally energetic individuals - is that you?

We have some very interesting articles this month; enjoy reading about your talented neighbors!

— Tim Palmer

# **Newly Elected Board of Directors Revealed**

The Leisure Village Association held its 46th annual meeting on June 27 in the AR. Board President Bob Riveles chaired the meeting, which serves as a report to Leisure Village homeowners on the status of the community over the past year, and to elect Board members to fill vacancies. Following an announcement that there was a quorum for the meeting, Jeff Beaumont, Esq., of the law firm of Beaumont Tashjian, Parliamentarian and Official Secretary, called for Director nominations from the floor. Because there were no nominations from the floor, the polls were closed, the approval of Election Inspectors was announced and the counting of ballots begun.

Annual reports from nine committees covered their areas of responsibility to the community and accomplishments during the year. Additionally, one homeowner commented to the Board. Under New Business, the Treasurer's report was given by Director George Jones. Each Board member was given an opportunity for comments prior to lunch recess and finalizing the



New Board of Directors: John Mayer, George Jones, Bob Bueling and Beverly Vandermeulen

election of Board members. In his comments, Director Riveles resigned his position on the Board due to personal issues.

Following the recess, the vote count for the election of new Board members was announced. A total of 1107 votes were cast, with 12 invalid ballots. The individual count was: Bob Riveles, 853; John Mayer, 844; and Bob Bueling 878. Thus, Bob Riveles was re-elected to another term, and John Mayer and Bob Bueling will be new members of the Board of Directors. One write-in vote was cast for Carol Moody,

Norm Paniagua, Merle Ruez, Lynn Grant and Beverly Vandermeulen. The final vote on the approval of the Tax Resolution was 979 yes, 20 no.

Immediately following the adjournment of the Annual Meeting, a working Board meeting was held to elect Board officers. The new officers are: Beverly Vandermeulen, President, Bob Bueling, Vice President, John Mayer, Secretary and George Jones, Treasurer. The Board will consider a replacement for Bob Riveles in the August Board Meeting. Following the election of Board officers, the meeting was adjourned.

# Taking a Cue from this Unique Village Volunteer



Photo by BUD BRADLEY

His students pay close attention as Villager Gary Bunch demonstrates Billiards' shots By Patty Ecker

Gary Bunch laughs as he remembers, "I learned not to volunteer in the Marine Corps." However, it appears, despite three years of active duty (13 months in Vietnam), he forgot that lesson. And there are dozens of people in LV's Billiards Club who are darned glad he did.

"Gary Bunch has brought a new energy – and skill level – to this room and this game," declares Kathy Wirtz, longtime member of the Billiards Club. "We weren't getting many average players. People said they were uncomfortable and afraid of making mistakes. Gary changed that." Now the seven pool tables are busy, many with players who had never picked up a pool cue until they caught the

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# **UPCOMING EVENTS**

#### **Woodstock Reunion**

As hard as it is to believe, August 15 is the 50th anniversary of Woodstock, those 3 days of peace, love and music (and lots of MUD). Villagers will be able to groove on the memories of the music and flashbacks to the tie-dyed clothing and psychedelic lights when Players' Guild presents its Woodstock Reunion Showcase. The far-out festival experience will be turning you on at 7:30 p.m. in the AR on Thursday, August 15. Munchies, too! Be there or be square!

#### **AARP Smart Driver Class**

By Paul Herman

Leisure Village will be hosting a 5-hour refresher class of the AARP Smart Driver Program on Wednesday, July 17, from 12:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the MPR. Contact Paul Herman at 805 444-6420 for details.

#### **NOTES**

#### **Architectural Committee Schedule Change**

The regularly scheduled business meeting and permit session of the Architectural Committee will not be held Friday, July 5; both are canceled that day due to the Fourth of July holiday. The next meeting and permit session will be held on July 19.

#### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

As a note of information concerning annual renewal of auto license and a good way to let folks know about paying their fee.

My month of renewal for license of my car is May, and the first week in June I noticed that I had not received my new sticker and accompanying paperwork for the current year. I then called the DMV to inquire, and was told they had no record of my payment. I told them that I had indeed paid, and my bank statement indicated that it had been paid on time. I was then referred to a telephone number in Sacramento that handles checks and charges. They had no record of my payment, but did tell me that when paid online, there is no indication as to what the payment is for or to what account it should be credited. So my payment was floating around at the DMV with no way to attach it to me and my renewal. At this point I was past the due date, and was told that I had no other option but to pay it again and include a late fee.

The bottom line here is...DO NOT PAY FOR THIS ONLINE..pay it by check...they require the paperwork that accompanies the payment, as it describes exactly where this payment is to go...this was an expensive lesson for me, and I thought others that pay bills online might like to know.

— Donna Armstrong 4209 Village 4

Thanks, thanks for the many, many visits, flowers, gifts, cards and food, and especially for all the prayers and caring that blessed me safely through my heart surgery. I love you all!

— Aleta Trogdon

# **IN MEMORIAM**

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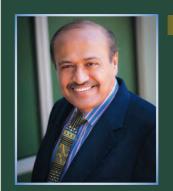
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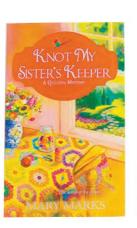
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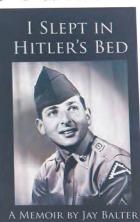
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# The 'Write Stuff'







Photos by BUD BRADLEY

These books were written by Village authors.

