

LV home tour success for the holidays

By Marge Lorraine and **Carol Sweeney**

It may have poured the morning of December 13, but the sun was shining in the afternoon for the Holiday Home Tour sponsored by the Single Active Seniors. Chairpersons Bobbie Comer and Sharron Parker were pleased to announce that the event raised almost \$2,000, with \$100 donated by the Garden Club. The proceeds will be donated to the Village to help complete the landscaping behind the

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Frank and Claudia Rennie display their miniature holiday collection in their Village 38 home.



Marilyn and Hal Liss share their Village 5 home. decorated for Hanukkah.

LV resident celebrates 100th year

By Jack Whalen

Teddy Roosevelt was President of the United States and the Wright Brothers were some 11 days away from making man's first powered flight when Lena Laidlaw was

Her birthdate was December 6, 1903, and on that date in the year 2003, dozens of friends and well-wishers visited with her in Village 38.

Lena was born in the town of Ludington, Michigan, spent her early years there, married and moved with her husband to Chicago. He was in government service and later they moved to the L.A. area. Today she lives with her daughter,



Lena Laidlaw at her 100th birthday party

Lenore Coradi.

Early during the 100th birthday party, Dr. Irving Lassosf, a newly arrived resident in Leisure Village, sang for Lena "One Enchanted Evening," and later, he led the "Happy Birthday, Lena" salute with all guests joining in. Lena loves to play

the L.A. Dodgers and the Lakers. Yes, she's quite an interesting lady, and

cards - for money, that

is! Her food favorites are

sports, she closely follows

See's Candy, ice cream

and cashew nuts. In

friends everywhere wish her many, many more years of happiness.

We often forget: Driving is a privilege, not a right

Driving is a privilege, not a right. The government grants us the privilege of driving if we pass tests showing that we have command of the vehicle we are driving. If we lose control, we could hurt someone else, or ourselves.

There are laws covering the use of private vehicles. Those laws are just as valid here in Leisure Village as they are outside on the public streets. Our guard service is empowered to enforce those laws within these walls, and we are obliged to stay within the law when we drive here.

Starting with a very simple concept: If we arrive at our destination a minute or two later than we planned, nobody will be hurt by that. We could allow for it by starting earlier, but even so, a delay of a minute or two is not a terrible thing. So obeying the 25 mph speed limit on the main streets of

the Village, and the 15 mph limit within each Village, is not a big burden. The limits are there for a purpose: to protect lives and property. The faster one drives, the more one is liable to be unable to stop in time to prevent an accident. So we should all obey the speed

Another law that is commonly ignored: If there is a pedestrian in a crosswalk, it is illegal for a car to enter that crosswalk until the pedestrian has reached the curb on the other side. Even if the pedestrian is walking away from you, you have to remain stopped until the pedestrian has reached the other side of the street. This law is commonly ignored here in the Village, and it is only a matter of time before a pedestrian will be struck by a car because of it. It's not a

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2004 6 Friday, Village

irector Mike Shapiro should be applauded for his support of the Homeowners in trying to keep costs down. Why should assessments each year exceed Social Security increases? Just look around and you will see the waste we are paying for. Everywhere you look a worker is driving his own supply vehicle. It takes money to keep all those cars on the road.

Real estate agents tell us how important curb appeal is in selling a home. Yet we continue to kill our lawns rather than reseed them. If the lawns had been reseeded regularly, the new, healthy grass would have choked out the crabgrass. But the boards have waited too long with their improper action and inaction. Now the lawns will have to be dug up and replanted.

Thousands of dollars have been wasted on hiring a superintendent of landscape, plus the Premo chemical retardant that has made our lawns look worse than ever before. That money should have been



Lucille Livesey, left, and Gail Morrison were the overall winners of the 28th annual Duplicate Bridge Tournament, which was held Nov. 10 in the AR.

put into a fund for new lawns.

We need to maintain our Village, but first we need to use common sense.

- Reg Topping, V. 20

watched the December board meeting over Channel 8 and was appalled at some of the comments. One board member feels we should have a special assessment to get our Village in shape. I'm sure if the waste in the budget were eliminated, an increase in assessments wouldn't be necessary.

Then he challenged a present and former board member about salary increases given in the past, saying increases were never more than 3 percent a year for the past five years. When I served on the board, 4 percent increases were handed out (passed by a 3-2

vote with myself voting in the minority). That was the same year the office manager received a \$4,000 bonus, also by the then-usual 3-2

Our General Manager, who has been employed here for five years, was hired as an accountant in the \$40,000-a-year-range. He now makes more than \$100,000 a year, plus health insurance and perks such as schooling. I believe that averages out to be more than a 3 percent a year increase. Come 2004 when new state legislation takes effect, Homeowners will be able to find out for themselves what the salary structure in Leisure Village is and has been.

- Ethel Ann Pemberton,

n Monday, Dec. 15, a disgraceful incident occurred in the Exercise Room. All four treadmills were occupied and other people in the room were waiting their

Then 20 minutes had passed, two people refused to give up their machines. Security was called, and one resident argued that he had a right to stay on because others had done the same

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LV Classic Films looking at you with 'Casablanca'

By Bob Koster

I hope you all enjoyed the very rare film we saw just before Christmas. It was a real treat to see all our old friends portrayed so

January brings us "Casablanca," one of the finest films-noir ever made. Humphrey Bogart was never more manly, Ingrid Bergman was never more gorgeous and innocent, Claude Rains was delightfully corrupt, "Cuddles" Sakall was more Hungarian than ever, and Konrad Veidt was obsessively evil as Col. Strasser. I know you noticed the almost thrown-away lines of the elderly couple who were preparing to go to America, showing the Maitre d' their command of English.

There will be some extra added attractions, for instance, Bugs Bunny star-ring in "Carrot Blanca," where Warner Brothers parodied their own classic film using the cartoon character. For those who wish to stay, there is also a fascinating documentary called "You Must Remember This,' hosted by Lauren Bacall, with lots of backstage info and some outtakes from the movie.

In February, we will reach back into the thrilling days of yesteryear. One of the great stars of the silent era was Rudolph Valentino. We have several of his movies, and we will show why he had such a huge hold on the audience of his day. Either "Blood and Sand" or "Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse" would show his great talent. The "Four Horsemen" has the famous tango that made him a star. We might have a comedy short subject to accompany the show also.

As always, stay tuned to Channel 8 for the latest info on the classic films, and for all the skinny on the clubs and services around Leisure Village. See you next time!

Deadlines for next month

The Display Advertising deadline for the February 2004 issue will be Monday, January 12, at 5 p.m. Deadline for letters, club news, stories and photos is Saturday, January 15, at 5 p.m. Publication is scheduled for February 6. Typed copy, double-spaced, should be deposited in the ILV box in the Recreation Center hallway. Handwritten material should be submitted early to allow for typing

Beginning next month, Inside Leisure Village will publish on the first Friday of each month. The deadline for all letters, club news, stories and photos will be the 15th of the month prior to publication.

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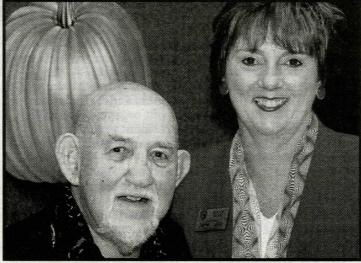
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Some 225 friends and neighbors of Percy Silver age 90 nearest birthday attended a musical concert in celebration of his birthday. This was a tribute honoring him for his many years of service to the residents of Leisure Village, the City of Camarillo and the County of Ventura.

Kathy Long, Ventura County Supervisor, was Mistress of Ceremonies, and the musical program featured Madame Vivian Florian, European piano virtuoso, who has played and given concerts with orchestras around the world. As a special tribute to Percy, she played her own special arrangement of his two favorite numbers, "Autumn Leaves" and "Those Were the Days.

