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LV 50TH ANNIVERSARY



HOMES, SWEET HOMES

By Patty Ecker

The way Al and Cindy Fox look at it, they don't sell houses, they sell homes - more than 1000 in Leisure Village where Fox Realty has been in business since 1976 and where Al and Cindy have lived for nearly 20 years.

It was the Navy that brought the Foxes to Camarillo and the Village. After a two-decade military career that required several moves (Cindy taught school on Guam, and their daughter Nancy was born there), Al retired from the Antarctic Squadron stationed at Point Mugu. He began his second career selling real estate, and they moved to Camarillo. Business was good, he soon earned his Brokers license, and, in 1979, Al Fox Realty opened. The Foxes bought their home in the Village in 2000.

"California was (and is) beautiful to us - me, an Idaho boy and Cindy from North Dakota. And we saw the unique opportunity called Leisure Village," Al explains. "There were only two other complexes like it in the U.S. There was no place safer, no place with so many things to do, and no place as



Photo by JON

Cindy and Al Fox photographed in front of their new office in Santa Rosa Plaza.

beautiful. I knew that we wanted to live here and work here."

Their new company took off. "It was easy to sell the Village; it was a new way of life," recalls Cindy who became an agent, too. Fox Realty employed 50 agents and was the largest agency in Ventura County. "There were - and are - so many amenities here," says Al. "It's like living in Club Med year-round. We can do what we want or do nothing," Cindy adds with a smile.

Near the end of the '80's, the Foxes decided to slow down and sold most of the company. They

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Editor's Musings

Mayor Wirtz, Joi de Vie

ILV Editor - Jon Niemann

I bought a new home in Village 20. Providence and pure kismet placed me right next door to the unofficial "Mayor of the Village." I had worked with John Wirtz in the past on a couple projects. His sparkling enthusiasm for life here was an inspiration. This added to the joy of my new home.

The night before we closed escrow we were invited to the nearby home of Lois Reinhart for a "welcome Jon and farewell Gillmar's party". It was one of those stormy nights that had beset the Village last winter, one that sparked a sort of bemused awe from SOCal residents. We were not accustomed to so much water from the heavens. John and wife Kathy had ventured from LV to Tijuana that exceptionally wet day in direct defiance of the protests from brother-in-law Frank DeSimone. They had returned to the Village with a somewhat bedraggled Yorkshire Terrier puppy named Angel. She was the hit of the party.



Photo Courtesy of the Wirtz Family
John Wirtz sharing his trademark grin.

The coming weeks amidst moving in, settling in and diving in to new digs were hectic. I was coming and going, carrying in boxes, directing, decorating and attempting to carry on with life. My new desk was set at a window looking out on Conejo Mountain and the driveway of the Wirtz home. On the other side of the driveway on a patch of lawn John was often in his trademark lawn chair with Angel darting about. John had a golf club at hand to fend off the coyotes.

As I would sit and work at my desk the vision of John and his

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COMMUNITY NEWS By Dennis Doolittle

Paint Project – The original whole house stucco and trim paint project is now underway in Villages 6, 8 and 17. The trim only paint project in Villages 4, 7, 9, 11, 13, 18 and 22 was sent out for bid. The bids were very high. At the last Board meeting the decision was made to hire temporary employees to stucco and trim paint the six Villages in the original “trim” paint project. The project is being organized and schedules will be announced.

LV Web Site – The Communications Committee continues to work on new features for the LV website. The latest feature is if one accesses the directory from a smart phone and finds a number they want, they can then initiate the call from the directory. A proposal for making the Village Voice an on-line document is under development for presentation to the Board. The proposal will improve increased content, con-

tent can be updated daily when necessary and therefore be more current, and it will save significant costs in preparation, printing and mailing. For those who do not have on-line access, on demand printed versions will be available.

Village Trees – The Level 1 inspection of the over 5,700 trees in the Village has been completed. Several trees in the Village were identified as immediate threats to residences and the Village is in the process of removing all these trees.

The Village is awaiting the full Level 1 written report and a Level 2 proposal. We can expect that more trees will be removed, and there will be a lot of pruning and removal of dangerous tree limbs within the Village.

Roofing – The roofing contract from last fiscal year is about to be completed. A new roofing contract is going out for competitive bidding.

Streets – The Phase 1 Engineering and Management contract for this year’s street maintenance work has been issued. Bids for the paving contract will be opened at the next board meeting. This year Leisure Village Drive from Village 40/41 to Santa Rosa Road plus specific village roads will be repaved.

Concrete – The Village maintains the concrete in the common areas, driveways, sidewalks, street gutters, etc. Village staff are in the process of inspecting the concrete areas they maintain in preparation for a contract bidding cycle. Note – slabs, patios, garage floors, and other concrete areas within residences are the individual homeowner’s responsibility to maintain.

LV 50th Anniversary – Save the Date: Leisure Village Celebrates 50 years! Join the celebration on Sunday, October 1, 2-5 pm in the AR and recreation center.

Health Fair – The Health Fair was a major success with many vendors and a very good turn-

out. The Water Committee held a Water Fair at the same time, which was well attended and informative.

Water – “All Water Matters” was the subject of Councilman Tony Trembley’s June monthly meeting. He was joined by Andy Nelson (LV resident and Camrosa Board member), Tony Stafford (Camrosa General Manager) and Carol Dietz (LV Water Committee Chair) in discussing Village water issues.

Finance – The formal audit of last fiscal year’s financial results is underway. This is the first year of working with a new auditor.

AT&T Cell Tower – the AT&T proposal for a cell tower in Leisure Village was referred to the Long-Range Planning Committee for evaluation and recommendation. The committee’s recommendation will be given to the Board at the next Board Meeting.

Please see related photos on page 12 from the health and water fairs.

Welcome Reception for New Residents and LV Clubs

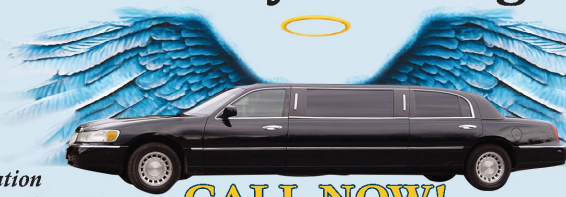
New Residents and representatives from LV Clubs are invited to the Welcome Committee’s quarterly reception on Thursday, July 27 at 6:00 pm in the Assembly Room. The reception is a wonderful opportunity for new residents to meet representatives from many of our Clubs, the

Board of Directors and Administrative staff. Please join us for this special event.

New Residents please RSVP and Clubs reserve a space (only one representative per Club).

