

## Editor's Corner

To err is human, and we erred several times in the publication of the November issue. On page nine, under Poetry Corner, the poem on the left was submitted by Mindy Learn many months ago under the title "Kiss Me on Valentines Day." Unfortunately, during the publication process, Mindy's poem was published under another author's name and title. We sincerely regret this error because a person's work is personal, and to have it attributed to someone else is most distressing.

If that wasn't enough, the Photo Club winner's picture on page 17 was taken by Bob Pinchak, not Chuck Morrow. We regret this error as well! Having your photo judged as a winner, only to have it wrongly published to another person is not good. The preparation and publication of Inside Leisure Village involves many people and, occasionally, mistakes are made.

Happy Holidays to all. Let us enjoy family, friends and neighbors, and make the spirit last all year long. All the Best!

— Tim Palmer

## VCFD TAKES FIRE FIGHTING TO A WHOLE NEW LEVEL

■ Ventura County Fire Department – Fighting Fires from the Air

By Tim Palmer

As the brush fires have burned in the county, we have seen helicopters flying overhead with hoses attached. We know they are involved in a firefight somewhere, but how do they know where to go? Where do they get the water? How do they know where to drop? Do they operate at night?

The advent of a fire, be it somewhere in the county or close by, makes for anxious hours or maybe days as we wonder if it will be contained. We wonder how the fire is being fought and what resources are being used to bring it under control and eventually extinguished. The Ventura County Fire Department (VCFD) has a plan for attacking those resources is airborne water and retardant drops.



Photo courtesy of VCFD

One of Ventura County Fire Department's H-1 helicopter's makes a water drop on fire.

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## "Angels of Mercy" earned their wings the hard way

■ Meet a Village Veteran of World War II Who Never Fired a Shot

By Patty Ecker



Photo by BUD BRADLEY

Billie Thibodeau was given a special introduction at LV's 2019 Veterans Day Celebration for her service as an U.S. Army Nurse. The inset is Nurse Billie before she shipped out in 1944.



Villager Billie Thibodeau describes her service during World War II in such a low-key way that it could be easy to miss its impact. As one of the first women to serve as a U.S. Army nurse, she dodged bombs and bullets for nearly four years in North Africa and Europe to save the lives of American soldiers on the front lines. "We never worried about surviving. We had a job to do," she says. "And we were proud to do it."

Billie, who is a healthy 99-year-old, smiles as she recalls being recruited. She was finishing up at nursing school in Iowa as the fighting grew in Europe. "Our instructors chose fifteen of us, and away we went – first to Army camps in the U.S. (we were the first women to be there), then on to a military ship that landed in Casablanca." She became a part of the 95th Evacua-

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UPCOMING EVENTS

28 Piece Ventura British Brass

The Music Club again proudly presents the 28 piece Ventura British Brass in the AR on Tuesday December 10 from 7:00 p.m. to approximately 9:00 p.m. Unreserved seating at round tables for ten persons each. Reserved seating available at round tables for ten persons each (eleven persons optional) if tickets are purchased together. Limited wall seating. Tickets are Five dollars a person and will be on sale in the Rec Center Lobby Mon. Dec. 9, at Club activities, and prior to the Event, if available. Refreshments include cookies, coffee and hot water for tea. Contact Sharon Hames 805-445-7178

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Invitation for New Residents

Join us on Saturday, December 7 from 10:00 AM-12:00 noon in the Multipurpose Room (MPR) for the Newcomer's Orientation Program - Part II. This part of the program will focus on maintaining and improving the exterior of your home. Bring your questions and we'll help you to find answers. Contact: Bobi Shmerling, 805-389-1975.

NOTES

A Shout out to Performers  
for Coffee House Night

We are looking for Folk Singers (with or without instruments), poets, story tellers, comedians, musicians, magicians, jugglers, dancers, plate spinners, and other performers for the February 20th, 2020 Player's Guild Show. This is your chance to show us what you've got. Rehearsals will start in January, but please let us know as soon as you can if you would like to participate. Should be a really fun variety show and we are looking forward to seeing some new talent in the Village (maximum 5 minutes please). Please contact: Paul Newman (805) 218-4257 glarbon@aol.com or Irv Feiles (805) 419-6093 Irving.Feiles@gmail.com.