Supervisor Long informed the audience that Percy Silver is currently a member of the Leisure Village Educational and Recreation Committee and Channel 8, and for two



Percy Silver is honored for his many services to the community by Ventura County Supervisor Kathy Long.

years was the voice of Channel 8, broadcasting to the visually impaired. He is the representative for the City of Camarillo to the Ventura County Transportation Committee

and is currently President of the Camarillo B'nai B'rith.

Supervisor Long told of the many years that Percy has been a political activist, actually starting when he was hired as a "go-pher" by Missey LeHand, secretary to New York Gov. Franklin D. Roosevelt. This was when FDR arrived in Chicago those many years ago to accept the Democratic National Convention nomination, which named him as its candidate. He found Percy to be a member of his campaign staff. Percy later served on various political committees and was actually on stage with Robert Kennedy when he was shot by Sirhan Sirhan.

This entire program was taped by Channel 8 and will be shown at a later date. Rumor has it that CNN has requested a copy of the tape for possible inclusion in a Santa Barbara/Ventura County segment of its broadcast.

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thing. He was shouting at the Security Officer and would not listen to reason. (The Security Officer was polite and patient.) The second resident just ignored everyone and continued her workout past the time limit.

Such behavior is appalling from so-called adults. We all have to live in harmony and respect each others' needs. In the Exercise Room, a 20-minute limit (when others are waiting) has been established so that everyone can have a time at basic exercise.

Good manners and good neighborliness require adherence to a fair rule, set for the benefit of all. Please be considerate of others.

- Robert Nathan, V. 44

went to Longs the other day to get some milk. As I am able to walk there, I left my purse at home and just took my wallet. When I went to pay for the milk, I reached in my pocket for my wallet. To my honor, it was not there.

I was upset and walked home.

Not long after, I received a phone call. It was Barbara Bell from Village 23. She informed me that she had found my wallet in the street. I offered to come for it, but she insisted she would bring it over. This she did, with all the contents intact. I could not thank her enough and am pleased to report that there are honest people in the world — and in this Village.

- Evelyn Bearman, V. 24

o whom it may concern, and it concerns all of us: Since the Village stopped spraying for ants, bugs, etc., each homeowner must pay for an outside service. Why can't the Village resume this service and charge homeowners a modest fee? It would be nice if some of our clubs would underwrite some of these costs.

I'd like to form a committee to look into these things. Call me at 482-6660.

- Jean Aird, V. 13

55 Alive class is Jan. 15, 16

By Naomi Balfour

After a nice vacation in December, the 55 Alive class is ready to start again. This class is brought to the Village to help the residents who wish to continue to drive safely. It is also helpful to those who want to refresh their memory about the rules of the road and changes in the law as they

are preparing to take the written tests for driver's license renewal.

The next class will be on Jan. 15 and 16 from 1 to 5 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room. The cost is \$10 per person and you must be pre-registered and pre-paid. To register and pay, please call Naomi Balfour at 987-9851 or Ruth Miller at 987-

Weight loss class now under way

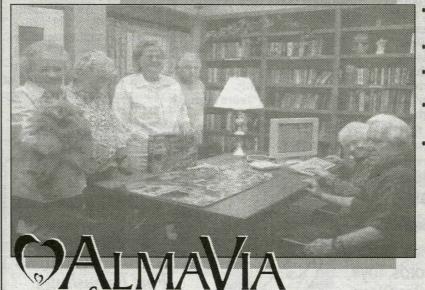
Now is the time to think about losing those extra pounds. Summer will be approaching quickly, and our weight control class is here to help you. We have many incentives and awards to help you reach your goal.

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County supervisor thanks LV for helping homeless

By Kathy Long, Ventura County Supervisor, Third District

It is with great pleasure that I have directed and helped facilitate the efforts by public agencies and private donors to find a transitional home in Ventura County for children and families who have found themselves homeless and in need of a "hand up." The residents of Leisure Village have been instrumental in offering assistance by way of time and money to help make this dream come true. Thanks to the support of this community at the facility, children and families in greatest need will have an opportunity to experience a warm meal, a cozy bed, a place to study and, most of all, a safe environment in

which to begin a new life.

Earlier this year, in a survey of homeless persons in Ventura County conducted by the Ventura County Homeless and Housing Coalition, some rather startling findings were released in their seventh annual "Point-in-Time Survey." The ranks of the homeless population are growing, and more than half (51 percent) are newly homeless. People are remaining homeless longer — this year 37 percent had been homeless two years or more and 61 percent had not rented a room or apartment for a year or longer. Disabled people comprise one-third of the sheltered population - 29 percent physically disabled and 32 percent mentally ill. More than half of those

sheltered (51 percent) were women and children.

There is a bright side to these statistics. On December 6, the RAIN Transitional Shelter began moving families and individuals into their new facility on Lewis Road in Camarillo. This is a long-awaited opportunity to reach out to those in greatest need and extend a helping hand from our Camarillo community.

The new shelter has the capacity to assist a total of 75 individuals, including children and families, and will provide ongoing support for job placement, family counseling and health care screening. This is an enormous effort that will take more than just county staff assistance. We have wonderful, caring staff assigned

to the shelter, which is further supported by the recently formed Rain Communities, Inc, a nonprofit organization. RCI President is Ami Milla of Camarillo, and the board includes several key local leaders.

I am asking your continued support on behalf of the RCI Board and the county's shelter operation. There is always a need for clothing, furnishings and household supplies. The current wish list requests items for bedrooms, such as air fresheners, waste baskets, lamps, throw rugs, alarm clocks, clothes hampers and toiletry baskets. If you have any questions regarding needed items, please contact Kathleen Foster at 388-

Volunteers are also needed for daily support in special event preparation of children's birthday parties and holiday celebrations. There is a shortage of adults who can sit quietly and read to a child or offer a listening ear of experience to an adult seeking new employ-

If you are able to volunteer time or lend direct support to the shelter, please contact Gayle Watson, Volunteer Coordinator, at 388-4462. If you are able to make a financial contribution or want to be involved in the support of families and transition assistance, please contact the RCI Board at 388-4334. Your support will truly make a difference to many families. Thank you!

Statements regarding LV expenses called into question

By Jerry Doctrow and Ben Miller

As former members of the Ad Hoc Outside Management Committee, we wish to express our views regarding Mike Shapiro's biased comments during the November Open Board meeting.

He stated that LV is overstaffed and that there is considerable waste in Village operations. He also cited several figures concerning percentages, which to us are very suspect.

In using an eight-year comparative figure as an example, he stated that our assessments had increased 46.9 percent. It wasn't until Nov. 11, 2001, that the Village encountered severe

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financial problems! Because of statutory regulations, we were required to maintain proper insurance coverages. The financial market fell drastically, causing a severe jolt to insurance industry funding. Our Master Policy premium increased from about \$285,000 to nearly \$1,000,000. Other fixed insurance costs rose considerably — hence the special assessment.

Regarding personnel costs, in 1999-2000, the budgeted salary payroll amounted to roughly \$2,300,000. Four years later (2003-2004) this payroll increased to \$2,500,000. In

1999-2000, we had 88 fulltime and 14 part-time employees. In 2003-2004, we have 90 full-time and 10 part-time employees hardly a significant percentage increase!

Our Village is more than 30 years old. We have significant overgrowth of trees and plants which require greater attention. Our common area maintenance of lawns takes considerable effort because of aging utility units, etc. We are entering a water recycling program which will eventually be cost reductive. We have a very capable general manager with an efficient staff of employees who reduce costs in many ways. (For one example, our Resident

Service employees perform many cost-reductive repairs).