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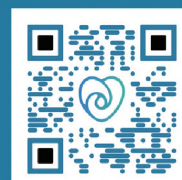
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VILLAGE ENTERTAINMENT



America in Song

Showtyme – Jennifer Stein

Showtyme Presents, "Just Us," performing a celebration of Americana with songs that remind us why the spirit of America is so special. Ray Charles sang America the Beautiful more than a few times in his magnificent career. At the 2001 World Series performed in NYC a month after the Sept. 11th attacks, his performance brought many in the crowd to tears. The Beach Boys devoted an entire song to a race car called The Spirit of America.

Yankee Doodle, When Johnny Comes Marching Home, This Land is Your Land. All these songs along with many more, for centuries, remain just as popular then as they do now. From Country Western artists to Pop singers we like all kinds of music. But American songs are one of the best to motivate and lift you up. Join Showtyme for an evening of Americana with friends and family on Friday, July 14th at 7:30 pm in the AR. Doors open at 6:45pm. Admission is free for 2023 Showtyme members. Non members are \$5.00 per person. 2023 membership is available in the lobby before the show for \$15 per person.

FYI: Singing along is encouraged. Bring/wear your Red White & Blue to the celebration. Any questions please call Jennifer @ 805-383-1518.

Movies and Music

Music Club – Marci Lapair

Exciting News! The Leisure Village Music Club is proudly presenting our annual Concert in our Park on Tuesday, July 11, from 7:00 – 9:00 pm in the picnic area. This popular event features our own 17-piece Groovin' Easy Swing Band with vocalist Erin McPherson. Admission is \$10 per person. Admission includes wine, coffee and Millie's Famous Pineapple Upside-Down cake. Tickets are on sale at all Music Club activities.

For more information about purchasing tickets call Marci Lapair 818-399-0843 or Debbie Goodman 818-523-0731. Please feel free to bring your own chair to the concert.

If you missed the Music Club's June Open "Mic" Night you missed a fantastic show. The audience was delighted by the return of brothers Andrew and Evan Sherbrooke, sons of Villager Rosalie Sherbrooke from Village 31. Andrew and Evan have not performed at Open "Mic" night for several months. They sang a comical version of "Bad Moon Rising" and had the audience roaring with laughter with their hilarious version of "My Way"

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ART IN THE VILLAGE By Nicole D'Amore

Village Duo Shares Love for the Art of Photography

Bob and Sherry Pinchak share a common interest in photography. Members of the Leisure Village Photo Club, they have won prizes for their photos. Through their art they demonstrate the different ways of looking at photographic subjects.

"My husband is more artsy, creative — I just like to take travel shots," Sherry says.

"As I get older I've gotten away from the landscapes — that's been done so many times," Bob said. "I try to be more creative so it's more unique — architecture, angles, shadows, shapes, close ups of things. I like black and white photography a lot and action photos of sports subjects."

Bob's love of photography began in his early 20s.

"In 1973 I took a one-month trip



Sherry & Bob Pinchak

the '70s was for a black and white photo of his brother's cat, entered in a contest through the Broadway department store.

"I think the prize was a \$25 gift certificate," he said.

He now has a collection of cameras: a Canon DSLR, a Lumix DSLR and a Fixed Lens Fujifilm camera — "good for street photography — small, but a very good camera," he said.

By contrast, Sherry uses a Panasonic point and shoot camera. "And I use my phone a lot," she said.

It was through Bob and some of the trips they took that Sherry got into photography. Although she says she just takes travel photography, some of her photos show a talent for abstract: close-ups of fossil exhibits at the Houston Museum of Natural History near her son's home in Texas, a composition of colored pencils and paint that won an award through the LV Photo Club.

"I got on the floor and arranged it and I just shot it," she said. Another one of a narrow sidewalk, photo-shopped and cropped, looked like the Yellow Brick Road in black and white, she said.

Sherry and her first husband were New Yorkers. They moved to California when she was 28 and she was widowed five years later with a four-year-old son and infant daughter. She worked to support her family as a medical biller and human resource specialist.

"It was a difficult time," she said. She didn't date until her children were older.

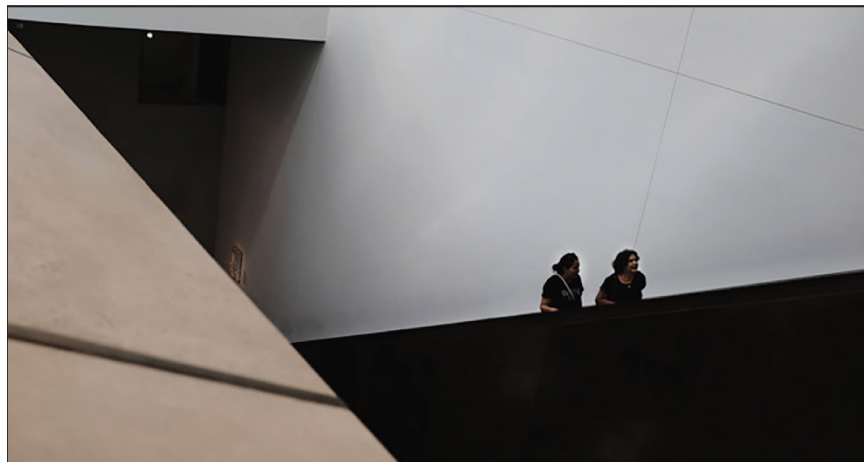


Photo by BOB PINCHAK

"Going Up" photographed at the Houston Art Museum.

Also originally from the East Coast, Bob has lived in California since 1970. He had a 45-year career as an accountant. He served in the Army during the Vietnam War and earned a Purple Heart.

Bob and Sherry met through the Internet. They have been married 21 years and enjoy cruising and other

travel. They took a break from traveling due to Sherry's recent shoulder replacement surgery and various home improvement projects.

But there are plenty of opportunities for good shots close to home, Bob said. He mentioned two photos he took behind the house: a coyote

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Photo by SHERRY PINCHAK

A fossil exhibit photographed at the Houston Art Museum.

to Europe and saw all the European sights which piqued my interest in photography," he said. He took a picture of the Eiffel Tower with a cheap instamatic camera he had at the time and it still hangs on the wall in their home.

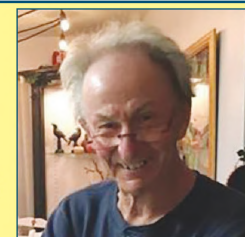
It wasn't until three or four years later that he bought a more sophisticated camera with changeable lenses.

"I started getting photo magazines and learned about all the great photographers of the 20th century: Ansel Adams, Edward Weston, Walker Evans, street photographer (Henri) Cartier-Bresson. A challenge he overcame was finding his own vision while still being inspired by the great photographers," he said.