IN MEMORIAM

- Donna M. Duke, formerly V. 7
- Frank Katz, V. 42
- Irene Olson, V. 41
- Orvin Prellitz, V. 38
- Frances Yasney, V. 17

To submit a memoriam call Loretta Reshes, 388-7116

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## A Salute to Our Veterans

The Annual Celebration of LV's veterans recognized eighty residents who served in the U.S. military from World War II on. Nearly 300 people filled the AR last month for a ceremony of patriotism, entertainment, and gratitude for service sponsored by the Women's Club. Beginning with the Presentation of Colors and concluding with military anthems and Taps, the veterans and their families were praised by local city and Veterans Affairs leaders, as well as introduced to "Schatsy," one of 117 highly trained dogs that serve veterans who return home with disabilities like PTSD. In honor of LV's veterans, a \$900 donation was made by the Women's Club to "Paws for Purple Hearts," the group that trains the dogs. The highlight of the program was the Roll Call in which each Village veteran was introduced by name.



Photo courtesy of BUD BRADLEY

*The Presentation of Colors was made by the Channel Islands National Guard at LV's Veterans Celebration.*

### Angel of Mercy—From Page 1

tion Hospital, a mobile surgical center that moved from one battleground to the next throughout the war. For Billie, that meant from North Africa to Sicily and Anzio in Italy, to France, then Germany.

"We moved all the time. One tent for surgery, one tent for medical. We could tear down the evac hospital and put it up in another location in thirteen hours, usually a few miles behind the lines. But we could always hear the bombs and guns," she says. "We'd operate on the wounded – sometimes we'd use a board for the surgical table – and then ship them out. Sometimes we had to lay patients on the ground or use tree branches for IV poles." She's proud of the unit's success rate; 95% of their patients survived.

The "95th Evac" set up amid horrendous scenes. When they landed at Anzio Beach, "There were piles of bodies, piles of weapons, and countless wounded to be retrieved." But the nurses weren't frightened, Billie recalls, "We always had hope."

After the war, Billie went back to the Mid-West and became a school nurse, which became her career until 1985. She got married and raised four daughters. For years, she attended 95th Evac reunions, where the nurses and doctors renewed friendships and remembered their wartime experiences, with an occasional question about why the Army never gave awards or pensions to the nurses. However, Billie points to the reward of the nickname the nurses earned: "Angels of Mercy."

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**Fire fighters**—*From Page 1*

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Each fire has an incident commander who directs the fire-fighting efforts. Small fires are directed by a Fire Captain, while larger fires are controlled by a Division Chief. The helicopters fly at a specific altitude of 500 feet above-ground-level (AGL) and are directed by an airborne helicopter coordinator. The coordinator ensures adequate

separation from helos operating in the fire region and directs where to drop. The helicopters have multiple radios and are in communication with units on the ground, as well as other airborne units. If fixed wing aircraft are brought in to assist the fire-fighting, they maintain an altitude of 1000 feet AGL to ensure adequate separation from the helicopters.

Fires burn 24 hours a day and require the same level of fighting to contain the spread. The airborne firefighting crews wear night-vision goggles to enable them to continue their participation in the fire containment.

As we see the smoke in the distance, or the flames first hand, it is a comfort to know that the Ventura County Fire Department ground and airborne teams have a plan and the equipment to eradicate the menace to our lives.

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*By Carol Moody*

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# Do Your Holiday Shopping Safely Online

■ Some helpful tips before you make that online transaction  
*By Louis Lapides*

Holiday shopping has changed drastically with the advent of the internet. A long time ago, when buying Hanukkah or Christmas gifts for my sons, I would spend weeks compiling a list of their most wanted toys. Next, I would journey to several Toys R Us stores to gather the spoils.

In contrast, using a computer to do your shopping is easier than driv-

ing to a store, especially for people with limited mobility. In addition, online shopping allows the shopper to obtain the lowest price possible on many products. Yet, there are risks associated with cyber shopping.

Only shop at reputable online vendors. Flee from online merchants you have never heard of. What they really want from you is your credit card number or other financial information. If you are going to order from a little-known company, do your research.

Don't be snookered by promises of discounted items. I have witnessed innumerable occasions when people

purchase an item that is sent in the mail. Yet the next month another package arrives from the same company with accompanying charges. The purchaser was unaware they signed up for monthly mailings. Read the fine print before you order.