It doesn't take long to recognize that among Village residents is a great deal of talent in a wide range of areas. The creativity of artists and ceramicists, of musicians and actors, the expertise of golfers and tennis buffs are easy to see across the Village. What has not been so evident is the writing talent that can be found here. That is going to change. ILV and the Village Library begin now to highlight the published books written by our neighbors. ILV will feature a selection by local writers in each issue; our Library has created a special shelf for these books. We hope you enjoy them.

Ruth Truman spent her working career (earning a PhD along the way) as a college counselor and administrator, retiring from the California State University system in 1992. She and her husband Lee have lived in Leisure Village for ten years. She is 87 years old, a pastor's wife, and the mother of four children. She has written seven books, countless articles and short stories. Her eighth book will be available later this summer. No Safe College (Amazon and at www. ruthtruman.com) focuses on Joan, one of four freshman girls who are roommates in the 1970's. Joan is first of her family to go to college. Naive, she is swept away by her rich, drugusing roommate, who leads her into a dangerous crowd until an escape from a near-rape encounter changes her life.

Jay Balter grew up in Brooklyn in a dysfunctional Orthodox Jewish family. "I was an angry kid," he says, transformed by his military experiences in post-war Germany. Back home, he earned Bachelors and Masters degrees in psychol-

ogy and became a rehabilitation counselor for the disabled. Now retired, he volunteers with the National Alliance of Mental Illness. Jay and his wife Sheila have lived in the Village for eleven years. I Slept in Hitler's Bed (Amazon) is a memoir about the young Armytrained medic whose experiences in post-war Germany transformed him. "I learned how to be less angry, and ultimately, a peacemaker," Jay says. His story traces that path from hatred within himself to his commitment to teach others to find an alternative to violence.

Mary Marks raised three children as a single working mom, earned a Masters degree, and worked as an administrator at UCLA, all the while making quilts, her hobby for years, and writing about it. That inspired her to take writing classes at UCLA. And then "I wrote a book," she says. Combining her passion for quilting and writing, she writes "cozy mysteries," which feature an amateur sleuth and quilter, Martha Rose. No violence or sex, and lots of humor. Mary's seventh cozy mystery will be published at the end of July.

Knot My Sister's Keeper (Amazon) is Mary's sixth Quilting Mystery. It continues the adventures of Martha Rose, (a woman eligible to live in Leisure Village) who gets together with her friends to quilt each Tuesday. She also has a knack for stumbling across murder victims, and is propelled into the investigation, dragging her quilting friends and assorted quirky characters with her. The books are a cross between Murder She Wrote and I Love Lucy.

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# Our 'Dancing with the Stars' Anniversary



Photos by BUD BRADLEY

The Basic Country Line Dance slides into its second year

"Five, six, seven, eight!" and off they go. Dozens of Villagers filling the AR dance floor with a step, step, slide into their Country Line Dance Class. "I always wanted to do this," says Estelle Bjel with a smile. "We have a great time."

More than forty women (Men are invited, but few attend as regularly) line up weekly following the music and their instructor Merle Ruiz in the choreography of line

dancing. Merle points out that the dancers are always smiling as they learn the steps. "It's not just fun; this is valuable," she explains. "It's exercise for the brain as well as the body." Then she turns up the music, runs through a new sequence of steps, and calls out to the class, "Don't watch each other. Just listen and move."

And do they ever! Villager Patty Miller says that she had never done line dancing, but always wanted to. "This is so much fun and great exercise. I'd rather do this than go to the gym," she adds. Nearby is Chi Chun, who admits, "When I moved to the Village, I didn't know left from right. Now look at me." She and most of her classmates attended the 5th Friday Night Line Dance held at the end of May. "It was great! We didn't need partners or dates. And we could dance all the dances," she says.

An intermediate class is taught by Sharon O'Connor, who says her students, too, are moving all the time, even while she demonstrates a new step. "See! They are swaying and bouncing while they watch. Line dancing is sensual and good exercise." Sharon, who is 87 years old, is a model for its benefits.

Both classes are held on Friday afternoons. All are welcome at the 1:00 p.m. beginners group in the AR. More experienced dancers can step, step slide in the Santa Rosa Room at 2:30 p.m..



A major swarm of bees above the Village garden area, captured by Bud Bradley on May 25

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#### **REAL ESTATE**

# The KonMari Method: Helping You Prep Your Home for Sale

By Sharron Parker

One of the biggest challenges sellers face when listing their house is de-cluttering. Cleaning out some of the more personal decorating choices allows buyers to imagine themselves living in the house. Those planning to sell soon are in luck!

Marie Kondo, the inventor of the KonMari Method, has gained popularity with her new Netflix series. She gives some great tips for sorting through years of accumulated possessions that we all collect in our homes. The KonMari Method "encourages tidying by category - not by location - beginning with clothes, then moving on to books, papers, komono (miscellaneous items), and finally sentimental items. Keep only those

things that speak to the heart, and joy. Thank them for their service then let them go."

When you subjectively look at all of your belongings, you can sort through the ones that mean the most to you. Not only will you increase space for more joy-bringing items in your new home, but you will also have a much easier time packing remaining belongings! "Tidying up isn't about getting rid of stuff. It is about creating an environment that sparks joy and improves your quality of life." she wrote.