Our General Manager

performs annual salary surveys for the Los Angeles and Ventura County areas.

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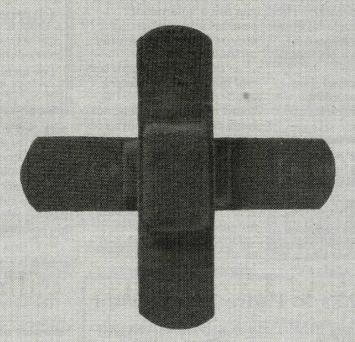












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Volunteering should be heartfelt

By Edward Hawthorne

This is my third article on what I consider to be misconceptions regarding our "rights" as homeowners. I call them "myths." The first two, which dealt with committee meetings and homeowner demands, were published in the September and October 2003 issues of ILV as letters to the editor. I have identified about a dozen such myths for future publication in ILV. This third myth concerns volun-

Characteristic of our misconception about volunteering is the myth that "volunteers cannot be fired." What a disaster it would be for all of us if anyone could insist on a position of responsibility simply by volunteering for it! Isn't it obvious that any "volunteer" could demonstrate by his or her subsequent action that continuing on the job could be

unproductive or downright detrimental to others?

Volunteering is a genuine and generous offer of assistance to others. Volunteers should be and are appreciated. Their only reward can/should be the satisfaction of having helped. Volunteering per se does not letters to ILV attempted to entail any right to any other reward, nor does it entail any "right" to have the offer to volunteer accepted! Nor do volunteers have any right to a continuing acceptance of his/her offer to serve. If a volunteer does more harm than good, he/she can and should be "fired"!

Let me give a few examples of how this myth of volunteers' "rights" manifested itself in recent Village history. In all these cases, a clearer recognition of this myth could have saved us much confusion and dissent.

- Some time ago, one

homeowner adamantly complained in a letter to the editor about the Board's failure to appoint him as committee chair, claiming that he was entitled to this by his seniority as a member of

that committee. - Another time, several generate a public outery under a heading, "How can you fire a volunteer?' because a friend was removed from a committee by the board.

- Still another time, several homeowners raised a public outery because the board refused to accept outgoing committee chair's recommendation for the new chairperson.

And so, by all means, let us volunteer. The Village would be a drastically worse place if we didn't. But let's not misunderstand our "rights" as volunteers. Let us all be gracious, not "demanding" volunteers.

In memoriam

Lagus (Smitty) Smith, V. 8 Mildred Sahl, V. 7 Albert Slater, V. 23 Morrie Gest, V. 15 Ann Donohue, formerly V. 37 Garey Cook, V. 39

For memoriams, please call Jean Aird at 482-6660.

d and I would like to express our most sincere thanks for vour compassionate concern for my recovery from my back surgery. Your many cards, telephone calls, flowers, prayers and food

were a contributing factor in my recovery. We wish to thank you all for your concern and thoughtfulness.

Ilene and Ed Evans,

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Home Mass celebrated thanks to Padre Serra pastor

By Shirley Koval

Through the efforts of Padre Serra's Leisure Village Pastoral Ministry, a home Mass was celebrated on Friday, Dec. 12, the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

The Mass was presided by Padre Serra's Associate Pastor, Fr. Varghese, and complimented with lovely and fitting music provided by Carol Browning. The Mass took place in the home of Eileen Splinter and was a true blessing to all who attended, especially the Catholics who regularly receive Communion at home by our Eucharistic Ministers.

Father Varghese administered the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick to those who requested it, and

everyone present received many blessings through the intimate setting of the Mass.

For further information on a future home Mass to be scheduled during the coming Easter season, please call Shirley Koval at 484-

SUPPORT GROUPS

The Caregivers Support Group meets on the first Thursday of each month at 1 p.m. in the Lanai Room, dealing with dementia, Alzheimer's, strokes and other health problems. Come and meet Jim Sheldon, our facilitator from the Camarillo Health Care Center. For information,

please call 482-6660.

The Bereavement Support Group meets every Thursday at 11 a.m. in the Lanai or Sun Room. We are a good, helpful group and support each other. Come join us. For information, call 482-6660.

TIKVAH GROUP

By Selma Lich

The Tikvah Group will meet on Friday, Dec. 19, at 7:30 p.m. at Ner Ami, 4098 Calle Tesoro, Camarillo, and on the third Friday evening

of each month thereafter. All are welcome. For information, please call Selma Lich at 484-8129 or Jean Aird at 482-6660.



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matter of whether, but a matter of when. We can take the extra few seconds to be courteous and safetyconscious for the protection of our neighbors. It's not a great sacrifice.

The law further states that windshields must be clear. Nothing can hang from a person's rear-view mirror into the windshield because it will block part of the view to the front. This refers to fuzzy dice, various small bits of clothing, but especially the blue parking permits for disabled persons. It is illegal to drive with those attached to the mirror. They must be taken down and put up only when needed, for parking purposes only, not for driving

around. It takes about two seconds to remove the permit, and maybe three seconds to put it on the mirror, so that, too, is not a big sacrifice to the cause of safety. Nothing should obstruct the view forward when driving.

If you hear a siren, it means someone is in trouble and someone else is rushing to help that person. The law says that upon hearing a siren, a driver must drive to the curb at the right and stop. It does not mean to slow up and stay in lane. It means to curb the car and stop entirely until the emergency vehicle has passed. After the vehicle has passed, it also is necessary to look around and see if there are other emergency vehicles coming from the same direction. When there is a medical emergency, usually both a fire truck and an

55 Alive course

The 55 Alive driving course for seniors can help those who may need a refresher on the rules of the road. The next class at Leisure Village is Jan. 15 and 16. For more information on the course, see Page 3.

ambulance will respond. The fire truck may have passed you, but the ambulance is right behind it, and you might pull out in front of the ambulance if care is not taken. Always look carefully and listen before pulling out after an emergency vehicle has passed.

This is obvious, but not doing it has caused more

accidents in Leisure Village than other things: When a car stops at a stop sign, the driver must look both ways before pulling out into traffic. Both ways. Even if turning right, the driver will look to the left, but not right, and miss a car that is approaching to turn into the street from which the driver is coming. That's a prescription for disaster. Or suppose that a pedestrian is crossing the street to the right? Look both ways.

Even more basic, "rolling stops" are illegal and dangerous. When you come to a stop sign, you must stop your car entirely. All forward movement must cease. Then you can proceed. This, of course, will give you the time you need to check both directions before proceeding.

And once again, as has been mentioned many

times, it is illegal to drive golf carts and motorized wheelchairs on the public streets of Camarillo. The Santa Rosa Shopping Center, right next door, is private property whose owner prohibits golf carts. And Santa Rosa, as well as Los Pueblos, are both closed to golf carts and motorized wheelchairs. If you must go on those streets, your wheelchair can easily be driven onto the sidewalks because ramps have been put there for the purpose. Driving on the streets is inviting disaster, with all the youngsters living in the neighborhood driving whilst using their cell phones, etc.

A few simple rules will keep all of us healthy and happy for much longer, and we all appreciate these few simple courteous and necessary rules of the road.

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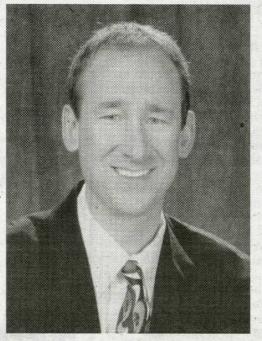
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Elephant seals are worth a trip

By Bill Himstreet

Thousands of people visit Hearst Castle daily, but during the middle January through April period, many guests fail to drive the three or four miles north on Highway 1 to see one of nature's marvelous operations — the annual elephant seal migration to the beach between San Simeon and the beautiful Point Piedras Blanca (white rock) Lighthouse.