Search for secure websites when doing online shopping. Look at the address bar of any merchant's website. You should see an https in the address bar. The "s" stands for secure. If you only see http without the "s," it is not a safe site.

Use your credit or debit cards to make transactions. It is best to use a credit card. Why? If there is a dispute, the credit card company can stop the charge or refund the money. With other payment sources, these options are not always available.

Double check all transactions before confirming them. Unfortunately, on the internet you cannot always undo every transaction you make. You might book a flight or make a hotel reservation that is non-refundable. If you do make an error, contact the company right away to see if they will refund your money.

A husband and wife are opening their Christmas presents. As the husband fumbles through the gift wrapping, his wife says, "I hope you like it. I had to pepper spray four other shoppers just to get one." To avoid the holiday gift buying madness, only safe, smart online shopping will bring you good cheer.

## New Comers Wecomed to the Autumn Reception



More than forty new residents gathered recently for an afternoon of introductions, information, and refreshments hosted by the Welcome Committee. At the event in the AR, LV staff as well as club volunteers showcased the highlights of Village life and activities.

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# CLUB NEWS

## THE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

By Jonathan Fox

For our November meeting, we had Zak Cohen from the Conejo

Valley Amateur Radio Club as our special guest speaker. He explained the duties of the Emergency Operations Center, EOC, during activation by the Ventura County Auxiliary Communications Service. His center is at the East County Sheriff station in Thousand Oaks.

Our EOC is located next to the Pavilion and community garden area by the communication tower.

Upcoming is our holiday meeting in December. There are prize giveaways and refreshments, so it's a meeting that should not be missed. That meeting will be on December 11 at 2:00 p.m. in the MPR. Everyone is invited. No license is required. In fact, you can participate in club events using the Leisure Village call sign, KJ6LV. For details, contact Jonathan Fox at KJ6LV@yahoo.com.

## BILLIARDS CLUB

By Patrick Price

As our year winds down, I hope everyone is enjoying the Holiday season. Our annual membership drive is still underway. Bring an extra \$7 dues to whatever BC activities you participate in, or deposit your check or cash (in an envelope) in the box on the bulletin board. You'll want to get this done for your name to be in the collector's item 40th Anniversary booklet. The booklet will be going to the printer by the middle of this month.

The Thursday evening round-robins continue to be interesting and competitive. An LCR game is sometimes going on in the Lanai Room. Future club members are welcome to come by to 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.

## PLAYER'S GUILD

By Stan Reshes

Don't miss out! Players Guild's Annual Christmas Banquet will take place Thursday evening, December 19 in the AR. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. with hors d'oeuvres, followed by a fabulous dinner choice of Prime Rib, Chicken Marsala or Tilapia. Desserts included, of course. Tickets are \$25 per person and will be sold December 10, 11, and 12 in the AR lobby from 9-11 a.m. or by calling Barbara Stone, 805-388-8867. And what entertainment! "Harmony," a group of young girls in their teens singing holiday songs in many different languages. But wait - there's more! Our famed Readers Theater group, directed by Judy Blake, will have you roaring with laughter with skits, poems, etc. Table seating, a maximum of 11, can be reserved for friends who wish to sit together.

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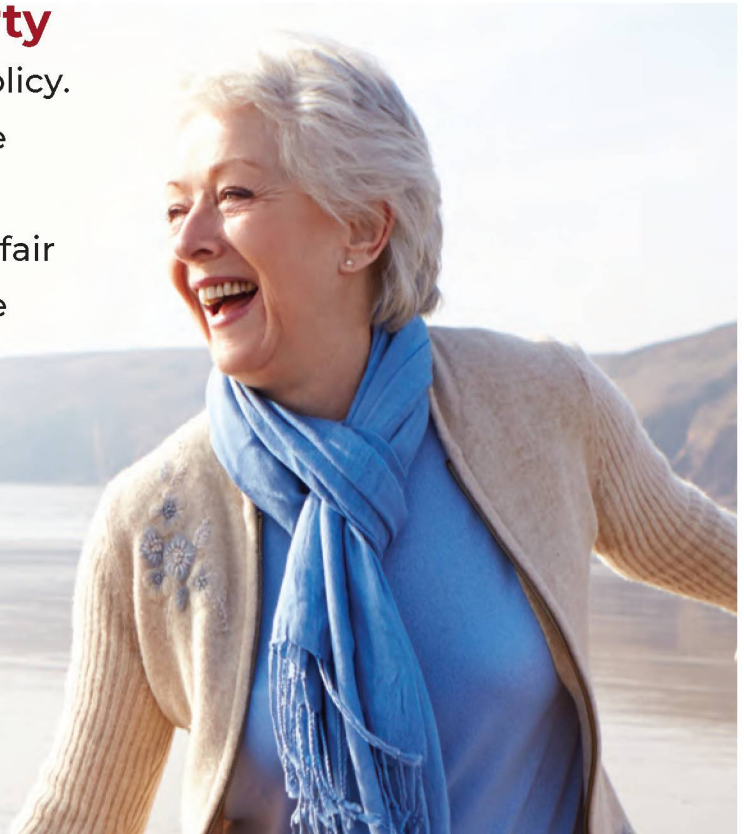
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## CLUB NEWS