When selling your home, first impressions matter! Before you or your agent schedule a photographer to take photos for your listing, make sure to tour your home with fresh eyes. Look for any imperfections that a buyer might notice.

discard items that no longer spark more sentimental items, consider packing them away to ensure that you know where they all are. That way, they are safe during open amount of packing you need to new home!

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By Carol Moody

The Travel Office Window is open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings 9:00 to 11:45, so please stop by to pick up flyers and brochures for all the trips we offer (even several of our planned 2020 tours).

Consider travelling with fellow villagers on one our planned day tours. On October 16, we have a tour of the Port of Hueneme, Seabee Museum and the Naval Air Warfare Archive Center at Pt. Mugu. Our Chocolate Covered LA Tour, where you will sample some of the best chocolates found in Los Angeles, including a chance to make your own chocolate bar, will also be this Fall; please sign up early. We have listened to your suggestions and are working on several other day trips, including JPL, a Jeopardy taping, and Rose Bowl Floats. Stay tuned.

Our extended tours include Yellowstone departing July 24, Canadian Rockies with Glacier Natl Park, departing September 10 (our Sept 8 departure is sold out), Canadian Maritimes leaving Sept 23 and San Antonio holiday leaving December 1. This August 27 at 1:30 in the Garden Room, we will start our presentations for 2020 tours (South Africa, Eastern Canada, Scandinavia and Smokey Mountains). As always, check LVTV (channel 1390) and eNews for notice of the trips currently on sale.

# Saluting the 4th



Photo by JERRY SPECTOR

Don and Bertha Lemon, Village 16313 decorated their front-yard with 200 plus American flags in honor of Independence Day.

#### Bunch—From Page 1

Bunch Billiards fever. Gary blames his wife for that fever.

Gary and Sheila Bunch moved to Leisure Village seven years ago, after he retired as Vice President of the House of Fabrics Corporation. He describes himself as a "quiet person" who didn't participate much in LV activities beyond playing golf. They'd lived here several years before he discovered the Billiards Room. "I hadn't played since I was a teenager," he says. "So I began to play occasionally."

However, Sheila didn't play and was a bit intimidated to try. So she asked her husband to teach her. He agreed and suggested she invite a few friends to learn with her. For her first lesson, she brought nine women. And the Bunch Effect was born. "More people asked if they could join, so I put out a paper for them to sign up. When I looked at it, there were thirty names," Gary says. "I realized that I had to have a plan."

The Bunch Plan has included two-hour lessons twice a week on everything from the proper ways to hold a cue to "basic English" and "proper strokes." Gary has created drills like red hoops and loops to improve aim, and plastic bottles for "shooting strokes." "He knows how to build our confidence. And it's fun, too," says Debbie Dolan as she lines up a shot and sinks it.

Gary's students are looking forward to the tournaments he's planned. "I feel better and better as I practice," exclaims Wilma Hutson. "I want to win." He already has the trophy and ribbons for those competitions. Assisting him are "Super A" players Gerry Sarno and Jim Ronge. Billiards Club President Patrick Price says Gary should get an award. "He has been a great boost to the Club. Participation and excitement has increased significantly on all levels. Volunteers are hard to come by. But Gary has shown us all how to make it fun and interesting."

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## **CLUB IN THE SPOTLIGHT**

## Release the Pros, It's Showtyme

By Patrick Moore

What would you say if I were to tell you Hollywood is moving into the Assembly Room? We're talking top-drawer, professional entertainment, here. Well now, dear heart, it is already happening. Once nearly each month prime entertainers take the stage to perform in the AR, thanks to Showtyme, a group of LV resident boosters who prefer their talent live in the hide and without flat-screen pixilation.

Jennifer Stein, Showtyme club president - and just for the record, the club's first distaff president in its 23 year existence – is the present Showtyme leader of some 250-plus members who search out and book performers from singers and comics to bands, dance troops and full blown orchestras.

Stein said current annual membership is \$10, and that one fee will get you into nearly every show offered. "That will get you into all monthly shows except for two special shows each year, each of which is an additional \$5 to attend," Stein said. Each year there are two extraordinary programs, called Fab Fridays, that feature talent that is a cut above. Fab Friday features this year spotlight, Bill Jones' Orchestra, a full-on big band, on August 9, and a mellow Simon and Garfunkel Tribute show drops in to put a bridge over your troubled waters on October 11.

Members who elect to expand involvement beyond the voyeur/clapper level, can become an active volunteer, a cadre that presently numbers about 20, who serve on the club Board of Directors or put on a monthly 50-50 raffle and prepare snacks for program nights.

LV dwellers can join Showtyme just by attending a show and obtaining a membership card at the door. A membership can be purchased anytime," Stein said, "Before shows, at newcomer lunches ..."

Villagers can look forward to a full compliment of LV Showtyme presentations, beginning with July's performer, Tony Odell, a pop singer with a reputation for strong audience engagement. In September, The Phoenix Dance Company, a 20 member Chinese traditional dance troop takes the AR stage, followed in November and December by two stand-up comics, Keven Jordon and Jason Love, with hit-the-deck side splitters crafted to draw tears.



