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Leisure Village November 2024 Townhall Meeting

By Rosemary Vine

If you didn't have a chance to view this meeting live at the AR or on LVTv, you missed an informative and enlightening conversation with LV GM, Christi Moore and LV Board President, Chuck Kiskaden.

Chuck began the program reiterating comments he delivered at the November 5th Board Meeting relative to a new Reserve Study and its potential impact on LV assessment review. This was followed by a slide presentation and detailed narrative by Chuck and Christi. The focus of this program was the impact of a new Reserve Study and how it came about.

In general, as a newly promoted GM, Christi determined LV should be operating not only with their current five-year planning cycle, but

that it should have a distinct Five-Year General Plan (approved by the Board) to work in concert with the annual budgeting cycle every year. As simple as that sounds, it was not the norm of decades past and would require numerous people dedicated to this single purpose.

Christi was able to undertake the immensity of this effort by working together with two strong LV Committees: The Long-Range Planning & Research Committee (LRP for short) and the Finance Committee. She described the early months of intense work with LRP in outlining the structure of the Plan, followed by the development of an intense Reserve Study looking years ahead. Together with the Finance Committee, they compiled and reviewed numerous years of data necessary to create such a Study.



Photo by KELLY NELSON

General Manager Christi Moore and Board President Chuck Kiskaden addressing residents at the recent Town Hall.

It was during this process that the Finance Committee discovered some major items either missing from future-forward planning

from years past, or items that were significantly underfunded for the future, which is now our present.

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VILLAGER PROFILE

By Carol Nelson

Rabbi Michael Lotker, A Path to Spiritual Leadership

If you have been reading the Villager Profile Column, you are increasingly aware that Leisure Village and its residents are fortunate to have so many accomplished and interesting people as neighbors. Writing profiles about them and getting to know them is very rewarding. We are pleased to introduce you to Rabbi Michael Lotker in this December issue of Inside Leisure Village.

Michael was born in Brooklyn and raised in Queens. After graduating high school, he attended Queens College, NY and then the University of Illinois, earning a Master's degree in Physics. His first job was with an electric utility in Connecticut in 1972, evaluating, funding and administering research

into long-term energy solutions such as solar, geothermal, wind and exotic nuclear concepts. From there, he went on to work for a consulting firm, then started his own business in energy solutions, specializing in wind power. He was, at one time, president of a company that put up the first large wind farm in Hawaii and put up hundreds of wind turbines in North Palm Springs. (In fact, there is an unmarked dirt road in that area called "Lotker Lane.")

His path to becoming a rabbi began when he went to work for two companies in Israel that specialized in large-scale solar & geothermal energy. During those years, his interest in and commitment to his Judaism blossomed, so he enrolled

in rabbinical school in Jerusalem at the age of 50 and graduated when he was 55. The subjects he studied were numerous and various, and included the Hebrew language, sacred texts, counseling, sermons, weddings, Jewish culture & history and synagogue management. (No wonder the course lasts 5 years!) In 2003, Michael graduated from the Hebrew Union College with a Master's degree in Hebrew Letters & Rabbinic Ordination.

Before Michael graduated as a rabbi, he served the Camarillo synagogue for two years as a lay leader. (Michael has a dry sense of humor, referring to himself at that time as a "rabbinic impersonator."

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Family Photo

Rabbi Michael Lotker and his wife Sonia. The photo was taken on the shores of Greece. They were on a Mediterranean cruise, Michael was the Rabbinical Chaplain on board the ship.

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VILLAGE NEWS

By Dennis Doolittle

Santa Ana Wind Storm – Due to the high winds from the early November storm, Edison cut off electricity to Village 1 through Village 30 plus the Rec Center Administration and the yard for two days. This is a major problem in our all electric homes with residents dependent on electricity to run medical equipment.

The Village had wind damage as well. We lost 12 trees, limbs and branches from multiple homes, and roofing shingles blown off roofs. We did have residential damage from the falling trees. Fortunately, there was no major damage nor serious injuries. Staff worked hard and long to address these problems.

Village Risk and Liability Insurance – The Village has purchased the annual Risk and Liability coverage, now at the cost of \$41.85 million. At the Open Board meeting a transfer of \$1 million from the Reserve Funds to Operating Funds was approved. The funds must be returned within ten months.

Administration Building Repair – The repairs to the Administration

Building are nearly complete, the building is expected to reopen in late November.

Frontsteps – There are now 1,350 users on the Frontsteps system. If you have not done so, sign-up now. <https://leisurevillageassociation.frontsteps.com>

Roofing Project – The new, major roofing contract was approved by the Board and work has started. Next will be re-roofing in Village 14.

Rabbi Lotker

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He likens his situation to being a doctor who practices for a few years, likes the job, then enrolls in medical school!

Currently, Michael is the Community rabbi for the Jewish Federation of Ventura County, a chaplain for the Ventura County Fire Department, Rabbi Emeritus for Temple Ner Ami in Camarillo and the Scholar in Residence for Temple Adat Elohim in Thousand Oaks. He is also very active

Paint Project – The Paint project has completed painting in Village 7. Work has started in Village 9.

Trash Vaults – The Vaults are in a common area. Any modification or usage of the vaults requires an architectural permit. Vault replacement will likely be done over a number of years with removal done Village-by-Village. There is no plan for a major project to remove the vaults at one time due to the cost of removing 2,136 vaults.

Surveillance Camera Policy – A new policy is being developed on the use of surveillance cameras by Leisure Village administration. This is prompted by the coming use of license plate readers at the entry gates to the Village which is part of Frontsteps software. The policy should be posted in the temporary Admin office in the Sun Room of the Rec. Center, in the Village Voice site and on Frontsteps website soon.

in Interfaith Councils. Evidence of this is a most informative book that he wrote entitled “A Christian’s Guide to Judaism.” A well-deserved honor was bestowed on Michael when he was invited to offer the opening prayer as guest chaplain at the U.S. House of Representatives in 2014.

Michael also gives lectures & holds classes that often have intriguing names such as “What Really Happened in the Garden of Eden?” Sign me up for that one please, I can hardly wait to find out!

Michael & his wife Sonia (a retired school psychologist) moved to Leisure Village in 2011 to be closer to his synagogue. They love how stress-free life here is and how everything is beautifully maintained. They firmly believe that the only people who don’t like living here are people who don’t want to be reminded that they are old enough to live here!