The first award Bob won back in

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A WORD ON WINE

By Barbara
Senior

SLO County, a Tale of Two Regions

San Luis Obispo County has two distinct regions for wine grapes, both influenced by daily temperature swings caused by the cool maritime air rolling in after a warm day. The Edna Valley American Viticultural Area, or AVA, south of San Luis Obispo, is well known for producing excellent Chardonnay and Pinot Noir. The other region is Paso Robles, further north on the 101, having a hotter and dryer climate and further inland, with 11 AVAs. Paso got its start specializing in Zinfandel but has now expanded to many other varietals, especially those from the Rhône area of France.

San Luis Obispo is only 10 miles from the coast, and there are many vineyards and wineries in Edna Valley AVA along Route 227. Claiborne and Churchill was one of the early wineries on Route 227. It

was founded in 1983 by Claiborne Thompson and Frederika Churchill, leaving Michigan for California to begin a new life in the wine industry. From the start, Claiborne & Churchill wines had a special focus, producing only Dry Riesling and Dry Gewürztraminer, inspired by the fruity but dry wines of the French province of Alsace. At the time, Clay joked that he made wine that no one would buy, but that was hardly the case. Many acres of Chardonnay and Pinot Noir are planted in the SLO area.

Winding up the steep Cuesta Grade on the 101 brings you to the Paso Robles area, with 200+ wineries to choose from. Originally

known for its walnut orchards and cattle ranches, Dr. Stanley Hoffman of Los Angeles was convinced that the climate and soils of the area were perfect for the Burgundian



wine grapes of France. He planted the first Pinot Noir vineyard on Hoffman Mountain Ranch in 1961, one of the first ever vineyards in the area, quickly proving that Paso was a place to make great wine. That vineyard was acquired by Adelaida Cellars in 1994. It's worthy of a visit to taste wine from those venerable grapes. Within the last twenty years, Paso has seen Rhône varietals overtake Zinfandel as the area's major focus.

In Paso, many of our favorite

wineries are in the Adelaida AVA District. The turn onto Adelaida Road is at the edge of town, yet you're soon worlds away. The Adelaida District is mountainous and less than ten miles from the ocean. At the southern end of the coastal Santa Lucia Mountain Range, the slopes are covered with live oak and vineyards are planted on steep rocky hillsides at elevations up to 2200 feet. This AVA gets more rain than other Paso areas, and, during summer, diurnal temperature shifts of up to 45°F provide ideal growing conditions. Our favorite is Tablas Creek Vineyard, growing only Rhône varietals and a leader in environmental viticulture.

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AROUND THE VILLAGE

It Was the Weather



Photos by JON

Above, LV Womens Golf Club president overseeing the popular Chili Bowl event. Above right, Chili Bowl attendee Lynne Sack enjoying the show and lunch.



bility of organizing and preparing the annual event. The LV Mens club takes it even years and the LV Womens

club takes it odd years.

The tournament this year was a scramble. For non-golfers: a scramble game is a "Best Ball Scramble". Each golf group tees off. The best ball out of the group is used. When the best ball is determined, everyone hits that ball. Which continues for the rest of the shots all the way to the flag.

2023 Tournament Winners:

9'ers – 1st low net: Team of Janice Melling, Joseph Benti, Joe Miller & Don Marquardt

18'ers – 1st low net: Team of Lynne Sack, Maureen and Jon Hall and Mike Oitker

2023 Chili Cook Off Winners:

1st place – John Dietz

2nd place – Geri DeSimone



Photo by FRANK DESIMONE

Attendees focused on the different tactics as demonstrated by instructor Gary Bunch. The seminars were well attended and according to the members were very helpful in improving the games.

Bunch "a" Lessons

by Jan Bender

Pool shooting lessons were held on June 15th, organized by Gary Bunch, current club champion. They were for all levels of skill, beginners to advanced level. They

started at 2pm and kept going throughout the afternoon.

After each skill and drill had been demonstrated, players broke into small groups and headed to a table with a coach, to practice for

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VILLAGE ENTERTAINMENT

Music Club

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accompanied by Kermit the Frog. Jeff Rach, accompanied by Bob Bueling and Pat Cronin, sang the funny songs "I Am My Own Grandpa" and "I Just Don't Look Good Naked Anymore". For the first time performing at Open "Mic" Night, Halcyon Hamel sang My Funny Valentine.

The next Open "Mic" nights are Fridays, July 7, and August 4 at 7:00 pm in the AR. Open "Mic" Night is open to all Villagers at no charge. We serve complimentary wine and snacks. If you have a talent that you would like to share for our August 4 Open "Mic" Night, please call Debbie Goodman 818-523-0731 no later than Wednesday, August 2.

The movie to be shown on Monday, July 17 at 7:00 pm in the AR will be the recent movie A Man Called Otto starring Tom

Hanks. Based on the N.Y. Times bestseller, A Man Called Otto tells the story of Otto Anderson, a grumpy widower who is set in his ways. When a lively young family moves in next door, it leads to an unlikely friendship that will turn his world upside-down. Experience a funny, heartwarming story about how some families come from the most unexpected places. The movie is rated PG-13 and is 2 hours and 6 minutes long.

Celebrate the States!

Players Guild - Linda O'Neill

Another July has rolled around and Players Guild is feeling patriotic! On Thursday, July 20, 2023, at 7:30pm in the AR, our cast and two wonderful accompanists (Karen Foote and Richard Weiss) plan to present a road trip of songs and pictures to remind our audience that we have not forgotten

what a magnificent country we live in. Now, will we visit all 50 states? No, time and talent does not allow for that. Are we singing a particular state's anthem? We are singing songs from all genres that are associated with certain states.

First up at the podium and in front of a closed curtain will be Paul Newman with a masterful presentation of Allen Sherman's parody on "Holiday for Strings," entitled "Holiday for the States." His song explains the show.

Then, ta-da, the curtain will open and the Leisure Village dancers will be back on the Players Guild stage again, first time since Covid! They will dance to the first stop on our road trip: "New York, New York." Next Buster Hayslett

plans to dazzle us with his vocal of the same song. Deep breath.

We drive north (about 5-6 hours) and find Irv Feiles crooning the beautiful and poetic "Moonlight in Vermont." Hop back in the car and drive south on I-89 4-5 hours and we're in Rhode Island. We only recently discovered singer, Blossom Dearie, and we love her version of "Rhode Island is Famous for You." Vivian Hollander has put her own spin on this great, but relatively unknown song.