Raymond Michael



Rick Jarrett



Jim Curry



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# THE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

By Jonathan Fox

Since our last meeting, we have continued to sharpen our long distance contact skills by joining in on weekend contests. The last one was an international contest that used Morse code. We added several new countries to our confirmed contacts list, including Dominica, Ducie Island, Estonia, European Russia, and Norway. The number of countries on our confirmed list now stands at 107. Our next meeting will be on July 10 at 2:00 p.m. in the MPR. Everyone is invited - no license is required. In fact, you may participate in club events using the Leisure Village call sign, KJ6LV. For details, contact Jonathan Fox at KJ6LV@yahoo.com.

#### LV BOWLING



By Alan Singer

Well, hello Leisure Village Bowlers. I hope you are having a great summer. Thank you for reading this article. The end of the league is upon us. If you bowled and had fun, exercise and friendship, I'm happy you joined. Next season I hope we can get more bowlers and retain the folks we have. If you think you might be interested in bowling and I can answer any questions, give me a call; Alan Singer 818-292-4439.

The bowling banquet was a blast. The food was great and, of course, we got money. If you haven't bowled with the league and think you might be interested, we will be practicing on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 9:30 a.m. at Harleys Camarillo Bowl all summer. Join us any time. SIGNUPS FOR THE NEXT LEAGUE ARE August 6 at 11:00 a.m. in the Lanai Room. You

are welcome to join us.

OF NOTE: Most improved female bowler was Laura Schweers - 14 pins. Laura practices regularly and when she found the right ball, look what happened. Great Job Laura! Most improved male bowler Art Titren - 19 pins. First Place: Laura Schweers, Clancy Martel, Joe Quackenbush. Second Place: Nancy Owens, Irving Bergman, John Albany, and Bob Argast.

#### **BILLIARDS CLUB**

By Patrick Price

Two Billiards Club tournaments are scheduled in July. First is the newly formed Beginners/B tournament, mostly for players who have taken Gary Bunch's lessons. It began on Monday, July 1st and will go for about two weeks. Second, the Super A/A tournament is starting on Monday, July 15 at 6:00 p.m.

Following those tournaments, we have a membership meeting on Tuesday, July 30 at 6:00 p.m. in the MPR. This one is a pot-luck affair, so get your favorite dish ready.

Be sure to join us at 6:00 p.m. every Thursday evening for the Billiards round-robins, which are open to all level of players. An LCR game is sometimes going on in the Lanai room. Future club members are welcome to come by and participate. More skilled players are always glad to give advice on what shot to take and how to make it. You'll get better as you play. Also, the fire-pit is occasionally being lit.

#### **DUPLICATE BRIDGE**

By Betty Ericsson

The duplicate bridge club meets Monday and Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. Join us anytime - new players are always welcome.

For Monday evenings, contact Betty Ericsson at 760-779-8782. For Wednesday evenings, contact Betty Rasmussen at 805-807-8829.



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# **CLUB NEWS**

#### **GRAPES R US**

By Patrick Moore

GRAPES-R-US July tasting, scheduled for Friday the 19th, will take place at the Clubhouse, in the Santa Rosa Room at 7:00 p.m. Members' entrance fee is \$10, non-members, \$15. Annual club membership, \$5. GRU sommelier Gil Gordon promises this month, "another secret food paring ... bring your fingers." RSVP to grapesruslvwineclub@gmail.com your intention to attend by noon Thursday, July 18. Wine quantity purchased is based on RSVP total. Sorry; no reservation, no admittance. Remember to pack along your own wine glass, water bottle, and membership card. For information, contact Janis Kajita at 805-910 9526. Attendees are welcome to bring snacks to share, but no spicy or heavily seasoned items, please.

#### **PLAYER'S GUILD**

By Stan Reshes

It's back to Broadway as Diane Carroll presents excerpts and scenes from hit plays, including "Prisoner of 2nd Avenue," "Broadway Bound," "Lovers and Other Strangers," and "I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change." A talented cast of 12 actors will perform 14 roles that include both drama and comedy.

The show is Thursday, July 18 in the AR and begins at 7:30 p.m. Of course, those delicious "goodies" will be available following the show. Please support Players Guild by becoming a member if you are not one already.

#### LV MUSIC CLUB

By Harvey Brosler

LV MUSIC CLUB PRES-ENTS "CONCERT IN OUR

PARK:" On Tuesday July 16, the LV Music Club will host the third annual "Concert In Our Park" between 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., featuring the 17 piece 'Groovin Easy' Swing Band with vocalist Erin McPherson. The event will be held in the LV picnic area. Tickets are \$10 per person for residents and their guests and will be sold in the Rec. Center Lobby from 9-11:00 a.m., Thurs. July 8 and at LV Music Club activities. Contacts: Sharon Hames 805-445-7178 or Dick Guttman 805-484-5806.

LV MUSIC CLUB MOVIE NIGHT: Hollywood films are shown in the AR on the first and third Monday from 7:00 p.m. to approximately 9:00 p.m. On July 15, the movie will be "American Graffiti." .Complimentary popcorn provided by the LV Music Club. Contact: Dick Guttman 805-484-5806

LV MUSIC CLUB FANTAS-TIC FRIDAY "OPEN MIC" NIGHT." Open Mic Night" is scheduled in the AR from 7:00 to approximately 9:00 p.m.. on the first Friday of each month.. Admission is Free to residents and their guests. Complimentary refreshments including wine provided by the LV Music Club. Contact: Dick Guttman 805-484-5806.