Elephant seals are large ocean-going mammals with adults weighing 500 to 800 pounds. Several hundred invade the beach area to commune with one another and give birth to hundreds of pup seals which weigh 30 to 60 pounds at birth. Like most moms, the seal mother tends to her baby as a nearby male plays guardian. The scenic beach area is sealed off for human protection, but viewers are able to be within a few feet of the seals.

Parking is plentiful, no admission fee is charged, and guides are available to explain what goes on. Mounted displays are also available.

Near the middle to

end of April, the seals take off for points north in Canadian and Alaskan waters to rest and prepare for the next migration. Amazingly, they tend to return to the same location without referring to AAA maps.

It's about 180 miles from Camarillo one way. Superior lodging and food are available. For example, the El Rey Garden Inn (1-800-821-7914) offers packages including room, dinner, and Hearst Castle tickets. El Rey is good in all respects and not listed in the AAA material.

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e would like to thank the fellows at the woodworking shop for the great job they did on creating a beautiful new wooden handle on a griddle we thought was not reparable. Many, many thanks.

— Seymour and Paula Lite, V. 18

would like to express my appreciation for the get-well wishes I received from so many people. It was especially heartening to hear from old friends that I haven't seen recently. This will offer more incentive for my longterm recovery.

Again, my thanks for all these good wishes.

- Ben Miller, V. 31

who mistakenly took my short beige coat from the A.R. the night of the Billiard/Golf Holiday Dinner Dance please call me at 484-4737? I have your coat and gloves.

— Barbara Swartz, V. 17

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Our personnel costs are well within these lines.

Mike Shapiro, in his campaign for Board Office, openly stated that he saved the Village \$400,000 during his elected terms. He has

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Recreation Center.

The mood was festive as 300 Villagers entered the six homes that were open to the guests. They had to put booties over their shoes in order to protect the interiors, and that seemed to add to the fun. They were enthusiastic as they met new friends and didn't seem to mind waiting in line to enter the homes. In addition, they all expressed admiration of the many changes that the owners had made to the homes.

After the tour they gathered in the Garden Room for a reception that included a sumptuous array of homemade candies and sweets donated by the members of the Single Active Seniors.

not substantiated how this occurred, since the Finance Committee and entire five Board members evaluate and determine the budget. He was Treasurer and Sub Finance Committee chair in 1998-1999 when he recommended that our street maintenance schedule be

increased to 20 years instead of five years!

Our question is: "Is that how he plans to save money for the Village — not considering the long-term cost of this expense?"

Presently, we are comfortable knowing that our Safety and Security Services Department is very reliable and that our staff members and gardeners are capable

and trustworthy. Let's keep it that way!





Budget planning has now begun for FY 2004-05

By Bill Himstreet

Every year, from October until April, the LVA Board, departments, management, and the Finance Committee engage in the serious process of budget preparation. The next fiscal year runs from April 1, 2004, through March 31, 2005. This also covers the term of office for a new Board of Directors, which will include three carry-over members.

In general, the process consists of management and department heads preparing a budget of expenses required for the following year and presenting that proposal to the Finance Committee, currently chaired by Pat Busch, for review. From its study of the proposal, the Committee, consisting of several residents with appropriate experience and skills, recommends an annual budget to the Board, which is responsible for the final budget.

Much face-to-face discussion takes place in the process of seeking agreement. Additionally, further adjustments may be made as we move toward the end of the current fiscal year and are able to experience actual financial income and outgo rather than estimates used in arriving at the preliminary budget.

The final budget determines what each of the 2,136 residences will be assessed. Those working on the budget are serious about keeping costs down and the Village up.

It will be a grand night for singing



The Leisure Village Chorale, under the direction of Marcene Jardine, center, prepares to practice for its "It's A Grand Night For Singing" concert, scheduled for Jan. 23 in the AR.

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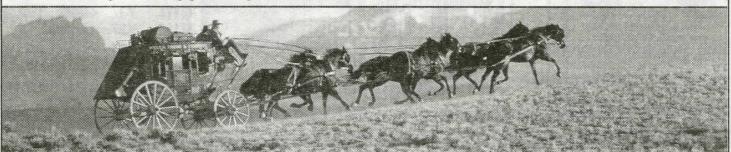
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Sounds of silence are no more, thanks to TV

By Joseph Benti

Most great changes in our lives are like desert sands, shifting slowly, relentlessly, covering us and our reality before we know it.

Television is like that. Two or three generations

ago, it was an oddity. Like sex, television was something most Americans enjoyed at home.

For the majority, television offers hours of escape from whatever it is we want to be free of.

However, now, like sex,

television is more and more out in the public square. So much so, that it is hard to escape its hypnotic glare and its increasingly pumped up sound.

Those not hearingimpaired cannot escape television's maddening chatter no matter where we go.

Once, promising to "educate, inform and entertain," television has instead become an intrusive nuisance, long ago ridding itself of any pretense of informing or educating

And with our gullible acceptance, it increasingly sells us down whatever river promises commercial navigation.

The wholesale surrender to television is so complete that sets now dominate most conceivable public nooks and crannies outside our homes, with the possible exception of hospital delivery rooms and mortuaries.

Here in Leisure Village, the question of when is a television set a public nui-

sance has popped up at a couple of Board Meetings. Resident John Stanton is so upset by the din of the TV in the public Fitness Room that he wrote two personal checks to the Board in the amount of \$250, asking for some solution that would quiet the blaring sound. In this case, one person's pleasure treadmilling or pumping iron to "Oprah" or some "soap" is just an earitating, brain-pounding intrusion into Stanton's exercise time.

At the December Board Meeting, when Stanton spoke, three residents (about 10 percent of those in attendance) grumbled audibly and visibly showed their disapproval with Stanton's request for the Board to come up with a technological fix so there could be some free of the all-pervasive tube.

I wish Stanton luck. But I don't think he can win. The sounds of silence are not so easily heard, not these days, not even here.

The beautiful side of life in LV

It is not raining now, but it was briefly yesterday, and it rained quite a bit a few days ago. Camarillo has particular pleasures for apresrain days. There is always a different smell in the air, like newly mowed grass. The flowers in the patio seem to be brighter - they like the natural water. But more than anything, the colors all seem to be brighter. The trees and flowers around Leisure Village all seem freshly washed, happy to be clean again.

The clouds all have gold linings along about sunset, especially just off shore over the ocean. The different shades of gold can be quite startling, and always inspiring. Then, as the sun sets, the layer of clouds on the horizon gets a vibrant silver

corona. This lining gets smaller and smaller as the sun dips below the horizon, until at last it is no more and the day has come to a close. These impressions seem to be stronger right after a good, heavy rainfall in Leisure Village.

Another rewarding sight is the early morning fog sitting on the hillside just to our west. It smothers the hilltops and softens the view of the crags and cliffs. Then, as the day wears on, it moves out to sea. One cannot help but remember Carl Sandburg's poem:

The fog comes on little cat feet.

It sits looking over harbor and city,

On silent haunches, And then moves on.

If you need help, ask God. If you don't need help, thank God.

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37133	V.37	Amalfi	Sold	\$320,000
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Thank you, Leisure Village

Showtyme meets Jan. 19

The Showtyme Club monthly business meeting will be the third Monday of every month, as usual, featuring some of the finest professional entertainment available.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, Jan. 19, in the A.R., starting at

7:30 p.m. It's free, of course, fun! and refreshments are served.

Don't forget to renew your Showtyme membership. It's only \$5 for the whole year, and we offer ticket discounts on the "big shows" with your membership. Join in, and have some

We thank Mr. Stewart Rose for his great performance, singing his newest CD releae for us at the December meeting, and we will have comparable entertainment for everyone in January. Watch Channel 8 for information.