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14th Tee Water Fountain

### MEN'S GOLF

*By Joseph Benti*

When it was first installed on the 15th tee of our golf course, back in 1980, the brick encased water fountain (moved to the 14th tee in 1990) was a nobly intended gift from the Women's Golf Club. Old Timers recall when a pause there could be refreshing. Things began to change when the challenge was to work the lime-encrusted lever to get a sip instead of a face wash. Finally, it became a useless oddity and a reminder of the difficulty and expense facing the Village in maintaining and repairing the 18 hole course. Club President Norm Paniagua reports that Landscape Superintendent Mike Udem hopes to replace the fountain (budgets allowing) and that he is re-seeding areas that have become slippery (especially on the south side of the 2nd hole), as well as installing a new ball washer and trash basket on the 18th tee; Norm's hope is to have the washer/baskets on all the tees. Finally, at our meeting on the 10th, it's free pizza time—need I write anything else?

### LV MUSIC CLUB

*By Harvey Brosler*

MONDAY MOVIE NIGHT:  
Hollywood films are shown in the

AR on the first and third Monday from 7:00 p.m. to approx. 9:00 p.m. On December 16, the movie will be "Christmas Vacation," with Chevy Chase, Beverly D'Angelo and Randy Quaid. Complimentary popcorn provided by the LV Music Club. Admission is FREE to residents and their guests. Questions: contact Marci Lapair 805-399-0843

FANTASTIC FRIDAY "OPEN MIC" NIGHT: "Open Mic" night is scheduled in the AR from 7:00 p.m. to approximately 9:00 p.m. on the first Friday of each month. The next "Open Mic" night will be held in the AR on Friday, Dec. 6. Complimentary refreshments including wine provided by the LV Music Club. Admission is free to residents and their guests. Contact Dick Guttman: 805-484-5806

'GROOVIN EASY' SWING BAND: Rehearsals by this seventeen-piece Band are scheduled for Tuesday evening December 17 between 7:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. in the AR. Enjoy listening, and dancing if you wish. Complimentary refreshments provided by the LV Music Club during the break at 8:00 p.m. Admission is FREE to residents and their guests. Question: contact Sharon Hames: 805-445-7178

CLUB MEMBERSHIP IS TEN DOLLARS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2020 AND INCLUDES THE REMAINING MONTH OF 2019. Members receive special e-mail updates on current activities and information on future events. Contact: Sharon Hames: 805-445-7178 or Marci Lapair: 818-399-0843.

### 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.

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*By Margo Secia*

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

The Mavericks' Board is still busy working out the plans for our annual 'Winter Ball Dinner/Dance' on Friday, January 24, in the AR. The dinner will be catered and a band will be playing for your listening and dancing pleasure. Tickets will be available for purchase the beginning of January.

Please calendar the date for this dinner/dance and come enjoy our very special party we have every January and start the New Year off right with great food, friends and entertainment. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact President John Wirtz at 1-805-384-8508 or Treasurer Geri DeSimone at 1-805-402-1465.