'GROOVIN EASY' SWING BAND: A rehearsal by the 17 piece Band is scheduled for Tuesday evenings July 9, 23, and 30 between 7:00 and 9:00 p.m. in the AR. Complimentary refreshments provided by the LV Music Club during the break at 8:00 p.m. Admission is FREE to residents and their guests. Contact: Sharon Hames: 805-445-7178

CLUB MEMBERSHIP IS \$10 FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2019. Contact: Sharon Hames: 805-445-7178 or Marci Lapair: 818-399-0843. Memberships may be paid at Club events along with the purchase of tickets, if available, for an upcoming special event.

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Photo by JOSEPH BENTI

The New MGA Board: (l. to r.), Harvey Harris, Secretary; Max Chopra, Treasurer; Norm Paniagua, President; & Bob Malinow, 1st V.P. (missing is 2nd V.P., Nick Schellong).

# WORKSHOP FOR WRITERS

By Frank Seiden

We celebrate the 243rd birthday of the United States of America in July. What memories do you have of celebrations when you were young? Were there special fireworks displays or unusual parades? Also, it is another day to remember those who died to give us a country based on freedom for all. No one is a bad writer and no one is a perfect writer. So come at 2:00 p.m. on the second and fourth Wednesdays (7/10 and 7/24) to the Lanai Room. Enjoy discussion, companionship and fun. Add your thoughts on what people do well in their writing and where they could improve. We'll be out by 4 pm.

Contacts are: Frank Seiden 805-437-6242 and Mark Sconce 805-586-4485.

#### **MEN'S GOLF**

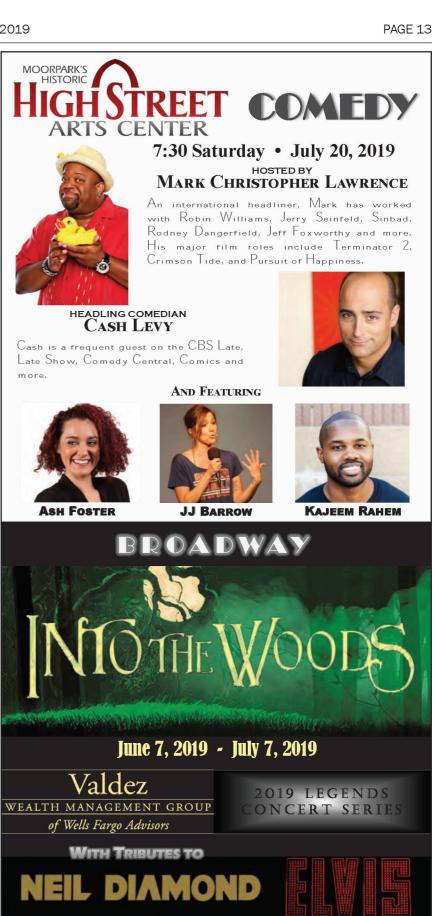
By Joseph Benti

More than half the Club membership turned out for another Chuck Dolan (& Chuck Hall) BBQ special (Chicken & Tri-Tip) at the Annual Installation Luncheon. Incoming President Norm Paniagua topped the event with a special plaque honoring newly-mustachioed outgoing President Gerry Sarno for his selfless efforts over the past two

years. Bracketing his remarks with one-liners, Paniagua promised to focus attention on continued improvements to the condition and look of the course, especially restoring service to the water fountain at the 14th tee.

Gerry Sarnow singled out past presidents for recognition with a special shout-out to Al Fox for his continuing support of the Club, especially, again, underwriting the Annual Handbook & Roster.

Annual Honors and cash awards went to: CLUB CHAMPIONS, "A Flight," Bob Michna and Jack Bozajian; "B Flight," Jerry Ruff, Patrick Moore & Bill Foeller; "C Flight," Hiroshi Kawashima, Robert Malinow & Ray Craig; Nine Hole Golfers: John Palmer & Bob Amantia, Super Seniors: A Flight, John Hisler & Bob Peterson; "B Flight," Dick Briggs, John Beiner & Harvey Harris; Nine Hole Golfers, Zig Aukstkalnis & Mark Betterman; PRESIDENT'S CUP: Jack Bozajian & Gary McGraw; "B Flight," Jerry Ruff & Ron Edwards; "C Flight," Dick Krum & Paul Coffman, and Nine Hole Golfers, Bob Amantia & Zig Aukstkalnis; REGULATION GOLF'S TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS: "A Flight," Bruce Hochstadter & Norman Chapman; "B Flight, Jerry Ruff & Ron Rubenstein; Spring Match Play: Dan Connelly & Chuck Hall, and Bob Michna & Jack Bozajian, and MOST IMPROVED GOLFERS: Jerry Ruff, Jack Bozajian and Zig Aukstkalnis.