Traveling 10 plus hours southwest, our next stop is "Take Me Home, Country Roads", written by the trio of Bill Danoff, Taffy Nivert and John Denver.

Join us on July 20th to see where else our travels may take you.

Bad News About Bone Loss

Have you noticed your face changing shape since you lost some, or all, of your teeth?
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There is a reason—AND a solution.

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

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

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

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

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

trouble with the way they fit down the road, as your jawbone continues to deteriorate.

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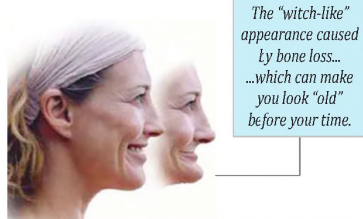
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San Diego Botanical Gardens in Balboa Park.

Pinchak Photos

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with a squirrel in its mouth and a bird on the ledge behind their house.

They moved to Leisure Village 10 years ago and love it, they both said.

In addition to photography, Bob enjoys golf, walking and racquet sports. Sherry is involved in painting and ceramics as well as Women's Club, Tai Chi, Mah Jongg and other clubs. She is creative in other ways and recently finished a historical fiction book about a sea captain during the California Gold Rush.

But their common interest is the LV Photo Club. The club meets

the first and third Thursdays of the month, they said, with a professional or semi-professional photographer judging club photos at the first meeting of the month.

"He talks about the photos and critiques them," Bob said. "It's good for people who aren't that knowledgeable about photography; it's constructive. There is always an assigned category," he said.

In addition, the club has social events and fundraisers. Last year they hosted an event with 60s music legend, Peter Asher.

Club photographs can be viewed on the SmugMug site: <https://leisurevillage.smugmug.com/LV-Photo-Club-Pictures>.

THE HEALTHY VILLAGER By Jeannie Davis, PT, MPH

Eye Care and Your Health

As we age, there are physiological changes that can occur in our eyes. Our eyesight is precious and taking care of our eye health is essential so we can see our environment, participate in social interactions and be able to drive as long as possible.

Some of the conditions in our eyes that tend to appear as we age include Presbyopia which happens when the natural lens in the eye gets less flexible. It is a refractive error that makes it hard for middle-aged and older adults to see things up close. Floaters are tiny spots or specks that drift across your field of vision and in most cases are normal and they tend to disappear. If you see them with flashes of light, contact your eye surgeon immediately.

Dry eyes are more common as we age and after cataract surgery. Use eye drops that are sterile and preservative free to ease dry eyes and save your vision. Excessive tearing can happen if you are sensitive to wind, light or temperature changes. Shield your eyes and wear sunglasses. Cataracts will develop in most people at different ages usually after 50 years old. Cataract surgery will replace your lens with an artificial version and improve your vision, enabling you to see bright beautiful colors clearly again.

Glaucoma is a disease that affects the eye's optic nerve. It results in increasing the pressure inside your eye. Under doctor's care prescription eye drops can control glaucoma when caught early. Retinal disorders affect the thin lining on the back of the eye. Retinal issues include age-related

macular degeneration, diabetic retinopathy, retinal vessel occlusions and detached retina. Early diagnosis and treatment will help preserve your vision. Our eye lids also can change as we age, and Blepharitis (red, swollen, irritated eyelids with possible crust on eyelashes) is more common. You can use water and baby shampoo to clean your eyelids to remove crusts on your eyes daily.

There are many ways we can protect our eyes as we age. Eating healthy food, especially foods that contain vitamin C and antioxidants can help reduce the risk of age-related macular degeneration. Concentrate on foods such as carrots, spinach, broccoli, kale, sweet potatoes, squash, papayas, and oranges. Protect your eyes from the sun by wearing dark sunglasses whenever you are outside. Wear your prescription glasses whether you are inside or outside to minimize eye strain, and have your vision checked yearly. The National Eye Institute recommends a dilated eye exam annually after age 60 as this gives the doctor a better look at the retina and optic nerve so they can identify any potential problems and intervene early.

So, check in yearly with your Optometrist and/or Ophthalmologist for an eye exam, dilation and check on your prescription. Enjoy.

Editors Note: Jeannie Davis is an LV resident and medical professional. The information contained in this column is provided for educational purposes only. ILV readers assume full responsibility for the use of this information.



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COMMUNITY NEWS By Dennis Doolittle

Health Fair

Photos by JON

The well-attended annual LV Health Fair was back! It was a great showing by vendors and Villagers alike. At left, Health Fair event planner Ceil Barnhart greeting attendees at a very successful resource event in June 16.



Water Fair

Photos by KELLY

Above, puppeteers Larry Swartz and Helene Cohen educating Villagers on 'Be Water Wise' ideas. Left, Water Committee member John Dowsing sharing household water usage statistics to help keep our individual usage down and continue the savings we have realized on our monthly water bills from Camrosa Water District.

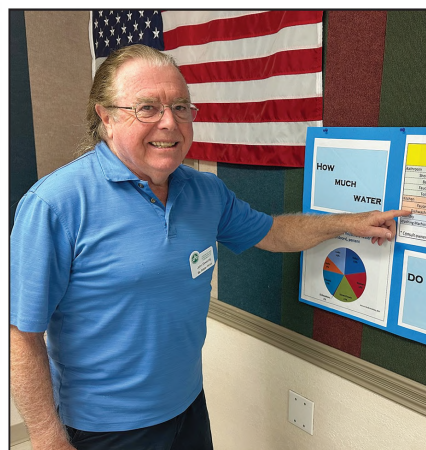




Photo by JON
Gary Bunch demonstrating different techniques to improve the Billiards Club games for club members and residents.

Billiards Lessons

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a short time until the next skill was introduced. There is so much to be learned, from how to hold a cue, to the different ways to shoot the ball.

Strategy was also taught – for example, how to put an English spin on the ball to place it to obstruct one’s opponent. Players were kept busy, and the billiard room was buzzing with activity all afternoon, as we get ourselves ready for the next tournament on July 10.

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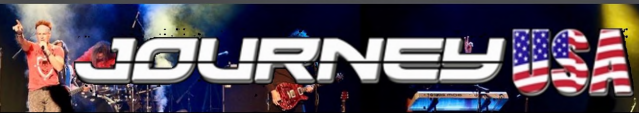
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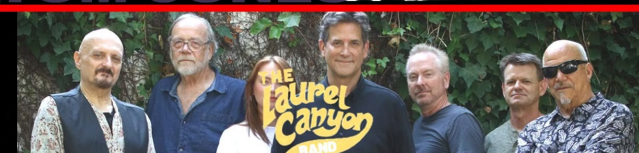


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ART IN THE VILLAGE

By Nicole D'Amore

LV Library Art Exhibit

Pat McGregor is exhibiting some of her paintings in the library in July and August.