'Mr. Everybody' coming to LV in March, thanks to Showtyme

The "big show" to look for and plan to attend will star the one and only Fred Travelena.

This show is scheduled for Sunday, March 21, in the AR at 2:30 p.m. "Known throughout the

entertainment business as 'Mr. Everybody,' Fred Travelena is more than an impressionist. He's a fine comedian, top dramatic talent and great singer who has emerged as one of the most sought-after and compelling entertainment luminaries in our business," says Variety magazine.

"He will fill the show with his humor, voices of familiar presidents and hundreds of personalities and singers, including Fred Travelena!" the article continued.

"Prior to our last successful show with the Lawrence Welk Players, we tried to get Fred at that time, but he was not available, Showtyme President Jim Brown stated. "We finally got him between other shows he's scheduled to do, and now he will entertain us here in Leisure Village. He's really a great talent, and we're happy to have him appear here.

Don't forget! Ticket sales start soon and will be available starting in February. Watch Channel 8 for this information. The ticket lady, Roz Feldman, will again handle all ticket sales. She suggests that you make your reservations early for this rare entertainment treat for Leisure Village residents.



Tickets will go on sale in February for Fred Travelena, also known as 'Mr. Everybody.'

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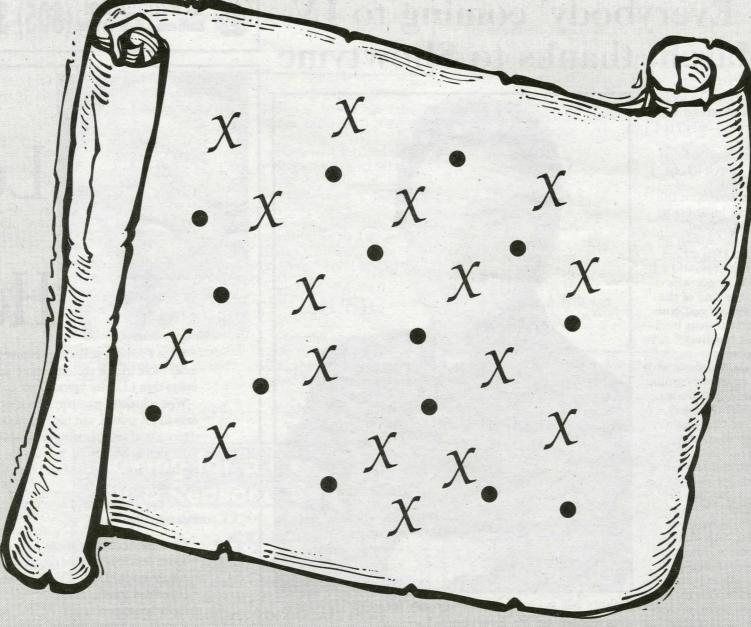
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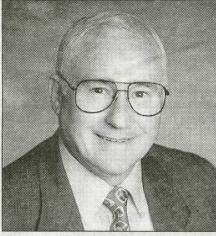
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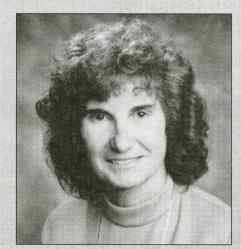
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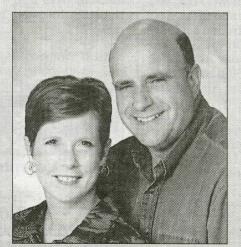
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ARTS & CRAFTS

Ceramic Mold Decorating: Wednesdays at 12:30 p.m. in the Ceramic Room. Info: Ruth Noyes, 389-1553

Ceramic Plus: General meeting is on the fourth Thursday from 10 a.m. to noon in the MPR. Info: Robert Nathan, 484-5568

Needleworks Etc.: Fridays from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. in the GR. Info: Celia Gordon, 484-3441

Village Painters: First Wednesday from 1 to 3 p.m. in the MPR. Info: Sylvia Watcher, 389-1147

Art Class: Mondays from 1 to 3 p.m. in the LR. Info: Ruth Miller, 482-3471.

SUPPORT GROUPS

Bereavement: First, second, fourth and fifth Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the SR. Also third Thursday from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the LR. Info: Jean Aird, 482-

Care Givers Support: First Friday from 1 to 3:30 p.m. in the LR. Info: Jean Aird, 482-6660.

Self Awareness: Mondays from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the SR. Info: Maxine Fritz, 482-

EXERCISE

Exercise: Monday through Friday, 8:30 to 9 a.m., in the Pavilion. Info: Shiphrah Maller, 482-3072.

Yoga: Tuesdays from 10:30 a.m. to noon in the AR. Info: Jack and Dori Prosen, 482-1423

WORKSHOPS

These are the workshops offered in the Ceramics Room. Times and dates may vary:

Sculpture and Pottery: Mondays and Thursdays, 9 a.m. to noon.

Origami: Fridays from 1 to 3 p.m.

Ceramic Mold Finishing: Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Paper Mache: Tuesdays from 1 to 3 p.m.

Beginners Sculpture: Fridays from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Arthritis: Tuesdays from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. in the

SPORTS

Billiards: Fourth Tuesday from 7:30 to 9 p.m. in the MPR. Info: Sam Kay, 484-2443

Bocce: Fourth Thursday from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. inthe AR. Info: Sharon Hahn. 482-2873

Golf Men's: Second Tuesday from 2 to 4 p.m. in the MPR. Info: Bob Hinkel, 384-9444

Golf Women's: Second

Wednesday from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. in the AR. Info: Donna Duke, 987-2627

Racquet Club: Second Wednesday from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. in the AR. Info: Norman Seradon, 482-2777

Bowling (off site): Friday mornings at 10 a.m. at Harley Camarillo Bowl. Info: Bo Humphrey, 987-7017

MUSIC

Chorale: Mondays from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. in the MPR. Info: Naomi Goodman, 383-5555

Keyboard: Third Friday

from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. in the AR. Info: Jules Nayfack, 388-2196.

Liedleers: Second and fourth Tuesday from 10 to 11:30 a.m. in the LR. Info: Selma Lich, 484-8129

and third Friday from 10 a.m. to noon in the MPR.

American Masters: Fourth Friday, 10 a.m. to noon in the MPR. Info: John Callas, 987-5630

Rhythmettes: Tuesdays from 1 to 2:30 p.m. in the AR. Info: Jeanette Ventura,

Sing-a-long: Second and last Monday, 7 to 9:30 p.m. in the AR. Info: Jules Nayfack, 388-2196

GENERAL EVENTS

Single Active Seniors: First and second Tuesdays from 7 to 9 p.m. in the MPR. Also third, fourth and fifth Tuesdays from 7 to 9

p.m. in the Annex. Info: Zelda Greentree, 389-9694

Solo Club: Third Friday from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. in the SR. Info: Marion Jayne, 484-5112

Veterans: Fourth Music Appreciation: First Thursday from 7:30 to 9:30 in the MPR. Info: Ben Racowsky, 445-8284, or Martin Alfred, 389-1610.

> Weight Control: Tuesdays from 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. in the GR. Info: Connie Santangelo, 484-7463.

Womens Club: First Thursday from 1:30 to 3 p.m. in the AR. Info: Eleanor Thomas, 388-1068.

Y.N.C.G.: First Friday from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. in the VR. Blood pressure clinic is the first Monday from 7 to 8 p.m. in the AR. Info: Mitzi Allison, 445-9032

Conversational Hebrew: Wednesdays from 2 to 3:30 p.m. in the VR. Info: Ben Racowsky, 445-8284

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Amateur Radio: Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to noon in the VR. Info: Marge May, 484-

Camera Club: First and third Wednesdays from 7:30 to 10 p.m. in the MPR. Info: Vic Fledge, 388-2120

Computer Club: Fourth Friday from 10 a.m. to noon in the AR. Info: David Harris, 388-2522

Farmers Club: Info: Art Thomson, 482-3374. Call Art to be placed on plot request list.