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#### THE MAVERICKS

By Margo Secia

Summer is here, so the Mavericks are having a "Pool and Pizza Party" in the Pavilion and, of course, in the pool area on Friday, July 26, at 6:00 p.m. There will be games played in the pool, so those who want to participate in some water fun, wear your POOL RULES AND REGULA- SOLD AT THE PAVILION! TIONS WILL APPLY. Pizza will be served in the Pavilion, along with salad and ice cream. The Club will be providing beer, wine and water but, as always, you may BYOB. We will have live music provided by "Carmine" for your listening and dancing pleasure. Tickets for the evening will be \$5.00. You may purchase tickets by calling Geri DeSimone at 805-402-1465. NO TICKETS WILL BE

In August, the Mavericks are having the "Festival Celebrating the Music of Woodstock". All details will be in the August "ILV" issue and

Yearly dues of \$5.00 per person for May, 2019 to May, 2020 may be paid by calling Geri DeSimone at her

phone number shown above. She will also be set up to receive your dues at the "Pool Party." Please join and be a member of the Club, as we are planning to have a really great year.

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact President John Wirtz or Treasurer Geri DeSimone.





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#### PET CLUB

By Juhli Newkirk

Questions about taking your dog to doggie day care or about boarding? Bring them to our meeting where Melissa from Beach Dog Fun will share her experiences working with dogs in both situations. Monday, July 8 at 7:00 p.m. in the MPR.

#### RACQUET CLUB

By Carolee Jones

The Racquet Club has been busy recently and has a lot more planned for the summer months. A big thank you to Sybil Tottenham for all her work planning the June 8 tournament. A great time was had by all! The paddle tennis winners were: Gary Carroll, Marg Petersen. Leslie Fox and Don Nicksay. The winners our city. This month we celebrate

Marg Petersen, Ken Haxton and Mike Green. Congratulations to all!!

There is a planned "po-po" scheduled for the 3rd Friday of every month during the summer. Bring a snack to share and beverage of your choice. Join your friends for an evening of time on the courts with fun and laughter.

Be sure to save August 3 for our "Old Fashion Picnic." For only \$5 pp, join us for barbeque burgers, hot dogs, veggie burgers, potato salad, chips, cookies, ice cream and much fun. Lots of games both on and off the courts. Don't miss this fun day!

#### **SATURDAY NIGHT DANCE PARTY**

By Andrea Moran

Hi everyone! Summer is in full swing and the activities get you out to enjoy the beautiful weather in for Pickle ball were: Avi Baham, our independence and freedom. What better way than to put your flag out on the 4th of July.

We have two dances this month with a professional dance instructor and live musicians. On 7/13, John & John Duo (picnic) w/tango lessons and 7/27 Wyatt Haupt (old west) with cowboy cha cha lessons. The lessons are at 6:30 to 7:15 and dance 7:30 to 10:00 p.m. The lessons are included with your \$10 per person admission. We have great refreshments and raffles and also coffee, punch and fresh popcorn.

Bring yourself and a guest or two and have a great Saturday evening. God bless our troops everywhere. Keep the beat to your feet. See you all there!

By Jean Tucker

Looking to join a group of active people, well the RV Club is just for you! We are a travel and social club. If you find yourself without an RV, that's OK with us. Many of our campgrounds offer cabins onsite and have hotels nearby. If travel isn't in your plans right now but socializing with a great group of people is, please join us at our monthly meetings. Be careful, the RV bug is contagious!

Meetings: second Tuesday of each month in the Santa Rosa Room of the Annex Clubhouse @ 7:00 p.m. (unless shown otherwise below). Join for a \$5 yearly membership fee.

Events: July 9 - Club meeting with Ice Cream Social. August 13 - Club Meeting with pizza and pie at 6:00 p.m. September 20 - 23 -Faria Beach Camp Out (currently full). October 5 - Annual Pancake Breakfast. October 17-21 - Pala Casino RV Resort Camp Out; Brenda and Bob Sears host. Make your own reservation for RV spot or hotel room at (844) 472-5278.

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# **CLUB NEWS**

#### LV PHOTO CLUB

By Chuck Morrow

Have you enjoyed the monthly changing of photographs on the hallway and MPR walls of the Recreation Building? Those photographs represent the hard work and financial commitment of the LV Photo Club. Now it is time to show the club how much we all enjoy them and support their club event. On July 21st at 2:00 p.m. the Photo Club will present the "Summer Mu-

sic and Art Fest" in the AR, which will include an art exhibit and silent auction in the Garden Room. Paul Schifanelli and his Classic Jazz and Blues Band will be headlining the event. Tickets are available for just \$10 per person by calling Geri at 805-402-1465 and tables of 10 may be reserved. Wine and food will be served, but you will be able to BYOB and snacks.

Due to the 4th of July holiday, the monthly meeting of the LV Photo Club will be held on July 18 at 6:30 p.m. in the AR. The theme for the month is "Textures." The winners of the June competition were Dirk Baumann in the assigned category of Flowers, Art Akkerman in the open category, and Sharon Forkner in the creative category. The June competition was judged by Nancy Lehrer. All residents are invited to attend the July 18 meeting. Questions - contact Ken Lauchner at 805-491-2432 or ken.lauchner@roadrunner.com.



#### **WOMEN'S GOLF**

By Patti Crichton

July is the beginning of a new Golf Calendar year for Leisure Village Women's Golf. We celebrated our Board Installation, with Patricia Turner returning as President, as well as the LVGWA 2018-2019 awards, on June 26. Thank you to Sheila Bunch and her crew for an amazing luncheon. Be sure to check out the Golf plaques in the Courtyard glass case to see the new

names added.

