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# The Pleasant Valley Villager

LEISURE VILLAGE, CAMARILLO, CALIFORNIA



CHEERS!—a friendly toast on the occasion of our First Birthday Party from some of our very friendly residents.

# Leisure Village Has Busy Birthday Weekend

Myron Floren Highlights The Festivities

# "THERE ARE LUAUS — AND THERE ARE LUAUS — BUT THIS WAS A LUAU!"



Being hailed as the greatest party ever in Leisure Village—our first Village luau is still being talked about by those who were there. The day before the luau, the residents brought their own Hawaiian decorations and did all the decorating themselves. The pool, patio, and lanai areas were covered in flowers, nets, and tiki torches—with everyone getting a lei.

The evening began with cocktails or rum punch and with egg rolls, rumaki and



THE LAST DANCE and the end of a very romantic and exciting Hawaiian Luau.

pineapple chunks passing through the poolside gatherings. The bar was ably manned by the Leisure Village Men's Golf Association.

The buffet dinner was bountifully spread on three serving tables; the gastronomic highlights being two pit-roasted pigs with Polynesian side dishes. The music during dinner was provided by Billy Tuitama and his Hawaiian Group.

After dinner, a gala floorshow was presented by over The Leisure Village family, with a little help from its friend. Myron Floren, celebrated its First Anniversary with a gala Birthday Party on Saturday night, Sept. 21st, followed by two concerts from Mr. Floren on Sunday afternoon.



twenty-five Samoan entertainers doing authentic native dances; with the climax of the evening being a spectacular fire dance for the grand finale.

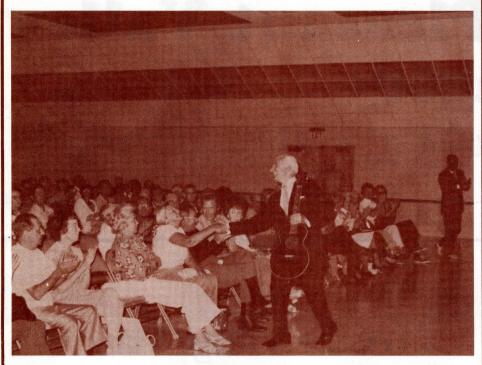
The next day the Village was very quiet, with everyone sleeping in late or reading the Sunday newspapers.

When this reporter finally contacted a fully recovered resident, all she could say was, "There are luaus and there are luaus, but this was a luau!"

The Birthday party was attended by not only Village residents and their guests, but also by the employees and staff of Leisure Technology of California, the people who have built Leisure Village. For everyones dancing pleasure, the evening featured the outstanding sounds of the Frank Umbro Orchestra. Jerry Lawrence, President of LTC, led everyone in the singing of "Happy Birthday" and cutting of the birthday cake (the cake was better than the singing!) Most people stayed even after the band went home, reminiscing and celebrating the events of the past year at the

The next afternoon, Myron Floren thrilled the Villagers and their guests with a wide and varied array of everyone's favorites—popular tunes, songs from around-the-world, boogiewoogie, and (of course) several polkas. The fact that earlier that morning Mr. Floren left Grand Rapids, Michigan for Southern California was not evident, as he stayed on in the auditorium meeting people and signing autographs between shows and afterwards. Both shows were S.R.O. as over one thousand people (residents, guests, and future residents) spent a beautiful afternoon celebrating the First Anniversary of Leisure Village.

# Nick Lucas Thrills Leisure Village Audience

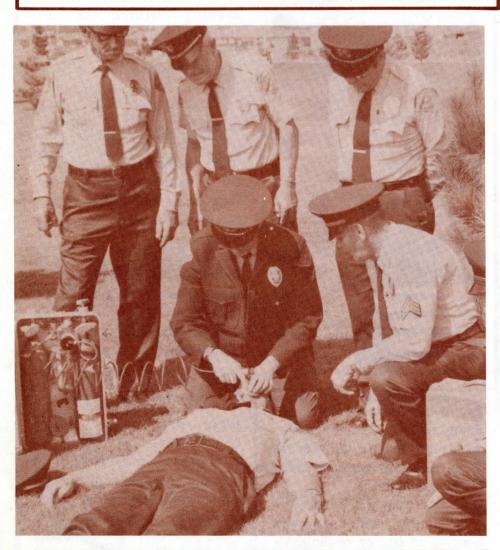


HIYA!—Troubador Nick Lucas steps out to greet the audience between numbers at his recent Leisure Village engagement.