Garden Club: Second Thursday from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. in the MPR. Info: Georgia Griswold, 388-1383

Players Guild: Third Thursday from 7:30 to 9 p.m. in the AR. Info: Clarice Shapiro, 987-5825

New York Club: First Thursday from 7 to 9:30 p.m. in the AR. Info: Marty Hasen, 388-0618

Jazzercise: Wednesdays from 9 to 10 a.m. in the AR. Info: Cathy Friedman, 383-

R.V. Club: Third Tuesday from 7:30 to 10 p.m. in the MPR. Info: Bob Moreland, 987-8881

Showtyme: Third Monday from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. in the AR. Info: Jim Brown, 482-0598

Bingo: Wednesdays from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. in the AR. Info: Marion Tavano, 482-1649

BRIDGE

Duplicate: Mondays from 12:30 to 3 p.m. in the AR. Info: Edie Pedersen, 484-

Duplicate: Mondays from 6:30 to 10 p.m. in the GR. Info: Lucille Goldin, 987-

Intermediate Duplicate Bridge: Wednesdays from 6:30 to 10 p.m. in the GR. Info: Helene Haleman, 389-

Duplicate: Thursdays from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. in the GR. Info: Edie Pedersen, 484-0312

Rank Beginning Bridge Class: Fridays from 1:30 to 4 p.m. in the GR. Info: Raye Gabriel, 383-0130

Duplicate Bridge: Fridays Aird, 482-6660. from 6:30 to 10 p.m. in the GR. Info: Blanche Burns, 484-5433

Cards: Mondays from 7 to 9:30 p.m. in the SR. Info: Ruth Resnik, 482-0578

DANCE

Dance Workshop: Tuesdays from 3 to 4:30 p.m. in the AR. Info: Rhoda Smithkin, 484-8132

Happy Hoofers: Mondays from 9 to 11 a.m. in the AR. Also Thursdays from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. in the AR. Info: Ida Zeller, 484-9882

International Folk Dance: Mondays from 1 to 3 p.m. in the AR. Info: Esther Rudnick, 388-5853.

Live Band Dance: Every fifth Saturday from 8 to 11 p.m. in the AR. Info: Jean

Round Dance: Sundays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the AR. Info: Bob Vanicek, 389-1404.

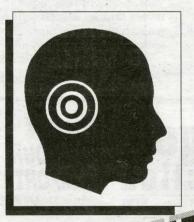
Saturday Night Ballroom Dance: Saturdays from 8 to 11 p.m. in the AR. Info: Jean Aird, 482-6660.

Swing Dance: First and third Saturdays from 8 to 11 p.m. in the AR.

Village Cloggers: Tuesdays from 4:30 to 6 p.m. in the AR. Info: Louise Houser, 388-1303

Village Swingers: Tuesdays from 7:30 to 10 p.m. in the AR. Info: Murray Kanner or Lil Bein

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By Raye Gabriel

Beginning Bridge classes are held on Fridays from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. in the G.R. Rave Gabriel is the instructor.

Lead outs, finessing, conventions, etc., will be reviewed.

The new class will start on Friday, Jan. 9. You are welcome to join us to review your play of the hand. Call 333-0130 for more information.

Garden Club

By Naomi Balfour

Winter Wonderland was the theme for the installation of officers on December 8. Following the luncheon in a beautifully decorated Assembly Room, the new officers for 2004 were installed. They are as follows: President, Shirley Hardt: First Vice President. Claire Sortomme: Second Vice Presidents, Joyce Baker and Sally Douglas; Secretary, Fran Cohen; and Treasurer, Hazel Sheridan.

The first meeting of the new year will be on January 15 at 9:30 a.m. in the Multipurpose Room. Please notice that the date has been changed from the second Thursday to the third Thursday of the month.

The speaker will be Jerry Sortomme, and the subject is "Outer Space Affects Plant Life on Earth." Come and bring a friend or a new neighbor.

Annual dues of \$5 for 2004 will be accepted.

Those interested in Marathon Bridge, please pay \$10 at the January meeting.

Rhythmette Club

By Jean Aird

The Rhythmettes group meets every Tuesday at 1 p.m. in the A.R. We need new people. We have been rehearsing since 1976. We

would like to go to convalescent homes to entertain. This is good therapy for you. For information, call 482-6660.

Women's Club

By Eleanor Thomas

Women's Club will begin the new year on Thursday, Feb. 5, at 1:30 p.m. in the A.R. with a rousing program by the Razzberry Jam Dixieland Jazz Band. The group, which has been in existence for 10 years, is composed of seven musicians, mostly retired seniors, who come from Ventura, Oxnard and Fillmore. They play New Orleans-style Dixie Land jazz on the piano, bass tuba, drums, banjo, trumpet, trombone and clarinet. Do join us for a lively afternoon!

There will be refreshments and a social hour following the program.

Officers for 2004 installed in December who will be leading all of our activities are Eleanor Thomas, President; Mickey Knapp, First Vice President; Dorothy Swallow, Second Vice President; Donna Duke. Third Vice President: Shirley Francis, Secretary; Virginia Koltes, Treasurer; and Betty Andersen,

Corresponding Secretary.

Trading Post on Thursday, Feb. 5, will again have on display many items for the home, gifts, books and wonderful bargains in the Clothing Closet. Hours for the sale are 10 a.m. to 1

Live Band Dance

By Jean Aird

Live band dances are held on the fifth Saturday of the month. The next live band dance will be held on January 31, featuring the Rhythm Kings Orchestra. Refreshments will be served. BYOB. Tickets for the dance are \$5 per person. Watch Channel 8 for ticket sale times. For information, please call 482-6660.

Saturday Night Dance

By Jean Aird

The Leisure Village ballroom dances are held every Saturday from 8 to 10 p.m. Many great tapes including foxtrot, swing, cha-cha, tango and others are used. Refreshments are served and BYOB. A 50-cent donation is requested. Come and socialize. For information, please call 482-6660.

Veterans Club

By Martin Alfred

The Veterans Club will resume its regular meeting on Thursday, Jan. 22, at 7:30 p.m. in the MPR. Our guest speaker, Col. George Compton (Ret.) is head of the Ventura County Veterans Service and will bring us up to date on all matters which concern veterans. He is always informative, interesting and a good friend of us ex-Gls, and we look forward to seeing and hearing him.

Hope you enjoyed the holidays and wish everyone a healthy, happy New Year.

We have several additional interesting speakers lined up and can always use more. Don't be bashful: volunteer! It ain't against the rules.

Everyone is invited to our meetings.

L.V. Chorale

By Elise Perlmutter

"It's a Fine Night for Singing" will be the theme for our winter concert, which will be held on Friday, January 23, at 7:30 p.m. in the A.R. Tickets are \$5 each. Watch Channel 8 for further information as to ticket sales.

The concert will be directed by Marcene Jardine, and Dorothy Weiss will be the accompanist. This concert will consist of a variety of lovely music. Come and be entertained.

For more information, call 484-2492 or 383-5555.

Woodshop

By Martin Alfred

Santa's little helpers in the woodshop have just completed a very productive year, fixing broken chairs, tables and an assortment of whatchamacallits and spreading joy throughout

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Solo Club

By Marion Jayne

After a warm and happy holiday, the Solo Club is all geared up for a great new year. Our first Dine-Out of 2004 was on January 8 at Marie Callendar's.