Pat works mostly in oil paint, but plans to have a watercolor and a pastel in the exhibit, as well, she said.

She enjoyed art in high school, but didn't start classes until she was working as a nurse at Community Memorial Hospital and saw an ad for art classes in Oxnard.

"I wanted to get back to painting," she said.

Then later when she lived in Bend, OR, she took classes with

a group called the Sagebrushers at Central Oregon College.

After moving to Leisure Village 11 years ago, she immediately joined the Village Arts Club where she enjoyed painting with a group in the Lanai Room and taking classes here. She served as president of Village Arts for two years and as secretary for five years.

Her favorite subjects are flowers and animals.

"But I can be inspired by many things," she said. "I have taken as many classes as I could. You always learn something."

John Wirtz

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rapidly growing puppy would inevitably draw me to take a few moments, go over and sit on the lawn next to him with Angel and her energy, John and his energy. His ability to share stories and yarns of life, loves, family and that warm, inviting smile revitalized me, the stories enlightened me. So many times when I passed in my car or golf cart he was there, waving enthusiastically, Angel at his side and my day was better, knowing he was my friend, someone I shared a too brief moment in time with but one that will stick with me forever.

One softly lit morning I walked out the front door, coffee in hand and John's sister in law, Geri DeSimone was walking Angel on that piece of lawn he enjoyed for so long. I asked, "how is he?" She looked up at me, dewy eyed and said "he passed about a half hour ago." A fleeting spot of sunlight touched that section of lawn as we hugged, sharing a moment that said "a legend has left us." I knew what so many Villagers would feel, as I did at that moment; it was like a hole

MEA CULPA

The Editorial Staff (Jon) overlooked listing Patricia Turner as the writer of the Adolfo Camarillo Story in the June issue of ILV. We look forward to more articles from her in the future.

opened in the earth beneath our feet and sheer emptiness lay below.

We are all so lucky to have had John Wirtz as a part of our lives and our experience of Leisure Village, he loved it here so much. There are so many John Wirtz stories within our 400 acres that can be shared. Some very personal, others with wider appeal and broad appreciation. We are going to miss him, collectively and individually. He touched so many lives. His legacy will live on for many years. His friends will see to that.

The vision of John outside my office window is still vivid and clear as I write this. I look over and see him waving with that brilliant smile and that encompassing, infectious Joi de Vie. We miss you John.

Inside Leisure Village

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AROUND THE TOWN

Camarillo's Own Aviation Museum

by Dave Flood

Every woman who has had brothers and/or a husband – knows that inside every man is a little Boy. There is a saying: "Men may grow older, but they never grow up."

During all the wars that our United States has fought – many thousands of young men (and women) never got the chance to grow older, or to "never grow up." They gave the last full measure of devotion to their country, so that their fellow Americans could continue to live in peace and under a free and democratic government.

Some of these "boy/men," ex-pilots from WWII, got together in Harlingen, Texas in 1957 and decided to buy some surplus U.S. military aircraft. They purchased a P-51 Mustang fighter and some AT-6 trainers from Canada. They started a group they called the Confederate Air Force.

From that small beginning so long ago, the CAF – now re-named the Commemorative Air Force, has gone through major changes and is now headquartered in Dallas, Texas.

It has 180 aircraft and 13,000 members in 85 units throughout the U.S. and abroad.

Our local CAF unit – the Southern California Wing, started with one airplane, a twin-engine Curtiss C-46 "Commando" transport – at Van Nuys Airport in 1981. The Wing moved to Camarillo Airport in 1982 – and now has 200 members and 12 aircraft.

We have a wonderful Aviation Museum at 455 Aviation Drive, Camarillo. The museum is open on Fridays and Saturdays, from 10 am to 4 pm; and on Sundays from noon to 4 pm.

Our mission is to "Educate, Inspire and Honor Through Flight and Living History Experiences." Our members, all volunteers, are dedicated to keeping alive the memory of the many men and women who served in our mili-



Photo courtesy of ERIC VAN GILDER
Vintage World War II fighter planes flying over Southern California.

tary air services – along with the memory of the planes they flew and maintained.

Visitors to our Aviation Museum can tour our facility with the help of a private Docent. They will not only see many aviation military artifacts and displays, but will also get up close to our military aircraft, including: a Navy F6F-5 Hellcat fighter plane;

a Marine Corps PBJ bomber; two Navy SNJ training planes; an RAF Spitfire fighter; a Japanese Mitsubishi Zero fighter; and many more military aircraft.

Three residents of Leisure Village are active members of our CAF – So Cal Wing: Paul Kleinbaum, who resides at Village 42; Bill O'Neil, at Village 37; and

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HISTORIC REFLECTION

By Max
Copenhagen

Camarillo Gets a Hospital

We have good medical care here in Camarillo, but don't take it for granted. Establishing a community hospital in Camarillo was a long contentious story of finance, mergers and changing names.

Our first hospital was a 6-room building established in Oxnard in 1912 by the Sisters of Mercy on land given by farmer John Borchard. Dr. W.R. Livingston grew up in Hueneme and went to the University of Chicago. In 1914, while in Germany as a delegate to the American Clinical Congress, he learned about "twilight sleep" anesthesia. Using this for child birth was very popular. He brought the process back to Oxnard where he became the chief of surgical staff. Dr. Livingston married Ruth Daily who founded the Livingston Memorial Visiting Nurses Association and Hospice.

Skipping ahead to the 1960s, a lot

of improvements were being made in the community. This included establishing a Parks District in 1961, incorporation of the city in 1964, and forming a Water District in 1966. Community leaders, physicians and local officials wanted to build a community hospital in Camarillo. Planning started with a committee of concerned citizens who met at the Camarillo Lanes bowling alley in 1963. The committee was formally organized as the Pleasant Valley Hospital Association. This was before Camarillo was incorporated, so they asked the County Board of Supervisors to consider a proposal for a non-profit community hospital. They were advised that the best way to do this was to create a hospital District that could collect taxes.

Five acres of land was designated for a hospital site by the late Richard Bard, president of the Old



Photo Courtesy of Pleasant Valley Historical Society

Mid 70s photo of Pleasant Valley Hospital.

Berylwood Investment Company. When the Kaiser Aetna Corporation bought the land holdings, the donation remained intact and the District was allowed to buy seven additional acres.