Nick Lucas, ageless troubador and song writer gave one heck-of-a show on his return engagement to Leisure Village. Accompanied by a pianist and his own skillful guitar strumming, Mr. Lucas ran through most of his well-known songs such as "Tip Toe Through the Tulips," "Rose-Colored Glasses," and "Side by Side" to a packed house. He also presented several of the songs which he sang in the movie, "The Great Gatsby".

In addition, he supplemented

his own repertoire with several Italian, Yiddish and Irish favorites; and during the show introduced several talented friends of his to the audience to help him entertain the Villagers and guests. The show became the "Nick Lucas Nostalgia and Good Times Revue" and everyone really had a good time, especially Nick Lucas himself. When last seen leaving the Village, he had his guitar in one hand and a mass of Leisure Village sales literature in the other. Come back soon, Nick!



SERGEANT LES McCOMAS OF THE VILLAGE SECURITY staff is shown here giving John Moffitt instructions on the proper use of the resuscitator as the other guards look on. Chuck Jackson is posing as the "victim". In addition to their previously completed paramedical courses in Advanced First Aid and Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation, all Security Guards receive at least two hours of special instruction and training each month.



GO TEAM! The Pleasant Valley Golf Team is pictured here shortly after qualifying for the National Tournament. They are: (bottom row, left to right) Christie East, Frances Pearson, and Ada Lyon; (top row, left to right) "Chris" Christensen, Penney Pearson, and Jack East.

# Pleasant Valley Golf Team Chosen for National Tournament

The golf team representing Leisure Village at Pleasant Valley in the Leisure Technology Pro-Am National Golf Tournament was determined recently by a two-day tournament held on our own challenging Par-3 golf course. This year is the Second Annual Tournament and is being held on December 5 and 6 at Seven Lakes, a Leisure Technology Community in Ft. Myers, Florida.

Each Leisure Technology Community throughout the country sends a Men's and Women's team of three players each to the Tournament to compete for the National Title. Last year's tournament was held at Leisure Village in Manchester, New Jersey and was highlighted by a match between golf greats Gene Sarazen and Patty Berg. The 1973 Pleasant Valley team finished in a tie for third place.

This year, Fran Pearson won the Pleasant Valley Women's Tournament with an 18-hole score of 70, Christie East was second, and Ada Lyon won a sudden-death playoff against Dorothea Ward for the third spot on the team. Ada needed a birdie on the first play-off hole to win her trip to Florida. Dorothea Ward and Peg Jensen are the team alternates.

Places on the Men's team were also hotly contested, with Jack East and Penney Pearson shooting 58s and qualifying for the team. Chris Christensen shot a 62 and is also going to Florida. Harvey Shirk and Bill Culley are team alternates.

Awards were presented to the local Tournament Winners and Golf Team Members by Jerry Lawrence and Bob Dull of L.T.C. Following the awards ceremony, a buffet dinner was served to all golfers and their guests.

There may have been only six winners for the December trip to Florida, but, this day there were no losers at the Village.

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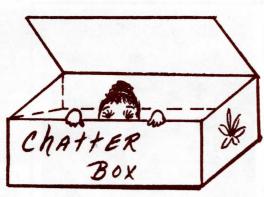
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Hi Neighbors! The Powers that be have graciously allotted us space in the "Villager" for "What's New" and "Who's Who" items, so...if you have an interesting tidbit about yourselves or your neighbors, send it in to the "Chatter Box." Please!!! NO MEOWS!!!

Did you hear about the crashing disaster that hit the Whitakers? golf-ball Walt's fake smash-a-roo finally Jovial true—result—splintered pane in the window!!! Golfers—Beware!