Editor’s Note: Our readers can learn more about Rabbi Lotker through his classes or by contacting him directly at www.lotker.com.

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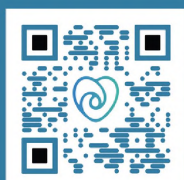
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VILLAGE ENTERTAINMENT

Music & Drama

Players Guild - Linda O'Neill

Let's Party!

Help us celebrate a very productive year of music and drama. Come to the Players Guild Holiday Dinner on Thursday, December 19 in the AR. Doors open at 5 pm. Dinner will be Bone-in Chicken, Babyback Ribs, Pasta Marinara, Beans and Coleslaw, Iced Tea, Lemonade, Coffee and Dessert. BYOB! Tickets are \$30 per person with catering by REDS of Simi Valley. The multi-talented Richard Weiss will organize, design and direct the celebratory program. Volunteers so far include Kathy Wien, Linda O'Neill, Irv Feiles, Roseanna Bellino-Strickland, Julius Hirsch, and Chuck Kiskaden.

Let's Participate!

Roseanna Bellino-Strickland will hold auditions for the Players Guild 2025 January Readers'

Theater production of a series of selections from popular plays, such as Tennessee Williams' *The Glass Menagerie*; Willam Inge's *Come Back, Little Sheba*; and Thornton Wilder's *The Matchmaker* to name three. Try-outs will take place on Tuesday, December 10 in the MPR; possible call backs on Wednesday, December 11. Please note Reader's Theater does not require that a reader memorize the material although you must be able to read easily and with expression.

Let's Review!

On Thursday, November 21, Players Guild presented their last show of 2024: The 80th Anniversary of Rodgers and Hammerstein. Joyce Belcher served as lead director. Roseanna Bellino-Strickland was the writer/director; Richard Weiss served as music and staging director. The beautiful music of Rodgers and Hammerstein had many long-time Players Guild performers wanting to sing just one

more time in 2024; a lot of newcomers, too. For instance, Bonnie Corwin (retired dance teacher) and Chris Finch paired up to perform an amusing and engaging "Honey Bun" from *South Pacific*. Roseanna Bellino-Strickland reverently added some personal experience when she sang "You Have to be Carefully Taught" also from *South Pacific* which reminded American audiences to check their prejudices. Acting Class teacher, Helene Cohen, made her solo singing debut with "Shall I Tell You What I Think of You?" from *The King and I*. Linda O'Neill followed, offering a differing view of the autocratic King of Siam with a sad, yet passionate "Something Wonderful."

In 2024, Players Guild offered 11 months of music and drama. In January, there was Entertainer's Night where President Joyce Belcher introduced returning and new singers. Come February, were the love songs. In March, Richard Weiss presented the Klezmer Kabaret. In April, our company mounted the beautiful *Fiddler on*

the Roof, starring Richard Weiss as Tevia and Vivian Hollander as his wife, Golde. Standing ovation all five nights! In May, the AR is devoted to Leisure Village elections. In June, Players Guild produced Helene Cohen's original, one-act comedy entitled "Little Pharma" starring Joyce Belcher and who? Yes, Richard Weiss. In July, comedian Clay Newman had his debut in this senior community, having been asked by his dad, Paul Newman, who directed the accompanying singers and musicians. August was supposed to be music from the 50's and 60's, but had to be canceled due to Covid. In September, on display On the Road to the Tony's 6 by the Players Guild Acting Class with a powerful opening. Of course, October brought Vivian Hollander's Halloween Party! Fun for cast and audience alike, not to mention the great candy giveaway. After the November show, we relaxed with a lovely dinner and a little light entertainment following a very busy year! If this sounds like fun to you, please join us.

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Catch a Wave in January

Music Club - Marci Lapair

Tickets are now on sale for the Music Club’s annual Holiday Concert on Tuesday, December 17th in support of Food Share of Ventura County. This popular event includes music performed by our Groovin’ Easy Swing Band along with their talented vocalist Erin McPherson. All proceeds from the Holiday Concert ticket sales will be donated to Food Share. The Music Club will pay all expenses for this event. Admission is \$10 per person. Admission includes wine, coffee and cookies. Tickets can be purchased at all Music Club events. You can also purchase your tickets by calling Frank Jimenez at 805-836-2498 or Marci Lapair at 818-399-0843.

Exciting news, save the date of Sunday, January 26th! The Music Club is proud to present Catch a Wave, who will be performing the music of the Beach Boys. This Beach Boys Tribute Band has been featured at Disney’s California Adventure Park and Disneyland. They were personally selected to perform for Brian Wilson, The Beach Boys, their families and friends for the California Beach Boys state landmark dedication. Tickets for Catch a Wave will go on sale at Open “Mic” Night on Friday, January 3.

The audience who attended our November Open “Mic” Night were treated to a delightful evening of entertainment. Jeff Brown and Bill Aisley along with Charla (Noelani) Fowler performed “Aloha Oe”. Charla, wearing a beautiful Hawaiian dress and wreath in her hair, performed a traditional hula. She then invited the audience to come up to the stage for a group hula lesson to Don Ho’s “Tiny Bubbles”. About 25 people went up to the stage and learned to dance the hula. To the delight of the audience, Eugene Elder introduced the audience to Karaoke. The audience joined Eugene in singing the Elvis Presley classic love song “Can’t Help

Falling in Love.” Because of such a good response from the audience, we hope to have more Karaoke at Open “Mic” Night.

The next Open “Mic” Nights are December 6 and January 3 at 7:00pm in the AR. Open “Mic” Night is open to all Villagers at no charge. We serve complimentary wine and snacks.

On Monday, December 16, at 7:00pm in the AR, Tim Allen stars in Santa Clause 2, the hilarious sequel to everybody’s favorite holiday movie. Scott Calvin (Tim Allen) has been in the role of Santa for the past eight years, and his loyal elves consider him the best one ever. But the world of the “Merry Old Soul” turns upside down when he’s dealt a double whammy of news: Not only is his son on this year’s naughty list, but Scott discovers that he must marry by Christmas Eve -- just a month away! -- or he will stop being Santa Claus forever. The movie is rated G and is 104 minutes long. The movie has closed captions.

Earnest Cabaret Coming

Village Theatre – Roger Florio

As a follow up to its inaugural production *Crimes of the Heart*, Village Theatre will stage Oscar Wilde’s “The Importance of Being Earnest – A Trivial Comedy for Serious People” in February.