Formation of the Pleasant Valley Hospital District was approved in 1969 by an overwhelming 76% of the voters. The new District nearly was dissolved in 1970 with a controversy over how the new hospital would be funded. Some wanted

it to be paid for by the sale of tax supported bonds, others thought a private hospital would be best. Construction was delayed when a petition for dissolution of the District was presented to the County local agency formation commission. Fortunately, LAFCO decided that the petition was without merit and the Hospital District survived.

The non-profit Pleasant Valley Hospital Building Corporation was

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Hospital

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formed to secure the bonds and construct the hospital. Bond measures were defeated in the polls twice, but then finally got enough votes to authorize an issue of \$5.2 million in bonds. In a "lend-buyback" financing arrangement, the completed building would be leased by the District.

Investment bankers Miller and Schroeder Municipals Inc. of Minneapolis agreed to advance \$5.2 million in District bonds to build and equip the hospital. As a demonstration of their faith in the project, they put \$900,000 into a "sinking fund", a junior lien bond. The 3M Corporation had a new facility in Camarillo with about 700 employees and was interested in having a local hospital, so may have facilitated this approach to get construction started as soon as possible. The hospital board agreed to accept the advance and work began.

The California comprehensive health planning council gave the District a deadline to begin construction. Ground breaking came one day before the deadline. After 10 years of struggle the new \$3.2 million Pleasant Valley Hospital finally opened its doors in July 1974 with 46 beds and 92 employees. There were only 20 physicians in Camarillo before it opened, but by the end of the first year 53 physicians were listed on the medical staff and in 1979 there were 159. During the first year, 1560 patients were admitted for 7,773 patient-days, and 248 babies were born. In 1976 the hospital reached full occupancy.

The 80 bed hospital was designed as a hexagon, modeled after a successful hospital in Visalia. The hexagonal construction minimizes weight bearing walls and provides for the close proximity of nurses stations to the patients rooms.

In 1983, the Hospital District ceded ownership to a new non-profit corporation. The elected members of the District board resigned and were appointed to the board of the non-profit. The old hospital District was renamed to become the Camarillo Health Care District as we know it today.

The hospital expanded in 1992 with construction of a 99 bed skilled nursing facility with residential patients. This was expected to improve revenue, but with mounting debt discussions began on merging and consolidating services with the larger St. John's Regional Medical Center in Oxnard.

The proposed merger was controversial and people asked the Health Care District to stop the merger. Many felt the District board had a duty and obligation to take a hard look at the proposed merger and would need to give its consent to make it legal. Nevertheless, the merger agreement was finalized later that year and it became St. John's Pleasant Valley Hospital. Under the agreement, St. John's assumed \$20 million in debt and committed to \$4 million in upgrades.

In 2012, it became part of Dignity Health. In 2018, a new patient wing with 50 private rooms was built to meet earthquake standards. The name changed again in 2021 to St. John's Hospital Camarillo.

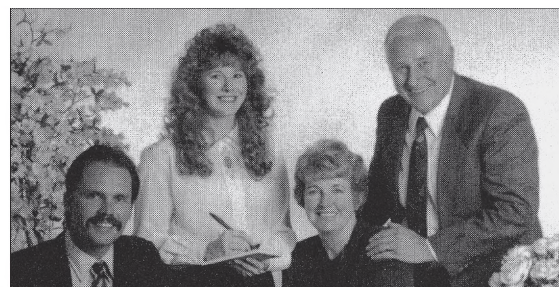
Al & Cindy

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kept one office in Santa Rosa Plaza, which is their headquarters to this day, open for clients seven days a week. They are the largest property management group in the Village representing over 100 off-site owners from as far away as Spain, Florida, and as close as California. "We're hands on people," laughs Cindy, who fixed a broken kitchen drawer for a tenant recently while Al moved trash for another.

They have been busy with more than real estate, too. Al was elected a director of Camrosa Water District for more than 20 years. He also was the driving force leading to the passage of the campaign within Leisure Village which led to the conversion of the outdoor irrigation system to one using non-potable water, saving the Village over \$400,000 a year.

Even after almost 50 years, it is still easy for the Foxes to sell



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The Fox Real Estate crew back in the early 80s with Cindy and Al Fox on the right with daughter Nancy and Jimmy Stepp on the left.

Leisure Village and even easier to live there. "We are blessed to have made so many friends here," Al says. To them, the safety of the Village is better than ever. They love the Village entertainment. They regularly visit their daughter and granddaughter who live in Nebraska. But they say together, "We are always so happy to come home to the Village."

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

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CLUB NEWS



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2023 18-hole LV Womens Golf Association Champion Carol Dietz showing the Club Championship plaque with her name, presented by Betty Ericsson.

WOMEN'S GOLF

By Patti Crichton

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1st Low Net - Kathy Whitesell
18 Hole B Flight 1st Low Gross - Leslie Hall
1st Low Net - Charlene Withers
9 Hole Flight A 1st Low Gross -

Aviation

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Dave Flood, at Village 33.

Paul and Bill have been devoted docents for many years, and Dave has edited the Wing's newsletter, "Flight Line," for over 20 years.

We would like to welcome all Leisure Village residents to visit our Aviation Museum – and bring their children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren.

We have several historical military aircraft which visitors can book rides on, including the PBJ bomber; the SNJ trainers; a PT-19 open-cockpit trainer; and a 4-place Navion. Rides may be booked at the museum, or by calling 805-482-0064.

We also have a gift shop at the museum, where you can purchase many kinds of military aircraft Souvenirs. We aim to keep our historic aircraft flying and educate all who visit!

Kerry Williams

2nd Low Gross - Nellie Uichanco

1st Low Net - Terry Schellong

9 Hole Flight B 1st Low Gross - Maureen Hall

2nd Low Gross - Nicole D'Amore

1st Low Net - Betty Sefer

Thanks to Betty Ericsson for organizing this event and the celebration afterwards.

Sharon Price and Kathryn Robens have been teaching useful golf skill tips on pitching, chipping and putting. The next clinic is learning to use your 7 or 8 iron from the fairway. Meet on Saturday, July 8th at 8am on the 18th tee box.

The Summer Eclectic Tournament is July 19 and 26. Sign up and pay \$5 to play.

Mark your calendars for the Summer Tee Timers Tournament on August 16, hosted by Women's Golf.

Be sure to check out the Leisure Village website to see the latest updates and photo gallery under Women's Golf Association.

Our next meeting is Wednesday, July 12 at 2pm in the Garden Room.

Tony Minero in second place.

The June Regulation Tournament was played at the Olivas Golf Club, with Jeff Margulies recording the low gross score in the "A-Flight" and Chuck Nolan scoring the low net. The "B-Flight" was won by Tim Palmer, with Bill Crome winning low net. All players were doing well, with seven birdies recorded in the tournament.