Tickets \$10 Call Geri at 805-402-1465

The Summer Eclectic Tournament takes place in July. Please look in your new Golf Handbooks for the 2019-2020. Our monthly meeting will be on July 10 in the Garden Room at 2:00 p.m.

A special event is planned for the fifth Wednesday, July 31st tournament. You may invite a woman friend to play golf with you that morning. The guest may be a Villager or not.

More details to follow at the meeting. This will be fun!

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Tony Odell Rogers

#### SHOW1

By Jennifer Stein

Showtyme presents Fireworks in July with Tony Odell...."50 Years of Rock & Roll" with Tony Odell Rogers. Tony is a voice, dance & theater kind of guy, with performances as "Chino" in West Side Story & "The Teen Angel" in Grease. Tony also performed in the Lou Diamonds HBO film

"Dangerous Touch" where he sang the 50's classic song, "Little Bitty Pretty One." Tony is not a stranger to Leisure Village; he has performed on Showtyme's stage before with great reviews. Who can forget songs like "All I Ask of You" or "That's Amore" & "Blue Velvet." Join the entertainment, bring a friend, have lots of fun. It's Friday, July 12 at 7:30 p.m. Doors open at 6:45; no-charge for members; \$3 donation for nonmembers. 50/50 Raffle & goodies after the show.

Let's hit our 2019 membership goal of 500+. We can do it with your help! FOR MORE INFO... Contact Jennifer @ 805-204-8324.

# SINGLE ACTIVE

By Lee Edwards

Please join us for dinner at Octavio's on Tuesday, July 9 at 5:00 p.m. Please call me at 805-484-3289 to confirm your reservation.

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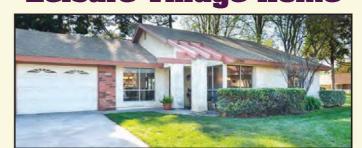
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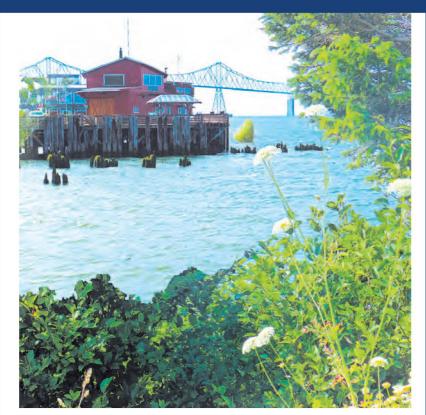


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Photo by PATTI CRICHTON

Stephanie Felden leads class on painting poppies.

By Patti Crichton

July is a month off for Village Arts - no meeting and no watercolor class by Stephanie. July is an opportunity to paint your contribution to our 2020 themed Village Arts calendar. President David Tuesdays, and Fridays from 1-3pm.

Kiefer has emailed members more detailed information and ideas. Be sure to bring your painting to our August 7 meeting in the MPR at 1:00 p.m. Alice Williams will be photographing your work to include in the calendar.

The Lanai Room will be open for your use as a workshop on Mondays,

Stephanie Fielden guided us through a watercolor lesson on freestyle poppies for our June project. Please see our art displayed in the big glass case of the Rec Centre Courtyard.

Stephanie will return on Tuesday, August 6 for our next watercolor class in the Lanai Room at 1:00 p.m.; \$10 to be paid at class with supplies included. Please contact Patti if interested at pcrichton77@hotmail. com or call 805-760-7673.

Mary Baxter St. Clair will be displaying her paintings in the Library for the month of July. Make sure you stop by to see her lovely artwork.

#### WRITERS CLUB

By Harvey Brosler

WRITE-PRESENT-PARTIC-IPATE-ENJOY-LEARN. We all have significant events in our lives. A main purpose of the Club is to

document and share good and bad memories of our lives, the lives of our family, and our opinions on different topics with other residents. The Club is unique in that you become self-aware and aware of what others think on the same subject. Come to the Writers Club meetings held every Monday at 1:00 p.m. in the MPR. You may write on any topic, fiction or nonfiction, or use the Suggested Topic for that day. For example, the Suggested Topic for July15 is "One of My Biggest Disappointments." The more you write, the better writer you become. Microphones are provided. Residents who may consider becoming a member are invited to attend any of the meetings to listen to the presentations and participate. Stories of The Month are displayed just inside the entrance to the Village Library. Contacts: Larry Kalisher 805-465-0042, larry.kalisher@gmail.com, or Harvey Brosler 805-465-0006, hsbros@roadrunner.com.

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#### **WOMEN'S CLUB**

By Pamela Almeida

Women's Club monthly meeting in July is dark and Women's Club monthly July Boutique is dark.

Our next monthly meeting will be on Thursday, August 8th at 1:00 pm in the AR. Don Marquardt, L.V.'s favorite historian, will be speaking about the Battle of Vicksburg. There is so much detail that you might feel as if you are actually on the battlefield! A WC member is quoted as saying; "Don Marquardt gives such a marvelous presentation. So much detail and so much information. We are looking forward to August 8!"

Women's Club monthly Boutique is scheduled for Tuesday, August 6.