The Importance of Being Earnest was first staged in London in 1895, and there have been multiple film treatments and Broadway productions since. “Earnest” was Oscar Wilde’s most successful play and is known for the wit and humor it displays as it satirizes the behavior of the upper classes in late 1800s England.

The story concerns two well-to-do gentlemen who adopt the same false identity to avoid unwanted social obligations. All goes well until they each fall in love with women using their assumed names; when all four arrive at the same place at

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Village Theatre

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the same time a comedy of mistaken identities erupts.

Village stalwart Richard Weiss will direct performances of “Earnest” on February 9 and 16. In addition, Village Theatre will sponsor an “Earnest”-themed event featuring music from the era, excerpts from the play and various refreshments in a “breakfast Cabaret” setting. Stay tuned for further details.

Elvis Christmas

Showtyme Presents – Jennifer Stein

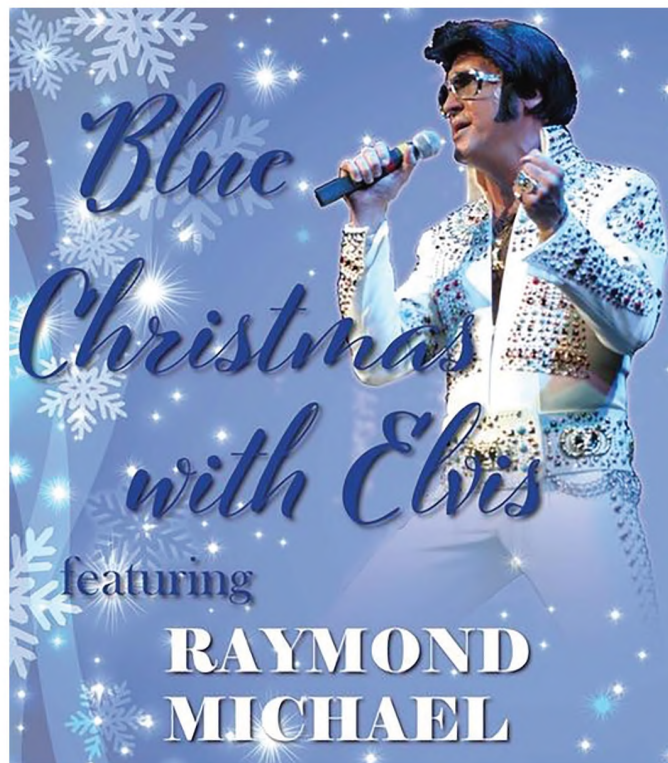
Showtyme Presents “A Blue Christmas” starring Raymond Michael. One of Showtyme’s favorite performers returns to Leisure Village for a holiday concert as a tribute to Elvis. Blue Christmas is a holiday song most famously recorded by Elvis in 1957 on his Christmas album

and where he celebrated his first Christmas at Graceland. It tells a tale of unrequited love during the holidays and is a long standing staple of Christmas music, especially in the country genre.

Raymond Michael has entertained the world as the King of Rock and Roll, and once again he brings his crazy stage antics and spot on impersonation of Elvis to our stage. Kick off the holiday season with a fun filled evening of classic Elvis hits mixed in with holiday favorites. Great fun for the entire family. Mark your calendar for Friday, Dec. 13th @ 7:30pm. Doors open at 6:45pm.

Showtyme’s 2025 annual membership is available for purchase before the show @ \$20.00 per person. Admission is free to Showtyme members, non-members \$5.00 per person. 50/50 raffle will have 2 lucky winners. Happy Holidays from Showtyme.

Please contact Jennifer with any questions @ 805-383-1518.



A WORD ON WINE

By Barbara Senior

Let's Talk About Wine Glasses

Although a glass won't fundamentally alter a wine, it can impact your impressions. The right glassware is important because it affects how a wine tastes, smells, and looks. A good glass can enhance the harmony of a wine and highlight its qualities. On the flipside, a wine's qualities and characteristics can be subdued by an unsuitable glass.

A wine glass should be clear and colorless so you can get its true color and opaqueness. A wider bowl increases the surface area of the wine, allowing more aromas to rise. A taller bowl helps capture the aromas and gives a lot of space to swirl. While stemless glasses are easier to maintain, when evaluating wine, I strongly prefer stemmed glasses. Use of the stem while holding the glass keeps your hand off the bowl which can affect the desired temperature or add smudges that distort the clarity of the wine.

Some years ago, on a small group tour of the Mondavi winery, our guide brought out two identical flasks containing decanted red wine. He poured each wine into the two glasses we each had – one a generic tasting room glass and one slightly taller and wider, and

made with more delicate glass. He then left the room while we evaluated the wines. As a group, we agreed that the wines were similar, but definitely different. We all preferred the wine in the larger, more elegant glass. Soon our guide returned to ask our opinions on the wines. After we had shared our thoughts, he surprised us – saying that the decanted wine had actually come from the same bottle!

The glass that made a difference was a Riedel glass. Riedel Crystal was the first glassware manufacturer to recognize that the taste and aroma of a wine is affected by the shape of the glass. To wit, they designed glasses to optimize the taste profile of typical wines, such as Bordeaux, Pinot Noir, Chardonnay, etc. It was brilliant marketing, but does it really make a difference?

Try it yourself – get a group of wine savvy friends together and give them each two glasses – one a typical generic glass from, say, Target and the other – a larger crystal glass with a deeper bowl and thinner glass. On the sly, pour the same wine into each glass, then serve and see what happens. You'll be pleasantly surprised.

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OUT WITH LEE

By Leisure Lee Boyles

Happy Hour at Slate

My Happy Hour review this month took me just down the road to Slate Bistro and Craft Bar.

On a recent Thursday afternoon I'm feeling kind of hungry and thirsty and had not a clue about dinner, so I decided to invite my husband Bob to join me to check out Happy Hour at Slate. I'm so glad I did. Appetizers and drinks are discounted for happy hour from 3:00pm to 6:00pm and all day on Mondays.

We got there around 5:00 and the bar was already filling up with other hungry thirsty people. While ordering my martini and looking around the room I spotted two ladies at the end of the bar that I suspected might be LV residents. It's kind of rude to interrupt people while they're enjoying their drink, I know, but I just politely asked if I might have a word. I was right!