That was quite a First Birthday bash we were tendered by Leisure Tech. hosted by Jerry Lawrence and his charming wife. No Pied Piper was needed to corral the celebrants, who flocked into the Rec. Hall in full regalia, doing ample justice to the scintillating music of the excellent band—especially the Village Twinkly Toes, Frank and Marion Tavano and Joe and Charlotte Romero! Did you spot elegant Nell Boyd in her shimmering silver lame and gorgeous Dorothy Ward in bewitching black? Can you believe it—the Wards were celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary that nite! Must say that all the local lovelies did themselves proud-many of the Village "Sew'n Sewers" were wearing their own couturiere creations. Keep an eye open for the wardrobes paraded daily by the members of our sewing classes—to name a few-Piff DeSimone, Mary Manzella, Connie Capitano, (she sews for Nelson, too), Helen Ohmstedt, (who does beautiful wearables for her Bernhard), Maria Inez Burlage, Isabel Torchia, Blanche Follen et al.

In the "Pat on the Back" department, certain hardworking folks around here deserve special mention-like Mario DiBiase, dedicated teacher and guardian angel of the Bocce courts-Dorothy Ruinello, pioneer lady who started social and athletic activities going when the Village was in its infancy—the Lyons for Bridge-playing togetherness—the Easts for Golf—the Fullers, who ran the Bingo game two months straight—both calling and providing home baked refreshments-and youthful, energetic Piff and Nick DeSimone, always on the scene when something needs doing!

Remember the collection of beautiful Hawaiian decorations at the Luau? They were generously loaned to us by piquant Maggie Van Burkleo, who confesses she's never even been to Hawaii.

Did you get a glimpse of the unique art display in the Rec. Hall Birthday nite? Next year, we won't have to show outside talent, with all the budding art students, ceramists, sculptors and Arts and Craftsy folk around here! Just pop into the Ceramics room some Monday and see the creations by Peg Jensen, the Glass Trio, Morris and Rose Katz, Ada and Alex Lyon, Hazel Fitch, Ruth Jay and Dorothy Ruinello, to name just a few. And you'll be surprised at what's cooking in the Lapidary room—like the fabulous collection of jewelry handcrafted by Alta and Lloyd Nielsen.

Partook in our "Night to Howl" at the "Sing-a-long" recently, led by fine-voiced Capt. Fosse, with his obliging Mabel at the piano. We aired our tonsils enthusiastically, (some with better results than others) but it sounded like we might have the ingredients to brew up something musical one of these days! The evening wound up with Square Dancing by some of our exuberant Do-Si-Do-ers, the Fullers, the Gutermanns, the Whitakers, and others.

By the way, did you know we have "close to royalty" in our midst? Shy Bodil Faulkner has a brother who is Danish Consul to Lebanon and also represents the Danish Cheese Industry in the Common Market. Fancy that!!

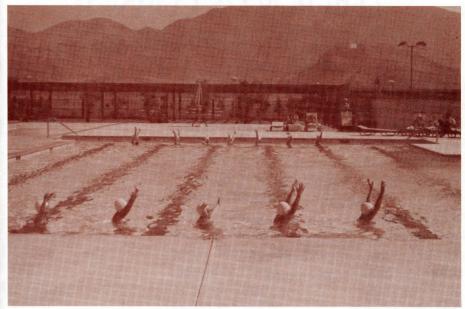
The travel bug hit Paul and Elaine Sopko—they took in the Lake Tahoe area-Sylvia and Abe Plann, Seattle and Vancouver, the Tavanos, San Mateo, Beth Gill, South America, Julie Moldroski, Napa, Cal and Las Vegas. It's so great to go gallivanting—and then—what a joy to come back to our cozy, friendly Village!!! Welcome home to the Rues, who were gone such a long time with a trailer caravan.

And now-congratulations to all our joyous anniversarians of the Village—the Wudkes, the Fitches, the Lyons, the Wards, the Torchias—and those of you who kept it a secret!

This BOX runneth over! How about donating a filler for the next? That's one way to keep up with the Jones's! CIAO for now!

MILLICENT HOFMANN

# AROUND THE VILLAGE



THE SWIM AND TRIM GIRLS show their skills at a recent Aquatic Show which they presented for the Village. This photo really doesn't do justice to the exhibition, but, take it from me...they can show Billy Rose a thing or two! Our Leisure Village Aquamaids did a great job.