### SHOWTYME

*By Jennifer Stein*

Showtyme Presents "That's Entertainment, with Wendy & Rik." It's the holiday season, filled with cheer and celebration. What better place to celebrate this December than an evening at Showtyme and we have an evening for you! Wendy Becker & Rik Howard are the dynamic wife and husband team that offers a very unique talent of stage and screen with their repertoire of show tunes, standards and contemporary music. Their experience and talent are over the top. Rik has shared the stage with Michael Jackson, The Doobie Brothers, Josh Groban & Barbara Streisand. Wendy has a combo of dance, vocals and acting. Her experience includes "Fiddler on the Roof", "Bye Bye Birdie" and performances with Carol Burnett, Josh Groban & Barbara Streisand.

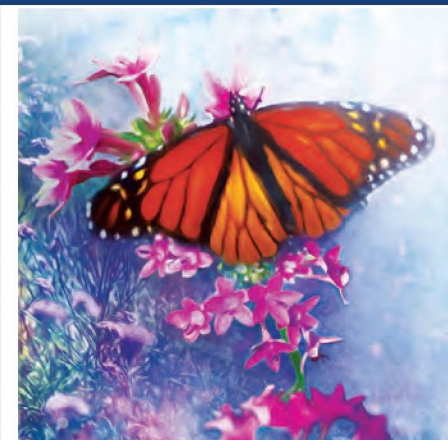
Mark the date for Friday, December 13 at 7:30 p.m. And don't forget...it's the Holidays, so wear a little sparkle. Doors open at 6:45 p.m. Members, no charge; non-members, \$5 donation. 2020 Membership is on sale now for the price of \$12 per-person. There are lots of yummy goodies, with surprise cookie creations after the show. Don't forget, you have a chance of winning the 50/50 raffle. Any questions, contact Jennifer at 805-204-8324.

### LV RV CLUB

*By Jean Tucker*

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*Timeless Beauty in My Garden*

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. No meeting for December. Meetings resume January 14, 2020.

Events: January 24 – 26: Hobson Beach Campout; make reservations at [www.venturaparks.org](http://www.venturaparks.org). February 27- March 1 Camp Comfort near Ojai; make reservations at [www.venturaparks.org](http://www.venturaparks.org).

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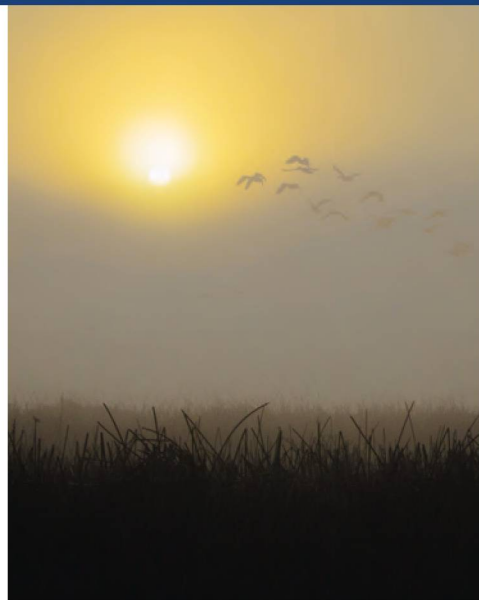
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## RACQUET CLUB

By Carolee Jones

A lot has been happening with the racquet club. Our annual Turkey Trot was a huge success. Thanks to all who participated! The grand winners for pickle ball were Georganne Norton, Sunshine Peterson, Pat Brown and Marge Petersen. The winners for Paddle Tennis were Debbie Beltran, Sunshine Peterson, Allen Rossell and Dirk Field. Check the bulletin board at the courts for the sign-ups for lessons in both paddle and Pickle ball.

Be sure and save the date of Wednesday, December 11 for the annual wine and cheese party. The new officers for 2020 will be introduced that night.

Coaches Corner: Tennis/Paddle: Before your match, warm up the right way, taking forehand, backhand strokes and volleys at the net. Also, hit some overheads and some serves. Take a lesson to improve your game - gcarroll44@twc.com.

## WRITERS CLUB

By Harvey Brosler

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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 except for DEC.9, 16, 23 and 30. We do not critique your words. We are interested in what you have to say. You may write on any topic, fiction or nonfiction, or use the Suggested Topic for that day. 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 465-0042, larry.kalisher@gmail.com, or Harvey Brosler 465-0006, hsbros@roadrunner.com"

## SINGLE ACTIVE SENIORS (SAS)

By Lee Edwards

Our monthly dinners continue on the second Tuesday of each month. In December our meeting is on the 10th at 5:00 p.m. at Otavio's. Please call me to confirm your reservation: 805-484-3289. I hope to see you.