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Photos by LEE BOYLES

Left, Bonnie Dawson and Holli Beck at Slate for Happy Hour. Right, Lee's husband and best friend Bob Boyles enjoying a cocktail at Slate.

Town Hall

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As Chuck and Christi described the enormity of this effort, it became abundantly clear that previous leadership of many years past did not have the means to accomplish the depth and breadth of this particular Study as it's earmarked today.

Christi and Chuck then took the

audience through these key points:

- How we got here.
- Our options to address it.
- Planning ahead for LV's Aging Infrastructure.

Christi and Chuck encouraged all to attend the next phase of this process: The Working Board Meeting December 12, 2024, and the Annual Budget Townhall Presentation of Homeowner Assessments

January 9, 2025. Final Board Approval will be February 3, 2025.

The meeting ended with audience Q&A wherein numerous suggestions and ideas were delivered by LV residents. Based on the topics discussed, Christi and Chuck encouraged those present and at home to consider personal involvement by joining the Finance Committee, Long-Range Planning & Research

Committee, Water Committee and/or the Communications Committee. You can reach the Chair of each of these committees via these email addresses: Finance, Jim Murchie at jamesmurchie9@gmail.com; LRP&R, Chuck Kiskaden at kischuck818@gmail.com; Water, Carol Dietz at grandma.cdietz@gmail.com; Communications, Ruth Stubba at ruthstubba5@gmail.com.



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THE HEALTHY VILLAGER

By Jeannie Davis, PT, MPH

Coping and Remaining Positive During the Holidays

Everyone celebrates the winter holidays differently, depending on religion, ethnicity, family history or individual beliefs, but most of us have increased stress during the winter holidays, even though we enjoy celebrating the holidays with family and friends. We may feel increased stress while preparing for the holiday season, with additional gift shopping, food preparation and possibly prepping for out-of-town guests and our own possible travel plans. Some feel the pressure of time, financial stress due to increased spending trends and fatigue can also occur with this process each year. The holidays can also amplify the feeling of loneliness if family and friends are limited or if some have passed away recently. It is more common to feel sad or depressed, and nervous or anxious as we immerse

ourselves in the holiday antics. As we move into the midst of winter, there are shorter days, less sunshine and light, and more darkness in the early mornings, and an earlier sunset. Leaving the holiday shopping until the "last minute" can be more anxiety provoking, with more crowds, less choices of gifts you are interested in purchasing and can create more stress because of the lack of planning. During the holidays there are more forbidden foods, alcohol, more people looking happy, and more time spent with family which can be rewarding as well as stressful.

There are many strategies that we can utilize to have a happier and less stressful holiday season. Approach your gift shopping earlier as there are always sales and there will be more variety of choices as others may not have started their holiday

shopping yet. Prioritize self-care, set reasonable boundaries, plan ahead, accept help from others as needed, exercise and make time for yourself. Make lists of gifts and purchases you need to complete for the holidays, employ deep breathing techniques and meditate with free apps such as UCLA Mindful and CALM. Practice open and direct written and verbal communication with family and friends that are involved in holiday celebrations so everyone can be transparent and be on the same page. Set realistic expectations, set achievable goals and avoid comparing yourself to others. Get enough quality sleep during the holidays to boost your immune system and spend some time outside in nature. Create a reasonable budget and stick to it as much as you can to minimize financial stress.

Traveling during the holidays can be gratifying to connect with family and friends but can also prove to be crowded with more possible delays. If you can travel a couple of days before the holiday starts, and stay a bit extra after the holiday, you may avoid some of the crowds as well as being able to pay a better price for the holiday travels.

Whether you travel or stay home and nest in your Leisure Village home, be safe, enjoy the holidays, connect with family and friends, and celebrate and find joy in every moment.

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Out With Lee

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They're both Leisure Village residents, Bonnie Dawson and Holli Beck. They were both so friendly and having a wonderful time. They are often found sitting at the bar with their happy hour drinks and early bird specials. They invited me to join them for their yoga classes. I will add that to my New Year's resolution list.

HELPFUL TIP: Each Wednesday is their prime rib special for \$25 and you can share the plate for just \$5 extra. You have to get there early because it sells out pretty fast. Enjoy!

Oktoberfest, Leisure Village Style

Wouldn't it be fun to fly off to Munich for a non-stop party during Oktoberfest? We should bring that up to the Travel Club. Maybe someday. Until then we have the Music Club Oktoberfest here in Leisure Village and it's a good time too!

The AR transformed to a Biergarten right in the AR. Plenty of beer on ice, wine on tap and lemonade available at the bar. Each table is served, family style, with roasted wieners, buns, sauerkraut and all the fixings, potato salad and yummy good apple strudel. All for just \$15.

We were all entertained, for dancing or just enjoying, with traditional German beer hall songs mixed in with American standards

by father and daughter team "The Bonhomie Duo" Richard Noel on the accordion and Janice Hubbard singing and keeping time. They were great!

Since I've been writing this article about our Oktoberfest, I thought it would be interesting to do a little research on the origins of this annual celebration. I always thought it was a harvest festival but it actually began as a wedding feast. In Munich, Germany on October 12, 1810, Crown Prince Ludwig married Princess Therese in an elaborate ceremony and a wedding party that went on for days. There were huge dining rooms serving thousands of sausages and pints of beer with music and dancing. This wedding celebration has been going on every year for over 200 years all over Bavaria and now around the world.



Photo by LEE BOYLES

Music Club Oktoberfest revelers in Germanic attire.



Lee with photography artist Bill Margulies at the annual Holiday Art Show and Sale held in the A/R.



Pastel Class with Pamela Salem

Back Row: Chi Chun, Terry Berg, Scotty Miller, Margo, Bonnie Godfrey; Front Row: Terry Nakata, teacher Pamela Salem, Patti Crichton

AROUND THE VILLAGE

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Photos by DON MARQUARDT,
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Above, multi-colored leaves on this tree. Right, closeup of the red to yellow leaves of the American Sweet Gum.

all pests and diseases which accumulated during the past year- so the plants will be dormant during winter, therefore assuring more roses during the growing season.



For the Record

It was reported in the Villager Profile story of the November issue that Sue Thurmond is 96 years old, but she is actually 90. Apologies for the mistake.