The Leisure Village Men's Golf Association holds quarterly membership meetings to disseminate information to members and conduct Association business. At the most recent meeting, the members voted to recognize Al Fox for his sponsorship of the Men's Golf Handbook and Roster for the past 10 years. Henceforth, our fall event will be the Al Fox Harvest Golf and Picnic Tournament.

In a recent Tuesday tournament, Barry Doyle scored an ace on the #10 hole. Barry will be awarded a Hole-in-One bag-tag for his effort.

RACQUET CLUB

By Sharon Wilson

The Racquet Club happy hour get togethers are on the 3rd Friday of the month through October. Bring a munchie and BYOB, 4:30 at the courts. Eat, play, love.

The winners of our June 3rd pickleball tournament are Alex Frey, Marg Peterson, Ron Bruns and Roger Florio. The June 10th paddle ball tournament winners are Irwin Rudy, Merle Ruiz, Georganne Norton, Mary Fischbach and Chuck Dolan.

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MEN'S GOLF

By Tim Palmer

Men's Golf has had some challenging tournaments recently with some great play recorded by the winners. Gerry Sarno won the recently played two-day Presidents Cup "A-Flight" with Jon Hall coming in a close second. "B-Flight" was won by Jerry Ruff, with Dave Bengtson placing second and Warren Nelson won the "C-Flight" with

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Racquet Club

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Next tournaments will be pickleball Aug 16th and paddle ball Aug 23rd 9 am. See sign up sheets on the bulletin board at the courts. Members only to enter but all welcome to watch. The \$5 entry fee will be waived if this is your first tournament.

Pickleball lessons: Introduction to Pickleball (rules and scoring) Tues July 11th and/or Fri July 14th noon to 1:30 at the pickleball courts.

Beginning and Intermediate Pickleball: Tues July 18th and/or Fri July 21st noon to 1:30 at the pickleball courts. Then weekly through Aug 8th and/or Aug 11th Contact Coach Dirk at 805-217-0227. dirk.feild@yahoo.com

Send contact information for class materials and reminders. Sign up sheets will be on the bulletin board at the courts.

Prepare to have fun with Dirk and Lynne!

The craft and garage sale event is ready to go on July 15th 9:00 am to 3:00 pm in the Pavilion. All tables have been sold. Overflow space may be available. Contact Sunshine 805-388-1230. Come and shop. Certainly there will be something there you didn't know you needed.

Our summer picnic is Aug 12th. Volunteers needed for set up, grilling and cleanup.

See you at the courts.

Racquet Club Website: sites.google.com/view/leisurevillageracquetclub/home

MAVERICKS CLUB

By Vera Erskine

Pizza Party – July 28 from 6:00pm to 9:00pm in the Pavilion. Cheese, Pepperoni, Hawaiian, Veggie pizzas and salad will be served. Wine, beer and water will also be supplied. As in the past, Golf Chipping in the pool will be played. We'll have a DJ for entertainment. Tickets will go on sale Monday, July 3 at \$15 per person.

Contact Geri DeSimone, 805-484-7308 or Vera Erskine, 805-987-4537.

John Wirtz accepted the position of President of the Mavericks Club soon after the Club was established. John was referred to as the unofficial "Major of Leisure Village." When he met someone new to the Village, he befriended them and immediately invited them to a Club event. Most of the time, it was to a dance, the Billiards Room or a round of golf.

When planning Club events, he wanted to bring the residents together to enjoy each other's company. He never wanted to leave anyone out. During his time as Mavericks Club President, John called his Board members individually to thank them for the work they had done on each event. He loved Leisure Village and his fellow residents. He was a happy, caring, loving, wonderful man. We will all miss him, his welcoming personality and leadership.

LV PHOTO CLUB

By Chuck Morrow

The Leisure Village Photo Club held the monthly competition June 1st at 6:30 pm in the MPR.

The judge for the month was Laura Ise a new face for the Photo Club. Laura is a resident of Toluca Lake and specializes in mood and realness that convey a feeling. The Assigned theme for the month was "Landscapes." Be sure to see all the entries on the Leisure Village SmugMug site at <https://leisurevillage.smugmug.com/LV-Photo-Club-Pictures>.

The winners for June were:

Assigned Category – Chuck Herrera – "Superstition Mountain"

Open Category – Silvia Orr – "Christmas Sunset at Surfers Beach"

Mobile Category – Chuck Herrera – "Rail Lines Everywhere"

The Photo Club is planning a fundraiser dinner dance open to all residents in mid to late August. Also being planned for the Photo

Club are several photography events where the club would travel to locations and discover unique photos based on the photographer's "eye."

If you are looking to improve your photography skills, why not participate in the Photo Club for more information contact Melody Zaida at h2obaby10@gmail.com.

GRAPES R US WINE CLUB

By Barbara Senior

Grapes R Us holds monthly tasting sessions to discover wines of different varietals and to explore wine regions around the world. The June tasting featured wines that are great for summer quaffing, especially several Sangria, Rosé and Grenache.

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

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mended. To get our monthly email invitation, drop a line to Barbara at grapesruslvwineclub@gmail.com or call her at 805-303-1518.

WORKSHOP FOR WRITERS

By Mark Sconce

Leisure Village is blessed to have two unique writers' groups. The first and oldest is the Writers Club whose motto is Write, Present, Listen, Enjoy, Learn. Its members read out loud their various writings over the years be it fiction, non-fiction, memoirs, sci-fi or poetry.

The second group is Workshop For Writers whose members read aloud their presentations and expect to receive friendly feedback on how to improve the piece. It's a workshop

whose motto is: Easy Reading Is Hard Writing. These two clubs are distinct and exist to meet various needs and wants. Pick the one that best suits you, and plan to attend their next meeting.

Writer's Club: Call President Harvey Brosler – 805-465-0006

Workshop For Writers: Call President Mark Sconce – 805-586-4485

BILLIARD CLUB

By Patrick Price

The 9-Ball Tournament begins Monday, July 10. The last day to sign up is Friday, July 7. Sign-up sheets are posted on the Billiards bulletin board. Don't miss out.

Our next Membership meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 25, at 6:30pm in the MPR. 9-Ball Tournament awards will be presented. The next planned event is the Ice Cream Social on Sunday, August 20. Save the date, more details to come.

Also, the round robin tournaments are Thursdays at 6:30pm. Less experienced players are paired with more skilled shooters.

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

SATURDAY NIGHT DANCE PARTY

By Andrea Moran

Hi Villagers, summer is here with all the activities. We are offering complimentary admission for first time attendees to Saturday Night Dance. If you have not attended one of our dances this is an opportunity to check out the fun with live music.