We thank Jean Hart and her amazing committee for making

the fashion show such a success. We had a capacity crowd in the AR. Our LV models were terrific and our LV ushers did a great job serving the audience. There was a light luncheon served with a little bubbly and our thanks go to Linda Neth and her committee. Macy's provided the commentator, the clothing and door prizes for three lucky WC members. Thank you, Jean!

The LV Women's Club makes contributions to the Village and to many local charitable organizations. One method of raising funds is to sell jewelry that has been donated to the WC. If you don't know what to do with the mess in your jewelry box - consider donating some of your baubles to the LVWC. It's a great way to recycle some of your bling. For pick up or drop off, call Shearon Millar 805-603-2773.



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Photo by BUD BRADLEY Grandpa built sand boxes

#### **WOODSHOP**

By Bud Bradley

This month's photo tells another story. Grandpa decided to build these sand boxes for his grandkids. As a result, he and Grandma have a nice long visit with the kids this year. The Woodshop welcomes residents who are interested in joining our group of woodworkers. If you have interest and can demonstrate basic safety skills with equipment you outside the shop. Email your photo wish to use, please call Ron Quick at 805-603-8456.

On Tuesdays and Wednesdays, between 10:00 a.m. and noon, you will find our Woodshop Committee members available to repair most wood items for Villagers. We gratefully accept donations to help defray the cost of normal materials and supplies.

The completed Jobs for May 2019 are as follows:

Resident Projects 25 YTD 134 LV/Club projects 5 YTD 37 Quickie projects 7 YTD 36

The Annex is set up with basic power tools and continues to add and update equipment and supplies. If you are a skilled craftsperson and can demonstrate those skills, you can gain access to more complex tools and equipment in the Main Wood Shop. Finally, a reminder to current key-holders: should you have completed a project that you would like to highlight, we will post a photo of it on the bulletin board

to Bud Bradley at Hipbud2@gmail. com, or bring a photo to the woodshop Tuesday or Wednesday a.m.

#### WII BOWLING

By Ginny Bryce

Wii bowling presents: Saturday, July 13 at 11:00 a.m. Wii general meeting, potluck lunch, Red, White & Blue Wii tournament; Santa Rosa and Ventura Rooms; no entry fee.

Please sign up soon! You may sign up for the potluck only, the Wii tournament only, or you may sign up for both on the same signup sheet.

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#### **COOKING WITH LARRY**

# **Wonderful Aromas Wafting in the Kitchen**



By Larry Swartz

#### New Friends, New Foods

I'm one of those lucky guys who gets up every day and gets to do one thing I love to do, write about food, and then they print it in the paper. Each month when I set out to write this column, I'm hopeful I can meet someone who loves to cook, loves food and loves to do them both, so that what they prepare is tasty, healthy and something I want to share with you. I kinda struck it rich when this morning I took a short walk over to my neighboring village and met Mamata. Boy was she ready for me.

From Southern India, Mamata is a charming, sharp, intelligent and warm human being who has lived in the US for over 50 years, and I'm not just saying that because she fed me. That's not true, she didn't feed me. She wanted to show me some food that she loves to prepare and I wanted to eat it. I learned a lot about Indian food from Mamata.

- 1. I always thought the term curry referred to a combination of spices, but there is also actually a curry tree whose leaves are a favorite seasoning of hers.
- 2. 98% of the Indian restaurants in California are predominantly North Indian.
- 3. Most of our knowledge of what Indian food is the British idea, that is mainly Northern Indian cuisine with lots of curries; in fact, there are as many states in India as countries in Europe and food from each, is very individualized.

We wanted to come up with a dish that reflects Mamata's Mumbai influence, but is something relatively basic to cook. This would be a great potluck for your 4th of July gathering as it is best served room temperature.



Photo by LARRY SWARTZ

Rice on a cookie sheet, ready to go. Tumeric flavors colorizes the white rice.

#### Mamata's Lemon Rice

3 cups cooked Basmati Rice spread onto cookie sheet to dry 2 tablespoons Canola oil 1 tsp. black mustard seed 3 springs fresh or dried curry leaves - (Available at Valley Produce) 3 tablespoons chopped raw cashews or peanuts

2 tablespoons soaked, dried yellow split peas (channa dal)

A few shakes of ground turmeric 3/4" piece peeled fresh ginger, minced well

Pour oil into medium hot pan, add mustard seeds. When they sputter, add curry leaves, ginger and split peas. Fry about 2 minutes (break up curry leaves); spoon in the dried rice, salt to taste, stir quickly mixing evenly all ingredients. Add nuts, turmeric, continue to stir until all is mixed well and takes on a lovely shade of yellow orange. Add ½ the lemon juice,

#### stir- taste. Add more lemon if you want it more tart. Serve as a side dish or as part of dinner with spicy mushroom curry or roast chicken and salad.





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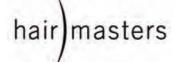
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#### **Property Tax Timeline:**

July 1—Fiscal tax year begins. Value letters mailed to homeowners

November 1—1st Installment Due (First installment covers July 1 to December 31)

December 10—1st Installment becomes delinquent at 5pm

February 1—2nd Installment Due (Second installment covers January 1 to June 30)

April 10—2nd Installment becomes delinquent at 5pm

June 30—Property tax may become defaulted

Would you like to look at your tax bill now? Have you misplaced your tax bill? Have you recently purchased a new home and you never received a copy of the tax bill? Here is the county website where you can access your tax bill:

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