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ART IN THE VILLAGE

By Nicole D'Amore

Joyce and the Art of Producing

Art in the form of theater started for Joyce Belcher back in 2002 when she moved to Leisure Village to take care of her parents, and her roommate, Cathy Friedman, suggested they try out for a play, *Golden Girls*.

"I never did anything like that until I moved here," Belcher said. Thinking it might be fun, she joined

with Players Guild since 1994 when she moved here.

"We've been together so long, she knows what I need and I know what she needs. She is my right arm man," Belcher said.

Both can't say enough about the program.

"The thing I love about Players Guild is it's all about the residents," Belcher said. "The residents can do things they never thought they could do. They come on stage, they start singing, they act, and I get to sit and watch them grow, and I love that. Helen is the same way. There is nobody who loves Players Guild like we do."

"I like being on stage," Belcher added. "I am not a singer, but I like to act, I like to hide behind a character and just let go."



Photo by JON Joyce during the production of *Damn Yankees*.

her neighbor and auditioned. The next night, "They called me back and asked if I wanted to be Blanche," Belcher said, wonder still showing in her eyes over 20 years later.

That began a non-stop relationship with Players Guild in the Village.

In the 22 years Belcher has been with Players, this is her 16th year as president; she also served two years as membership vice president and three as parliamentarian. She has produced 16 plays, many monthly shows and two co-plays with Showtyme. She has also acted in 16 productions.

In addition, she gets people to do the small shows, creates programs and posters and finds music when recordings are used. And if that isn't enough, she and Patty Hartman buy and put out cookies and make coffee for the monthly shows.

"I love acting, but I also love the background work," she said.

Belcher was joined for this interview by Helen Hartman, her backstage manager, who has been

It's fun, it really is."

Everybody pitches in.

Chuck Kiskaden's late wife Judi used to design sets and he would build them. She also made costumes.

"When we did *Plaza Suite*, every time the curtain went up there was applause. That tells you a lot," Belcher said.

"I'm really proud of how Players Guild has grown," she said. Now close to 300 members, with every audition there is someone who just moved in. The acting class, taught by Helene Cohen, originally intended to be 10 weeks, has now been running for eight years.

"Nobody wants to quit!" Belcher said.

When asked how many hours a day they spend on Players, Hartman said, "Thirty-four out of 24 hours."

"I always say you can't hit a moving target," Belcher said, laughing.

When the microphones were bad, she found a solution. "We did

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Billiards Club Winners



Photo by PATRICK PRICE

Billiards Club winners of the 14-1 tournament in late October include: L-R - Max Chopra, Gary Bunch, Fumi Nagaoka, Sherri Rangel (back), Louise Romero, JoAnn Leeds, Vera Erskine, Skee Ziesenhenné (back), Kathy Wirtz, Frank DeSimone and Gerry Sarno. Not pictured is Chuck Dolan.

CLUB NEWS

BILLIARDS CLUB

By Patrick Price

The Billiard Club is dark for December. In October a new Billiard Club board of directors was elected. Joe Ellis took over the Presidency from Vera Erskine. Vera is now the Immediate Past President. We want to thank Vera for her work as President. Mark Dowis, a relatively new member, volunteered to take the Vice President duties. Richard Leeds will remain Treasurer. Clancy Martel is staying on as Secretary.

The winners of the 14-1 tournament in late October are Gerry Sarno 1st, Gary Bunch 2nd and Frank DeSimone 3rd for group 1. Group 2 was split in 2 (appropriate) with Fumi Nagaoka 1st, Vera Erskine 2nd and Kathy Wirtz 3rd, and then Max Chopra 1st, Skee Ziesenhenné 2nd and Chuck Dolan 3rd. In group 4, Louise Romero was 1st, JoAnn Leeds was 2nd and Sherri Rangel was 3rd. Congratulations to the winners and all who entered and played.

Billiard Club dues of \$10 are now due for 2025. In January a 18&15 tournament is scheduled to start on January 27th.

The Wednesday League (10 am Wednesdays) and the Thursday night Social Round Robin at 6:30 (be there by 6 to get your name on the list) continue.

Thursday Night Round Robin needs coordinators to oversee the Social Round Robin night. Contact Kathy Wirtz 818-445-1057 for membership.

LET'S DANCE CLUB

By Wayne King

New Years Eve Dance Party – for December, our dance will be on New Years Eve, in the AR. It'll be the first LV NYE celebration since 2019. Doors open at 8:30pm. The band starts at 9:00. Come dance to the live music sounds of Forever Tina - a tribute to Tina Turner - plus many more of your rock favorites. Light snacks, coffee,

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Let's Dance

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punch, water and midnight Champagne toast will be provided, otherwise BYO. Tickets are \$20 each, with a limit of two per household, and will be on sale on December 6th and 10th, in the Rec Center Foyer, from 11:00 – 1:30. Seating will be at assigned tables/ten per table.

Ticket sales are limited. Get yours early, so you don't miss out. There will be no ticket sales at the door. For tickets after Dec. 6, call Vera Erskine 805-987-4537. For other inquiries, call Wayne King 805-312-0971.

weekly bowling is only \$15. Now where else can you have this much fun for so little cash? We can handle both regular weekly bowlers and occasional subs when you are available.

Top bowlers from the past few weeks include Rick Dobris 237, Myron Jones 222, Craig Walker 202 and Norm Berezowsky 193. Also Clancy Martel 192, Bobi Shmerling 154 and Kristine Jones 163.

If you think this is an irresistible idea, call Bobi Shmerling at 805-389-1975.

MAVERICKS CLUB

By Dan Turner

LV BOWLING

By Gene Kinsey

The weather has been turning towards Winter and the air is getting crisp. A chill outside means you should be on the inside, like at Harley's Camarillo Bowl every Friday morning from 9-12. Annual dues are \$20 and

The Mavericks' Christmas Parade is coming to the Village on Saturday, December 14th! This year we are again welcoming Villagers who wish to decorate their golf carts, bikes and custom cars to join in our colorful parade. Participants are asked to arrive at the east park-

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Unusual Blooming



Photo by CARLA BARBULA

Carla Barbula had a Fall surprise when an Easter Lily Cactus bloomed in Fall. She captured the photo and we are happy to share it with you.

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Mavericks

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ing lot at 2:30pm on the 14th. The parade will leave the parking lot at 3:00pm traveling on Leisure Village Dr. towards the east gate before turning around.