WITH A LITTLE CLAY AND KNOW-HOW our Village Potters have created these beautiful ceramic pieces. These were part of the display at our Get-Acquainted Luncheon. The two human busts on the left are the work of Villager, Millicent Hofmann.



WHAT'S BOCCE?—It's an Italian sport, similar to lawn bowling except that it's played on a hard surface. Anthony Manzella is showing some of the boys how it's done at one of the weekly Bocce matches.

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# Smith's Sojourns....



(Dr. and Mrs. Wales Smith have just returned from a seven-week trip; Mrs. Smith files this story)...

"See America first" has been the admonishment of friends as we have planned eight European trips. This summer, we decided to revisit the U.S., driving all the 10,000 miles through 27 states—from ocean to ocean.

The journey uncovered myriads of contrasts: from the Washington Cathedral of our Capitol to the statue-studded gardens of the Kapok Inn, Clearwater, Florida; from the fabulous Farrell's hamburger joint to the plush velveted-carpeted Kennedy Center of Performing Arts; from the grain-covered prairies of the Midwest to the fir-forested mountains of the Alleghenies; from the man-made marvels in the space and atomic centers of Florida and Tennessee to the unsurpassed Fairchild Tropical Gardens; from the Venetian Ringling-of-circus-fame palace to the Hopi huts in the dry Arizona deserts.....

Chatting with former friends, playmates, teachers and relatives was surpassed in joy only by days spent with our one grandchild, her mother and her father. The six-year old's expertise in swimming was matched by "Look, Mommy, no hands!" as she whizzed by on her blue bike.

Returning through LEISURE VILLAGE security, we knew there was no other place like this for peaceful living. Though we had seen and heard of other like communities, we valued the climate here as "unequalled". Truly we had made the best choice for a home in our later active years...

#### **VILLAGE ANECDOTES**

She was the new modern woman, an independent woman, and when she boarded the bus, she demanded to stand if there were no empty seats. So when an old gentleman tried to rise, she gently pushed him back and explained, "I'm a liberated woman, sir. No need to give me your seat."

This happened three or four times until the elderly man complained, "I don't care who liberated you, Ms. Please let me get up and get out of this bus because I am way past my corner now."

Alex Lyon

# Sports News

by Al Podewils

As you probably know by now, Jack and Christie East, Penney and Fran Pearson, Chris Christensen and Ada Lyons have qualified for the December trip to Ft. Myers, Florida where they will uphold our hopes nationally. A better group of upholders you could not find. Luck and fun to them.

The September Monthly Handicap Golf Tournament was won by Don Jay and Lurene Hoover with Al Ruinello and Dorothea Ward taking the runner-up spots. The October Handicap Tournament was won by Alex Lyons and Lurene Hoover. This is a repeat performance for Lurene.

The Club Championship Tournament was held on October 27, with the low gross scorers receiving beautiful trophies donated by Mission Federal Savings and Loan. The winners were Jack East with a score of 58 and Ada Lyons, who carded a 71 to lead the ladies.

Bocce is coming along fast thanks to Mario DiBiase and his generosity with his knowledge and time. As a matter of fact, it has become one of the most popular games in the Vullage. Each Monday and Wednesday afternoon, at least two dozen bocce-ers are out at the courts bocce-ing around.

Ernie Nika and Chet Young are organizing a couple of bowling teams with the eventual goal being our own league.

Now that the days are growing shorter and the evenings longer, the billiard room is getting busier. We should be able to report results of pool and snooker tournaments soon.

P.S. Use old golf balls on the 9th hole. Walt Whitaker keeps any that come through his window.