## WII BOWLING

By Ginny Bryce

We welcome new members. Join us for have a chance to be a winner. Wii-Bowling is held Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays in the Club House. It is open to all.

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### VILLAGE ARTS

*By Patti Crichton*

Thank you to members and villagers who came out to support the successful Autumn Art Show in November.

On our December 4 meeting day, we celebrated with a holiday luncheon at Ottavio's in Old Town Camarillo. The Village Arts Board for 2020 was officially sworn in. David Kiefer will return as our President and Patti Crichton as Vice-President.

The December Library display will be a mix of winter/holiday paintings by our members. Be sure to take a peek.

We look forward to our special guest on the January 8 meeting in the MPR at 1:00 p.m. (The first Wednesday is January 1st, so our meeting moved to the second Wednesday). Bonnie Mills will be demonstrating acrylic pour techniques!

Next, Bonnie and her mom, Pat

McGregor, will be displaying their art at the Camarillo Art Centre on weekend afternoons in January from 1-3:00 p.m.

We are fortunate to have Kathy Whitesell to teach watercolor class in the Lanai Room on the second Tuesday of each month, starting on January 14. This class is already filled. Call Patti at 805-482-6810 to sign up for future classes, \$10 supplies included. Happy Holidays!

### LV BOWLING

*By Alan Singer*

Well hello, current and future Leisure Village Bowlers. I hope you had a great summer. Thank you for reading my article. We are in need of some new bowlers. If you think you might be interested in joining a team or being a substitute, please give me a call. I can help you get started. My phone number is 818-292-4439. The holiday Brunch is coming up in December. Remember, no bowling on Christmas week.



*Village Arts and Craft Show.*

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### WOMEN'S GOLF

By Patti Crichton

The President's Cup Tournament was played in November over two weeks. Winners will be announced on December 11.

Congratulations to Jan Gerk, who shot a new Leisure Village Women's course record of 57 gross for 18 holes, on Wednesday, November 6! She had three birdies on the back nine for a score of 24! Wow!

Tickets for our December 11 Holiday/Installation Luncheon will be on sale for \$25/pp. Contact Sue Gillmar at 805-573-6786. There will be an optional \$10 gift exchange.

We will meet in the AR at 11:30 for a catered Wood Ranch meal. Awards for the golf year will be celebrated and we will swear in our Golf Board for 2020. Kathy

Whitesell is our new President!

Reminder: Wednesday winter start time is now 9:00 a.m. Please be sure to check in by 8:45 with the starter and your \$2. Happy Holidays!

### SATURDAY NIGHT DANCE PARTY

By Andrea Moran

To everyone - HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON. The time for 2019 is almost up and hopefully, all is well as we look forward to a great new year. Our dances having been going strong, with dance lessons, upgraded refreshments, live music and all-around good fun. We hope to continue this next year and your attendance is most welcome. If you wish to be a volunteer to help with the duties, please contact Jackie or Andrea.

We have a special dance on

December 14 with Tropic Starr; waltz dance lesson at 6:30. Dance at 7:30 to 10:00. We hope you will join us for this festive occasion. \$10

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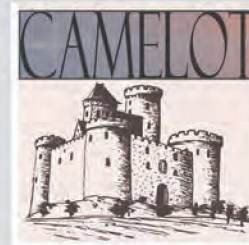
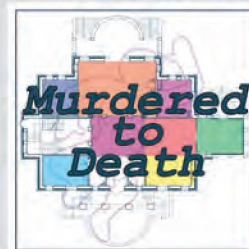
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## WORKSHOP FOR WRITERS

By Frank Seiden

We are in the holiday season with Chanukah, Christmas and New Year's that bring back memories we can put in stories or poems. Some of us have traveled the world and lived with local people and can write about a world the rest of us would like to hear about. We shall discuss the techniques that make the writings interesting to hear and ways in which writings can be improved. This is how writers and listeners learn. We are friends. We treat each other as friends and learn as friends. We welcome all who want to see what our meetings are like, whether you come to listen or you bring a writing to share with us. All can participate in our discussions.

In December, our only meeting will be on December 11 (the first Wednesday) because the next meeting

(the fourth Wednesday) would fall on Christmas, and we wouldn't fit under a decorated tree. Please join us.