The parade will then turn onto Mountain View Drive going around to Leisure Village Dr. and back to the east parking lot. So, spectators get out your lawn chairs and make it a family event by inviting the grandkids. Our annual Christmas Parade is a great way to get into the Christmas spirit!

Our Winter Blast evening of fine dining is also on the horizon. This year we will once again be featuring a delicious sit-down dinner provided by Command Performance. Dave the Piano Man will provide the entertainment. So mark your calendars for January 24th. Tickets will go on sale the first week of January. More information to come.

WII BOWLING

By Lois O'Connor

Another year end is approaching. This is the final article for 2024. Wii Bowling has had a successful fun filled year! During the year various bowling achievements were recognized.

Three bowlers shared fourth place and two bowlers shared seventh place. Tenth place was shared by two bowlers. Congratulations to the fifteen bowlers that finished the year with averages above 190.

A perfect game was accomplished by five bowlers. Sylvia Edmonds scored 300 twenty-seven times. Barry Chase, Dennis Porter, and Millie Seidman accomplished it once this season. Edythe Walsh successfully threw the ball down the alley for two perfect games.

We held several tournaments this year. Two of the tournaments

were held during semi-annual meetings: first, second and third places were awarded in all the tournaments. A tournament was held each season. For each tournament, participants were divided into three groups. First, second and third place achievements were recognized in each group.

The club has four bowling sessions. Each session may have up to sixteen bowling participants. The Wii bowling room is in the Village Clubhouse Ventura Room. If interested in participating in our fun filled club contact the club's president, Debra Pettit at 805-504-6774.

WORKSHOP FOR WRITERS

By Mark Sconce

As we look forward to a New Year, the members of the Workshop For Writers (WFW) wish their friends, relatives, and choristers Happy Holidays. This past year has seen remarkable improvement in members' writing, a not unexpected result when treating writing as a skill, a craft that can be honed and shaped into concise, stylish prose in the same way a sculptor chooses to mold his lump of clay or a painter her blank canvas.

Most folks would acknowledge that writing is perhaps the most important invention of mankind – without which, there would be no libraries, diaries, journals, documents and love letters. Serious members of WFW are aware of the challenge and know that easy reading is hard writing. Yet they are committed to polishing their writing using tried techniques honed and handed down through the ages. WFW members are proud to be part of a proud tradition. Join us next year, January 8th.

Call Mark Sconce for more information. 805-586-4485 or msconce@gmail.com.

TAI CHI

By Chuck Morrow

Another year is quickly coming to an end and before we all know it the holidays will be behind us. If you have been putting off doing something for yourself for the New Year? Why not help your health and balance by signing up for Tai Chi?

The next Tai Chi – Moving for Better Balance class is scheduled to begin on January 8th in the Santa Rosa Room. As the name indicates, this class helps to improve or maintain balance as we age. Tai Chi research has shown that students benefit from an increase in cognitive awareness, and strength.

The class meets on Mondays and Wednesdays from 3:30 to 5 pm in the Santa Rosa Room for 14 weeks. This is the first in a series of four progressive classes. Now is the time to get on the registra-

tion list for the January Class. Currently, the Beginners class is approximately half full and filling quickly. To register please email Chuck at cmorrow@hotmail.com.

SATURDAY NIGHT DANCE PARTY

By Andrea Moran

Hi Villagers, Happy Holidays. This is a time for family and friends to get together. Please come and enjoy the dancing on our great dance floor, meeting new and old friends and enjoying the season.

December 14, Tropic Star, lesson Tango, Holiday Dance. December 28, Michael Falcone, lesson West Coast Swing. We hope you give us a whirl on Saturday Night, 6:30 to 7:15 dance lesson, 7:30 to 10:00, dancing. \$10.00 admission includes lesson. Villagers first time to our dance

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Pet Parade – Halloween Style



By Cecilia Castoro

About 30 dogs and their owners and numerous spectators showed up for our Halloween Parade on October 27th, a fun and well attended event! Our panel of guest judges were Toni from Daisy Lu Ranch Senior Rescue, Shawna from Petropolis and residents Lynne and Maureen. Pictured are some of the winners and their owners. Clockwise from top left: Best owner/dog combo (Viking duo) Sharon Wilson & Finn; Funniest costume (Taco pug) Aaron Villa & Luca; Overall best costume (Prisoners) Talia Wright, Rocky & Cookie; Scariest costume (Chucky) Tyesha McAskil & Charlie. Our Furry Friendsgiving dinner was cancelled due to the power outage on November 7th. We have rescheduled it for Monday, January 13th. The dinner is open to members and non-members at a cost of \$25 per person. Tickets are still available! Please contact Cecilia or Shawn.



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Pet Club Halloween judges, Maureen Barclift, Lynne Sack, Shawna from Petropolis and Toni From Daisy Lu Ranch. Event organizer Cecilia Castoro standing.

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Saturday Dance

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receive a complimentary ticket. Let's all hope and pray for peace in the world.

WOMEN'S GOLF

By Patti Crichton

Wednesday morning golf will continue to offer two start times. Players may choose to tee off at 8:30am or 10am. The golf shack will be open for check in with your \$2 between 8-8:30 and 9:30-10.

Due to the condition of the course, Lift, Clean and Place is in effect.

December 11, 18, and 25, plus January 1 is Open Play.

The Holiday Luncheon will replace our monthly meeting on Dec 11th. We will meet at the Onyx Bistro at 11:30. Please contact Sheila Bunch to attend 818-631-1649.

Thank you to our members who supported foster teen holiday gifts, and especially Alison Drain, who has coordinated all of the donations.

Mark your calendars for the January 8th meeting in the Garden Room at 1:30pm. Dues for the year are \$15.

Women's Golf will be hosting the Chili Bowl on Saturday February 1st.

We are delighted to announce that Sharon Price will continue to serve as President for 2025.

Have a happy and safe holiday season!

RACQUET CLUB

By Sharon Wilson

The month of October saw our last courtside happy hour of the year. Happy hours will resume in May 2025. At October 9th's potluck dinner Gary announced he will transition from President to Director of Special Events.

Twenty members played in the November 9th pickleball tournament. Winners are Mei Cheung, Steve Seltzen, Dirk Feild, Christine Reinhardt and Sara Asin. Thank you Christine for subbing in last minute.