The Solo Club monthly business meeting will be held as usual on the third Friday of the month in the Sun Room. Brown bag lunch is at 12:30, followed by business and plans for future pleasures at Dine-Out, potlucks, pienics and parties. Then stay for cards, games, etc.

Dues for 2004 are \$3. Please send it to Doris Walton, 25308, Village 25.

Single Active Seniors

By Joni Neckerman

Single Active Seniors will delve into the bottom of Leisure Village insurance questions when they hold a public service meeting on January 13 at 7 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room.

Any remaining confusion will be cleared up by showing a Channel 8 tape of the last insurance forum, followed by a question and answer session conducted by Art Katz, chairman of the Leisure Village Insurance Committee. He also owns his own small insurance agency.

Next event on the Single Active Seniors' schedule is on January 20, the showing of the noted New Zealand movie, "Whale Rider," called a film of a astonishing power and grace. This will be followed on January 27 by Game Night in the social

Sing-a-long Group

By Jules Nayfack

New move-in or longtime resident: If you'd like to be part of the most congenial, friendliest group of people in the Village who like having fun and singing while they are doing so, come on down and join in. Some sing well, some don't, and some don't sing at all. So, you see, you can fit in at any level.

The past year was a good one for our group. We want to make this one even better. What we need is you. Our next two meetings are Mondays, Jan. 12 and 26, in the A.R. Music starts at 7 p.m. Singing and fun starts at 7:30.

Farmers Club

By Marjorie Deniston

A well-attended meeting on December 5 had as its focus the election and installation of the following new officers: President Kenney Nelson, Vice President Ron Stave, Secretary Marjorie Deniston, and Treasurer Georgia Griswold. All enjoyed the special gift of wine and cheese brought by Georgia Griswold, and the

lovely plates of cookies other members donated.

The next meeting will be March 5 at 2 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room.

Please note: Jim Cook will rototil your patch for \$10. You may schedule this with Joe Dishlip. who will also be distributing fertilizer and soil amendment soon. Joe also will take your \$5 per patch membership dues.

Drama Guild

By Cathy Friedman

The Drama Club meets every Tuesday from 9:30 to 11 a.m. in the Garden Room. Our instructor, John Bravos, is instructing the group in breathing exercises, how to project, entering and leaving a stage, how to be a potted plant. We do have homework, and it is fascinating what the group comes up with to perform in front of the class. It could be a scene from Shakespeare or a funny little diffy. No one cares. We

be a scene from Shakespeare or a funny little ditty. No one cares. We just enjoy and appreciate all the time and effort that is put into the project.

We are all having a wonderful time enjoying the club. John has been in the business for years and is a fun instructor, as well as a very knowledgeable person in the area of drama.

Everyone is welcome. The cost is \$12 a month. Drop in and see how you like the club.

L.V. New York Club

By Bob Sklarz

The new officers for the New York Club 2004 are: President, Marty Hasen; Vice President, Allan Cauldwell; Vice President, Lou Schwab; Treasurer, Sylvia Mopper; Recording Secretary, Ida Zeller; Financial Secretary, Florence Sklarz; and Correspondence Secretary, Leatrice Posner. They were installed at the regular meeting on January 8.

For the December meeting entertainment, a New York nightclub scene was set up on stage, and a variety show consisting of members performed as Sophie Tucker, Elvis Presley, Dean Martin and others. In between, the Village Dancers performed, ending with the entire audience belting out the words of the song, "New York, New York."

On Dec. 5, two busloads of members, led by Ira Levy and Lou Schwab, went to the Chumash Casino. On Sunday, Dec. 28, there was a Holiday Pizza Party in the A.R. for members only.

Final note: Dues for 2004 are due, \$5. Make checks out to LVNYC.

LV Travel

By Eugene Foxman

New residents are constantly moving into Leisure Village and may not be sure how our Travel Committee operates. Trips are posted on Channel 8 and on bulletin boards in the Recreation Center.

Reservations must be made at the Travel Office in the Rec. Center. We can only accept checks.

Buses leave from the front of the Rec. Center and trip escorts always notify participants of time of departure. Special needs, such as rooms near the elevator, can be accommodated provided a request is made in advance. Nonsmoking rooms are standard on all our trips. Here are currently available trips:

January 14-15, Palm Springs Overnighter.

February 11-12, Pismo Beach, Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo.

February 16-18, The Golden Nugget in Las Vegas.

March 3-5, Backroads of Nevada and Death Valley. July 9-16, Cruise to Alaska.

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Concerned Homeowners

By Ed Olson

Meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month. The purpose of the club is to be an advocate for important issues affecting the future of Leisure Village, which are brought to the attention of the Board of Directors for its consideration and possible action. All Leisure Village residents are invited to attend and participate.

For the meeting of February 12, a pizza party will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the Sun Room. There is no charge for members; nonmembers are \$3. If you pay your dues of \$5 to Treasurer Sylvia Stoller by mailing a check to 13327 Village 13, Camarillo, CA 93012 before February 10, your pizza will be free. New members will be welcomed, and future activities will be discussed. We'd like input from you. Join us for this fun evening!

Players Guild

By Anne Wolfson

The Players Guild Workshop titled, "All About Love" will be presented at 7:30 p.m. on January 15 in the A.R.

It is directed by Gloria Berman, with Miriam Hasen assisting, a first-time event of "Drama, Music and Dance." Principal players are Gloria and Dick Berman with a talented supporting cast!

Put this on your new year calendar and come enjoy a special program! Refreshments will be served.

Writers Club

By Jack Burger

The Writers Club welcomes the newly formed Writers Class members and hopes you will join us. Come share your fiction or non-fiction stories, poems or Iyrics with us. We meet every Monday from 9 a.m. to noon in the Garden Room.

You are invited to share the fun or just to enjoy the efforts of your friends and neighbors.

International Folk Dancing

By Raye Gabriel

International Folk Dance Classes are Mondays from 1 to 2:30 p.m. in the A.R. Virginia Calihan will lead, review and teach new dances. Your love of ethnic music makes you want to dance along.

You are welcome to follow along with us. Come and enjoy.

On January 19, we will be partying with savories. All members are invited with their mates. Come and have fun

Liedeleers

By Selma Lich

The members of the Liedeleers singing group met on Dec. 9 and decided that the group will continue to meet on the second Tuesday of each month at 10 a.m. at the home of Selma Lich. The next meeting is Tuesday, Jan 13. For information, please call Selma at 484-8129.

L.V. Mens Golf Association

By Mannie Abbate

By now you know we didn't play the Shotgun Tournament with the Women's Club on October

30 at Soule Park Golf Course. The weather predictors in the Village believed the weather reporters who indicated it would rain. No one told Don Hamilton and Judy, so they were the only Villagers to show up at 7 a.m. They said the weather was beautiful. The course manager let them play without charge because of their perseverance. Maybe we will learn not to rely on the reports of rain to come. Most of the time it is wishful thinking.

The Holiday Dinner Dance was held on Sunday, December 14, in the A.R. This combined event with the Billiard Club was a success again. This time everyone was treated to a 5-by-7 photo taken by a professional photographer.

Never say it will never happen. Bill Kent has been playing golf for more than 70 years, and he didn't have a Hole-In-One until

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V. Womens Golf Association

By Rose Abbate

Our Golf Association meetings are held on the second Wednesday of every month. We meet in the A.R. Refreshments are served at 1:30 p.m., and the meeting starts at 2 p.m.

Bridge players meet in the Garden Room on Wednesdays, at 1:30 p.m. except on meeting days. Golf begins at 8:30 a.m. now until the spring, so bridge will start at 1:30 p.m.

The men will host the Chili Bowl Party on Sunday. January 18, in the AR. January 25 is open play,

but with no 19th hole party. Watch Channel 8 for further details of coming events.