## WOODSHOP

By Bud Bradley

This month's photo is the result of a collaboration between the Stoners, who donated the funds to purchase the wood, and the Woodshop who built and finished the new puzzle shelf for The LV Library. We now have room for more new puzzles and a place to put the return.

A sincere thanks to all who donated tools and such for November's Yard Sale. It was successful and much appreciated. We look forward to next 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 wish to use, please call Ron Quick at 805-603-8456.



Photos by BUD BRADLEY  
(Left) Puzzle shelf for LV Library.  
(Above) Bob Sears 'Hawking' some Bird Houses at garage sale.

The completed Jobs for October, 2019 with year-to-date totals are:  
Resident Projects 21 YTD 260  
LV/Club projects 4 YTD 56  
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## COOKING WITH LARRY



# It's Usually the Strangest Things That Get My Attention

By Larry Swartz

It wasn't long after I got a garden patch that I planted some arugula... my favorite leafy green. I was not prepared for how explosive it would get. It grew really fast and soon I had more than I could use. I offered some to a fellow named Al who always seemed to hang out in the garden. He accepted but it was what he said he was going to do with that really caught my attention. "Ever make Arugula pesto?" Al asked. Well, I never made it but I sure ate it once in Italy and it was killer.

I decided it was time to get to know Al a little better. He is a man of few words but the few are quite often gems. "What kinds of dishes do you like to cook? I asked. "Usually things you can't catch on fire" he said. "I live alone and occasionally get carried away."

What carried you away last week that you'd like to share with ILV readers? "Brisket!" he exclaimed. I know that tri-tip is a popular selection in California, but in my house it was always Brisket and whether it was my mom's baked in the oven or my dad's smoked on the BBQ, it was always fabulous. Turns out Al's Brisket is baked and seared and pretty fabulous

### Al's Baked Brisket

One 6-8 lb. flat cut brisket  
One lb. fresh mushrooms  
Two medium sweet onions  
One package dry mushroom soup mix Salt/pepper  
Olive oil for browning  
1-2 cups water for baking  
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Salt & pepper the brisket on both sides and rub in. Add approximately 1/8 cup of olive oil to a hot heavy sauce pan, then add the brisket. Brown on both sides. Meanwhile, grate the mushrooms and onions on medium in a food chopper.

Carefully remove the brisket to a large glass casserole dish. Add veggies, soup mix and water; cover with foil and cook at 325 for 2-3 hours or until fork tender. Do a taste test after 2 hours and adjust cooking accordingly.

Remove brisket from oven to a cutting board and let cool for about 20-30 minutes. Slice against the grain with an electric knife, 1/2" thick pieces. Put onto a serving platter, pour the mushrooms, onions and drippings over the brisket and cover with foil till ready to serve. *Yummy!*



**Did you know** Jerry Rosen (V. 30) once owned an egg ranch in Moorpark?

**Did you know** Marilyn Ellman (V. 31) is the daughter of Curly of the 3 Stooges?

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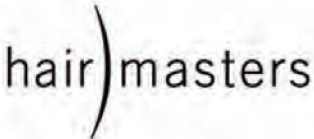
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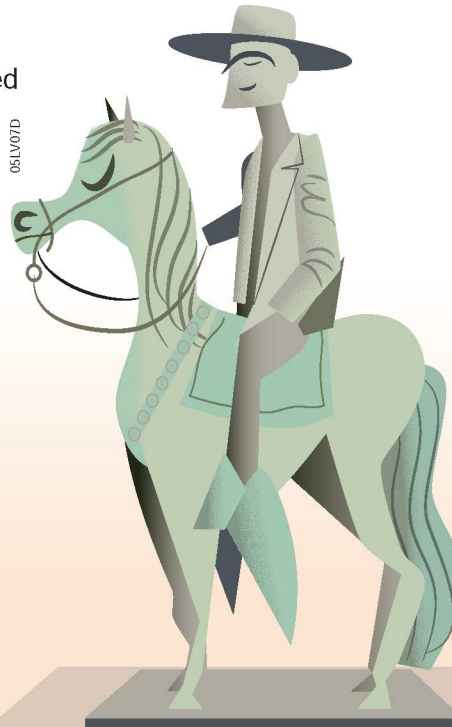
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