Winners of the November 16th Powerball tournament will be announced in next week's newsletter. The winners of the November 16th paddle ball tournament are Gil Nussbaum, Christine Reinhardt, Roger Florio, Diane Gardner and Penni Nussbaum who graciously subbed in. Game night once again was a big hit with three tables of games going. Lots of good munchies, wine and laughter. December 11th will be our holiday party.

See you at the courts.

VILLAGE ARTS

By Patti Crichton

The month of November flew by for Village Arts. Our monthly meeting on Nov 6th was canceled due to the power outage from winds and fire. We hosted the annual Autumn Art Fair on Nov 17th, featuring art and crafts from a variety of Leisure Village talented creatives. Thank you to all participants and volunteers!

Many of our members enjoyed watercolor classes with Kathy Whitesell and collage classes with Barb Mathis in November. See what we do in the glass cases of the Rec Center courtyard.

Four LV artists were invited to the Newbury Park Library on November 13th where the Poetry group there read their poems, inspired by Deb Bozajian's hippo sculpture, Carol Rayle's geranium and butterfly watercolor, Melanie Ehrlich's acrylic pour horse and Mary Ann Andrews' garden stairway painting.

Watercolor classes will be on Dec 9th at 1 and 2:30pm, also Dec 20th at 1 and 2:30pm. Text

Patti to sign up at 805-760-7670.

No collage classes in December, but Barb Mathis will be offering Mixed Media classes beginning in January. Details to follow.

Our January meeting will take place on Wednesday, January 8th in the MPR at 1pm. Dues for 2025 will be collected at that time - \$10. Kathy Whitesell will share some secret watercolor techniques and tools. Happy Holidays!

GREAT DECISIONS

By Max Copenhagen

The Great Decisions foreign policy discussion group meets on the 4th Monday of the month at 9:30am in the Sun Room. Join us for stimulating discussions of important topics in economics and world affairs. The first meeting of the new class will be January 27. Topics for 2025 include: The Future of NATO

and European Security, American Foreign Policy in the Middle East, and U.S.-China Relations.

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YE OLE WOODCHIPPERS

By Charles Russell

Members of the Ye Ole Woodchippers woodworking club continue to offer free furniture repair and wood item service Wednesday and Thursday mornings. The service has been provided by experienced woodworkers to LV residents for more than 30 years. There is no charge for the work, but monetary donations are welcomed to assist with the purchase of materials and supplies. The number of projects varies each month. 11 projects

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Woodchippers

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were done in October.

Occasionally a resident will request a project for a local charity/non-profit organization. An antique high chair/stroller combo was repaired recently by the Ye Ole Woodchippers for the soon to be kidSTREAM children's museum in Camarillo.

The Leisure Village Woodshop is available to residents who can demonstrate ability to safely operate woodworking equipment and tools. Contact Bruce "Pirate" Anderson at bruc5150@gmail.com if you wish to become a woodshop keyholder.



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Antique high chair/stroller combo was repaired recently by the Ole Woodchippers for the soon to be kidSTREAM children's museum in Camarillo.

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LV PHOTO CLUB

By Chuck Morrow

The recent power outage within the area lead to the delay of the Photo Club's monthly meeting on November 7th. The results of the delayed meeting will be reported in the January 2025 (yes, can you believe 2025) ILV.

Instead, the Photo Club will use this space to tell you some items of interest regarding the club. The Photo Club meets twice monthly, the first meeting on the first Thursday of the month is typically the competition meeting. Members can submit photos in three categories. Assigned Category is a monthly theme, Open Category allows members to submit photos they think are worthy and interesting and finally the Mobile Category. The Mobile Category is one of the fastest growing of all – as we all have a camera in our pockets all the time.

The Photo Club's second meeting is held on the third Thursday of the month. This meeting is typically educational on some element of photography to benefit the membership. Leisure Village residents are welcome to attend either meeting at no cost to see all the wonderful pictures taken by club members.

Lastly, photos hanging in the Recreation Building hallway are available for sale at \$25 each with members receiving a discount. For more information contact Roya Proya at 831-869-7698.

BONE BUILDERS

By Fan

RSVP (Retired Senior Volunteer Program) sponsored Bone Builders Classes are held 8 times per week in the Santa Rosa Room. Exercises are specifically geared for seniors to improve balance and to increase bone density. Free 1 hour sessions are Monday and Wednesday at 8:15am, 9:30am and 5:30pm; Tuesday and Thursday at 6:00pm. These are not drop-

in classes; registration is required. For the 8:15am class, call Beth 224-245-4313, for the 9:30am class, call Fan 805-405-5018, for the 5:30pm class, call MaryAnn 805-390-1909, for the 6:00pm class, call Marie 732-407-1816.

LV WOMEN'S CLUB

By Barbara Cogert

Please join us on Thursday, December 12th for our fun and entertaining Holiday Party! We will enjoy having a representative from the North Pole, participate in a sing-along, play a fun game and be entertained by Agoura Hills Harmony Chorus, a delightful female group; all the while enjoying holiday drinks and snacks. Optional White Elephant Gift Exchange. Doors to the AR will open at 6:30pm (evening event this time) and the fun will start at 7:00!

Finish up your holiday shopping at our final Boutique/Bake Sale of the year on Saturday, December 14th in the MPR from 10:00am – 1:00pm. You will find holiday gift items, décor, clothing and a specially selected array of jewelry at discounted prices, along with tasty treats. We hope to see you there!

The Women's Club would like to wish our members and the entire community the happiest of holidays and all the best in 2025!

A reminder that Membership Dues are still \$10.00 and will be collected at our January meeting – always the second Thursday of the month.

To find out more about our Club: www.LeisureVillageWomensClub.com

MEN'S GOLF

By Tim Palmer

Leisure Village Men's Golf Association (LVMGA) held a membership meeting on November 12 to elect officers for 2025. Elected were: Jon Hall, President;

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Mens Golf

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Myron Jones, First Vice President; Hank Becker, Second Vice President; Dan Isenberg, Secretary and Max Chopra, Treasurer. Scott Harrison (formerly Second Vice President) has chosen to work with Max Chopra computing handicaps each month (no small job).

Second on the agenda was to discuss and decide whether to join the Southern California Golf Association (SCGA). The Village Board of Directors voted to allow the SCGA to rate the course (a process by which the course is measured and the difficulty of hazards and obstructions are determined) to identify the difficulty of each hole from a handicap perspective. The LVMGA voted to establish an independent golf club (yet to be named) to be part of the SCGA, which will enable Leisure Village golfers to join the SCGA directly without having to pay additional fees through a separate golf club.