Last month we had a luncheon and regulation golf tournament at Camarillo Springs. Although there were concerns about the weather it turned out to be a beautiful

The Holiday Dinner Dance was a huge success, with beautiful decorations, good food and entertainment. Everyone was treated to 5-by-7 portraits taken by a professional photographer. We hope all the pictures came out to your satisfaction.

The Presidents Cup results for 2003 were as follows: 18ers: Low net over the field, Char Woodward 105; A flight: 1st low net, Alda Kroll, 106. 2nd low net, Liz Byrnes, 109. B flight: 1st low net, Rosemary Woody, 110, 2nd low net, Marge Linden. 9ers: low net over the field, Maria Myers, 52. A flight: 1st low net, Aggie Salter 52 (broke tie) 2nd low net Shige Kuroki, 58. 3rd low net, Dorothy Praeger, 62. B flight: 1st low net Betty Dean, 53. 2nd low net, Shirley Baker, 58. 3rd low net, Shirley Fox, 59.

Hope everyone has a happy new year. See you on the links on Wednesdays.

Country Line Dance

By Jean Thomson

The Country Line Dancers gave a great performance at the Tree Trim Party and joined in decorating the tree.

When you join our group to learn the dances and come regularly, you will become a better dancer. We celebrate many activities throughout the year. We had our own Holiday Party after the dance class and invited our spouses and friends.

Newcomers are welcome to join us on Tuesdays from 3 to 4 p.m. in the Assembly Room. Rhoda gives instructions 15 minutes before regular dancing starts.

The annual dues are \$2 per year.

10. The room will be painted and new lights installed. A healthy and happy new

year to all!

RV Club

By Charlie Hartman

The holiday party on December 2 at the Bard Mansion in Port Hueneme was another wonderful event enjoyed by members of the RV Club. Besides the enjoyment of good food and good friends, dozens of holiday gifts were wrapped and sent off for the children at the Oxnard Rescue Mission.

The first meeting of the new year is scheduled for January 20. Please plan to attend and help plan the events for the year 2004.

Village Painters

By Dorothy Hirsch

At our November meeting, we enjoyed watching a wonderful tape, the title of which was "California Impressions." Artists came from all over Europe to paint nature, the mountains, oceans, deserts, wildflowers and the atmospheric effects on them.

At our December meeting, our president, Sylvia Wachter, installed our officers for next year. They were handed a keepsake to remind them of their duties to our club. We were treated to a tape of the November 2 Village Art Show. Sylvia Wachter did her usual wonderful job of taking us on a tour and commenting on all of the paintings, etc.

On January 7, we celebrated our 25th anniversary with a catered luncheon in the MPR. Marion Javne. who started the Village Painters and nurtured it, was honored. Bravo,

Marion!

Channel 8

By Jack Whalen

Channel 8 wishes all Villagers a happy new year, and we trust you will watch our program schedule at least twice weekly to stay informed.

The Player's Guild hit of 1989, "Social Security," will play Tuesday, Jan. 15, at 7 p.m., and the following day we will show the Annual Tree Trim event at both 10 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 21, both at 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. we will show Showtyme's

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Ceramics Plus

By Martin Ettinger

There were no meetings in November and December because of the holidays. The next meeting will be our ever-popular Bagel Brunch on January 22 at 11 a.m. in the MPR.

The Ceramic Room will be closed for about two weeks starting on January

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"Laffternoon," while Milt Mankoff's "What Was My Line?" plays both at 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 23.

An important insurance forum shows on Jan. 30, both at 10 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Billiard Club

By Milan Weiss

The Leisure Village Billiard Club voted in the club officers for 2004. The following were elected: Sam Kay Jr., President; Erwin Kress, First Vice President; Bill Byrnes, Second Vice President; Barbara Ohmstedt, Treasurer; and Diane Honick, Secretary.

The combined annual holiday party with the LV Billiard Club and the LV Mens and Womens Golf Clubs was again a big success and a load of fun. One of the party events was the "12 Days of Christmas," which was artistically choreographed by both Barbara Ohmstedt and "run" by Ernie Ohmstedt. Never a dull moment with that one! Another outstanding performance was provided by that hard-working and beautiful team of Barb Swartz and Betty Herrmann. Their

recommendations for the decorations, food menu and the selection of the music group, along with all those who participated and helped, made it the hit that it was. If you were a volunteer and helped, a big thank you. You all made it happen!

Good times being had by all: All members of the Billiard Club look forward to the roster of events and the strong leadership of its officers for a great year in 2004. The club wishes all a happy new year.

L.V. Exercise Group

By Milt Mankoff

Members of the Leisure Village Exercise Group participated in bringing holiday cheer to residents of the Camarillo Convalescent Hospital. Cookies, sweets and gift toiletries were distributed to patients at this annual December Holiday Party. A sing-a-long usually completes this festive occasion. President Shiphrah Maller organized and led this visit.

Exercises are held Monday through Friday from 8:30 to 9 a.m. at the Pool Pavilion. Volunteer leaders include Max Klapperman, Maury Pollins, Bill Fox, Shiphrah Maller, Jerry Cohen, and Lil and Milt Mankoff. The exercise program was created with the advice and assistance of physical therapy professionals and is designed specially for the senior community. Leisure Village Exercise Group membership dues are only \$3 annually. All residents are welcome to participate and "start the day the exercise way."

Quilting Club

Join us on Friday afternoons from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. We meet in the Sewing Room. For information, call Doris at 388-9962 or Maxine at 482-7798.

Camera Club

By Jerry Cohen

The annual awards banquet held in December featured a competition among all the monthly ribbon winners for the year. The outside judges were John Blanchard and Bill Lockridge. The final results were:

Picture of the year winner: Jerry Spector for "Gateway."

The "Assigned" category: First, Jerry Cohen, "The Photographer"; second, Jerry Spector, "Archway to the Clouds"; third, Sam Weinstein, "Lousy Form"; honorable mention, Vic Fledge, "Pueblo Church"; honorable mention, Betty Murray, "Red Camelia #2."

Murray, "Red Camelia #2."

The "Open" category:
First, Betty Murray, "Jasper
Lake"; second, Bill
Robinson, "Glacier Runoff";
third, Vic Fledge, "Light
Circles"; honorable mention, Ed Pollaine, "Walking
Bridge"; honorable mention,
Jerry Cohen, "The
Lantern."

Everyone is invited to attend competition nights the first Wednesday of each month and program nights the third Wednesday of each month. Meetings start at 7:30 p.m. in the MPR, and refreshments follow.

Duplicate Bridge

By Lou Dektor

The 28th annual
Duplicate Bridge
Tournament was held
November 10 in the AR.
Refreshments were served
and prizes were distributed
to the winners and other
placing pairs listed below.

The overall winners were Gail Morrison and Lucille Livesey. Tied for second and third were Florence and Max Farber and Mary Ellen O'Donnell and Sheldon Ziff. Betty Israel and Doris Siegel placed fourth, and fifth were Ed Hawthorne and Herb Schwartz. Congratulations to the winners

Other placing pairs in the 22-table event: Raye Gabriel and Ed Pollaine, Helen Hertzberg and Frances Mead, Elsie Nielsen and Lois Prellwitz, Anne Silver and Jean Miles, Helene and David Haleman, Lee Bunnell and Reva Shpiner, Blondie

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The five duplicate games held weekly in the G.R. are open to all Villagers and their guests.

Playing times are Mondays at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesdays at 7 p.m.; Thursdays at 1 p.m.; and Fridays at 7 p.m. Come early to sign up.

Keyboard Club

By Joyce Turner

Members, residents and guests are welcome to attend our monthly meetings. Artists play selections that vary from classical to popular on the piano, electronic keyboard or organ. Musicians will play requests when asked.

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