#### BY DOTTI EASTMAN, RECREATION DIRECTOR

More than a few years ago...when I was in High School, an October day that started out to be as gorgeous as the day on which this column was written, would call for only one course of action by any normal, red-blooded American girl...ditching! And spending the day in the most beautiful surroundings imaginable. Sitting here in my office at the typewriter and comtemplating the idea of "splitting the scene," as they say it in High School today, I was immediately confronted with a tremendous piece of logic which successfully halted my planned escape even before it started. "Where in the world," I asked myself, "could you go where you would find the beauty, the peace, and the pleasantness of Leisure Village right here in this gentle valley?" If you are among the many fortunate enough to have discovered this modern-day "Shangri-La," I am sure you will agree that it is indeed a beautiful place in which to live. Our appreciation of Leisure Village and, in particular, the handsome Recreation Building increases daily. It is a joy to work here with and for all of you. Part of the fun is the friendly way you pop in and out of our offices on your way to or from your various activities.

The roundup of things to do at Leisure Village encompasses more new projects with each passing month. A recent visit to a dress rehearsal of the Lawrence Welk show in Hollywood had to be one of the highlights of the year thus far. After many months of negotiation, I am pleased to tell you that the Ventura County "Bookmobile" is scheduled to make regular weekly visits to Leisure Village. This "Library on wheels" will be available to you in the Recreation Center parking lot from 12 noon to 12:45 PM every Saturday. If you don't want to drive to the library... the library will now come to you. How's that for super convenience?

In addition to the three adult education classes now well underway (Art-Painting, Crafts and Spanish), a new class entitled "Money Management" will be starting about the time you read this. Certainly the ways and means of handling money in this time of spiraling inflation are of paramount importance to most of us. So is good nutrition, and we were glad Eleanor Evans, a dietitian with the Health Department of Ventura County could be with us recently to give us words of wisdom concerning how best to take care of the "body." Another major event scheduled for the Fall Season will be on Thanksgiving day. We're planning a traditional turkey dinner with all the trimmings for you and your friends and family. So much for November.

Would you believe that during the middle of October an artificial Christmas tree was on display in the local Thrifty Drug store? This would be very difficult to cope with if it weren't for our regular Santa's workshop each week on Wednesday mornings; as our gals busy themselves making decorations for our tree that would rival anything you'd find in the boutique of your favorite department store. You'll see these on the 7th of December when we have our Tree Decorating Party. On the 9th, Pat Osborne will be with us again to play the beautiful sounds of the Christmas season among other classical selection at her annual piano concert. On the 14th, Frank Umbro and Joe Dominguez, the combination of two that sound like eight will be back to play for our Christmas dance. The Golf Associations will hold their combined Christmas party on the 19th. We'll all enjoy Christmas Day in our individual ways and then join in the fun of our togetherness on New Year's Eve to welcome the New Year.

We in the Recreation Department are eagerly anticipating the arrival at Leisure Village of those of you who have not yet moved in and, as we always say, our door is open to you all.

# LATEST PURCHASERS

The following people...at press time...have purchased homes in Leisure Village, Pleasant Valley since our last issue of the "Villager". We welcome all of our new neighbors to the family.

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	10:00 am	Swim and Stay Trim
	1:00 pm	Sewing III
	1:00 pm	Ceramics I
	2:00 pm	Bocce Instruction
Tuesday	9:00 am	Sewing II
	1:00 pm	Sewing I
	8:00 pm	Square Dancing
Wednesday	9:00 am	Christmas Decorations
	9:00 am	Lapidary
	10:00 am	Swim and Stay Trim
	10:00 am	Palmistry Class
	1:00 pm	Crafts
	2:00 pm	Bocce
	7:30 pm	Bingo
Thursday	9:00 am	Spanish
Take sulfavor	1:30 pm	Bridge
	7:00 pm	Shuffleboard
Friday	9:00 am	Art, Painting
	9:30 am	Bowling
	10:00 am	Swim and Stay Trim
	2:00 pm	Meet Your Neighbor
	2:00 pm	Bocce
	7:30 pm	*Movie
	7:30 pm	*Men's Activity Night
Saturday	9:00 am	Woodworking

<sup>\*</sup> Every other Friday evening.

# **MOVIES**

Our next movie will be on November 22. We'll be showing ALMOST ANGELS starring Peter Weck and the Vienna Boys' Choir. The December 6 movie, HELLO DOLLY starring Barbara Streisand and Walter Matthau is one of Hollywood's all-time great movies.

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