July 8 Ralph Mathis, Lesson, West Coast Swing

July 22 Tom Mendola, Lesson Tango

Admission, \$10.00 per person includes lessons. Lessons start at 6:30 to 7:15 and dancing 7:30 to 10:00. We hope to see you all there. God Bless our troops and Happy 4th of July.

VILLAGE ARTS

By Patti Crichton

We had an enjoyable June picnic in the Pavilion and a great turn out. Thank you to all attendees for your contributions of food and friendship. Much appreciation to the many volunteers who helped out with this event.

Summer is just around the corner, we hope. Reminder that there will be no meeting in July. Member Robin Shubb will be sharing her artistic skills at the August 2nd meeting in the MPR at 1pm. Robin is demonstrating artwork made with fabric.

Kathy Whitesell has added a monthly watercolor class for Village Arts members to her schedule due to high demand - the third Monday of the month at 1pm. Therefore the next classes are Monday, July 17 at 1pm and Friday, July 21 at 1pm or 2:30pm in the Lanai Room. Text Patti at 805-760-7673 to sign up.

I hope many of you read the

interesting article in last month's Inside LV, Just Plein Mel, by Nicole D'Amore. Talented Village Arts member, Mel Rosen, continues to lead plein air art sessions outside on the third Monday of the month at 1pm.

BINGO!

By Bobi Shmerling

Join us for a fun evening of Bingo. You can be a winner too. In the past few weeks some of your friends and neighbors who have won between \$100 and \$300 plus are Carla Barbula, Marium Laser, Peggy Bellen, Al Beaudry and Barbara Hoffman.

Bingo is held on Wednesday evenings at the Recreation Center in the Assembly Room. Minimum buy-in is \$13 for 18 games with payouts ranging from \$40 to \$300 plus. Doors open at 4:45 pm and close at 5:45 pm. Play begins at 6:00 and ends shortly after 9:00 pm. Contact John Herrera 805-419-4195.

DUPLICATE BRIDGE

By Vonnay Brook

We play duplicate Bridge on Monday and Wednesday nights at 6:46pm in the Garden Room. If you're interested in playing, be there at 6:40. Please join us, we would love to have you.

We have between three and five, sometimes six tables. For further information call Vonnay Brook at 805-586-7155.

Also, just to notify everyone one of our regular members, Joan Mesenbring passed away on Monday, June 20. She will be truly missed. She was 89.

LV WOMEN'S CLUB

By Barbara Cogert

While the Women's Club will be "dark" in July, please continue to save your "Change for Change" and your unused toiletries for our local charity, The Lighthouse.

For our August meeting, we are welcoming back Jason Stoll, con-

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cert pianist, who has been enthusiastically received in the past. September brings our Lipsync fundraiser. If you desire to participate as a performer, please contact Lin Grant at grantlinnie70@gmail.com to get on the list. Enjoy your summer!

RV CLUB

By Eugene E Elder

Which LV social club "gets around?" To join the Leisure Village RV Club, you don't even have to own an RV. Many sites we visit have rental cottages. If you already own an RV or are just thinking about buying one, this club is a great resource to access decades of knowledge.

We have monthly trips and/or events scheduled through the end of the year. The club maintains a shed of tools and other helpful items to help make your RV experience better. Call our VP (Eugene) at 805-479-5454 with any questions.

PET CLUB

By Shawn Baker

Drop off your pet food donations at 28127 V28 or 17131 V17

between July 10 and July 16th. Please donate only pet food at this time. No other items accepted. Some pet foods for senior dogs and cats will be accepted. Please **DO NOT** drop any items at the Rec Center. Call Shawn Baker with any questions 805-233-1725.

LET'S DANCE CLUB

By Patrick Price

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

Admission will be \$10 per person. Coffee, water, and punch will be provided. So, it's BYOB for anything else.

The July dance entertainment is Bad Chemistry. Join us on Saturday, July 15th.

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

LV MUSIC CLUB

By Marci Lapair

Please renew your LV Music Club membership for 2023! The LV Music Club is supported through

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These LV Clubs have their Regular Meetings on the Following Days of the Week

Bone Builders: Monday and Wednesday at 8:15 and 9:30am, and on Tuesday and Thursday at 6:00pm in Santa Rosa Room. For 8:15 class, call Mamata 805-558-9360, for the 9:30 class, call Alice 805-437-6169, for the 6:00 class, call MaryAnn 805-390-1909.

Line Dancing: Friday 2-3:30 for Beginners in the AR and Mondays 5:30-6:30 for Intermediate in Santa Rosa room. Contact Merle at merleruiz20@gmail.com.

Great Decisions: 4th Monday 9:30am in Sun Room

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.

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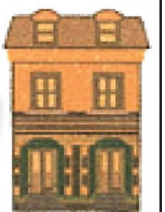
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This month we would like to pay tribute to America's brave founders who had the courage to stand up to oppressive government. For millennia, powerful rulers and governments controlled who had what rights and freedoms. Then on July 4th, 1776, 56 brave men met in Philadelphia to declare that **ALL people are created equal and have certain unalienable rights given to them by their Creator.** *The grantor of a right can also take the right away.* This historic declaration determined for the first time in history that there are certain rights that government couldn't infringe upon or take away. Because these rights were granted by their Creator, they could not be restrained or repealed by human laws.

The brave signers of The **Declaration of Independence** paved the way for a new form of government of the people, by the people, and for the people that changed the course of human history. Knowing their actions would cost them dearly, the signers courageously claimed **"for the support, of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of Divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes, and our sacred Honor."**

It has been said that **the Declaration was the promise, and the Constitution was the fulfillment of that promise.** The Constitution provided the "how" to the "what" of the Declaration of Independence. "The Constitution designed a government from whole cloth then strictly limited its scope — both unheard of at the time. The Constitution's quiet effectiveness is the reason we loudly celebrate the Declaration of Independence today." [quote from J.T. Young on The Federalist, 7/4/18]

America and the liberty we enjoy is a blessing made possible by the sacrifices of our founders: those who signed the Declaration of Independence, fought in the Revolutionary War, and worked to solidify and protect our rights with the forming of our U.S. Constitution. As Rudyard Kipling said in 1889, **"All we have of freedom, all we use or know – this our fathers bought for us long and long ago."**

With rights come responsibilities. It is up to each of us to hold the torch of freedom high, and be willing to work to protect and preserve our inalienable rights that we are endowed with by our Creator. **Freedom isn't free.** Have courage, because **America is the land of the free because of the brave!**

"Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn't pass it to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same."

Ronald Reagan

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