Jack Bozajian arranged for an excellent LVMGA Regulation Tournament at Soule Park golf course in Ojai on November 7, but unfortunately a power outage precipitated by the Mountain Fire impacted many of the players. While some of the players were able to play the course, the tournament itself was canceled.

GRAPES R US WINE CLUB

By Jan Bender

Our club tasting sessions are held on the third Friday of the month, in the AR at 7pm. All LV residents are welcome. Each session is \$15. To receive the monthly invitation, email Barbara at grapesruslvwineclub@gmail.com or call her at 805-303-1518.

Our November tasting was presented by Jon Niemann who found some very interesting wines from Costco. Gone are the days of cheapness for the sake of it. While we did taste two white wines under \$20, (the Gainey Chardonnay was especially delicious) we also tasted red wines in

the \$50 range. You never know what you might find, so it is worth browsing and experimenting.

Our December tasting will be our Christmas season party, where resident wine expert, Don Senior, will present wines appropriate to the season.

LV MUSIC CLUB

By Marci Lapair

The LV Music Club is holding our annual membership drive for 2025! The Music Club is supported through our \$10 annual membership dues. Your membership dues help cover the cost of the complimentary refreshments that we serve at our monthly activities. We provide 7 monthly activities at no charge for the enjoyment of all the Leisure Village residents. Our monthly activi-

ties include Open "Mic" Night, movies twice a month and the 18-piece Groovin' Easy Swing Band rehearsal every Tuesday evening. All our members receive email reminders and advance notice of upcoming club events.

The Music Club supports Food Share of Ventura County at our annual Holiday Concert which will be held this year on December 17. All proceeds from the Holiday Concert ticket sales will be donated to Food Share. The Music Club will pay all expenses for this event. Admission is \$10 per person.

You can join or renew your membership at all monthly Music Club activities. We would appreciate your support. For more information on the Music Club call Marci Lapair 818-399-0843 or Debbie Goodman 818-523-0731.

Regularly Scheduled Club Meetings and Activities

Bingo: Wednesday 6pm in AR (doors open 4:45.) Contact: John Herrera 805-419-4195.

Duplicate Bridge: Monday and Wednesday evenings at 6:45pm in the Garden room. Vonnay Brook 805-586-7155 or cell 909-225-6100.

Line Dancing: Friday 2-3:30 for Beginners in the AR and Mondays 5:30-6:30 for Interme-

diate in Santa Rosa room. Contact Merle at merleruiz20@gmail.com.

Music & Motion: Fridays, 9am to 10am in the AR. For info call Margie at 805-437-6100 or e-mail margiegrm@aol.com.

Needleworks: Garden Room on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Friday and on the 2nd and 4th in the Lanai Room always from 9:30-11:30am. Contact Nancy

Baumgarten at 805-377-2805.

Pet Club: Does not hold regular meetings, but please contact Shawn Baker for information. 805-233-1725 or shawnbaker-homes@gmail.com.

Save Our Sight & Hearing: 3rd Thursday in Sun Room. For more info contact Terry Connor 805-482-7806.



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Santa's Dilemma

By Mark Sconce

*Every year about this time,
St. Nicholas begins
To organize his trip abroad
Amid the children's grins.*

*But news this year at Christmastide
Includes a sober piece:
That certain children far and wide
Are shockingly obese.*

*Never one to shirk his duty,
Old Santa makes a vow:
"By shedding from m'own big booty,
I'll show the children how*

*To take a little pride.
I'm setting the example
For children far and wide
To make us all less ample!
Ho, Ho, Ho."*

*And so Dear Santa shopped around
To find the right equipment
To help him shed his portly pound
Before the Great Transhipment.*

*Mrs. Claus encouraged him
Throughout the days and nights.
She fantasized him slim and trim
And bought him trendy tights.*

*The active adult that he is
Soon led to Leisure Village,
Where fitness is a booming biz,
Where dumbbells curl and curl...*

The Fitness Center

*The Gallery of grunt and groan,
The Palisade of pain,
Where fitness buffs are wont to hone
Their muscle and their brain.*

*Welcomed as an honored guest,
Dear Santa needed training,
To finally look and feel his best
Trans-fatty foods disdaining.*

*Cybox apparatus staff
Were there to spot poor Santa,
Who cut his workout time in half
So he could drink a Fanta.*

*They worked his pecs;
they worked his glutes,
Abdominals and deltoids.
They exercised him to his roots
And retrofit his rhomboids.*

*Santa finally had enough.
To fitness world, "Adieu.
I'll never be a fitness buff
And be a Santa, too."*

*The residents all rallied round
To bid a fond farewell,
And everyone could hear the sound
Of Santa's 'scape from hell:*

*"Merry Christmas to All
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DEADLINE for the next publication is 5pm on Sunday, Dec 15.

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BE THE DIFFERENCE IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD: When it comes to spreading good will, think local...really local! You can make a big difference in your own neighborhood with everyday actions. Devote time to picking up trash on your block, taking cookies to neighbors or caroling. You'll get to know your neighbors better in the process and learn more about their needs. Some neighbors just need a listening ear or someone to visit with. Take walks around your neighborhood with an eye to spreading good will. Smile at everyone you see, and strike up as many conversations as you can. Walk to talk and you'll learn of ways you can help your neighbors.

DECLUTTER FOR GOOD: 'Tis the season for giving. Do some decluttering and collect your gently used, unwanted items. There are many local organizations that will use your items to help others. Many families shop at local thrift stores for the holidays, so your donation adds to the inventory of possibilities for them. It's also a way to give without affecting the bottom line of your budget. There are also online donation options. For example, Soles4Souls accepts shoes, and individuals can ship up to 15 pairs of shoes without paying a fee through the Zappos for Good program.

WRITE ENCOURAGING LETTERS AND NOTES: Your words matter, and there is power in a note of encouragement or gratitude. Consider making a goal of writing a note a day during December and you'll lift the spirits of 31 people. Think of people who serve you at local stores or restaurants, and who come to your home to do work for you, and how they would feel to get a written note of appreciation for what they do or how they do it. Think of those who serve our community like law enforcement and military. Gratitude from the citizens they serve and protect goes a long way.

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